

Shuttle Buses Set To Be Used For Transport at County Fair

Plans for the 31st Annual Colorado County Fair, scheduled for September 10-13, 2009, are underway. The Creative Homemaking Department catalogues are out in

the communities throughout the county. You may pick up your copy of the Homemaking catalog and entry form at the following businesses: Nesbitt Library and

Colorado County Extension Office in Columbus, Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg, Bernardo Store, Weimar City Hall and Weimar Library, First National Bank and Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake, Nada Grocery and Sandy Creek Drive-In.

New for this year will be shuttle service provided by the Colorado Valley Transit. Buses will run Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Buses will leave every two hours from St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Colorado

County Fairgrounds.

Also new this year is the Millinery Contest. Youth and adults will all compete together. You may enter a decorated cap, straw hat, felt hat or bonnet. Judging will be based on creativity, originality and workmanship and contestants may enter all sections if they choose.

Youth will also have the opportunity to submit items for selling in the

Country Store. They will follow

the same guidelines as adult exhibitors do for the country store.

The Creative Homemaking Department is also looking for quilts to use for a quilt display throughout the building. If you have a quilt or quilts that you would be willing to let the department display during the fair, please contact Margaret Besch at 733-6626 or the Extension Office at 732-2530.

Entries are being accepted Monday through Friday at the

Colorado County Extension Office, 316 Spring St., Columbus between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Entry deadline is August 28. Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Fair Information Catalogues Ready

The 2009 Colorado County Fair Catalogues with rules for fine arts, photography, creative homemaking and some special events, along with official entry forms are available at the following locations: the County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus, Weimar City Hall, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Larry's Super Service in Garwood, Nada Grocery and Market, Sandy Creek Drive-in Sheridan, Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply and Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg.

For information on the livestock show and sale contact Karl Ed Valenta at 979-732-5441; the creative homemaking show and country store, Margaret Besch at 979-733-6626; the queens' pageants and little/junior mister/miss contests, Pamela Potter at 732-2705; the western art contest, Melissa Kilpatrick at 732-8781; the art show, Deborah Petrosky at 732-3564; the photography contest, Tracy Wegenhoer at 732-6187; the parade, Kim Dyer at 732-8385; the

rodeo and arena events, Kaylee Brune at 732-0616; commercial exhibits, Jane Meldahl at 979-234-5981; food concessions, Molly Strunk Janak at 979-263-5665; the antique tractor pull, Keith Potter at 732-6201; the barbecue cook-off, Henry Schneider at 732-2579.

Additional volunteers are needed for this year's fair. Persons interested in helping should contact Meldahl or Potter at the above phone numbers. For all other information, citizens can call the fair office at 732-9266 and leave a message. Information is also available on the fair's web site at www.coloradocountyfair.org.

The 31st annual Colorado County Fair and Rodeo will run September 10-13, at the Colorado County Ag Complex and Fairgrounds located on the Highway 71 Bypass west of Columbus.

Country western singer John Anderson and Josh Abbott Band will be the main stage entertainers Saturday night.

Unemployment

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mission remains committed to helping out-of-work Texans find new jobs."

Education and Health Services represents the strongest industry for job growth over the year with 57,300 jobs added since June 2008.

The sector reported no job losses for June.

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 5.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

The Lubbock MSA recorded the second lowest unemployment rate at 6.0 percent, and the Midland MSA was the third lowest at 6.1 percent.

Texas' seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment fell by 40,600 jobs in June.

Texas has recorded a net loss of 266,300 jobs in the past 12 months, compared with job losses of 5.7 million nationwide during the same period.

Industries hardest hit were Trade, Transportation and Utili-

ties, which dropped 21,700 jobs in June, followed by Professional and Business Services with a loss of 11,900 jobs.

"TWC has hired additional employment services staff to help Texans who are out of work at this time find employment," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton.

"With workforce centers and staff located across the state, jobseekers can turn to TWC and the 28 workforce boards for assistance."

Employment in Manufacturing fell by 10,300 jobs in June, and Construction dropped by 10,200 jobs.

Financial Activities and Leisure and Hospitality industries recorded small gains over the month of 1,000 and 900 jobs respectively.

"TWC and our workforce boards remain committed to assisting jobseekers and employers during this economic downturn," said TWC Commissioner representing the Public Andres Alcantar.

2009 Property Tax Rates in City of Eagle Lake

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for City of Eagle Lake. 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	\$ 456,925
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 203,694
Last year's total taxes	\$ 660,619
Last year's tax base	\$ 85,142,267
Last year's total tax rate	\$.77590 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 655,900
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 82,447,014
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.79554 /\$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)	\$ 453,661
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 82,447,014
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.55024 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.59425 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.24850 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$.84275 /\$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	\$ /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$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 City of Eagle Lake adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.79554 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2008 taxes by \$ 2,199.

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 & Operations	\$75,205
Interest & Sinking	\$0

Schedule B - 2009 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
G.O. Bonds 1997	\$ 50,000	\$ 19,125	\$ 323	\$ 69,448
C.O. Bonds 2003	55,000	82,175	309	137,484
Total required for 2009 debt service			\$ 206,932	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$ 0	
- Excess collections last year			\$ 0	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2009			\$ 206,932	
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only <u>100</u> % of its taxes in 2009			\$ 0	
= Total Debt Levy			\$ 206,932	

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 \$ _____ 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.

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Happy Birthday Mom!

It's your birthday, Mom, So I will raise a cheer.

Without you, my special, loving mom, I would not be here.

Yes, I owe it all to you, Mom. From the time that I was small, You encouraged me in everything, And tried not to let me fall.

Throughout my life your caring,

Brightened each and every minute.

You loved me and enriched my life,

And I'm so glad to have you in it!

Happy Birthday Chino!

I'm fortunate, and I'm glad, I got you for my brother;

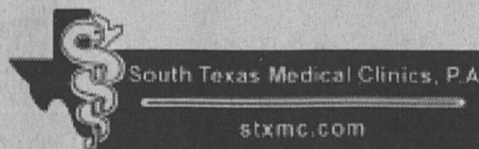
Even if I had the chance, I wouldn't pick another.

I'm happy you're in my life; You're my winner, come what may.

May your birthday wishes come true, On your very special day.

Love Ya'll,

Donna



Wake up Sick?

Let us get you on your way to feeling better!

Convenient Care

Monday - Friday 7 am to 9 am
Early morning minor illness treatment with no appointment needed!
Now at all clinics!

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stomach ache • runny nose • colds • headache • urinary tract infection
congestion • allergies • rash • cough • poison ivy

Medical appointments available 8 am to 5 pm

2100 Regional Medical Drive, Wharton, 979-532-1700

1602 North Mechanical Drive, El Campo, 979-543-2956

111 Avenue F (Hwy 60N), Bay City, 979-245-9754

3006 School Street, Needville, 979-793-4114

2520 BF Terry Blvd (FM 2218), Rosenberg, 281-342-6006