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Las Animas County 4-H Members enrolled in Cake Decorating recently met at the Hoehne Community center to make and decorate cakes. The cakes were donated to the Relay for Life BBQ held on July 16. Money raised from the BBQ goes to the American Cancer Society. Members were, left to right, Cheyenne Arlint, Beulah Roberts-Leader, Mikayla Arint, Zoe Revas, Toni Lambeth-Leader, Katelynn Keeler, Carlye Yocam.



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Riata Rivale won senior goat tying with this leap from her braking horse.



Rayelle Rivale raced to victory in Saturday's poles competition.

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## Rivale girls dominate final SGHA rodeo

By TIM KELLER  
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DES MOINES – Saturday's season-ending Sierra Grande Horse Association (SGHA) youth rodeo went out with a bang, especially for local girls Riata, Reinda, and Rayelle Rivale, who dominated their respective age divisions on the final day of the 4-rodeo summer series. Sponsored annually by the SGHA of Des Moines, the series will culminate in an awards banquet in the fall at Des Moines Village Hall.

Riata Rivale took six 1st place awards in the senior division Saturday, in showmanship, western pleasure, barrels, goat tying, steer stopping, and breakaway; she placed second in three other contests. Her primary rival this year has been Roy's Paul Grice, who took three 1st place awards and two 2nd place awards Saturday.

In the junior division Saturday, Reinda Rivale swept to victory in five contests – showmanship, western horsemanship, reining, barrels, and goat tying, along with a 2nd place in western pleasure.

The youngest of the Rivale girls, daughters of Gayle and Raymond Rivale of Des Moines, Rayelle Rivale won one 2nd place in the boosters division and six 1st place awards – in showmanship, western pleasure, western horsemanship,

reining, barrels, and poles. It's easy to imagine a happy and celebratory household on the Rivale ranch last Saturday night.

The top winners in each contest were as follows:

Showmanship: Seniors Riata Rivale 1st, Paul Grice 2nd; Juniors Reinda Rivale 1st, Tanner Monroe 2nd; Boosters Rayelle Rivale 1st, Jake Mitchell 2nd.

Western Pleasure: Seniors Riata Rivale 1st, Paul Grice 2nd; Juniors Tanner Monroe 1st, Reinda Rivale 2nd; Boosters Rayelle Rivale 1st, Jake Mitchell 2nd.

Western Horsemanship: Seniors Paul Grice 1st, Riata Rivale 2nd; Juniors Reinda Rivale 1st, Tanner Monroe 2nd; Boosters Rayelle Rivale 1st, Cabe Embry 2nd.

Reining: Seniors Paul Grice 1st, Riata Rivale 2nd; Juniors Reinda Rivale 1st, Tanner Monroe 2nd; Boosters Rayelle Rivale 1st, Preston Ogle 2nd.

Barrels: Seniors Riata Rivale 1st, Paul Grice 2nd; Juniors Reinda Rivale 1st, Justin Phipps 2nd; Boosters Rayelle Rivale 1st, Cabe Embry 2nd; Pre-Boosters Lane Clavel 1st, Chase Kiker 2nd.

Poles: Seniors Paul Grice 1st, Riata Rivale 2nd; Juniors Dallas Kiker 1st, Hollie Araza 2nd; Boosters Rayelle Rivale 1st, Joshua Phipps 2nd; Pre-Boosters Lane Clavel 1st, Riley Clavel 2nd.

Goats: Seniors Riata Rivale 1st, Paul Grice 2nd; Juniors Reinda Rivale 1st, Tanner Monroe 2nd; Boosters Cabe Embry 1st, Rayelle Rivale 2nd; Pre-Boosters Makenna Hittson 1st, Gage Bruhn 2nd.

Breakaway: Senior Riata Rivale 1st; Junior Tanner Monroe 1st; no other competitors scored.

Steer Stopping: Senior Riata Rivale 1st; Juniors Tate Mitchell 1st, Dallas Kiker 2nd.

Steer Daubing: Booster Cabe Embry 1st.

Walk Trot: Pre-Boosters Makenna Hittson 1st, Riley Clavel 2nd.