

# Finley and Barrett take top spot at Dog Trials

Starr and Anderson come in second and third

By Steven Mitchell  
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Fleet-footed cow dogs were the stars Aug. 14 during the Dog Trials at the Grant County Fair.

Eight handlers, many ranchers and ranch hand cowboys, directed their dogs as they whizzed across the Outdoor Arena at Grant County Fairgrounds through various obstacles and into a pen to herd cattle in a timed, competitive event after Team Branding.

Chad Finley of Mt. Vernon and his dog Barrett took the top prize, while Katie Starr and her dog Lucy took second and M.T. Anderson and his dog Whiskey took third place.



The Eagle/Steven Mitchell  
Katie Starr during the first round of Dog Trials Aug. 14 at the Grant County Fair.



The Eagle/Steven Mitchell  
Lucy, Katie Starr's dog, competes during dog trials Aug. 14 at the Grant County Fair.

trained dogs used a start-and-stop whistle with mostly border collies.

This year's ranch rodeo, modified and socially distanced, was dubbed a ranch rodeo, in that many of the events were day-to-day ranch tasks.

The event drew competitors from around the area.

The other competitors and their dogs included: Kyler Beard with Fringy, Clint Weaver with Rose, Jack Field with Ted and Alec Olivier with Alice. The competitors and their well-



The Eagle/Rudy Diaz  
Grant County Fair grand marshal John Aasness's truck tosses candy towards spectators during the sunny parade.

## Grant County Fair parade results

Grand marshal John Aasness and family win sweepstakes award

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There were 40 entries in the 11th Grant County Fair parade this year.

Joelene and Samantha Floyd were the national anthem singers. Mark and Logan Bagett were the announcers. Benny Santos operated the sound system. Brenda Mosier was the parade director.

Grand marshal John Aasness and family won the sweepstakes award.

**ANTIQUÉ VEHICLES**  
First: Ron Phillips

**VISITING ROYALTY**  
First: Hells Canyon Court  
Second: Miss Nyssa Night Rodeo  
Third: Courtney Nichols Harney County Court

**PAST ROYALTY**  
First: Cheyenne Maley

**DECORATED VEHICLE**  
First: People Mover  
Second: Sleep Heavenly Peace

**COMMERCIAL FLOAT**  
First: Chester's Market

**FAMILY FLOAT**  
First: Dowdy Family, four generations

**WALKING GROUP**  
First: Gabriel Pogue Republican Party

**POLITICAL DECORATED VEHICLE**  
First: Jim Carpenter for Circuit Court

Judge  
First: Kim Thatcher For Secretary of State

**POLITICAL FLOAT**  
First: Rob Raschio for Circuit Court

Judge

**DECORATED ATV**  
First: Republican Party  
Second: Moon Mountain

**HORSE RIDING FAMILY**  
First: Nodine, Marciel, Wilson Family  
Second: Sherri Giffin, Paisley Hueckman Family

**POOPER SCOOPER**  
First: Old West Federal Credit Union

## Oliver, Burril, Knowles and Taylor win team branding

Ten teams of four competed

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Over a dozen ranch hand cowboys and ranchers gathered together at the Grant County Fair Aug. 15 to compete for the top spot in team branding.

Unlike most professional cowboy rodeo events, team branding is a competition of day-to-day activities at a working ranch.

In the event, each team must rope four head of cattle with their designated team number on them in under 10 minutes while all un-roped cattle stays on the other end of the arena.

Jake Taylor, whose team took first place, said this is an event from years past. He said there has been a longtime friendly rivalry between Grant and Harney counties.

"It's a lot of fun", he said of team branding. "We were just grateful people were able to bring the cattle out for the event."

Taylor said ranchers came from as far as Harney County and beyond.

Ten teams of four competed.

First place: Alec Oliver, Jay Burril, Trevor Knowles and Jake Taylor.  
Second place: Casey Shelman, Jack Glascock, Willy Stoddard and Eric Steen.

Third place: Chad Finley, Ryan Verling, Jim Jacobs and Justin Jacobs.

**OTHER COMPETITORS**

Team one: Rocky Marsh, Cutter Marsh, Steve Gilliam and Tate McNab.

Team three: Clint Weaver, Cinch Anderson, David Wrathford and Carl Gray.

Team four: Glen Adams, Seth O'Crowley, William Clark and Justin Hill.

Team six: Jack Field, Austin Chippewetti, Kyler Beard and Jake Winona.

Team seven: Brent Clark, Rusty Clark, David Clark and G.W. Clark.

Team eight: Kenny Nunez, Shane Sheets, Levi Harris and Ty Harris

Team 10: Tim Messner, Russel Cordoza, Brandon Beers and Sam Willis.

Team 11: Trevor Faulkner, Thad Harris, Mary Lee White and Hunter Hopkins.



Ryan Verling, left, and Chad Finley chase down a calf during team branding Aug. 14 at the Grant County Fair.



Riders rope a calf Aug. 14 during team branding at the Grant County Fair



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Chad Finley prepares to rope a calf at team branding at the Grant County Fair.

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