

Yeee Haww!

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Country singers Big & Rich said it best when singing "Save a horse, ride a cowboy." But many a cowboy were spared at last weekend's 80th annual Fiesta Days Snow Top rodeo, where horses were the more popular ride of choice.

Some very well-trained broncs carrying talented men, women and sometimes children, galloped around the ring at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, showing off their roping and equestrian skills for the cheering crowd. The weekend full of horse riding, cattle roping, big hats, boots and belt buckles served to remind everyone why the West is still the best.



A cowboy exhibits the manual dexterity – arms, legs and teeth – required to catch a calf ...



Mutton busting: a sure fire way to get the crowds cheering and the kids crying.



... yes! Tie him up, cowboy!