

## Ranch Sortin' New Event At The County Fair

Please come join us, Cowboys and Cowgirls, Family and Youth of all ages as we kick-off our new event of Ranch Sorting.

There'll be 10 cows in each pen numbered 0-9. The announcer calls out a number and each team of two has 60 seconds to sort the cows beginning with that called

number through a 12 foot gate at the other side of the arena.

The team that sorted the largest amount of cows in the shortest period of time (up to 60 seconds) wins that round.

It's a big crowd pleaser while one cowhand has to watch the gate to make sure they (the num-

bered cows) come across the line in order with the option to switch places with your partner to get the next numbered cow in order!

It all starts with a Youth Clinic (16 yrs and under) at 8 a.m. on Sunday, September 13 at the Colorado County Fair Grounds - Rodeo Arena - Youth Sorting

starts at 9 a.m., with Adult Groups immediately following the youth participants! Compete for Buckles and more!

For more information call Larry Meacham at 713-829-2606 or [www.ColoradoCountyFair.org](http://www.ColoradoCountyFair.org). Don't miss out on this big fun it'll be a real hoot and holler for everyone!

## Mark Your Calendar - Study Club Auction Sept. 19

Exciting new items are listed for the upcoming Study Club Auction held at the Eagle Lake Community Center on Saturday, September 19.

It all begins at 5 p.m. with a fried chicken dinner sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Dinner tickets can be purchased at the Chamber office Monday-Friday from 2-5:30 pm.

The silent auction tables will be filled with many special items for you to bid on from 5-6:45 p.m. You can also purchase baked goods from a wide selection offered by members of Eagle Lake Study Club.

At 7 p.m. the main auction will begin with auctioneers Dick and

JaNene Richter presiding. Some of the items for bid are the Raymond Thomas Family's gourmet dinner for eight; Joan Matthew's bridge luncheon for twelve, Vicki Powers cake each month for a year; Christine Herman Owen's batch of cookies each month for a year, Judi and Jack Johnson's four tickets for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Arthur and Mark Anderson families each donating four Astros tickets, Martin Herman's choice of a variety of pastries each month for a year, a tree donated by Glueck Tree Farm, and Eddie Pavliska's cinnamon rolls.

Some of the new items this year are a 4 day managed buck

hunt in south Texas donated by Donnie and Anna Mae Wiese, a delightful luncheon and a visit to Museum of Arts for twenty people donated by Dina Kohleffel Livermore, portrait package by photographer Christi Stancik, a weekend stay at Sam and Wanda Center's bed and breakfast, two Texan tickets with parking and an autographed picture of Texan kicker Kris Brown donated by Christine Owen, a handmade quilt donated by Rita Sunderman, a Texan cooler donated by Sidney and Barbara Struss and a handmade quilt by Anne Burke as well as many other wonderful items donated by friends of the library.

So prepare for an entertaining evening on the 19th as we gather to support our library.

Remember that during the main auction, starting at 7 p.m. there will be benefit tickets drawn for special items such as Visa cards, laptop computer, season tickets for the Stafford Opera House, a necklace, a firepit, children's table and chairs, a GPS and a rod and reel.

Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100 and are available at the library or from Study Club members.

Every dollar earned from the auction will be matched by the Wintermann Foundation. Support Our Library!

## EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 08-17-09	96/74	0.05
Tue. 08-18-09	91/75	0.12
Wed. 08-19-09	95/76	0.00
Thu. 08-20-09	98/76	0.00
Fri. 08-21-09	99/71	0.63
Sat. 08-22-09	97/74	0.00
Sun. 08-23-09	97/75	0.00

**Gardeners and farmers** - sell your vegetables and fruits at the farmers market

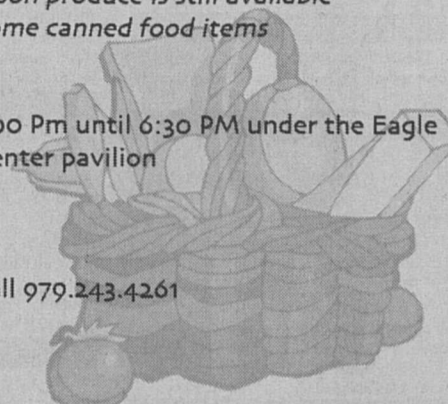
**Everyone else** - Come visit the Eagle Lake farmers market to buy fresh produce and homemade food items.

## Eagle Lake Farmers Market

-late season produce is still available-  
home canned food items

Thursdays from 4:00 Pm until 6:30 PM under the Eagle Lake community center pavilion

For information, call 979.243.4261



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Sept. 6. BBQ dinner of pork, beef, chicken and sausage plus Mexican food beginning at 10:30 a.m. Plates to go available. Music provided by Krenek's inside the hall during lunch and outside in the afternoon. Auction at 1 p.m. Entertainment throughout the day, kiddie rides and games, plant stand, grocery stand, country store, cake walk, rock climbing wall and 23 big prize drawing in the afternoon.

### Parade entries sought

Entry forms for the 31st Annual Colorado County Fair Parade slated for Saturday, September 12, are now available to pick up. The parade will take place in downtown Columbus at 10 a.m. The theme is "Aloha, It's Luau Time." Categories for judging will include antique vehicle, float, equestrian, commercial, service organization, educational and marching/twirling. First, second and third place rosettes will be awarded in each category, along with rosettes for the most outstanding overall entry and the best themed entry. Entry forms are now available at the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce, 425 Spring Street and at Potter's Western Store in Columbus. Persons needing more information should contact parade chairman Kim Dyer at the Chamber office at 979-732-8385 or at home at 979-942-0673. The deadline to enter the 2009 parade is Wednesday, September 9.

### Class of '69 to hold reunion

The Eagle Lake High School Class will hold their 40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 24. For details or more information email Gardner Seaholm at [drgas@earthlink.com](mailto:drgas@earthlink.com) or Robert Locklier at [robertlocklier@yahoo.com](mailto:robertlocklier@yahoo.com).

## Groundwater District Seeks New Director

The Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District is accepting applications for a Board of Directors seat recently vacated.

Director Betty Schiurring, Place 1/ Precinct 1 submitted a resignation to the board during the August 19 meeting, when she announced her upcoming marriage and plans to relocate.

Schiurring's term expires in November 2012.

Schiurring said, "I have enjoyed serving Colorado County with a dedicated group of people for the best interests of our citizens."

Schiurring's resignation will be effective September 16, or when she relocates, which ever happens first.

Colorado County Citizens are eligible to serve on the district

board if they reside in Precinct 1, and are registered to vote in Precinct 1.

The board will interview candidates and make a selection on Sept. 16.

The final candidate will be appointed to the board to fill Schiurring's position until the next election in November 2010, when the voters will elect a director for Place 1.

Candidates should submit their resume and voter registration number to: Board of Directors - Place 1, Colorado County GCD, P.O. Box 667, Columbus, Texas 78934.

Applications must be post marked by Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Candidates may contact the district offices at (979) 732-9300.

**Old Skool Organization**  
Proudly wish to thank its many supporters, chaperones, volunteers, and the youth of our community this past week as we took approximately 100 kids from our community to see the Houston Texans vs. New Orleans Saints on Saturday 8/22/09. For many it was their very first Texan Gameday Experience, and to see their faces light up at opening kickoff was priceless!! We also wish to give special thanks to Brookshire Brothers Grocery, The First National Bank of Eagle Lake, the Houston Texans, and especially the El Campo ISD for transportation support. "Striving to support and broaden our kids' horizons, One Child At A Time"



## Enter First National Bank's Friday Give Away!

The winner will receive a Rice Raider blanket.



One winner every Friday  
First Drawing is Friday, Aug. 28.  
Entries Now Being Accepted  
Drawings will continue weekly during the Rice Raider football season.

Drawing will be held at 3:00 p.m.  
Ask your friendly teller for an entry ballot.  
(need not be present to win; no transaction necessary to enter)  
FNB employees and immediate family are not eligible to enter.

## 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 5.93 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax 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 Sept. 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 100 E. Main.

The second public hearing will be held on Sept. 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 100 E. Main.

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

FOR: John Young, Chriss Schiurring, Tony Tyler, Jane Meldahl, Michael Cooper  
AGAINST: none  
PRESENT and not voting: none  
ABSENT: none

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in 2008 last year was \$ 56,208 (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 \$ .77590 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 436.12 (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 2009 this year is \$ 55,064 (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 \$ .79554 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 438.06 (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 \$ .84275 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 464.05 (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 \_\_\_\_\_.