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Charlie Barker of Terrebonne stays on in the saddle bronc event with a score of 84 at the Grant County NPRA Rodeo at the fairgrounds in John Day.

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MEET FAIR GRAND MARSHALS DEAN and JOYCE NODINE



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THE 110TH GRANT COUNTY FAIR

Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 14-17, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day. Admission is free Wednesday.

Friday, Aug. 16

- 7-9 a.m.: Ranch Breakfast east of the pavilion

- 10 a.m.: Kids Day Parade, meet on Southwest First Street near the Catholic Church (from there, kids walk north on Canyon Boulevard to Dayton Street, then Main Street to Dairy Queen)

- 7 p.m.: Parmalee concert with Britnee Kellogg opening, arena gates open at 6 p.m., for tickets visit eventbrite.com

Saturday, Aug. 17

- 11 a.m.: Grant County Fair Parade, starts at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School, north on Canyon Boulevard to Dayton Street, then Main Street

- 4 p.m.: 4-H/FFA livestock auction

- 8 p.m.: Freestyle Bullfighting, free at the arena with fair admission

- 9:30 p.m.: Jessie Leigh concert, free at the main stage with fair admission

For more information, pick up a fair book at the fair office at 411 NW Bridge St.

Joyce and Dean Nodine will be the grand marshals of the 110th Grant County Fair.

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

This year's 110th Grant County Fair, Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 14-17, in John Day will be a special occasion for Dean and Joyce Nodine. Not only have they been selected as this year's grand marshals, they are also celebrating 60 years of marriage on Thursday.

Longtime Grant County residents, the Nodines have enjoyed a whirlwind of a life together, raising a family, working as educators and volunteering in the community.

During the week of the fair, the couple will be in their usual spot, serving up American Legion classics at the hamburger stand near the main entrance of the fairgrounds.

"It's a lot of work, but you get to see a lot of people that you otherwise wouldn't get to see," Joyce said.

She said many hours are spent chopping up the onions, bell peppers and celery for the sautéed burger relish, but

she stopped short of saying which spices are used in the special recipe.

Dean, who will be running the cash register there, said he's looking forward to the fair.

"Over the years, it really has improved, and it is a good fair coming up," he said. "I enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new people."

The Nodines each grew up on farms in South Dakota. They both joined the Navy after graduation and later attended Dakota State University in Madison, where they earned bachelor's degrees in education.

They moved to John Day in 1962, as both were hired to work at Grant School District with Dean as a vice principal and shop teacher and Joyce as a fourth-grade teacher.

Dean taught wood shop, mechanical drawing and leather craft. He later became principal of Grant Union and then was hired as superintendent of the school district.

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Justice court: How are fines determined, and where do they go?

By Richard Hanners
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County Justice of the Peace Kathy Stinnett hears a lot of stories in her job, but the top two questions the court gets are where does money

from fines go and why are fines so high. The answers are straightforward but include many elements.

For one, justices of the peace do not have the discretion to choose whether or not to fine someone. The fines imposed on offenders are set by statute, she said.

"In the old days, maybe a judge might dismiss a fine," she said.

Today, if a police officer presents the facts and a charge, she must follow through — that's the law.

"The statutes that define offenses impose a duty upon the court having jurisdiction to pass sentence," Oregon state law states.

Setting fines

Traffic offenses are mostly violations — offenses that can be punished by a fine but not imprisonment. The minimum and maximum fines for a violation are set by statute. Stinnett said she looks at a person's record to determine the appropriate level of a fine.

"The revenue brought in by Justice Court is a byproduct of the court system," she said. "It's not why we do what we do."

The first \$50 of any fine that is collected goes to the state, Stinnett said, and the last \$16 goes to the jail fund. What's left in between is divided between the county and the agency that wrote the citation.

For a \$100 ticket issued by a John Day police officer, \$50 will go to the state, \$16 will go to the jail fund and \$34 will be equally split between Grant County's general fund and the city of John Day. If a sheriff's deputy issued the ticket, then \$34 will go to the county.

The lowest traffic fine is \$65. In that case, \$50 will go to the state and \$15 will go to the jail fund. If an offender is making payments on an expensive fine, the jail fund will not get its money until the end of the payment schedule, but it



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Kathy Stinnett.

Silvies Valley Ranch golf recognized by Robb Report

By Richard Hanners
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The Retreat & Links at Silvies Valley Ranch has garnered national recognition once again as the Robb Report named the boutique resort one of the Top 12 Golf Resorts in the U.S. in a new ranking published this month.

"We are honored to be named among the top golf resorts in the United States by Robb Report and ranked alongside such historic golf destinations," said resort owner Scott Campbell. "Here at Silvies Valley Ranch, we take pride in providing a fun and memorable golf and resort experience for our guests that they can't find anywhere else in the country.

And this honor emphasizes our commitment and dedication to the guest experience."

The Robb Report is a leading publication in the global luxury market. Its readers around the world rely on its reviews and rankings of top-quality cars, planes, boats, lifestyles, food, drink and travel opportunities for quality, exclusivity, heritage, taste and fine design.

Silvies Valley Ranch, operating since a soft opening in 2017, has caught the eye of golfing professionals across the U.S. Last year, it was recognized by two national magazines.

Golf Magazine, with a circulation of 1.4 million, recognized the resort's McVeigh's Gauntlet 7-hole ridge course



Contributed photo/David Zaitz
Chipping onto a green at The Retreat & Links at Silvies Valley Ranch.

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