County and City team-up for successful Watermelon Fun Day

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More than two dozen watermelon warriors took part in this year's Wacky Watermelon Games on the Courthouse's front lawn. The games included a Watermelon Roll, Team Relay, Seed Spitting, and the Watermelon Eating Contest.

"When the games were all done; the courthouse lawn was covered in busted watermelons and the children were covered in watermelon juice, so by all measures, it was another huge success," Ken Flanagan, Co-Organizer, said. "There was a good mix of new faces and families back for the third year in a row. My thanks to all the parents that got up early on a Saturday morning to bring their children to our Wacky Games."

The games are part of the Lucedale Farmers Market's "Watermelon Fun Day" which celebrates the summer's greatest fruit and one of the County's key agricultural crops.

Lucedale city employees cut and handed out hundreds of free slices of George County watermelon donated locally by Eubanks Produce along with Courtney and Stringfellow Farms.

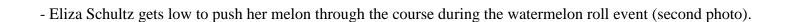
"Watermelon Fun Day is becoming a great tradition at the Lucedale Farmers Market. The City was proud again to team-up with the County for this event. And we could not make it happen without the watermelons donated by our local farmers," Mayor Doug Lee explained.

The Lucedale Farmers Market will continue for two more Saturdays. The market goes from 6 am to sellout in front of the Courthouse.

Photo Cutlines:

- More than 20 kids dove face first, without using their hands, into the watermelon eating contest (top photo).





-Eliza Schultz, Joshua Randall, Brayden Schultz, and Reuben Anderson all compete in the 2014 watermelon roll category. Awards presented by DYW Charlie Cubbage.

