PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 5 – October 31

October is *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. Domestic Violence hurts more than just the victim... it hurts us all. Domestic Abuse affects families, children and society. But there is Hope and Help. **The Crisis Center** has been providing shelter and support to victims of family violence and sexual assault in Matagorda and Wharton Counties since 1984. If you or someone you know are a victim of Domestic Violence or Abuse, call the 24 Hour Crisis Hotline at 1-800-451-9235... The Crisis Center is a United Way Agency.

October 21 – October 23

Donations are being accepted for **Bastrop Firefighters** to help clean up after fighting the recent wildfires. Items needed include Soap & Shampoo and Hand Sanitizer, Toothbrushes & travel Toothpaste and Mouthwash, Deodorant, Baby Wipes and Eye Drops. You may drop off your donations at **Executive Stitches** at 106 North Washington in El Campo. Deadline is this Friday, October 23rd... for more information call Nora at 979-257-2510... and please be sure to tell them you heard about it here on 96 Country!

October 19 - October 24

The monthly *Ganado Farmer's & Handmade Market* is this Saturday from 9 to 1 in downtown Ganado. Fresh from the farm to you produce, along with jams & jellies, pickles and more. Plus there's plenty of handmade and specialty gift ideas, too... just in time for the Holidays. The Market is 9 to 1 in downtown Ganado... and please remember to let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country!

October 9 – October 22

Fesco in El Campo will hold a *Blood Drive* in their parking lot at 310 North Wharton on Thursday, October 22nd. The *South Texas Blood & Tissue Center* bus will be there from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. All presenting donors receive a T-Shirt. For more information, please call Jennifer at 979-543-9451 or visit South Texas Blood dot org... and don't forget to let them know you heard it here on 96 Country! October 21 – October 23

First State Bank on the West Loop in El Campo will hold a *Blood Drive* with Gulf Coast Blood Center this Friday, October 23rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact Debbie at 979-543-2274 or visit Give Blood dot org and use Sponsor Code F808... and be sure to tell them you heard about it here on 96 Country!

October 5 – October 24

The **El Campo** *Relay for Life* benefitting the American Cancer Society is Saturday, October 24th beginning at 4 p.m. at Alamo Park. The Cancer Survivor Lap is at 6 and the Luminaria Rememberance Lap is at 8:30. There will be many activities including a Scavenger Hunt, Bounce Houses, Zumba and much more. For more information, please call 1-800-227-2345 or visit Cancer dot org... and please let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country!

October 13 – October 24

The 4th Annual BRC Spooktacular Trial and Carnival is Saturday, October 24th at **Texana Park & Campground. K**ids of all ages can enjoy playing games, go on a hayride, or even try out the Haunted Trail. This year's event will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 361-782-5718 or visit **Brackenridge Park dot com**... and be sure to let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country!

October 8 – October 24

The *2015 Jackson County Relay for Life* is Saturday, October 24th at Edna High School's Cowboy Memorial Stadium. Relay for Life is from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. A Celebration of Life, Survival and Remembrance. For more information, please call Jackson County Hospital at 361-782-7800... and be sure to tell them you head it here on 96 Country!

October 9 – October 25

The **St. Andrew Alter Society** *Turkey Dinner* will be Sunday, October 25th at St. Andrew Parish Hall in Hillje. Serving is from 11 a.m. to all gone. To Go Plates are \$9 each. There will also be a Country Store, Raffle and Bake Sale... Don't forget to let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country!

October 20 – October 27

The **SNAP Mobile Clinic** for your pets will be at Holy Cross Catholic Church in East Bernard on Tuesday, October 27th at 7:30 a.m., and at Walgreen's in El Campo on Wednesday, October 28th at 7:30 a.m. and both locations are for all Wharton County residents. Clients will be selected by a lottery at that time... please do not come early. Free spaying, neutering and rabies vaccinations will be available. For more information, please call 979-253-3446... and please let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country!

October 21 – November 11

American Legion Post 251 in El Campo will hold a *Veteran's Day Celebration* on Wednesday, November 11th at the post on Hwy. 71 South. Bar-B-Que Chicken Plate dinners will be available Dine In or Take Out at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and there will also be a Raffle and Silent Auction. The public is invited and you need not be a member to attend... and be sure to tell them you heard about it here on 96 Country!

October 20 - November 18

The **Knights of Columbus Council 2490** will hold a *Community Blood Drive* on Wednesday, November 18th from 3 to 8 p.m. at the KoC Hall on Armory Road in El Campo. To schedule your appointment to donate, visit Give Blood dot org and use Sponsor Code 5911 or contact Greg Witcher at 543-1884. All donors receive a T-Shirt and meal... and don't forget to let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country!

January 2 - TFN

Manna Meals is held on Mondays & Thursdays at New Life Assembly of God Fellowship Hall at 707 Earl Street behind Friendship Park from 5 to 7 p.m. Manna Meals is always free of charge where all are family and all are fed. A place to be fed physically and relationally, regardless of status. Manna Meals is a cooperative service of the Ministerial Alliance Association of El Campo. For more information, please contact Carolyn Mitchell at 979-648-2191... And please let them know you heard about it here on 96 Country.