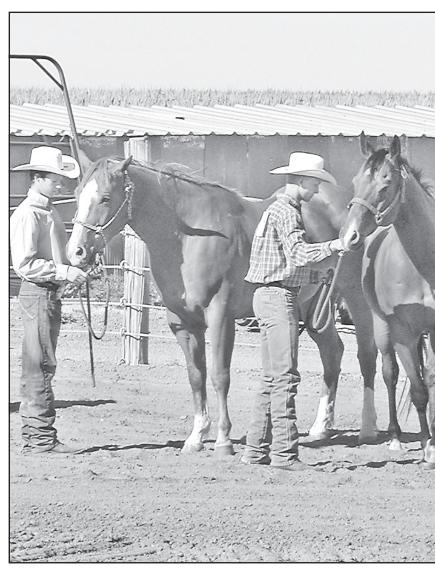
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A young girl (above) wrapped her arms tightly around a sheep's neck Monday during the Mutton Bustin' competition at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. The gate crew (below) cheered on a boy who clung a sheep as hard as he could in the event Monday. Two competitors (right) were lined up waiting for their turn in the aged gelding halter class Saturday of the open class horse show at the fairgrounds.







A large line (left) formed outside of Farmers and Merchants Bank Tuesday morning for half-price carnival wrist bands for the first 100 people, which could only be used at the fair Tuesday night. Krystal Niemeyer (below left) and Josh Niemeyer, members of the band Chye, sang for a large crowd Sunday during the Todd Becker Foundation free barbecue and concert held on Franklin Avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets.



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