



Kevin and Andrea Collison

## Collison To Take Reins At First Baptist

Kevin Collison has accepted the call of First Baptist Church, Eagle Lake to serve as its new pastor beginning Sunday, September 9.

Rev. Collison and his wife, Andrea, are native Texans, but will be coming to Eagle Lake from Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida where he has just completed a pastoral residency.

Collison, originally from Pasadena, is a graduate of Dallas Baptist University and earned a Master of Divinity in Theology

at George W. Truett Seminary in Waco.

While in Florida he also completed one year of clinical pastoral education (chaplaincy training) at the Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville.

Because her father pastored several rural West Texas churches, being part of a small town church is nothing new to Andrea. She loves teaching children and will be working to complete a degree in Elementary Education.

The Collisons expect to arrive in Eagle Lake over the Labor Day weekend.

# Colorado County Fair Rodeo September 13

The annual Colorado County Fair & Rodeo promises to be bigger and better than last year! Rodeo action will begin on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. with a draw pot team roping.

Fast paced action continues on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. with two full days of the true American sport-RODEO! Rodeo productions are made possible by Lancaster Rodeo Company Inc. of Fairfield, Texas.

This year's rodeo will be sanctioned by the Cowboy's Professional Rodeo Association or CPRA. The sanctioned events are: bareback riding, saddle bronc, bull riding, tiedown calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, girls breakaway roping and barrel racing.

Sanctioned rodeo events will include some of professional rodeo's wildest, most unpredictable action in the bareback bronc riding.

In this event the cowboy tries to stay aboard a jumping, bucking, twisting horse while only holding onto a leather strap about the size of a suitcase handle. Saddle bronc riding, pro rodeo's "classic" event will set cowboy against bucking horse.

The most popular event with spectators in pro rodeo, bull riding, will match top cowboys against Lancaster Rodeo Company.

In the timed events steer wrestling or "bulldogging" calls on a cowboy's muscle, courage and determination to jump from back of a running horse onto the back of a steer that weighs from 500 to 700 pounds, and then wrestle the steer to the ground as quickly as possible.

In team roping, two ropers work together against the clock

to "head" and "heel" a steer. Another timed event is calf roping which was also adapted from regular ranch work.

In barrel racing the cowgirl on a horse enters the arena at full speed to make cloverleaf pattern around three barrels positioned in the arena and sprint back out of the arena, the fastest time wins.

Books open for the rodeo contestants on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for rough stock and for timed events from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. call 1-800-54-RODEO (1-800-547-6336). For more information about the CPRA Rodeo visit [www.cprarodeo.com](http://www.cprarodeo.com).

On Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> the 4-H mounted drill team Texas Thunder will perform at 7:30p.m. This team consists of kids ranging from ages 9-15.

They have competed at the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Show and the United States Equestrian Drill Team Competition in Canton, TX in June 2007 where they placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in two divisions in which they completed.

The placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Abilene at the State 4H Horse Show performing to their "Magic" theme: 2006-2007Members include: Jennifer Fort (leader), Kellie Hunter(leader), Elizabeth Anderson, Garrett Calk, Melanie

Calk, Christina Henry, Chelsea Pawlosky, Jennie Reynolds, Jodi Reynolds, Joseph Reynolds, Jamie Rhodes, Mariah Rhodes, Kayla Swift, Lyndsey West. Drillmasters are Gary Murphree and Pat Vern.

On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> the 4-H Mounted Drill Team Thundering Hooves will perform at 7:30pm. Thundering Hooves are the 2002, 2003, 2004 State Champions and 2007 Reserve State Champs where they performed to their "Phantom of the Opera" theme.

In addition, Thundering Hooves are the 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 United States Equestrian Drill Association Theme Champions.

They are also the 2004 USEDC National Champs and the 2005 Reserve National Champions. 2006-2007 Members are: Erron Anderson(Leader), Amber Dale, Danielle Estes, Kaley Fikes, Kassi Golden, Rachel Johnson, Courtney Leissner (Leader), Alex Walker, Kelsey Wallis, Veronica Plant, Haylee McKissick, Heather Fort, Hannah Vern, Amanda Vecera and Sarah Murphree.

The team practices every Sunday and begins practicing twice a week in the summer to prepare for the State and National Competitions. Drill master is Ray Smithey.

On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

will have sanctioned CPRA/open team roping at 9:00a.m. Books will open on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00a.m. enter at the arena.

Stock contactor is CWD Cattle Company. For more information call Walter Donnell at 979-204-6353.

On Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having a ranch rodeo. The events will include calf branding, steer doctoring, cow milking and double mugging. Also, for the cowgirls on Sunday we will have calf dressing.

This will consist of three cowgirls on a team. The calves are put in the chute with a halter or rope on, then we open the gate and the team must dress the calf by putting on a shirt, shorts, and socks on the calf and get them dressed and across the line.

There will be limited of six teams. Entry fees are \$30 per team.

Colorado County Rodeo Committee members include Kaylee Brune, Rodeo Director, Daryl Brune, Russell Baumbach, Tom Benton, Bob & Geri Kent, Brian Tiemann, Gracie Ritter, Charlie Wanjura, Melanie Frank, Jerry Murray, Troy Goolsby, Korie Robinson, Michael and Erica Michalsky, Chad Huebner, and Ronnie Stock.

For more information concerning arena activities, contact Kaylee Brune at 979-357-2531 or 979-732-0616.

## County Commissioners Court

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now. He also said that problems with the electrical wiring are being assessed and some emergency repairs may be needed in that area.

Wegenhoft said that grants will be awarded in Jan. by the state for restoration.

If that is done, he said an ambitious start date for renovation work would be Dec. 2008.

The chairman said that the committee has also sent out a survey to department heads on space needs.

If the renovation grant is approved, he said he foresaw the possibility that the existing courthouse would be used only for judicial functions and that the county clerk and tax assessor offices would be moved to the annex.

He said he envisioned the possibility of building a two-story annex across the street from the courthouse where the county already owns land.

In other action, commissioners held the first of two public hearings on the tax rate proposed for the coming year.

No one spoke at the hearing. A second hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31.

The county is proposing to increase total tax revenues by

8.7 percent, due to increases in property values.

The tax rate would increase from 41.89 cents per \$100 valuation to 43 cents per \$100 valuation.

The actual tax rate would increase 2.65 percent.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead is calculated at \$67,812.

If the proposed rate is adopted that residence would pay \$291 a year in taxes, which would be an increase of \$27.08 a year in taxes, according to figures from the county.

Commissioners also Amended sick leave policy to allow employees after 12 months

to take part in the sick leave pool benefits.

Agreed to table for later consideration a pay adjustment for part-time EMS workers.

Approved a request by the Columbus Garden Club to pursue a grant to beautify the foundation and pool at the courthouse and to relocate some benches on the courthouse square.

Approved a request for the county to maintain Schmitt Creek Road in Precinct 3.

Approved requests of William Brown to name a private road Wankantanka Lane and of Pat Truckner to name a private road Outback Way. Both roads are in precinct No. 3.

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