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For the second year in a row, the Spangler Roofing team claimed first place in the fair's Ranch Rodeo contest. This marked the second year the event has been part of the Chase County Fair. Held on Tuesday evening, Aug. 14, 10 four-person teams competed against each other to test their cowhand skills.

Each team had to complete the activities against the clock, which all involved working cattle in one way or another.

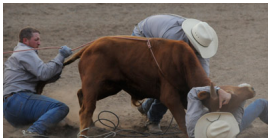
First, teams had to rope a calf in one pen, drag it into the other side of the pen, throw it and complete a likeness of branding.

The main event featured cutting a steer out of a trio of steers, roping it, and then putting it in the trailer, like might be necessary out in the pasture.

The cowboys then had to sort out another steer and run it into a pen and lock the gate.

Teams had to rope, either by head or heel, the remaining steer, throw it down, tie three legs together and be sure the rope held for at least six seconds.

Throwing the steer down after getting it roped proved to be the most entertaining part of the event.



One way or another, several cowboys found themselves under the hooves of the steer.

The Spangler team from Arthur completed the branding in 21 seconds and took just 2 minutes, 7 seconds to round up the steers to finish first.

The Monte Mays team of Imperial turned in the fastest time on the branding at 17 seconds but couldn't keep it going in the second event.

The Martin Ranch, Keystone, took second with a total time of 3 minutes, 10 seconds.

The Krausnick Ranch of Wauneta/Imperial took third with a time of 3 minutes, 47 seconds.

The Hendricks Ranch, Grant, finished fourth with a time of 4 minutes, 8 seconds.