

Allen scoops ice cream competition at freeze-off

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Billy Jack Allen's banana nut ice cream scooped the competition this year, winning top honors at Saturday's Texas State Champion Ice Cream Freeze-Off which featured more than 60 entries. Allen went home with the \$100 super scoop prize and an ice cream freezer.

Allen's banana nut ice cream has been ranked among the top entries in the annual freeze-off for the last four years. It was rated first runner-up for the super scoop title in 2011 and 2013. This year and in 2012, his banana nut frozen treat was rated the best ice cream in the super scoop category, which pits previous first place winners against each other.

Mandy Eckhardt's raspberry ice cream once again earned recognition too. The fruity dessert earned first place honors in the little dip fruit category in 2011 and first place in the big dip fruit category last year. This year, she was awarded the \$50 prize for being the super scoop runner-up. She also earned first place in the little dips novelty category in 2012 with her chocolate chip cheesecake ice cream creation.



This year's People's Choice Award and \$50 prize went to Jo Alice McCue's banana pudding ice cream, which also was ranked second by a judge's panel in the big dip novelty category at

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Saturday's competition.

This also marks the second consecutive year McCue, sponsored by the Republican Women, has earned a first place big dip award. Last year, her chocolate ice cream won top honors in the big dip plain category. This year, McCue's strawberry ice cream earned first place in the big dip fruit category and the \$75 cash prize

In fact, all big dip fruit winners were strawberry ice cream entries. Melissa Fouse's strawberry treat won second place honors and the \$50 cash prize. Landon Dorner's strawberry won third and \$25. Dorner also won third place honors in the big dip fruit category in 2010 with his strawberry ice cream.



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