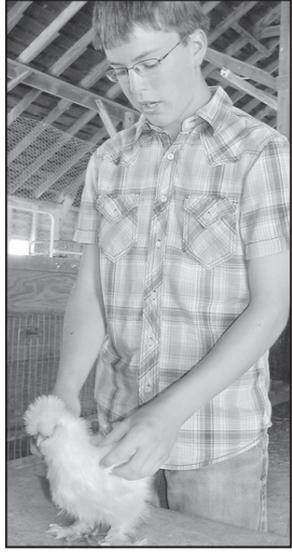


Locals enjoy Thomas County Fair



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Keagan Strange (above) showed his "Silky" chicken to the small animal and hand pet judge at Tuesday's fair judging. Strange said the chicken is strictly an ornamental chicken, and even tempered. Matt Kersenbrock (right) got settled into the seat of his pedal tractor for the tractor pull contest Wednesday. According to Mark Anderson, Fair Board president, a "shade" over 2000 people braved the heat to attend the fair's annual free barbecue on Wednesday evening (below).



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KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press
Kids in the Intermediate Showmanship category (above) directed their pigs around the judging arena at the 4-H Swine Show on Wednesday. This 3-month-old alpaca (left) and its mother were just a few of the animals Gary Baldrige of Holcomb brought for his petting zoo at the Thomas County Fair. Baldrige also brought donkeys, goats, sheep and a Scottish Highlander cow.



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