

Newly-crowned royalty join rodeo, parade



The 2012 Thomas County Rodeo royalty (above) had a smile and a wave in Tuesday's parade. The new girls in charge were, from left to right, Princess Faith Edwards, Queen MaKayla Hoffman and Junior Princess Emeline Hutton. Last year's princess Kortney Bredemeier (right) pinned the junior princess sash onto Hutton's shoulder during the coronation at the beginning of the rodeo Monday night. Former royalty stood on a trailer with this year's contestants as winners in each category were announced. The royalty were a constant presence at the rodeo after the coronation. Right after receiving their crowns, Hoffman and Edwards (below left), got to work penning calves during the breakaway roping competition. The royalty were joined throughout the festivities by queens and princesses from other rodeos, including Skye Howard (above left), queen of the Cheyenne County Rodeo in Colorado, who got her turn to do a queen's run around the arena on Monday.



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