

The folks at McCoy's Building Supply understand that it takes a lot of hard work and the whole family pitching in to get things done on a farm or ranch. That's why we'd like to take some time out to salute Texas High School Rodeo Association families who are farmers and ranchers. In our monthly Farm & Ranch Family Spotlight, we'll feature one family, sharing their story of how they work together as a family to make their farm or ranch successful. The spotlight will run for 10 months; each month will feature a different region. Each Regional McCoy's Farm and Ranch Family will receive a \$100 McCoy's Gift Card. The McCoy's Farm and Ranch Family of the Year will receive a \$500 McCoy's Gift Card and will be announced at the 2009 THSRA State Finals.

## The Crenwelge Family of Region VI



**T**he Crenwelge Family describes their family as a team when it comes to running Rocking C Ranch in Fredericksburg. Donna says, "The largest part of our family business is team work. We all work together to accomplish the goals we have set."

Sidney has been ranching for the past thirty-five years and knows that in order for a ranch to be successful then it is important to change with the times. So in addition to raising cattle,

sheep and goats; eight years ago they began a trophy whitetail operation to help subsidize the ranch income. That venture worked so well

that three years ago they purchased an exotic ranch that they currently manage.

In all, Rocking C raises an average of 2,000-3,000 head of sheep and goats and runs about 300 head of cattle. To help feed all of the animals and for additional revenue they grow coastal hay, wheat, beans and oats in their fields.

The day to day chores of running the ranch include daily feeding of all livestock and deer as well as booking in guests and guiding them during their trophy hunts. To break up the duties Sidney mostly handles the daily feed program and Donna and Holly manage the business side of the operation.

A big part of the family team is Region VI member, Holly Crenwelge who is responsible for the maintenance of the animals as well as guiding hunters, cleaning the facilities and assisting with the round-up and transportation of the livestock.

When Holly began competing in Region VI high school rodeos her parents noticed that it inspired her to become more involved in the ranch than before. She began to see the real life application of gathering cattle could help her learn more about "reading" cattle. This daily chore began to help improve her scores in the girls cutting event.

The Crenwelge family enjoys spending time together hunting at their ranch. They feel lucky to be able to turn something that they enjoy into a business. "As a family we choose this lifestyle because it's what Sidney loves to do therefore its become a way of life for us," says Donna.

