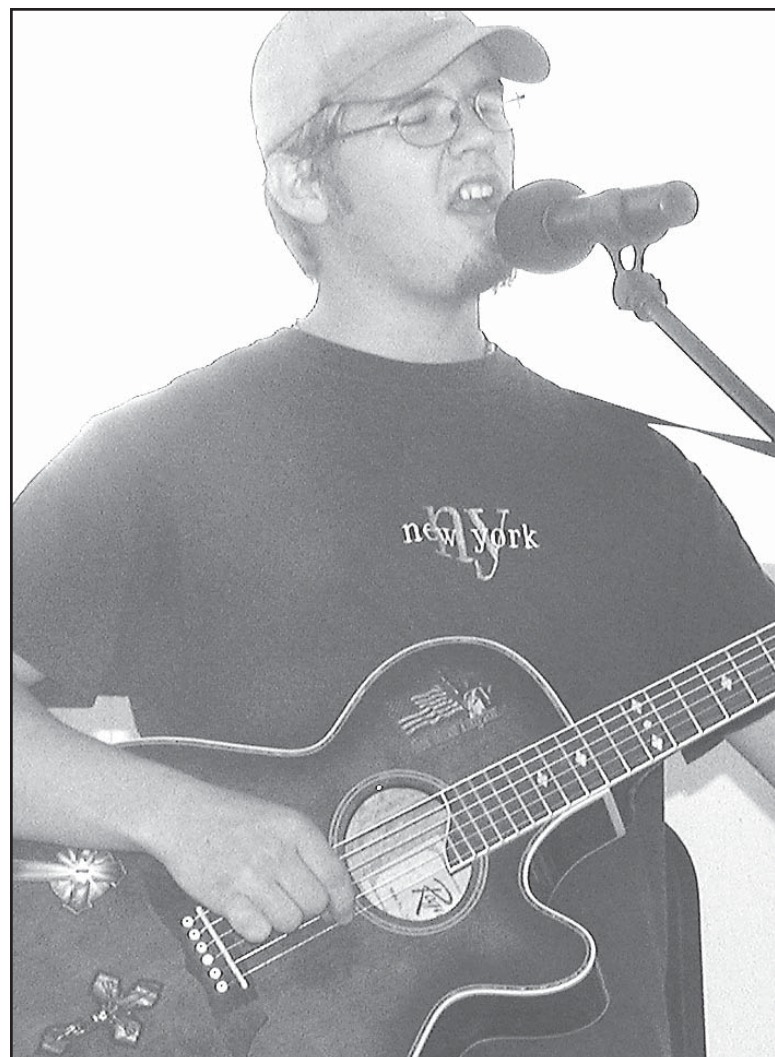


Fourth: Food, frolicking, fireworks



Celebrating freedom



About 5,000 people attended Freedom Fest, Sherman County's annual Fourth of July celebration, on Thursday at the fairgrounds. The event included a barbecue, watermelon feed, fireworks display, live entertainment and carnival rides. Sheldon and Caleb Wickwar (top, right) honked the horns and turned the steering wheel on a kiddie ride. Richard Hoffman (above) flipped burgers for the high school band's barbecue fundraiser. Two girls (middle, left) tried to hang onto each other at the swings ride, while Causin Entwistle, 5, (left) went up and down on the kiddie carousel and Gabe Bruton, Norton, sang a tune on the stage in front of the pavilion.

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