

JACK AND KATIE JOHNS

2010 Grant County Fair & Rodeo Grand Marshals



Jack and Katie Johns were both born in Grant County. Jack has spent all of his life in Fox except for the four years he was in college. Katie's family moved from Grant County after her birth returning in 1958. Jack and Katie's parents, Clyde and Bertha Johns and Cedric and Sally Herburger were raised on ranches and later owned ranches of their own here in Grant County.

Both Jack and Katie were in 4-H. Katie showed lambs at the Jackson County Fair. Jack showed pigs, steers and breeding stock at the Grant County Fair and was selected for the Washington, D.C. 4-H Award from Oregon.

In 1959, Jack and Katie were married in John Day and raised three daughters, Deena (Moore), Brenda (Christy), and Kathie (Burke). They have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their daughters were very active in the 4-H program at the Grant County

Fair as were two of their oldest grandsons, one in 4-H and the other in the FFA program. Currently, grandson #3 is in FFA. Their two oldest grandsons are serving in the military. JR Moore is in the Army and is serving his third tour of duty in Iraq. Kyle Christy is on his first tour of duty on a Navy ship.

Jack was a 4-H livestock leader, 4-H beef superintendent for many years and later served as the Fair Board Chairman. Katie was a leader of 4-H clothing and painting, became a certified judge in both 4-H and open class and has judged for 4-H and Open Class at the Grant County Fair and at other fairs. Jack and Katie were partners with many others in supporting the remodeling of the fair arena and the construction of the Heritage Building and new restrooms. They were members and officers of the County and State Cattlemen's and Cowbell's Association. Jacks also served two terms as the Oregon Beef Council Chairman.

Jack and Katie's "Vaughan Ranch" in Fox is one of many Grant County ranches that are Century Ranches. And like all Grant County ranchers, they take pride in improving the ranges every year to help with the habitat and conservation of the land. Ranchers enjoy improving the range, as it is the only way they can stay in business.

The Johns' are honored to have been selected as Grand Marshalls of the 2010 Grant County Fair. Katie is especially proud of this honor as her dad, Cedric, was born in Grant County in 1910 and was in the baby contest that year at the Grant County Fair.

Jack and Katie say "Thank You, Grant County" for this honor.