



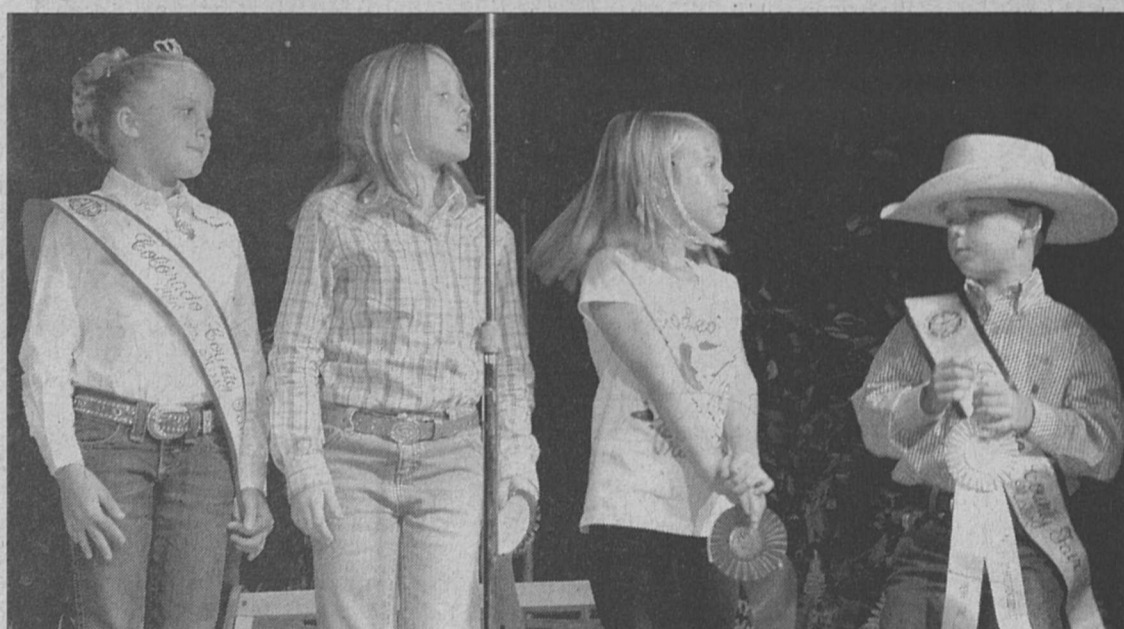
First Place Senior Team
Hannah Glaeser, Taylor Hollmann, Kari Pfeffer and Aaron Weishuhn.



First Place Intermediate Team
Mikayla Hollmann, Shelby Hoelscher, Cameron Page and Cole Easterling.



Little Miss, Little Mister Winners
From left, Little Miss Photogenic Skylar Heger, Little Miss Colorado County Fair 2008 Taylor Pavlu, First Runner-Up Ryleigh Parr, Third Runner-Up Lauren Dvorak, Fourth Runner-Up Kerin Cernoch, Little Mr. Colorado County Fair 2008 Ryan Barnes.



Junior Miss, Junior Mister Winners
From left, Jr. Miss Colorado County Fair 2008 and Miss Photogenic Savanna Eggemeyer, First Runner-Up Addison Elstner, Second Runner-Up Bailey Gast, Jr. Mister Colorado County Fair 2008 and Mr. Photogenic Cody Baca.



Moeckel Junior Queen
Macey Moeckel of Sheridan was selected Colorado County Junior Fair Queen Saturday. Seated, from left, First Runner-Up Madelyn Courtney, Junior Queen 2008 Macey Moeckel, Second Runner-Up Savannah Konvicka. Standing, from left, Miss Congeniality Lauren Zajicek, Caitlyn Collins.

Tax Office To Close Friday

The office of the County Tax Assessor-Collector has just been informed that it will be necessary for them to attend training by the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin on Friday, Sept. 12. Therefore it will be necessary to close that day. The office will reopen for business at 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 15. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Poenitzsch at (979) 732-2710.

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County Fair Consumer Contest Held

The Creative Homemaking Department of the Colorado County Fair sponsored a Consumer Decision Making Contest on Saturday, September 6, at the Fairgrounds.

Three teams and two individuals from Colorado County and two individual contestants from Fayette County participated in the contest.

The Consumer Decision Making Contest included five judging classes. Four of the classes were selected from the current 4-H

Consumer Decision-Making study guide and the fifth class was a mystery class.

Participants were given seven minutes to place each class and two minutes to present each set of oral reasons.

Junior and Intermediate contestants gave reasons on one class and Senior contestants gave reasons on two classes.

The results of the Consumer Decision-Making Contest: 1st Place Senior Team - Colorado County including Hannah Glaeser, Taylor Hollmann, Kari Pfeffer and Aaron Weishuhn.

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2nd Place Senior Team - Colorado County including Wesley Braden, Nicholas Hoelscher and Ross Weishuhn.

High Point Senior Individuals were: 1st place - Aaron Weishuhn; 2nd place - Kari Pfeffer; 3rd place - Calley Karstedt of Fayette County

The Intermediate Colorado County team of Shelby Hoelscher, Mikayla Hollmann, Cole Easterling and Cameron Page placed 1st and High Point Intermediate

Individuals were: 1st place - Cole Easterling; 2nd place - Cameron Page; 3rd place - Shelby Hoelscher

In the Junior Division the following were High Point Individuals: 1st place - Gretchn Kuck of Fayette County; 2nd place - Madison Mau of Colorado County; 3rd place - Cameron Urban of Colorado County.

Candidates Answer Questions At Recent Event

On August 26th the Taxpayers' Association of Colorado County, hosted a Candidate's Night for those running for the office of U. S. House of Representatives. Those attending were Mr. George Morovich, the Republican Candidate from LaGrange and Mr. Jim Stutsman, the Libertarian Candidate from Austin. Congressman Lloyd Doggett, the incumbent Democratic Candidate declined the invitation.

The format for the evening were a series of questions that had been sent to the candidates in advance, so that they could have their answers prepared. These questions addressed many serious topics including illegal immigration, war on terrorism, taxes and rising health care costs.

The candidates agreed in general on many issues as they both expressed their full commitment for a smaller Federal government, less taxation and regulation and more respect for "states rights" in solving many of the problems we face today.

Both candidates expressed a firm commitment to uphold our Constitution.

Following the formal program, the candidates were able to mingle with the audience and answered many individual questions.

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annex and \$1 million for road improvements.

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

The budget includes \$7.2 million in tax revenues and \$5.3 million in other income, mainly from fees and fines.

A notice issued by the county earlier 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 new 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.

The budget is an increase of \$1.6 million over the current year's original budget.

It includes cost of living increases of 5 percent for employees, with an additional 2 percent earmarked for merit raises.

Elected officials received a 7 percent pay increase.

The auditor noted earlier that two additional jailer positions are in the budget, as is an additional full-time paramedic to be staffed in Weimar. Salaries for the three positions will total about \$90,000.

Also, an additional \$20,000 is in the budget for interpreters for county and district courts due to increasing number of Spanish-speaking defendants.

There is also \$100,000 in the budget for a future emergency medical services building in Weimar.

There is \$50,000 in funds for possible matching grants for the EMS and emergency management departments.

Also included is \$41,000 for a radio re-broadcaster in Weimar to provide better law enforcement radio reception.

Workers' compensation insurance for volunteer fire fighters is included at a cost of \$3,500.

In the area of vehicles, \$130,000 is in the budget for six cars in the sheriff's department, which is \$30,000 more than in the current year.

There is also \$30,000 budgeted for a new vehicle for emergency medical services as well as \$20,000 for a new van for the 4-H program.

There is \$11,700 budgeted for weekend and holiday magistrate duty by justices of the peace.

Another \$30,000 is in the budget for compensation for constables when they serve as bailiffs, at \$90 per court session.

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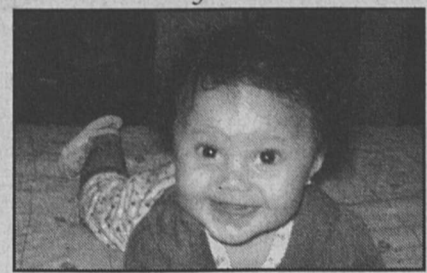
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