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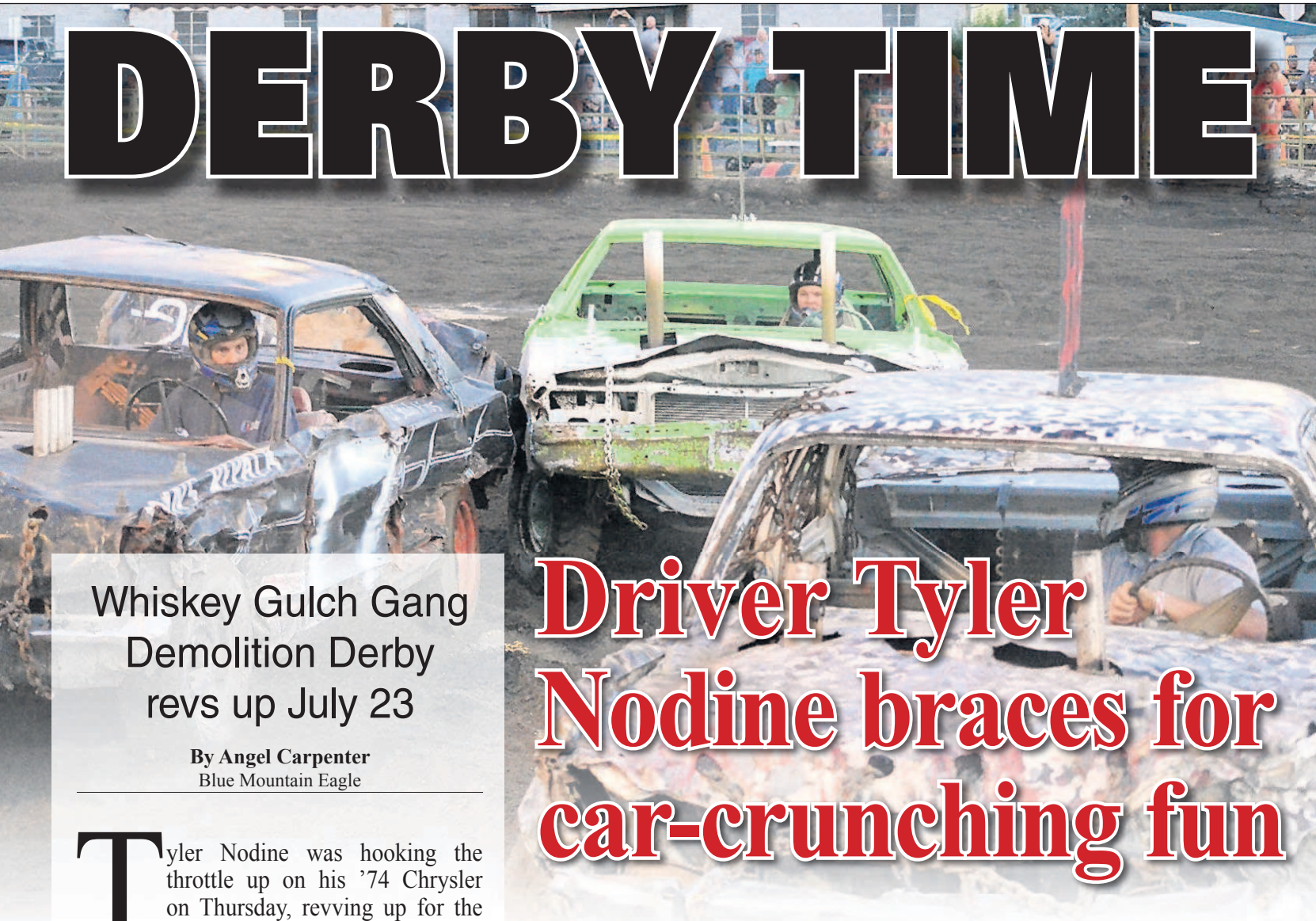
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## DERBY TIME

### Whiskey Gulch Gang Demolition Derby revs up July 23

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

**T** Tyler Nodine was hooking the throttle up on his '74 Chrysler on Thursday, revving up for the Whiskey Gulch Gang Demolition Derby.

The 27th annual derby starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

Nodine, a John Day resident who has entered derbies since age 17, had his start by helping others fix their cars to compete.



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**An exciting moment in last year's first heat of the Whiskey Gulch Gang Demolition Derby. This year's event is at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.**

He'll have assistance from family and friends as he adds the finishing touches to his Chrysler New Yorker, adding safety bars and attaching the hood. The last step is taking it to a shop for painting.

Last year, Nodine won third, and the "Beauty Contest" trophy for best-looking car.

Nodine's passion for the sport shows in the number of derbies he competes in and attends each year.

"I enter two derbies a year, and try to hit a third one," he said. "Then I watch two more."

John Day's derby is his first competition, followed by Baker City about three weeks later and then the derby in Burns.

"Burns is the last one," he said. "I participate in it, if I have a car left."

He also watches demolition derbies in Redmond and Lakeview.

"I do it for the local people — the crowd," he said. "Out in the arena, it's the only time you can go out and hit a car legally."

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### Driver Tyler Nodine braces for car-crunching fun



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**ABOVE:** Tyler Nodine works on his '76 Chrysler New Yorker Thursday in John Day, preparing it for the Saturday, July 23, Whiskey Gulch Gang Demolition Derby. **TOP:** No. 77 Ed Moulton of Burns, left, No. 57 Tyler Nodine of John Day and No. 338 Nick Dieter of Burns got aggressive at last year's demolition derby. This year, the annual event takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the fairgrounds.



**This year's Whiskey Gulch Gang Demolition Derby will include a pickup derby during the intermission of the event. Tyler Nodine of John Day plans to compete with this '74 Ford F-250.**

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## Brown sets sights on gun violence

### Republicans fire back with condemnation

By Paris Achen  
Capital Bureau

Gov. Kate Brown has unveiled a multi-pronged plan for decreasing gun violence in the state.

The plan, "Oregonians United to End Gun Violence," involves state legislation to close loopholes on existing gun control measures and executive orders to keep better records on gun transactions and gun-related deaths.



Gov. Kate Brown

"Since I was sworn in as governor 17 months ago, more than 600 Oregonians have died from violence inflicted by a gun," Brown said. "Violence answers nothing, offers nothing, solves nothing."

Brown said she plans to propose legislation in 2017 to close the so-called "Charleston" loophole, which allows a gun purchase to move forward if law enforcement hasn't determined the buyer's eligibility within three days.

She said she also intends seek to close the "Boyfriend Loophole," which expands the types of relationships that qualify for gun possession when convicted of domestic violence charges. Her third proposal would outlaw future purchases of extended-capacity gun magazines. These magazines enable firing repeatedly without having to reload.

Brown also plans to issue an executive order to require Oregon State Police to retain firearms transactions for five years and to require the Oregon Health Authority to report annually on gun deaths and their effect on public health and to recommend policy changes.

She also is establishing a work group to review

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## County approves medical marijuana dispensaries

By Angel Carpenter and Sean Hart  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Grant County Court voted unanimously at their weekly meeting July 13 to allow the placement of medical marijuana dispensaries in the county, outside of cities.

Judge Scott Myers and commissioners Boyd Britton and Chris Labhart all voted yes on a resolution to allow medical dispensaries, while still continuing the ban on recreational sales.

Myers said county attorney Ron Yockim is currently drafting an ordinance to make the change, which then must also be approved by the court.



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**Grant County passed a resolution July 13 to allow medical marijuana dispensaries.**

Haley Olson, who urged the court to rethink its outright ban on all marijuana businesses, said she was pleased with the decision.

"We appreciate that the

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## Emry again requests pretrial release

Prosecutors claim he made bombs, spoke of shooting police

By Sean Hart  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The man arrested in John Day in May on charges of illegally possessing a .50-caliber machine gun has again requested to be released before trial.

After U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Jolie A. Russo denied Michael Ray Emry's request to be released before trial May 24, concluding no conditions could reasonably assure the safety of the community, Emry's attorney Mark Sabitt filed a motion to revoke the judge's pretrial detention order July 1.

At a hearing on the new motion July 15, Sabitt requested the hearing be delayed, so it was continued to 9:30 a.m. July 28, according to court documents.

In a memorandum filed with the court in support of the motion, Sabitt stated if Emry was released, he has employment as a weld-



Michael Emry

er and fabricator for Scott DeCarlo and DeCarlo Inc. in Crescent, Oregon, where Emry's wife has relocated.

U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams and Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathan Lichvarcik opposed Emry's release, arguing "there has not been a substantial change in circumstances" since the initial detention order.

Emry, 54, was arrested May 6 after agents served a federal search warrant on his trailer, truck and car at the Grant County Fairgrounds and RV Park where he had been staying, according to an FBI press release. The criminal complaint filed by Special Agent Miguel Perez states agents found a fully automatic .50-caliber Browning M2 "Ma Deuce" machine gun with an obliterated serial number.

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