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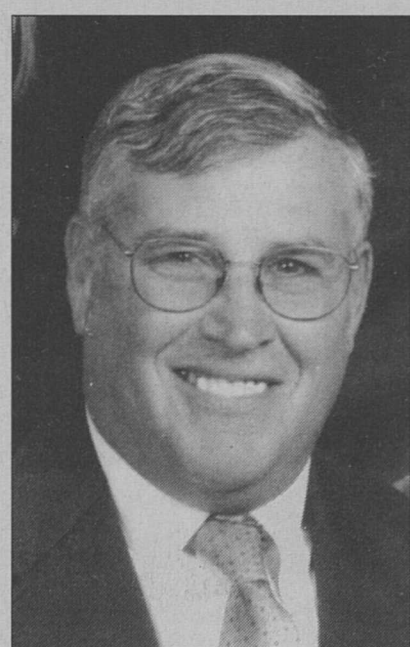
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Pictured left to right are Dave Fendley, Habitat Director and Family Selection Chair; Becky Fendley, Habitat Director and Family Support Chair; and newly-named Thrivent Partner family, KeAndra and Jessie Upson with son, Jace.

New Habitat Home Announced

By Cindy Klopsteck

The sign is not up yet, but will be soon.

Before long the area around 1503 E. State Street will be busy with workers and volunteers, creating and constructing - building a new house. The physical sign will announce what passersby will already have visual signs of: building activity and daily progress.

For Jessie and KeAndra Upson it will be not just wood and mortar, but a home that is being built. And they couldn't be happier.

Just this past week the Upson family were announced as the new prospective owners - partner family - of a house to be built in Eagle Lake through a Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity for Colorado County (CCHFH).

In November, 2009 CCHFH was notified that it had been selected to receive the grant. The Thrivent Builds program is a partnership between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International. In 2010 through Thrivent Builds, 181 homes will be built in 37 states, with 155 Habitat for Humanity affiliates involved. CCHFH was honored to be the recipient of one of these grants, one of only four Thrivent houses to be built in Texas in 2010.

CCHFH will be responsible for 25% of the costs for this home, while Thrivent Financial will provide 65% of the funding and

the local Thrivent Chapter and Lutheran congregations will provide the remaining 10%.

But for the Upson family, the statistics are not so broad but much more personal.

KeAndra, Jessie and their four children currently live in a two-bedroom apartment, with the children sharing a room. They are ready to put in their "sweat hours" and plan for buying their new home, considered by them as truly "a gift from God." The Upsons attend Victory Church in Columbus. They are determined to use this blessing to build a better life for their family and to share their story of good fortune with others.

KeAndra works at Whataburger in Columbus and will soon begin to train for a management position with the company. Jessie currently works with yard maintenance and plans to study automotive mechanics at WCJC in the fall.

Building activity will commence in April. Drive by State Street to check out the progress or become a part of this worthwhile effort by joining the volunteers you'll see working there. Watch for signs. And, best of all, join in the Upson family's joy and efforts. To learn more or volunteer please call the CCHFH office at 979-732-5677.

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is a multi-year,

multi-million dollar partnership between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International. Thrivent Builds is designed to involve Thrivent members and Lutherans in helping provide a "hand up" to people who lack decent shelter, offering them a path to greater economic independence. Excluding government funding, Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is Habitat's largest single source of funding, constructing more than 2,000 homes in the U.S. and around the world since 2005. For more information, visit www.thriventbuilds.com

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (CCHFH) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry working to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in Colorado County, Texas. The goal of the organization is to partner with donors, volunteers and prospective homeowners to create decent, affordable housing for those in need and to make shelter a matter of conscience with people everywhere. Since its incorporation in 1995, CCHFH has built eight houses and hopes to build 10 more in the next five years. For more information, visit www.coloradocountyhfh.org.

About Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit membership organization helping approximately 2.6 million members achieve their financial goals and give back to their communities. As a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society, Thrivent Financial sponsors national outreach programs and activities that support congregations, schools, charitable organizations and individuals in need. Thrivent financial has main offices in Minneapolis, Minn., and Appleton, Wis. For more information, visit www.thrivent.com.

February Egg Production Down Seven Percent From A Year Ago

Feb. egg production in Texas totaled 367 million eggs, down seven percent from Feb. 2009 and down 11 percent from Jan. 2010, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during Feb. averaged 18 million, down seven percent from last year and down one percent from Jan.

Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,041 eggs, down from last year's 2,025 eggs and down from last month's 2,263 eggs.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 51.4 million, up slightly from last year.

United States egg production totaled 6.90 billion eggs during Feb., down slightly from a year ago.

Production included 5.92 billion table eggs, 915 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 68 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 339 million during Feb., down one percent from a year ago.

Production per 100 layers was 2,038 eggs, up one percent from Feb. 2009.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.1 million, up nine percent from Feb. 2009.

The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 700 million, was down slightly from Feb. of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.36 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during Feb., up two percent from Feb. 2009.

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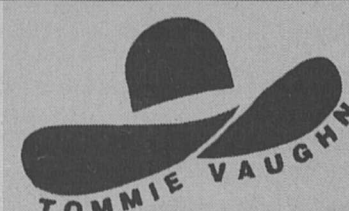
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