

2008 Colorado County Fair Activities 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 County 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, appliqué quilts- hand quilted- bed or crib or wall, appliqué quilts- machine quilted- bed or crib or wall, pieced quilts-commercially machine quilted-bed or crib or wall, appliqué 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-appliqué-hand quilted-any size, professional quilter-appliqué-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.columbustexas.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: Heffley'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 Agribusinesses, Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

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Property Tax Rates in Rice Hospital District

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for Rice Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 825,715
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 825,715
Last year's tax base	\$ 621,211,906
Last year's total tax rate	\$.13292 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 833,165
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 637,890,374
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.13061 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 985,787
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 637,890,374
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.15453 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.16689 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$.16689 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.02373 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.14316 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Rice Hospital District adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.13061 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$ 3,795

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$.00
Interest & Sinking	\$.00

Schedule B - 2008 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 2008 debt service		\$ 0		\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$ 0		\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$ 0		\$ 0
- Excess collections last year		\$ 0		\$ 0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2008		\$ 0		\$ 0
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100 % of its taxes in 2008		\$ 0		\$ 0
+ Total Debt Levy		\$ 0		\$ 0

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 152,622.44 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The County Auditor certifies that County has spent \$ in the previous 12 months beginning for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The spent \$ from to on the . The operates this function in all or a majority of the . [Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.]

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The spent \$ from to on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Colorado County CAD 106 Cardinal Lane Columbus, Texas 78934

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Date prepared August 1, 2008

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

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a trucker was showing inappropriate signs to a female motorist while driving on the highway. The trucker was located and advised about his inappropriate conduct on the roadway. A report was filed and no further action was taken.

At 7:22 pm, Deputy Zak responded to Secates Road near Fayetteville in reference to mailbox damage. A report was filed and the case is pending further investigation.

Friday, July 11, 2008

At 12:39 am, Deputy Zak responded to a residence on FM 109 in Weido Loop in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, Bradley Emmons, 23 of Columbus, was arrested for Public Intoxication.

At 11:30 am, Sheriff Wied met with a complainant from Garwood at the Sheriff's Office about someone using her driver's license number in Lewisville Texas during a traffic stop resulting in over \$1,000 in traffic fines being accrued in her name. After further investigation, the proper suspect was identified and will be charged with Failure to Identify in Collin County north of Dallas.

Saturday, July 12, 2008

At 10:35 am, Deputy Abbott responded to Schmoeller Sens Road near Cat Spring in reference to a Burglary. During the investigation, it was determined that a Polaris 4-wheeler was stolen along with several other items that were inside of a building. The Austin County Sheriff's Office is also working a case that appears

to be connected across the county line. The missing 4-wheeler was entered into the state and national database as stolen. Case is pending further investigation to identify the suspect(s).

Sunday, July 13, 2008

At 1:49 am, Deputy Gonzalez responded to Center Street in Alleyton in reference to a fight. During the investigation, it was discovered that one subject had been cut with a knife or box cutter. After further investigation, a warrant was issued and Donisha Dawn Lewis, 30 of Columbus, was arrested for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Case closed.

At 5:18 pm, Sgt. Girndt responded to a residence in Alleyton in reference to a family disturbance. After further investigation, Justina Torres, 20 of Alleyton, was arrested for Family Violence Assault. Case closed.

At 6:45 pm, Deputy Gonzalez responded to a residence on Hwy 90 in Glidden in reference to a structure fire. The Columbus Volunteer Fire Department arrived at the scene and put out a small fire that was still burning in the corner of the attic. After further investigation, the cause of the fire is believed to be accidental. The damages to the residence appeared to be minimal. Case closed.

Monday, July 14, 2008

At 1:00 am, Deputy Martell and Deputy Staff responded to a residence in Garwood in reference to a family disturbance.

After further investigation, Mark Dwayne Guthrie, 20 of Garwood, was issued a citation for Assault. Case closed.

At 10:45 am, Deputy Abbott and Deputy Argo met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to Harassment. The complainant did not wish to pursue charges, but did request the suspect receive notice to stop the Harassment. The suspect was later found and issued a "No Contact" letter. Case closed unless future activity occurs.

At 7:50 pm, Deputy Zak responded to Townsend Street in Garwood in reference to a dispute between neighbors. After further investigation, one subject was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning. Case is closed.

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

At 1:00 pm, Sgt. Edman spoke with a complainant in reference to a missing calf near FM 2434 in Weimar. The calf is believed to be running loose in another pasture. A report was filed and the case is pending locating the calf in the area.

At 2:53 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to Tommy Vaughn Auto Country in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported that someone had stolen a tailgate from a new pickup. Case is pending further investigation.

At 3:45 pm, Deputy Mieth met with a complainant from Eagle Lake in reference to Credit Card Abuse. Case is under investigation.

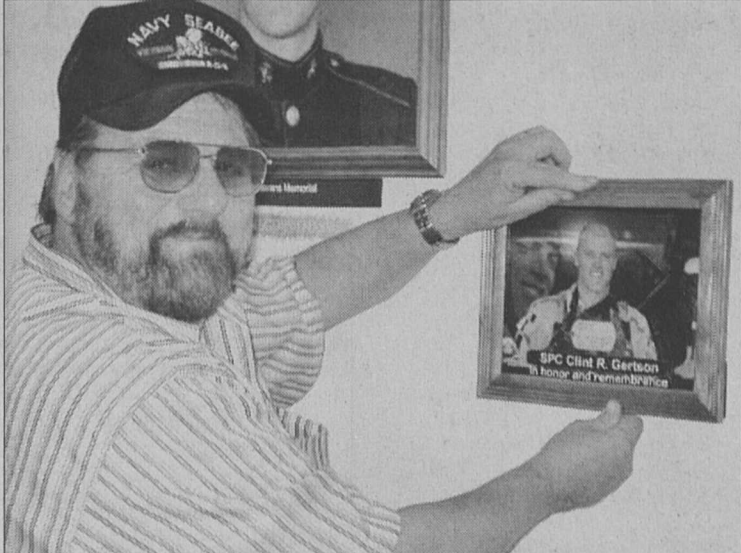
At 5:30 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to a trespass warning for a residence on Old McDonald Lane west of Columbus. After further investigation, one subject was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning for the property. Case is closed.

Thursday, July 17, 2008

At 1:45 am, Sgt. Pflughaupt provided assistance to the Sealy Police Department in apprehending a suspect wanted for Aggravated Sexual Assault in Travis County and Harris County. The suspect was apprehended on IH-10 near the 710 mile marker and later returned to the proper jurisdiction. Case closed.

At 6:05 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt and Deputy Martell responded to Hwy 90A near Rock Island in reference to a suspicious male subject on private property. After further investigation, Luis Gerardo Rodriguez-Rangel, 21 of Grand Prairie, was arrested for Criminal Trespass. Case closed.

At 10:30 pm, Deputy Zak responded to Caroleta Ranch Road near Weimar in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported that someone entered a shed on the property and removed approximately 20 square bales of hay. A report was filed and the case is pending further investigation.



On July 29, a military courtesy room was opened at the Syracuse, NY airport where Clint Gertson's picture is being displayed. This was possible because of the Gertsons' friendship with Gene Leimer, retired Navy Seabee and policeman, who lives in Bridgeport, NY. The military courtesy room is for soldiers to use as they pass thru the airport. Sometimes they get stuck sitting a while and need a quiet place to rest and relax.

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