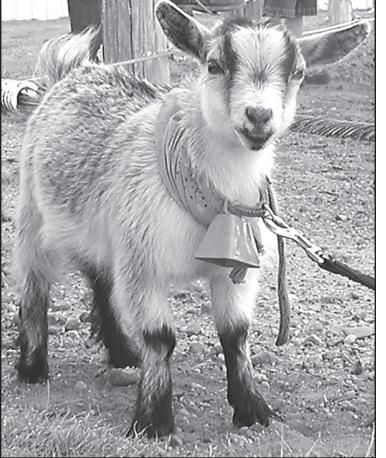


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Marshal Allen Bailey of
Dodge City served as master of ceremonies again this
year. He introduced each
band, helped run prize drawings and entertained with
some cowboy humor. He
also picked up his guitar for
some of the open stage sessions.



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The petting zoo included this pint-sized goat
(above) as well as a donkey. More than 900
people attended the three-day festival (right),
about 25 percent more than last year.



KATHRYN BALLARD and KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press Horseback rides (left) in the small arena at the fairgrounds proved to be one of the most popular events for kids at the festival. The Hootin' Annies (below), an all-woman bluegrass band, were a late addition to the schedule. the festival also had four food vendors as well as jewelry and t-shirt sellers.

