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James Ross won top honors at the 8th Annual Crockpot Chili Cook-Off Saturday at Hopkins County Regional Civic Center. He took home the \$300 cash prize.

Other overall chili winners were Kelly Kimmel, second place; Gordon Dittman, third place; David and Sandra Taylor, fourth; and Linda Hinton, fifth.

The first place venison chili was prepared by Ron McQueen and the second place venison chili by Colton Morrow.

Woodmen of the World presented a special recognition, the Ray Vaughn Memorial Award for heritage in cooking, to Lewis Tatum.

Charlotte Comeau's pecan pie won first place honors in the Homemade Pie Contest. Second went to Roy Dittman for his carmel apple cheesecake; third to Katie Patterson's bread pudding; and tying for fourth place were Ruanne Horton's chocolate pie, Majel Reddick's Oklahoma pecan pie and Tonya Ross' coconut pie; and seventh to Julie Miller's chocolate meringue pie.

Saturday marked the first time the event also featured a Gospel Music Challenge; five acts competed. First place honors went to The Fraziers. Other competitors included Billie Jo Russell, Louise Lee, Michelle Davis, and Randy Wallace and Clyde the Singing Dog.

Delta County humorist and hunting/fishing guide Eddie Trapp was a speaker, with Enola Gay Mathews as master of ceremonies, and others from KSST helped staff the cook-off, pie contest and music challenge.

All proceeds from the annual event go to Hopkins County Sheriff's Posse.

— Compiled from information provided by Enola Gay Mathews.