

**ICA PRIME RODEO RESULTS**

**Bareback**

1. Brant Monahan, score 69
2. Erin Vian, score 68
3. Nolan Giles, score 59

**Saddle Bronc**

1. Jonathon Villagrana, score 71
2. Mark O'Dempsey, score 67

**Bull Riding**

No results

**Ranch Bronc**

1. Fernando Robles, score 71
2. Cutter Marsh, score 69
2. Warren Johnson, score 69

**Tie-down**

1. Zane Taylor, time 8.1 seconds
2. Anthony Estep, time 8.5 seconds
2. Shane Erickson, time 8.5 seconds
4. Ty Holly, time 8.6 seconds
5. Shane Erickson, time 9 seconds
6. Chad Finley, time 9.1 seconds

**Team Roping**

1. Clayton Hansen (header) and Matt Azevedo (heeler), time 4.5 seconds
2. Dayton Stafford (header) and Cully Stafford (heeler), time 4.6 seconds
3. Shane Ericson (header) and Trevor McCain (heeler), time 5.2 seconds
4. Dillon Bahem (header) and Lexis Andrade (heeler), time 5.4 seconds
5. Mason McDaniel (header) and Chad McDaniel (heeler), time 6 seconds
5. Jason Eiguren (header) and Tyler Eiguren (heeler), time 6 seconds

**Steer Wrestling**

1. Eric Logan, time 4.8 seconds
2. Zane Taylor, time 6.7 seconds

**Breakaway**

1. Jordan Minor, time 2 seconds
2. Amanda Hodges, time 2.3 seconds
3. Trish McCain, time 2.4 seconds
3. Jordan Minor, time 2.4 seconds
3. Rylee Hanson, time 2.4 seconds
6. Dani Clark, time 2.5 seconds
6. Lacey Nauman, time 2.5 seconds

**Barrel Racing**

1. Jordan Minor, time 17.834 seconds
2. Caela Garland, time 18.046 seconds
3. Marca Robinson, time 18.142 seconds
4. Alecia Fox, time 18.160 seconds
5. Kyna Schrader, time 18.381 seconds
6. Kelsey Gluch, time 18.406 seconds

**Novice Bareback**

No results

**Novice Saddle Bronc**

No results

**Novice Bull Riding**

1. Jack Strong, score 78
2. Trevor West, score 71
3. Steven Davidson, score 63



Justin Davis/Blue Mountain Eagle  
**Lacey Nauman competes in breakaway roping on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, at the Grant County Rodeo. Nauman tied for sixth overall in the event.**

# Crowds flock to 113th Grant County Rodeo

By JUSTIN DAVIS  
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**J**OHN DAY — Large crowds packed the grandstand at the Grant County Fairgrounds outdoor arena for the 113th Grant County Rodeo on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6. Competitors from around Oregon and Idaho took part in traditional rodeo events, including bareback and saddle bronc riding, ranch bronc riding, bull riding and team roping, over the course of the two-night rodeo.

Festivities both nights kicked off with the introduction of fair and rodeo courts. Rowdy Israel, Oregon High School Rodeo Queen and Queen of the Elgin Stampede, carried the Oregon state flag into the arena, and Grant County Fair and Rodeo Queen Riley Roberson of John Day carried the stars and stripes during the opening ceremony. The national anthem played and a prayer over the event was

led by professional rodeo announcer Jim Bob Custer.

The rodeo also paid tribute to longtime fair supporter Mary Ellen Brooks and her son, Kenneth Brooks, both of whom died this year. A rider led a horse with an empty saddle around the arena while the announcer described the pair's contributions to the community.



Justin Davis/Blue Mountain Eagle  
**2022 Grant County Fair Queen Riley Robertson rides with Old Glory during the opening ceremony of the Grant County Rodeo on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022.**

The rodeo serves as a kickoff event for the Grant County Fair, which runs Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 10-13, at the Grant County Fairgrounds.



Justin Davis/Blue Mountain Eagle  
**Cody Miller of Ontario takes part in the bareback horse riding competition at the Grant County Rodeo on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022.**



Justin Davis/Blue Mountain Eagle  
**Cooper Trindle of Burns rides during the saddle bronc riding competition at the Grant County Rodeo on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022.**



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The iconic lever-action carbine in .357 Magnum is even more useful today.

## SHOOTING THE BREEZE The .357 Magnum carbine

**R**ecently we covered the origins of the continually popular .357 Magnum handgun cartridge. Due to space constraints we were not able to mention its merits as a rifle/carbine cartridge. The lever-action carbine may not be your idea of a perfect gun, but there are plenty of good things going for it.

In recent years, I've gotten to enjoy — with increasing frequency — conversations with folks seeking to pick my brain. These have ranged from the novice to the seasoned veteran and in between. One topic that has repeatedly come up is a gun that focuses on self-defense and self-preservation.

Handguns and shotguns frequently get the nod where self-defense is concerned, as do the AR-15-style rifles. But are they really the best choice? It really depends on who you ask. Rather than be reduced to an emotionally fueled feud, I will say that having a gun, any gun, is always better than not.

The .357 Magnum as well as the .38 Special are two of the most popular handgun cartridges ever made. Having a carbine chambered in .357 means you can shoot both of those cartridges and ammo, typically, won't be too expensive nor tough to find.

The carbine, with its 18-20-inch barrel is easier to master — especially for inexperienced shooters — than either a handgun or a shotgun. Its light weight makes it easy to carry and pleasant recoil makes it fun to shoot.

It's traits like these that endear .357 caliber, lever-action carbines to contestants on the Cowboy Action Shooting circuit. They are fast-cycling, offering quick follow-up shots, plenty accurate and hard-hitting within their intended range of use.

The experts generally agree that the extra barrel length of the carbine provides anywhere between 300 and 400 feet per second of muzzle velocity over the shorter handgun barrels with the same ammunition.

This puts the carbine into short range deer rifle territory as it will pack enough punch with 158-180-grain loads out to approximately 75-100 yards. Shotgun loads provide close-range

protection from venomous serpents and other small varmints raiding the yard or garden.

Inexpensive .38 Special loads are perfect for perforating tin cans, taking small game or protecting the occupants of a thin-walled domicile who may be worried about the infamous overpenetration of Magnum loads.

If you handload, a pound of pistol powder should provide in excess of 500 rounds' worth of shooting, depending upon your charge

weight. Cast lead bullets are perfectly at home in a .357 and are a great way to save money by making your own projectiles. If you were of a mind to add a handgun to your arsenal, simply buy one chambered for .357 Magnum and you will have a rifle and a handgun that shoot the same ammunition. That's versatility.

The .357 Magnum carbine is not a .30-06, nor is it an AR-15 or a 12 gauge. It will not be as concealable as any handgun nor as cheap to shoot as a .22; there are going to be a few things it simply cannot do. But, for the family rifle — a self-defense and self-preservation tool that anyone could use to great effect — it's pretty hard to beat.

Are you a fan of the .357 carbine? Write to us at shootingthebreezeme@gmail.com and check us out on Facebook!

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