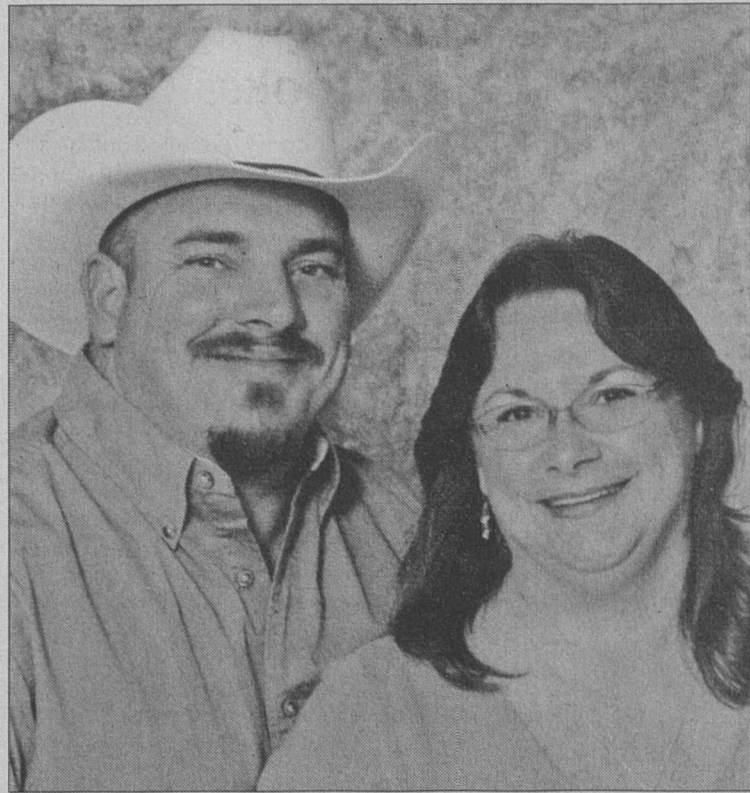




Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wayne Lacy

Hotz-Herman, Lacy Wed On January 2

Annette Hotz-Herman and Gary Wayne Lacy were united in marriage on January 2, 2010 at 4:30 in the afternoon.

A small ceremony and reception was held with family and friends.

Those attending were Helen and Rhonda Holtz from Eagle Lake, Jimmie Hotz, Jr., from Houston and Lea Pyka from East Bernard.

Annette and Gary would like to thank everyone for their well wishes on their new life together.

Catholic Daughters Hold January Meeting In Nada

Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595 held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 12, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada.

The meeting was called to order by Regent, Bernita Korenek. Officers and committee chairman gave their reports.

There were many thank you notes received for the cheer baskets that were given out at Christmas time. This act of kind-

ness was greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Plans are being made to have a rosary for Pro-life on January 22. Everyone is invited to attend.

The next Senior Citizen Domino Party will be held on January 27 at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Our yearly scheduled Mass for the intentions of our Youth will be on Sunday, February 7.

The next meeting will be held on February 9.

Improve Your Relationship This Valentine's Day

We often turn to greeting cards, flowers, and heart-shaped boxes filled with chocolates in attempts to improve our relationships and stoke the flames of love.

However, there is a lot more to a strong and healthy relationship than mere vegetation and sweets. So says Laura George, founder and president of The Oracle Institute, whose new anthology of essays and poetry, entitled "The Love: Of The Fifth Spiritual Paradigm," is being issued this Valentine's Day.

"When these four facets -- body, ego, soul, and spirit -- are fused and run through the heart, our romantic relationships thrive," adds Brenda Schaeffer, one of "The Love's" contributing authors. "But if these four facets are out of sync, if certain needs go unmet or old wounds go unhealed, our love relationships can become dependent or addictive."

Here are several ways to strengthen our most intimate relationships:

*** Don't Judge:** At the end of a long day, most people simply want a partner who will listen to their problems without passing judgment or engaging in confrontation.

As a result, a loving partner occasionally has to become egoless and simply act as a sounding board for their significant other.

It's not the easiest thing to do, but it can prove critical in the success of a relationship.

*** Love Yourself Too:** In order to be a true partner in any healthy relationship, one has to be comfortable in his or her own skin.

That personal exploration can take place within the context of a relationship, but eventually everyone needs to take that journey alone.

Doing so provides more balance to all our relationships.

"Proper love of self, and by that I mean an introspective and mature understanding of our interior motives and drives, is what defines an elevated soul," says George.

"We cannot expect to receive more than we produce in terms of romantic and familial love, let alone the more advanced stages of love like compassion, until we master our ego."

*** Be Realistic:** Even the most well-rounded and healthy relationship encounters tough times marked by tension and sniping.

Dealing with these is as important to a relationship as appreciating the good times.

By keeping the testier moments in perspective and resolving them properly, couples can achieve the empathy so elusive in many relationships.

While flowers and candy may provide temporary sparks, there are a number of deep emotional and psychological gestures, which will strengthen the bonds of true romance with another soul.

By pursuing these methods, our romantic relationships and our lives are vastly improved.

January Is School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2010 as School Board Recognition Month.

Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"The biggest challenge of education is also one of its greatest strengths. During a time when state and national mandates rightly place more emphasis than ever on setting the bar high for education, it remains important for each community to retain control of its own educational system," Governor Perry said.

"Balancing the need for local control with directives coming down from larger governmental bodies is neither an easy nor oftentimes appreciated task, but for over two centuries, school boards have risen to such challenges.

Complicating matters further are issues such as the rapidly expanding role of technology in the classroom, the challenge to keep our children both educated and physically active, and—as always—the difficulties inherent in dealing with budgetary priorities.

"The people who make up these boards are unsung heroes and, all too often, unsung for their efforts.

These people volunteer their time because they care; they care about their communities, they care about their schools and, most importantly, they care about the children.

Each year the Texas Association of School Boards designates

January as School Board Recognition Month, to emphasize to all of us the importance of the services these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and children of Texas.

At this time I urge all Texans to recognize the invaluable contributions realized through the work of our school boards," he said.

"Today's public schools face tremendous challenges and opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

"Local trustees diligently work with community leaders, parents, and educators to develop sound education policies.

They help set high standards in the education system, encouraging us to strive to reach those goals and better prepare the next generation of leaders in our state and nation," Crow said.

"We encourage every community to acknowledge the commitment that board service requires of more than 7,000 locally elected school board members in Texas and support them as they tackle the enormous task of governing school districts.

We applaud their dedication as they offer vision and leadership and work to empower every child to succeed," Crow said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts.

School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 4.7 million public school students.



Litzmann's Perform Piano Recital

On Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, piano teacher, Marian Bodily hosted a Christmas piano recital in her home for the parents and families of her piano students. Two of her students are Zane Wm. Frybert Litzmann, 13, and Matthias Joseph Frybert Litzmann, 9. Both students chose three Christmas pieces to perform for the audience. Mrs. Bodily holds degrees in music and voice and resides in Sealy with her husband, Warren. Zane and Matthias are the sons of Mark and Barbara Frybert Litzmann of Sealy, and the grandsons of Kay Frybert and the late Joe F. Frybert of Eagle Lake.

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Eagle Lake Little League Registration

Saturday, January 23rd

10 am – 2 pm at the Little League Field

\$45 for 1st child and \$35 for each additional child per family

Home Run Derby Contest /Fundraiser

\$5 for 10 cuts - Winners to receive awards on Opening Day

Ages 9 and under hit on small field

Ages 10 and up hit on big field

Logo Contest –

Help us design a logo for Rice Little League to be used on fan shirts during the season and at All Stars – submit your logo idea between January 23rd and February 19th – stop by registration for more details – Winner to be awarded on Opening Day

Additional registration to be held on:

Thursday, January 28th and February 11th 6 – 8 pm at City Hall

Saturday, February 6th 10 am – 2 pm at field



Nira Noska

Passed Away January 23, 1997

It has been 13 years since God called you home. One of your greatest gifts was your natural ability to give so much of yourself to others. You touched the lives of family, friends, students, teachers, and all who knew you, with your great courage, your infectious smile and beautiful personality. You taught us to live life with grace and to die with dignity. You continue to be a great inspiration to those who love you.

We are most grateful for your love and our life together. We love you and miss you so very much and will remember you always.

Rest now, our beautiful angel, until we meet again.

From Your Loving Family: Rubin, Dannette, Nathan and Troy

Texas Citrus Estimates Down From Last Season

As of January 1, Texas grapefruit production is forecast at 5.49 million boxes for the 2009-2010 season, down slightly from last season's 5.5 million boxes.

All orange production is estimated at 1.59 million boxes, up 9 percent from last season.

Early and midseason oranges account for 1.31 million boxes and Valencias for 277 thousand

boxes.

The production of all oranges totaled 1.46 million boxes the previous season.

United States grapefruit production is forecast at 29.2 million boxes, down 11 percent from last season.

All orange production is forecast at 191.6 million boxes, down 10 percent from last season.

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