



Week OF 8/27/17

### **Food Protection Management Course**

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office is offering a professional food manager certification program called “Food Safety: It’s our business” on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. **The deadline for registration is on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**. Registration forms may be picked up at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office which is located at 315 East Milam Street in Wharton and the cost is \$125. The course will seek to reduce the risk of food born illness. By taking the course, food service managers can receive the latest information on personal hygiene, how to use thermometers, how to store food safely, how to prepare and serve food properly, and how to keep the food preparation areas clean and sanitized. Participants can fulfill requirements for food manager certification if they pass the national certification exam which will be offered at the end of the course. For more information you can call 979-532-3310. If you make it out, please be sure to let them know that you heard about it right here, on 96 Country!

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### **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Festival & Homecoming**

St. Mary’s Parish Annual Festival & Homecoming is happening on **SUNDAY, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the NEW St. Mary’s Nada Community Center. BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner served from 11 am to 1:30 pm – Adults \$10 per plate (children under 12 - \$5) includes tea and dessert. To go plates will be available in the drive thru until 1pm.

Enjoy dinner music by Keith Kallina while you dine in their new air-conditioned hall and see what the ladies have to offer in the Country Store. Auction under the covered porch begins at 1 pm. Refreshments will be served all day and evening. Sliced BBQ Sandwiches, Sausage in a Boat & Nachos will be served in the afternoon until 7 pm.

Activities throughout the day include Bingo, Plant & Cake Walk, Variety Walk, Kid’s Games, Train Ride & 2 Water Slides (little kids & big kids), and a special appearance by Rainbow the Clown. FREE DANCE inside the hall from 2 to 6 pm with music by Legacy. A raffle drawing at 8:30 pm for 27 nice prizes concludes the festivities.

If you would like to purchase tickets or have any questions you can call Kelly at 979-758-3895. If you make it by there please be sure to let them know that you heard about it right here, on 96 Country!

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## **Knights of Columbus Council #4307 Benefit Meal**

The Knights of Columbus Council #4307 in Blessing is sponsoring the annual shrimp etouffe and gumbo meal on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. It will be held in Blessing at the St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall. Serving will start at 11 am. The meal will consist of shrimp etouffe and gumbo with rice, dessert, and tea or coffee. A large bowl with dessert and beverage is \$10 each. A live auction will also be held in the afternoon. The proceeds of the meal will be used for education programs and scholarships for the youth in the area. Everyone is invited! If you make it out there, please be sure to let them know that you heard about it right here, on 96 Country!

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## **Louise 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip**

Louise 8<sup>th</sup> Grade is raising funds for their class to travel to Washington DC. On **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** they are selling tickets for a BBQ Pork Dinner with buttered potatoes and green beans. It is \$10 per plate and will be served from 11 am to 1 pm at the Louise Fire Station. You can either dine in or take your plate to go but are encouraged to stay as there will be a BIG auction and you will have the chance to win some great items! There will also be a raffle. The auction and raffle will start at 12:30 pm. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. If you would like to purchase tickets or get more information, you can call or text hallie popp (POPE) at 979-257-4563 or send her an email to hallie popp @ gmail.com. If you make it out, please be sure to let them know that you heard about it right here, on 96 Country!

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## **Coffee with a Cop – El Campo**

Coffee with a Cop is happening on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9 am at the Coffee Bar at Paint Perfection in Downtown El Campo. Meet the El Campo Police Officers, EMS, Wharton County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety officers and Texas Game Wardens and staff. There will also be door prizes! It is come and go as you like and there will be complimentary coffee and snacks! For more information you can contact Donna Mikeska at 979-578-5261. If you are able to make it out, please be sure to let them know that you heard about it right here, on 96 Country! Proudly supporting our community!

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## **Relay for Life Fundraiser**

The American Cancer Society is having a Relay for Life Fundraiser. They are selling tickets for a cheese enchilada dinner from Casa Hernandez. Plates will include 3 cheese enchiladas, rice, beans and picante. Pick up will be on **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** at Casa Hernandez which located at 1006 West Loop in El Campo from 4 to 6 PM and it is drive thru only. It is \$8 per plate and for tickets you can call Elma at 979-543-6561. If you are able to make it out there, please be sure to let them know that you heard about it right here, on 96 Country!

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## **Wharton County All Stars Benefit Ride**

Wharton County All Stars are having their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary benefit ride on **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Registration begins at 9 am. First bike out at 10 am and last bike in at 4 pm. The ride will start at All the Little Things Count which is located at 511 West Jackson in El Campo and it will end at Shaws Bend Social Club located at 1173 FM 1890 in Columbus. There will be auctions, raffles, bbq plates, a gun raffle and live music by Nathan Young Band. Gun raffle tickets are \$20 a piece. To get gun raffle tickets or if you would like more information you can call Gary or Lisa at 979-733-0668 or 979-758-4634. This event is to help raise money to send Wharton County All Stars to their Special Needs Events. If you are able to make it out there, please be sure to let them know that you heard about it right here, on 96 Country!

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## **Ganado Nursing and Rehabilitation Center**

Holds coffee kolaches, and conversation at 10am on the first Tuesday of every month. The public is invited to join them so be sure to let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country, where we are proudly supporting our community!

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## **The Jackson County Memorial Library**

Holds a “Mother Goose” reading program for children up to 5 years of age every Wednesday at 10 am. Be sure to let them know that you heard about it right here at 96 Country!

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**Manna Meals are being served behind blessing cup at 500 Foerster St. in El Campo.** Serving is from 5-6:30pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Manna Meals is a cooperative service of the Ministerial Alliance Association of El Campo. Follow Manna Meals facebook. Be sure to let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country proudly supporting our community!

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Are you on disability and looking to get back to work? We can help! Since 1995, the non-profit organization, NTI has been helping Americans with Disabilities back into the workplace. NTI has guided thousands of individuals with disabilities in legitimate work at home jobs nationwide. Be a part. Call 877-248-8912, that’s 877-248-8912 to learn more or Visit [N-T-I-Central-dot-org-slash-apply](http://N-T-I-Central-dot-org-slash-apply) for a work at home position today. And be sure to let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country!

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### **Veterans Service Office Open**

The Wharton County Veteran's Service Officer will be in the reference room of the El Campo library, which is located at 200 West Church. They will be there from 8 am to noon and 1 – 5 pm on Wednesday. They will also be in the Frank Shannon Building located at 1017 North Alabama Road in Wharton on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 am to noon and 1 – 5 pm. If you plan on coming out be sure to call 979.532.1311 before you stop by. Be sure to let them know that you heard about it on 96 Country!

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