

# 30th Wallis Fun Festival July 25-26

The 30th annual Wallis Oldtime Fun Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26 at the American Legion Hall, 330 Legion Road in Wallis.

There will be a free street dance Saturday night from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The Pavlock

Brothers, Bryan, Cody and Shane will be playing country and blues.

Hamburgers will be sold from noon Saturday until 10:30 p.m.

On Sunday serving starts at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The dinner will consist of barbeque beef, chicken,

sausage with all the trimmings.

BBQ sandwiches will be sold after 2 p.m. BBQ beef, sausage and chicken will be the pound at pits after 10 a.m.

The pageant is back so you will want to hang around to see who gets crowned queen. There will be arts and crafts, kiddie rides, a cake walk, and fun and games for all ages.

An auction will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday. The drawing for prizes, half and half calf-arama starts after the auction.

Brandon Mak, 9 year old accordion player will perform Saturday from 4-5 p.m. The culinary cook-off will be held Saturday, July 25 and the BBQ cook-off on Sunday, 26th.

Free parking and free admission to grounds.

For cook-off information call 979-478-6362, 979-257-9765 or 478-2615. For pageant information call 979-885-1689 or 257-7418.

All events benefit the Wallis Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

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## TxDOT Looking For Planning Input

Consistent with its values of encouraging local participation, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) posted Notice of Opportunity to Comment to encourage input from transportation partners across the state on the restructuring of the department's system of project planning, funding and programming.

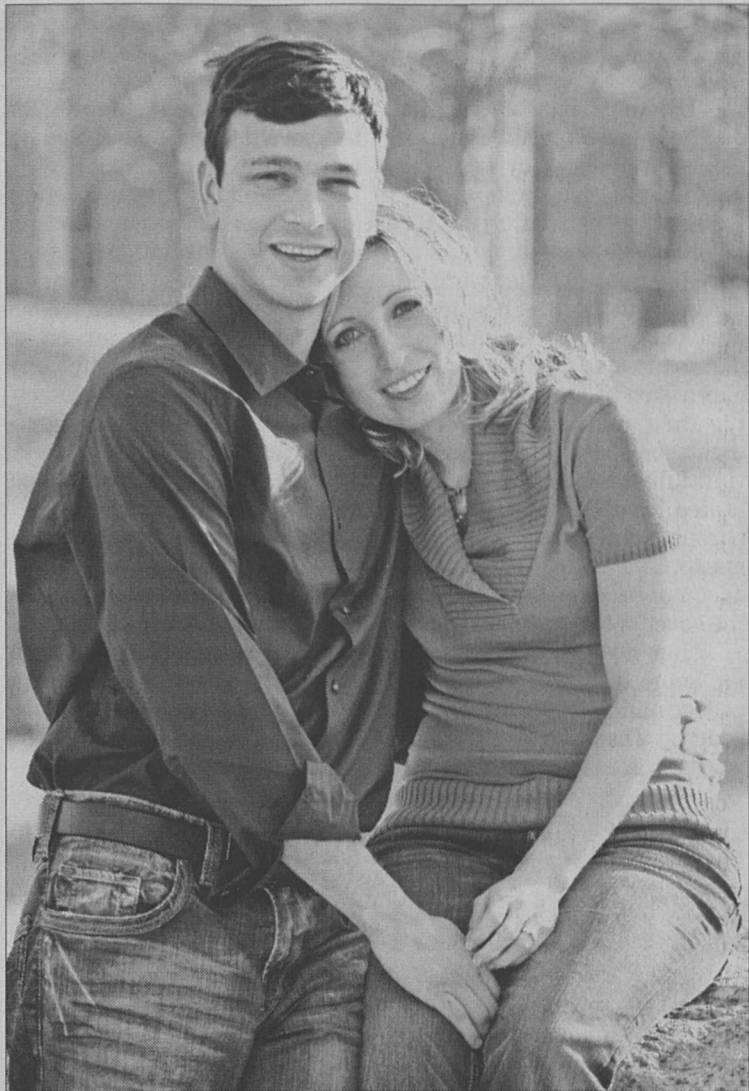
TxDOT began the process to make revisions to the agency's program rules more than a year ago after it became apparent in discussions with the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission that legislators wanted the department to develop a transparent, well-defined, and understandable program for

transportation and project development. The department is seeking both general ideas and specific language suggestions.

Though TxDOT has always sought input from local and regional leaders, this formal request for comment will reinforce the message that local participation is critical to developing rules for a comprehensive program that will benefit the entire state of Texas, said Amadeo Saenz, TxDOT executive director.

"First, it's consistent with our values—supporting local participation. More importantly, it's what legislators want us to do," he noted.

Comments may be submitted to Robin Carter with TxDOT's legal office at rcarter@dot.state.tx.us or mailed to Bob Jackson, General Counsel, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. The deadline for receipt of comments is 5 p.m. August 10, 2009. For more information contact Government & Public Affairs media relations at 512 463-8588.



## Sanger, Vargas To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Vargas of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Richard, to Ms. Toni Sanger, daughter of Sondra Larcom of San Antonio and Gary Sanger of Hays, Kansas.

The bride to be is a 2000 graduate of Hays High School in Hays, Kansas. She received her Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from Texas State University in 2004 and her Masters of Health Science: Physician Assistant in 2009 from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.

The groom to be is a 1999 graduate of Rice High School. He received his Bachelor of Science from Texas State University in 2004, Masters in Physician Assistant Studies from The University of Texas-Edinburg in 2008. He is currently working as an Internal Medicine Physician Assistant in San Antonio.

Richard and Toni will marry on August 22, 2009 at a small outdoor ceremony in San Antonio. Following their honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple will reside in San Antonio.

# EAGLE LAKE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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Also...Thanks to everyone that donated to the "Big White Bucket"

Next Fireworks Display ... Dec. 31, 2009

## TxDOT Starting Hwy. 90A Project

The Texas Department of Transportation announces that construction is scheduled to begin on a roadway-resurfacing project on US 90A from 3.3 miles east of Lissie to the Fort Bend County Line in Wharton County.

This project will involve pavement repair, Asphalt Concrete Pavement (ACP) surfacing and installation of safety end treatments.

This work will be performed

by Durwood Green Construction Company of Stafford, Texas in the contract amount of \$ 3,184,624.51.

Durwood Green will be erecting barricades on Monday, July 13, 2009 with construction to begin on Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

This project is estimated to be completed by Wednesday, December 2, 2009. Alternating lane closures from 6 p.m. - 4 a.m. shall be expected with delays due

to one lane traffic control.

Motorists should exercise caution when approaching this section of US 90A during the time of the lane closures.

They should also watch for equipment and workers near the work zone and obey warning signs.

For more specific information regarding this issue, contact David Kelley, P.E., Transportation Engineer, at 361-293-4407.

## TPWD Gives Prescribed Burn Info

Fire plays an important role in most ecosystems and is a vital component of ecosystem function.

Because fire was a natural factor on most Texas rangelands and forestlands before European settlement, native vegetation and wildlife are well adapted to burning.

Fire effectively suppresses many woody plant species while encouraging grass and forb growth beneficial to livestock and wildlife.

Wildfires can occur any time fuels will burn and often under very hazardous conditions.

With prescribed burning, conditions such as temperature, humidity, wind speed, fuel moisture and condition of vegetation are carefully selected to ensure a safe and effective burn designed to maximize desired benefits.

Prescribed burning is often recommended by wildlife biologists and range management specialists assisting landowners throughout Texas.

Many landowners understand the benefits of prescribed fire but don't have the experience or confidence to carry out the practice without technical help.

With this need arose the formation of prescribed burn associations in Texas.

Prescribed burning associations are a fairly new concept to land management and have become increasingly important as landowners and managers become more active in using fire as a management tool.

These associations are made up of landowner cooperatives that are user owned, controlled and operated.

Burn associations share knowledge, experience and equipment among contributing members to increase the application and safety of prescribed fire as a management tool.

A prescribed burning association can significantly reduce risks through increased experience, knowledge and available resources.

Experience has shown that locally run burn associations are more efficient in accomplishing prescribed burns because they can organize the required labor and support quickly within the often narrow window of desired weather conditions.

A prescribed burn is the planned and deliberate application of fire as a management tool for land stewardship.

Unlike wildfires, prescribed burns are conducted under predetermined environmental conditions to achieve specific resource management goals and objectives.

Agency personnel assisting landowners are unable to meet

the demand for the onsite technical assistance required to implement effective prescribed burning throughout the state.

By working with groups of landowners and providing initial training and support, agencies can help more landowners accomplish their individual range and habitat management goals.

Important landowner benefits include:

Support of a locally led and run organization of neighbors helping neighbors.

Reduced costs of fire management.

Reduced risk through increased experience, equipment, training and technical assistance.

Ability to get more prescribed burning done on your land and the satisfaction of helping your neighbors do the same.

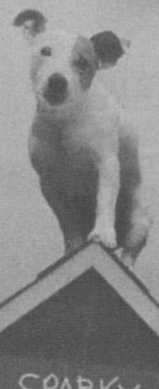
The Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association formed near Sonora, Texas, in 1997.

The association started with 30 members but quickly grew to 60 members within the first year.

Originally formed to serve three counties, membership has increased to 500 landowners and 10 chapters covering 17 counties.

If you would like to contact your local biologist, see our website at: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/wildlifebiologist>.

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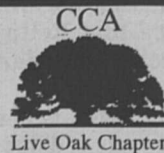
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Silent Auction • Drawings & More

Corporate Tables Available for \$600, \$400 or \$300 (Includes reserved seating and special take home goodies)  
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For ticket information and availability contact  
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