



The 4-H and Friends "Smokey Mountain Stars" quilt is a queen/king size and will be available for bid in the silent auction that will be held in the homemaking department of the Colorado County Fair starting 4 PM on Thursday, September 11 through 3 PM on Sunday, September 14. Proceeds will be used for awards in the homemaking department. Anyone who would like to help hand stitch the quilt, please call Peggy at 732-2082.

**Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church**  
FRELSBURG

**COUNTRY FESTIVAL**  
Sunday, August 3, 2008  
Holy Mass - 8:15 a.m.

**AUCTION • 1 PM** *Trophy Deer Hunt*  
Featuring quilts, homemade items & more!

**BINGO**  
11 AM - 3 PM

**FREE DANCE**  
Red Ravens • 4-8 pm  
music during the day by Douglas Polasek

**FRIED FISH • Served at 11 AM**  
with buttered potatoes, hush puppies, cole slaw, pinto beans, bread, pickles & tea  
Meal Ticket: Large \$7.50 • Small \$4.50  
Drive Thru Line: Plate to go \$7.50  
Eating In Air Conditioned Hall!  
(Hamburgers, Nachos & Snacks available after 3 PM)

Country Store • Grocery Walk  
Silent Auction • Children's Games  
Bouncin' Buddies • Horseshoe Pitching  
Snow Cones • Dunking Stand  
Plant Walk • Cake Walk

The salaries, expenses, or allowances of Colorado County elected officials will be set at a public meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on August 11, 2008 in the County Courtroom located on the first floor of the Colorado County Courthouse, Columbus, Texas.

The salaries and allowances for the elected officials of Colorado County are proposed to be increased to the following in the 2009 Budget:

ELECTED OFFICIALS (5)	SALARY - 2008	PROPOSED SALARY - 2009	INCREASE
County Judge (1)	\$ 46,350.00	\$ 49,596.00	\$ 3,246.00
Longevity	0.00	528.00	528.00
Commissioner Pct 1	44,232.00	47,328.00	3,096.00
Longevity	0.00	732.00	732.00
Commissioner Pct 2	44,232.00	47,328.00	3,096.00
Longevity	0.00	528.00	528.00
Commissioner Pct 3	44,232.00	47,328.00	3,096.00
Longevity	0.00	624.00	624.00
Commissioner Pct 4	44,232.00	47,328.00	3,096.00
Longevity	0.00	1,104.00	1,104.00
County Clerk	41,304.00	44,196.00	2,892.00
Longevity	0.00	1,104.00	1,104.00
District Clerk	41,304.00	44,196.00	2,892.00
Longevity	0.00	1,680.00	1,680.00
County Tax Assessor/Collector	41,304.00	44,196.00	2,892.00
Longevity	0.00	1,008.00	1,008.00
County Treasurer	41,304.00	44,196.00	2,892.00
Longevity	0.00	952.00	952.00
County Sheriff	46,350.00	49,596.00	3,246.00
Longevity	0.00	1,372.00	1,372.00
Justice of Peace (2)			
Precinct No. 1	26,400.00	28,248.00	1,848.00
Precinct No. 2	26,400.00	28,248.00	1,848.00
Precinct No. 3	26,400.00	28,248.00	1,848.00
Longevity	0.00	1,776.00	1,776.00
Precinct No. 4	26,400.00	28,248.00	1,848.00
Longevity	0.00	244.00	244.00
Constable (3)			
Precinct No. 1	9,270.00	9,918.00	648.00
Longevity	0.00	1,776.00	1,776.00
Precinct No. 2	9,270.00	9,918.00	648.00
Longevity	0.00	624.00	624.00
Precinct No. 3	9,270.00	9,918.00	648.00
Longevity	0.00	1,584.00	1,584.00
Precinct No. 4	9,270.00	9,918.00	648.00
Longevity	0.00	340.00	340.00
County Attorney (4)			

\*Note (1) The County Judge's proposed increase does not include juvenile board salary of \$4,800 annually and state salary supplements of \$15,000 annually.  
 \*Note (2) In addition to the proposed increase, Justices of the Peace who handle weekend magistrations receive an additional salary of \$200 for each weekend worked and \$100 for each Holiday worked.  
 \*Note (3) In addition to the proposed increase, Constables who serve as court bailiffs receive a minimum allowance of \$90 per court session.  
 \*Note (4) Salary paid solely by state.  
 \*Note (5) In addition to the proposed increase, officials who submit an allowance request and are approved, will received a cell phone allowance not to exceed \$40 per month.

## A&M Beef Course Set For August 4-6

The high price of fertilizer, diesel and other expenditures necessary to produce beef will be the focus of the 54th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course Aug. 4-6 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

"Feed, fuel and fertilizer costs have nearly doubled in the past two years and are pressuring cattlemen to look for new ways to produce a pound of beef more economically," said Dr. Jason Cleere, Texas AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist and conference coordinator.

"For many producers, cutting back production per acre of land in order to reduce input costs may not be an option, Cleere said.

"However, we can incorporate management practices that will make them more efficient," he said.

These are just a couple of the many issues and topics that will be addressed at the short course.

"The 2008 short course will be one of the most important programs of the year for today's beef producers looking to the future," said Dr. Larry Boleman, associate executive vice president for operations at Texas A&M University and conference director.

Information will be available for the most novice producers as well as for the most seasoned producers, Boleman said.

"Previous participants always comment on the variety of topics

that are offered during the Beef Cattle Short Course," he said. "Participants have an opportunity to choose from 19 different "Cattleman's College workshops which will feature information on ranch management, nutrition, reproduction, genetics, pastures, carcass evaluation, record keeping, cattle marketing, wildlife management and landowner issues."

The Aug. 6 "Cattleman's College" sessions are designed to offer a more hands-on approach to calf working, cattle handling, cattle selection, carcass evaluation and record keeping," Cleere said. Participants can receive private applicators license training that day and take a tour of the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine.

In addition to the Cattleman's College sessions, a key general session will be offered on Aug. 4. The goal of the Beef Cattle

Short Course each year is to provide the most cutting-edge information that is vital to beef cattle producers," said Cleere.

Participants can earn numerous pesticide continuing education units if already licensed. The industry trade show will feature more than 100 agricultural businesses and service exhibits, Cleere said.

Registration is \$140 per person, and includes educational materials, a copy of the 300-page Beef Cattle Short Course proceedings, trade show admittance, tickets to the prime rib dinner, five additional meals and daily refreshments.

Registration information and a tentative schedule will be mailed to previous participants in June and can also be found on the short course Web site. Producers may register online at <http://beef.tamu.edu> or contact Cleere's office at 979-845-6931.

## Farmers Market Week August 3-9

The Secretary of the USDA has proclaimed August 3 - 9 as National Farmers Market Week.

The movement towards buying food directly from the producer is large, with more than 4,300 farmers markets operating in the nation.

People are becoming more informed about their health and nutrition, and knowing where their food comes from is part of making healthy eating decisions.

Here are some reasons to buy food at a farmers market:

Those who grow food and those who eat the food can make a personal connection with each other.

You can get gardening tips from people experienced in growing food.

You support the local farmer or

market gardener directly rather than a distant middleman, thus keeping money in the local economy.

Expand your food horizon. Discover new varieties and new vegetables you haven't experienced before.

Buying food locally reduces your carbon footprint.

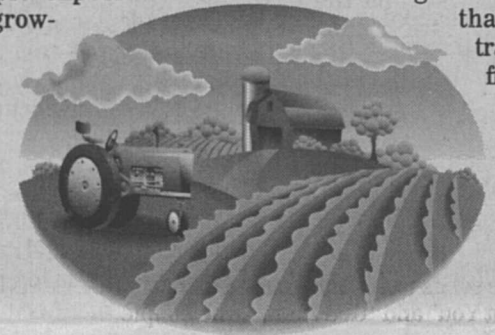
The food comes with a back-story.

Varieties of vegetables and fruit sold at a farmers market are grown for their taste and nutrition, rather than for their ability to withstand the rigors of storage and transportation.

Seasonal eating from the local environment is healthier than eating food out of season

that has been transported from a great distance.

Fresher food tastes better.



## 4-H Record Book Judging

Seven Colorado County 4-Hers submitted books for District Record Book Judging competition. The judging event took place on July 17 in Victoria. Completing a record book is one of the requirements a 4-Her must meet in order to apply for the Star Awards in 4-H.

In the Intermediate Division, Aaron Weishuhn received 1st place for his Health book, Cole Easterling placed 1st with his Wildlife & Fisheries book and Shelby Hoelscher placed 2nd with her Consumer Education record book.

These 4-Hers are all members of Frelsburg 4-H Club. Kulhanek and Weishuhn's books will advance to the State Record Book judging contest.

## County Fair Information

### Country Store

The Country Store of the 30th Annual Colorado County Fair promises to be a delight whether you are looking for the perfect gift for a friend, your home or even for yourself. The 2008 Country Store will delight buyers and sellers alike.

To sell items in the Country Store, crafters must enter at least one item in the Creative Homemaking Department of the Fair. All items must be hand crafted and must be original creations or crafted from kits. Sellers are limited to Colorado County crafters/artists. (Local clubs/organizations with a tax ID number may sell handcrafted items through the Country Store.) Items listed in the Creative Homemaking Department catalog with the exception of plants, may be sold in the Country Store.

Seller sheets and tags may be picked up at the Colorado County Extension Office located at 316 Spring Street in Columbus.

Buyers are invited to browse the Country Store in the comfort of the air-conditioned facility located next to the main gate. Traditional arts/crafts will take you back to grandmother's house invoking memories of traditions taking shoppers back to a simpler time.

For more information, call County Store chairman, Barbara Prause at 732-2136, or homemaking department chairman Beverly Tuck at 732-7222 or the Extension Office at 732-2530 or online at <http://colorado-tx.tamu.edu>

### Creative Homemaking

The Creative Homemaking Department committee is pleased to announce the addition of a new contest for the 2008 Colorado County Fair. This year, participants are invited to participate in a writing contest.

An entry will consist of either a poem or an essay. The poem or essay must address the activities of the Fair. (The poem or essay may address homemaking activities, rodeo, livestock, queen's pageants, tractor pull, entertainment, carnival, fine arts, pet show, parade, etc.) Youth essays are limited to 150 words and adult essays are limited to 300 words.

Poems in youth and adult divisions are limited to one 8 1/2" X 11" page.

No entry fee is required to participate in the writing contest. Deadline to enter the contest is September 5, 2008. Writing entries will be accepted August 1 - September 5 at the Colorado County Extension Office located at 316 Spring Street, Columbus. Winning entries will be displayed at the Fair September 11 - 14, 2008.

For more information, please contact Beverly Tuck at 732-7277.

### Traditional Art

Traditional arts will be on display in the Creative Homemaking Department during the 30th Annual Colorado County Fair on September 11 - 14, 2008. The focus of the Second Annual Country-Style Quilt Extravaganza is to highlight the artistic and creative talents of traditional artists and to reflect the community's shared cultural heritage as traditional arts mirrors the community's heritage.

The Homemaking Committee's goal is to preserve and encourage traditional arts by way of competition. By providing this competition, quilters are encouraged to participate in the traditional arts that our grandmothers and great-grandmothers mastered. The arts in their day were a necessity in daily living. Quilting was revitalized in the 1970's and quilting continues to be an art form that is enjoyed by many in Colorado County and across the US.

Competition is open to Colorado County quilters as well as non-resident quilters. Entry fee is \$5 per entry. Entry deadline is August 29, 2008. The quilts must be clean and in show condition with the quilt constructed within the past 3 years. Competition is also open to groups or clubs. Quilters may enter as many categories as desired. Categories include pieced quilts- hand quilted- bed or crib or wall, pieced quilts- machine quilted- bed or crib or wall, applique quilts- hand quilted- bed or crib or wall, applique quilts- machine quilted- bed or crib or wall, pieced quilts-commercially machine quilted-bed or crib or wall, applique quilts-commercially machine quilted-bed or crib or

wall, professional quilter-pieced-hand quilted-any size, professional quilter-pieced- machine quilted-any size, professional quilter-applique-hand quilted-any size, professional quilter-applique-machine quilted-any size, art quilt (or pictorial) - any size, pre-printed ("cheater") - quilted- any size, other - any size and includes any technique not covered in other specific categories or group project. (Wall quilts must be at least 24" wide and 24" in length.)

For more information, please contact quilt chairman Deneice Smith at (979) 733-9339 or the Colorado County Extension Office at (979) 732-2530 or online at <http://colorado-tx.tamu.edu> (publication tab - Catalog - Division XI - Quilt Extravaganza) or [www.columbus-texas.org](http://www.columbus-texas.org).

### County Hay Show

The annual Colorado County Hay Show will be held in conjunction with the Colorado County Fair on Tuesday, September 9, at 5 p.m. at the Colorado County Fairgrounds.

If you are interested in entering hay samples in the county show, we ask that you submit your sample on or before August 23, 2008.

There will be a \$3 charge per sample, which will include protein and acid detergent fiber. Samples should consist of a clean grocery bag full of hay from round bales or 2 flakes of hay from square bales.

Each sample should include your name, address, sample number and type of forage. Please make sure all samples are in by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date.

Hay samples can be brought to the County Extension Office or the following agribusinesses: Hefley's Mill and Grain, Colorado Feed -

Columbus, M-G Farm Service - Weimar, Heinsohn's Store - Frelsburg, Bernardo Farm & Ranch - Bernardo, Eagle Lake General Store - Eagle Lake, and Farmers Co-Op - Garwood.

The County Hay Show is being sponsored by the Colorado County Livestock Committee, Local Agri-businesses, Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.