PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 4 – October 14

Centerpoint Energy will close Palacios Street (FM1163) in El Campo from 5th Street to Highway 59 between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. NOW thru Friday, October 14th to perform utilities work. Palacios Street will be open to local traffic during the evening and overnight hours while the work is being done. Motorists are urged to use alternate routes during this time.

September 21 – October 21

The **El Campo Police Department** is participating in the D.E.A. "*National Take Back Drug Program*" going on now thru October 21st. You may dispose of expired or unused medications in the secure Drop Box located in the lobby of the El Campo Police Department available 24/7. No questions asked and no paperwork. If you need assistance with dropping off medication or would like more information, please call the ECPD at 543-5311... and please remember to mention you heard about it here on 96 Country... proudly supporting our community!

October 4 – October 8 END AT NOON

The **Flag City Community Market** is this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Courthouse Lawn in downtown Edna! Along with fresh Fruits, Veggies & Baked Goods, you'll find Homemade Jams & Jellies and Doggie Treats. Plus, Goats Milk Soap, Jewelry & Crafts, Handmade Rugs and more including FREE Halloween Kids Crafts. Georgia Mae's Food Truck will be there and Texas Shaved Ice, too... be sure to let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

September 27 – October 7

The Wharton County Junior College Senior Citizen Program "4th Annual 5-K Stride & Stroll" is this Saturday at Riverfront Park Central Pavilion in Wharton. Registration is at 8 a.m. with a 9 a.m. start time. Entry fee is \$35 for individual, \$70 for a Family, and \$120 for a Company with up to 5 participants. Proceeds benefit the WCJC Senior Program providing *Meals On Wheels* for homebound seniors and local transportation for seniors in Wharton County. For more information, please call 979-532-6430... and let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

September 22 – October 8

The 4th Annual Fishers of Men Saltwater Fishing Tournament will be held this Saturday at El Campo Elk's Lodge #1749 at 3030 North Mechanic. Entry fee is \$200 per 4-person team with five optional Side-Pot entries at \$20 per category. Captain's Meeting will be held this Friday evening at 6. at the Elk's Lodge. Proceeds benefit the El Campo Deanery ACTS Incorporated. For more information, contact Kyle at 979-541-9883... and be sure to mention you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

September 19 – October 9

Celebrate Czech Heritage Month with the Wharton County Czech Heritage Society "Dozinky" Czech Harvest Festival... This Sunday from Noon to 6 p.m. at the Taiton Community Center. Admission is FREE and there's a FREE Dance featuring the Czechaholics. Enjoy Czech style food, Czech Exhibits, a Silent Auction and a Country Store with fruits & vegetables... and please mention you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

September 27 – October 9

The **St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Festival** is this Sunday at the KC Hall at 512 Tegner Street in El Campo. Bar-B-Que Brisket & Sausage Dinners will be available for \$8 each Dine-In or Drive-Thru beginning at 11 a.m. There's Rides, Games and Food Booths from 1 to 5 p.m. and LIVE music at 12:30. There will also be a Raffle by the Knights of Columbus Council #9393 for a 2017 Chevy Equinox LT or a \$20,000 Gift Certificate. For tickets, please call 543-4298 or 541-6835... and remember to let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

September 27 – October 10

Pick up your entry forms for the **El Campo Branch Library's "***Great Pumpkin Bash & Decorating Contest*" for kids ages 3 to 14. Pumpkins must not be carved or the skin punctured in any way. Entry forms with rules & guidelines are available at the Library at 200 West Church Street. Decorated entries must be delivered to the Library by Monday, October 10th or Tuesday the 11th during regular hours to qualify for prizes. For more information, call 979-543-2362... and please mention you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

August 15 – October 13

The 1st Annual "Brein's Love" Men's & Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament benefitting The Brein Gardner Memorial Scholarship Fund will be Saturday, October 15th at Rotary Park in El Campo. Entry fee is \$120 per team for the Double Elimination tournament. There will be a Collection Box for any gently used cleats, gloves, pants and baseball/softball equipment. For more information, please contact Shannon at 979-541-5757... and be sure to mention you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

September 27 – October 14

Cast your vote **NOW** for your favorite in the **Delo Tractor Restoration Competition**. Local competitors are **Carson Rose** of El Campo with his 1955 John Deere 50 and **Ryder Merta** with his 1961 Allis Chalmers D-12. Voting ends October 14th. To cast your vote, visit **Delo TRC Voting Dot Com / Voting** and support our Local competitors.

September 22 – October 15

The **Sons of the American Legion Post** #649 in Blessing will hold their *Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Bar-B-Que Cook Off* on Saturday, October 15th at the Blessing American Legion Park. Categories are Brisket, Pork Ribs, Chicken, Chili, Beans and Dutch Oven Dessert. Entry fee is \$25 for one entry and \$10 for each additional entry. There will also be a Raffle, 50-50 Drawing and a LIVE Auction. For more information, call Scott at 979-244-6428... and be sure to let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

October 4 – October 21

Tickets are on sale NOW for the **Bright Minds Scholarship Fund Dinner & Dance**...in *Memory of Barbara Stephenson*... Saturday, October 22nd at the Wharton Civic Center. Dinner & Dance is from 6 p.m. to Midnight featuring the **Triumphs** with special guest **Valerie** along with **Brandi Yackel & the Duzzty Roadz Band**. \$60 tickets are available at Rod Insurance Group in El Campo and the Wharton ISD Business Office. For more information, call 979-559-2841... and please mention you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

October 4 – October 22

The El Campo Bowling Center 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off & Car Show will be Saturday, October 22nd at the Bowling Center on the West Loop. Cook Off entry fee is \$75 with Chili, Beans and Chicken & Dumpling categories. Entry fee for the Car Show is \$20 with check-in at 9 a.m. and judging at 2 p.m. There will also be a Bowling Tournament and Costume Contest. For Cook Off information, call Joe at 979-543-0183 or Eugene at 979-578-2919. And for Car Show information, call Jeff at 979-578-2612 or T.K. at 979-541-7210... and be sure to let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

September 19 – October 22

The "Save the VFW Dance" will be held Saturday, October 22nd at VFW Post 2786 on CR 306 in El Campo. Music by Adriana. Doors open at 7 p.m. with a \$10 cover. Proceeds benefit the VFW... please mention you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

October 5 – October 30

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Blessing will hold their *Annual Bar-B-Que Turkey Dinner* on Sunday, October 30th in the Parish Hall. Serving begins at 11 a.m. Dine-In or Drive-Thru for just \$10 per plate. There will also be a Raffle and Country Store and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be held at 9:30 that morning at St. Peter's Catholic Church... and please let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community!

October 5 – November 13

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of Our Lady of the Sea #2133 will hold their *Annual Turkey Dinner* on Sunday, November 13th at the KC Hall at 700 Main Street in Palacios. Cost is just \$9 per plate Dine-In or Drive Thru To-Go from 10:30 a.m. until Sold Out. There will also be a Raffle, Craft Sale & Bake Sale... be sure to mention you heard it here on 96 Country... proudly supporting our community!

January 2 - TFN

Manna Meals are being served at First Lutheran Church at 304 Oscar Street in El Campo. Serving is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Manna Meals is always free of charge where all are family and all are fed regardless of status. Manna Meals is a cooperative service of the Ministerial Alliance Association of El Campo. Follow Manna Meals El Campo on Facebook... And let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country...proudly supporting our community.