



Mrs. Seth Ryan Vidallia

## Lanier, Vidallia Exchange Vows

Miss Leslie Michelle and Seth Ryan Vidallia were united in marriage Saturday, April 25, at six o'clock in the evening.

The double-ring ceremony was held at Lake Peigneur in Erath, Louisiana. Readings were by Michael Lanier, uncle of the bride, of Garwood.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terrell M. Lanier of Katy. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Lanier of Garwood and Mr. and Mrs. James S. Goree of Cypress.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Vidallia of Erath, Louisiana. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Baudoin and Mrs. Emma Vidallia and the late Joseph Vidallia, all of Erath.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a simple A-line, satin dress with elegant beading.

She carried a bouquet made of sunflowers with an exact of burnt orange.

Maids of honor were friends of the bride, Danette Cormier and Tiffany Dooley, of Duson, Louisiana.

Bridesmaids were Alyson Lanier, cousin of the bride, of Garwood, Elizabeth and Emily Purvis, cousins of the bride, of Buda, Brandi Vidallia, sister of the groom, of Erath, Louisiana

and Keri Knight, friend of the bride, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The bridesmaids wore chocolate brown, Alfred Angelo dresses of different designs and lengths.

Their bouquets consisted of burnt orange calla lilies, yellow daisies and curly willows.

Serving as the best man was Kevin Abbott, friend of the groom, of Erath. Groomsmen were J.T. Lanier, brother of the bride, of Katy, Derek Hidalgo, cousin of the groom, and Robert Stout, John Stout, Jimmy Nicholas, friends of the groom, all of Erath.

Ring bearers were Gage Laviolette, nephew of the groom, of Erath and Jared and Dylan Cook, cousins of the bride, of El Campo. The usher was Jason Broussard, friend of the bride and groom, of Crowley, Louisiana.

The bride's mother wore a knee length white with silver beaded dress with a waist length jacket. Her corsage was a single sunflower with hydrangeas.

The groom's mother wore a knee length mint green dress with simple beading. Her corsage was a single sunflower with hydrangeas.

The reception was held at the Erath Community Building in Erath. After their wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple is now at home in Erath.

## LCRA Urges Mandatory Water Curbs

In response to declining levels in the two reservoirs that supply drinking water to 1.1 million people in Austin and Central Texas, the Lower Colorado River Authority is calling on its wholesale water customers to implement mandatory water use restrictions under their drought contingency plans.

Major LCRA customers include the City of Austin and other Central Texas communities, many area municipal utility districts and water supply corporations, and other water providers and users.

Mandatory restrictions include measures such as limiting car washing, pool filling and lawn watering on certain days and limiting the use of ornamental fountains.

The Highland Lakes, a system of six man-made lakes on the lower Colorado River used to store water for municipal, industrial and agricultural uses, generate electricity and manage floods, have been depleted over the past 23 months of record-low inflows to the Highland Lakes, record high summer temperatures, and high rates of evaporation.

Combined storage of lakes Travis and Buchanan, two reservoirs constructed to store water supply, reached the milestone storage volume of 900,000 acre-feet on August 12 under LCRA's Water Management Plan.

This is down from more than 2 million acre-feet in August 2007 following one of the wettest years on record in Central Texas.

The state-approved Water Management Plan directs LCRA to request its wholesale water customers to issue mandatory restrictions on water use when the combined storage of lakes Buchanan and Travis drops to 900,000 acre-feet.

LCRA's goal is that these restrictions will result in a reduction in water consumption of up to 25 percent, said Suzanne Zarling, LCRA executive manager of Water Services.

LCRA is calling on homeowners and businesses that rely on the Colorado River to contribute to a community goal by immediately taking steps to save 25 percent on their outdoor watering.

This is the first time since 1999 when LCRA adopted its state-approved Water Management Plan that this trigger has been reached, Zarling said.

However, the combined storage has been much lower in other droughts, including those in 1983-84, 1963-64 and the worst drought on record, which occurred during 1947-57.

"We've reached a critical point in LCRA's water management, and we are counting on the customers who buy water from us to require their users to conserve and to use less water until such time that the lakes have been adequately replenished," she said. "We're not at a crisis point yet."

"The Water Management Plan is there to help us prevent a crisis. "For the plan to work everyone has to use less water."

The plan calls for LCRA to take prescribed actions when water storage levels fall below set triggers, including reducing releases for environmental needs, cutting back water for agricultural customers, and working with its wholesale municipal and industrial customers to implement mandatory water-use restrictions.

LCRA also anticipates cutting back water supplies next year for agricultural irrigation customers under provisions of the Water Management Plan if water storage levels remain below 1.1 million acre-feet on Jan. 1, 2010.

The water storage level on July 24 had dropped below 1 million acre-feet.

An acre-foot is equal to about 326,000 gallons of water.

LCRA urges all water users to use water wisely.

Residents should water their lawns no more than twice a week, water early in the morning or late in the evening, check sprinkler systems for leaks, and add mulch to flower beds.

Customers should contact their local utility provider to find out which specific watering restrictions apply to them. LCRA is providing links to local watering restrictions on its Web site at [www.lcra.org/wateringrestrictions](http://www.lcra.org/wateringrestrictions).



Pictured from left to right are: Shirley Compton, Carolyn Baird, Lois Ann Dziuk. Baird presented the program for the Xi Pi Psi August meeting.

## Xi Pi Psi August Meeting

Xi Pi Psi Sorority held their monthly meeting on August 11, at the home of Mary Ann Kaluza. Lois Ann Dziuk and Shirley Compton were program hostesses for the evening.

Carolyn Baird was invited to present the program. She has served Eagle Lake and Colorado County EMS for more than 20 years. Some of the sorority members have been past CPR Instructors.

Carolyn demonstrated the updated CPR procedure. Thank you Carolyn for a very informative program.

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*Love, Aunt Carol, Grandpa Tony, Grandma Gina, and Cousin Sarah*  
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## Texas Wheat Production Down

The 2008 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 66.2 million bushels, down 33 percent from last year and down 53 percent from 2007.

This estimate is the same as the July forecast.

According to an August 1 survey conducted by the Texas Field Office, statewide yield is expected to average 27 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from the record yield last year and unchanged from the July forecast. Harvested acreage, at 2.45 million acres, is down 26 percent from 2008.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 39.2 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year.

Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 6.5 million bushels, down 77 percent

from last year.

Production on the Blacklands is estimated at 10.1 million bushels, down 39 percent from last year.

Production on the Edwards Plateau is forecast at 1.7 million bushels, down 41 percent from the 2008 crop.

United States winter wheat production for 2009 is forecast at 1.54 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month but 18 percent below 2008.

Yield is expected to average 44.2 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month but down 3.0 bushels from last year.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 34.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 12 percent from last year.

## TxDOT Grant Meeting Aug. 25

A meeting will be held at the Yoakum Texas Department of Transportation Office, 403 Huck St., on August 25th at 1: p.m. to discuss funding for the Section 5310 Grant program.

After discussion on the Section 5310 Grant Program has concluded, a Statewide Pre-Proposal Video Teleconference will begin at 2:p.m. to discuss and review the Coordinated Call for Projects for FY 2010 RFP.

This call for projects will include funding for State Planning Assistance, Rural Transportation Assistance, Intercity Bus, Rural Discretionary, Job Access

Reverse Commute, and New Freedom.

Due dates and the proposal process will be discussed as well as possible projects.

TxDOT will be looking for members to become a part of their commitment to community development in planning and developing transit services for their respective areas.

Anyone interested in applying for any of the above funds should attend the meeting or video teleconference.

More information may be obtained by contacting Wanda Carter Dyer at 361/293-4395.

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