



### Valdez, Moreida To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Valdez of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Delia Valdez, to Bruno Moreida, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moreida of Eagle Lake.

Delia is the granddaughter of Mr. Leandro Sosa, Sr. and the late Catherina Sosa of Rosenberg and Mrs. Tina Valdez and the late Jasper Valdez, Sr. of Hungerford.

Bruno is the grandson of Mrs. Effie Navarro of Eagle Lake and the late Mateo Navarro, Sr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moreida of Eagle Lake.

Delia is a 1992 graduate of Rice High School and employed by Kingsland Surgery Center as a Registration Clerk.

Bruno is employed by Diversitech as a Supervisor of Maintenance.

The wedding will be held at 4 p.m. at The American Legion Hall in East Bernard on Saturday, October 25, 2008.

## Long-Term View Needed For Economic Woes

Forget the instant news updates from the stock markets. Instead, find an older person to ask about surviving an economic crisis, suggests Texas AgriLife Extension Service personal money management expert Nancy Granovsky. "I tell people to recall the stories of frugality you heard from your grandparents," Granovsky said. "They have done a lot of belt tightening in their lives. They've gone through several down cycles. Find out the things they did to get through tough financial times."

Granovsky said she worries about the panic-like reactions of people watching financial markets take a deep nose-dive, especially those who have never experienced a money crunch.

"There seems to be a lack of confidence right now, with many thinking that everything is going bad. I worry about people panicking and making the wrong decisions as a result," she said. "I really believe people do not need to be looking at the financial markets on a minute-to-minute basis right now."

She pointed to the long-term history of the major financial markets -

Dow, NASDAQ and S&P500 - and noted that recovery always follows decline.

"It feels like such a huge drop because we saw record highs a year ago," Granovsky said of the current financial market levels. "We may not know where the bottom will be yet, but there will be a recovery at some point." Many free finance-related publications are available at AgriLife Extension's bookstore (<http://agrilifebookstore.org>) in the Family and Personal Money Management section. She also suggested this online publication: *Managing Money in Tough Times* ([http://www.extension.org/pages/Financial\\_Security\\_Managing\\_Money\\_in\\_Tough\\_Times](http://www.extension.org/pages/Financial_Security_Managing_Money_in_Tough_Times)).

Granovsky also offered these tips to improve one's personal situation: make a budget, set aside money in an emergency fund, and be careful about making sudden changes in your investment portfolio.

For additional information, you may contact Janis Pfeffer at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office - Colorado County at 979-732-2530. Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

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For three years now Sheryl Carnes and her horse Zippos Texan have won the year-end High Point saddle at the Alamo Area Youth Horse Association Open Show Circuit. The team has also been High Point All Around champions at the San Antonio Livestock Open Horse Show and the Reserve All Around at the Travis County Quarter Horse Open Show circuit. In this time period Zippos Texan has been awarded 5 PAC certificates of recognition and two certificates of achievement from the American Paint Horse Association. Sheryl along with her husband Tim have C & C Performance Horses in Garwood, where Tim does natural hoof trimming and horse training and Sheryl works with youth and adult riders who want to learn ride and show horses.

### Vocational Nurse Info. Sessions At Blinn

Blinn College's Vocational Nursing program will host several information sessions this fall for students interested in starting classes in August 2009.

The sessions will include admission criteria, course content, required immunizations, and licensure eligibility.

Hour-long information ses-

sions are scheduled for noon on Oct. 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 4 and 18.

The meetings are in the Health Building, room 210, on the main Bryan campus on Villa Maria Road near E. 29th Street.

For more information and additional dates, visit [www.blinn.edu/twe/vocn/InfoSessions.htm](http://www.blinn.edu/twe/vocn/InfoSessions.htm)

or contact the program office at 979-209-7203 or [timmye.posey@blinn.edu](mailto:timmye.posey@blinn.edu).

The 12-month program consists of classroom, laboratory, and clinical experiences with graduates eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-PN) to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN).

### Cattle On Feed Down Nine Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.59 million head on Oct. 1, down 9 percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up slightly from the Sept. 1 level.

Producers placed 510,000 head in commercial feedlots during September, down 14 percent from a year ago, but the same number as the August 2008 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 490,000 head during September, up 2 percent from last year but down 4 percent from last month.

On Sept. 1, there were 2.21 mil-

lion head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 85 percent of the states total.

The number on feed across the area was down 9 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the September total.

September placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 443,000 head, down 2 percent from the August total.

Marketings were down 9 percent from last month to 410,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity

of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.4 million head on Oct. 1.

This inventory was 5 percent below Oct. 1, 2007.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.28 million head, 6 percent below September 2007.

September placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 445,000 head; 600 to 699 pounds totaled 415,000 head; 700 to 799 pounds totaled 541,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 880,000 head.

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