

Cattlemen's trail ride draws 200

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ANDERSON — It isn't easy to shake off the effects of a Tuesday night dance in the Grimes County courthouse square, and climb on a horse at 6:30 a.m. for the ride to Madisonville. But 200 riders did that as part of the Madisonville Sidewalk Cattlemen's Association's El Camino Real Trail Ride.

And a dozen wagon drivers were no luckier, faced with cornering a pair of well-rested mules into a

wagon trace.

But the procession was clattering northward on Texas 90 at first light, leaving the Grimes County courthouse behind. After a rest stop in Roans Prairie, the group continued toward rain showers and lunch at Singleton, and arrived at Jerry Dyer's ranch near Bedia Wednesday afternoon. The riders are scheduled to arrive in Madisonville around 4 p.m. today for presentation of awards and for the traditional dunking of trail bosses and other

"favorites" in the water trough at the courthouse square.

Dennis Ivey and the Waymen will provide music for the dances at the American Legion Hall in Madisonville Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday.

The trail ride will reappear Friday at 10 a.m. as part of a parade from the county fairgrounds to the courthouse square where awards will be presented to the five best floats in the parade.

The association will host its annual Junior Steer Show at 10:30 a.m. Friday and the Junior Breeding Show will follow at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday's activities begin at 10 a.m. with a special open horse show with halter and performance classes. Entry fee is \$3 and admission is free. Rodeo competition will be held at Legion Park Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. and the association's queen will be crowned during the Saturday night rodeo.

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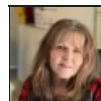
Trail riders top the hill in Anderson with the Grimes County Courthouse in the background.

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Covered wagon frames Arthur Robertson of Midway.

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