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## NEWSBRIEFS

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until 1 p.m. A country auction begins at 1 p.m. Food and refreshments will be served all day and evening. Activities throughout the day include bingo, variety walk, kid's games, train ride and Bouncin' Buddies water slide (children bring swimsuits). Special appearance by "Rainbow the Clown," and entertainment by DJ "Big Mo" and Karaoke by Frankie C. New this year the antique tractor and equipment exhibition from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parade of tractors at 11:30 a.m. A drawing will be held at 8:30 p.m. for 26 nice prizes to conclude the festivities.

### Attention all photographers!!!

The Colorado County Camera Club will have its first regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 3 at 7 p.m. at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus. At this time, we will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month pending availability of the meeting room. All persons interested in photography are invited to attend. This is open to pros, amateurs and folks who still have their cameras in the box! We will explore Q & A sessions, photo challenges and workshops on various aspects of photography. Both film and digital will be discussed. This month's PHOTO CHALLENGE is to take a photo of a BARN and bring it to the meeting for discussion...use your creativity and imagination! Bring your camera!

### Workshop for County Fair set

On Tuesday Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a produce selection and knowledge contest workshop at Super S in Weimar. All interested youth participants are encouraged to attend to help with basic selection skills and learn about how to prepare for the oral presentation and questions. The Knowledge Contest will take place on Wednesday, September 10 at 6 p.m. with the produce contest going from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10. For more information call the Extension Office at 979-732-2082.

### WCMBC To celebrate anniversary Sept. 7

White Cloud Missionary Baptist Church (WCMBC) will celebrate their 94<sup>th</sup> church anniversary, homecoming, family and friends day on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Dinner will be served in the Dr. Obie Rhodes Fellowship Hall.

### Fair parade entry forms available

Entry forms for the 30th Annual Colorado County Fair Parade slated for Saturday, September 13, are now available. The parade will take place in downtown Columbus starting at 10 a.m. Theme for this year's parade is "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," acknowledging the fair's 30th anniversary. Entry forms are available at Potter's Western Store in Columbus or the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau located in the Stafford Opera House, 425 Spring Street in Columbus. For more information call parade chairman Rim Dyer at the CCVB office at 979-732-8385 or at home at 732-8401. Deadline to enter parade is Wednesday, Sept. 10.

### Fair catalogs now available

The Colorado County Fair's Creative Homemaking Department 2008 catalog is available. Catalogs may be picked up at the Silver Barn, Colorado County AgriLife Extension, Silly Stamper in Columbus, Hill Bank and Trust, The Collection and Weimar City Hall in Weimar, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Sand Creek Drive In at Sandy Creek, Heinsohn's Country Store in Frelsburg, Schulz Grocery in New Ulm, Larry's Super Service in Garwood, and Nada Grocery in Nada. The catalog is online at www.columbustexas.org or colorado-co.tamu.edu (newsletter tab). For more information call the Extension office at 979-732-2530 or Homemaking Department chairman Beverly Tuck at 732-7277.

### Jr. Fair board accepting new members

The Colorado County Jr. Fair Board is accepting applications for new members. You must be in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2008-2009 school year. You must be a 4-H member or FFA member. We need members from Columbus High School, Rice High School and Weimar High School. Applications are due on Sept. 15. Applications are available online at www.coloradocountyfair.org. For application or more information call Kaylee Brune at 979-357-2531 or 979-732-0616.

### Methodist youth hauling off scraps!

Rock Island Methodist Youth are willing to haul off any scrap metal that you may have, with no cost! (ex. cars, trucks, cans, stoves). Just call one of these numbers and someone will get back to you as soon as possible! 979-234-3391, 979-877-8352, 979-732-1977 or 979-877-4743. Thank you and God Bless.

### Library accepting wall of honor applications

The Wintermann Library Board of Directors is accepting applications for the Eula and David Wintermann Library Wall of Honor. Those nominated are those who have given their time and efforts to support the library. If you're interested in nominating someone, pick up an application at the library. Applications must be in no later than Sept. 8. The applicant to be added to the wall of honor will be presented on the night of the study club auction, Saturday, Sept. 20.

### Study Club auction is Sept. 20

The Eagle Lake Study Club will hold their auction Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. A fried chicken dinner, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. (dine-in or take-out). Tickets are \$8 each. For tickets call the chamber office at 234-2780.

### Nesbitt library to present guitarist

Nesbitt Memorial Library presents a free public performance by acoustic guitarist Dorian Michael, Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. Dorian Michael has played blues and folk, jazz, and rock and roll throughout the U. S. and Canada. He has three solo CDs and four ensemble CDs. The library is at 529 Washington in Columbus, one block southwest of the courthouse. Call 979-732-3392 for more information.

### Class of 1988 to hold reunion

The Rice High School Class of 1988 has scheduled their reunion for Oct. 4. Please email Leslie Sunderman at ricehighschoolclassof1988@yahoo.com to give her your contact information. Help spread the word.

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## County Holds Tax Hearing

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County tax values total \$1.659 billion, an increase of \$127.2 million over last year.

County Auditor Raymie Kana had previously noted that commissioners had issued \$5 million in certificates of obligation earlier in the year.

To pay \$197,000 in annual debt service will require a 1.9-cent increase in the tax rate, she said.

Even with the increase, Kana said, the county is still projected to use \$1.2 million in reserve funds.

The proposed budget is \$13.7 million, with \$7.2 million in tax revenues and \$5.3 million in other income, mainly from fees and fines.

The amount of the proposed increase is below the amount at which taxpayers can petition for a rollback election.

A public notice issued by the county states that the average value of a homestead in 2007 in the county was \$67,812. The average value increased to \$73,450 in 2008.

Last year, the average homestead paid taxes of \$291.59.

Under the proposed tax rate, those taxes would amount to a total of \$329.79, an increase of \$38.20.

That amounts to a 13.1 percent

increase.

In other action, commissioners: --Accepted a letter of resignation from Richard Luhrs, the county's Veterans Service Officer.

Luhrs, who is also the justice of the peace for Precinct 2, said that he was resigning because other commitments did not allow him to devote the time to the office he felt was necessary.

County Judge Al Jamison said the county would take applications for the post, which pays \$13,800 a year.

--Issued a proclamation, designating Sept. 11 to 14 as Colorado

County Fair Days in the county. Commissioners noted it is the 30th anniversary of the fair.

--Approved a memorandum for continuity of court operations in the event of an emergency.

--Approved a resolution to apply for state grant funds for improvements to the Rock Island Water System.

--Approved an updated agreement for regional auto theft enforcement task force. The task force furnishes a car and pays the salary of a deputy assigned to the task force.

--Approved an application of E.A. Valicek for a limited land division of a 490-acre tract in Precinct No. 3.

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The CITY OF EAGLE LAKE will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 4.39 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers,  
100 E. Main Street.

The second public hearing will be held on September 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers,  
100 E. Main Street.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: JOHN YOUNG, CHRISS SCHIURRING, WILBERT WILLIAMS, JANE MELDAHL, MICHAEL COOPER  
AGAINST: NONE  
PRESENT and not voting: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in 2007 last year was \$ 53,725 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$ .77829 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 418.14 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in 2008 this year is \$ 56,208 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$ .74325 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 417.77 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$ .77590 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 436.12 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

**Special Provisions if Applicable**

**Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):**  
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.

**Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):**  
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 \_\_\_\_\_.