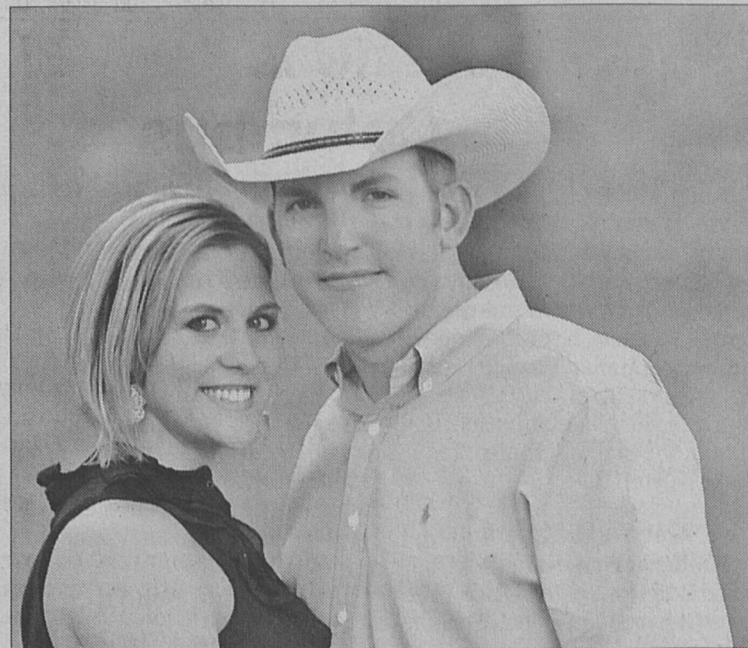




Staff, Stancik Announce Engagement, Wedding

Frank and Monica Staff of Nada are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Camille Kay Staff, to Lance Alan Stancik, son of David A. and Janis Stancik of La Grange.

Camille is the granddaughter of Pete Merta and the late Anni-mae Merta of El Campo and Leonard and Rose Staff of Nada.

Lance is the grandson of the late Edgar A. Roitsch and Eva Marie Roitsch of La Grange and the late Lee Roy Stancik and Bernice Stancik of Glidden.

Camille is a 2004 graduate of Rice CISD, undergraduate at Sam Houston State University graduating in May 2010 from UTHSCSA with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Lance is a 2002 graduate of La Grange High School and attended Texas A&M University. He owns his own business, Backwater Retrievers and Backwater Waterfowl Outfitters.

The couple will exchange vows on May 15, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Free Seminar On Rural Energy For America Program

USDA Rural Development will hold a community-wide discussion for those interested in the Rural Energy for America Program, which provides financial assistance to rural businesses and agricultural producers interested in pursuing renewable energy or energy efficiency projects.

The meeting will take place April 8, 2010 at the W.E. Hill Community Center, 1000 Main, in Sealy.

The Rural Energy for American Program offers competitive grants, guaranteed loans, and combination grant/guaranteed loans to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements in rural areas.

The program also provides competitive grants to rural small businesses and agricultural producers to help them pay for the cost of a detailed, professional, independent feasibility study of

their prospective renewable energy projects.

Assistance is limited to \$50,000 or 25% of the cost of the study, whichever is less.

"We're excited to offer this program to those who want to save money and conserve energy, but are unable to do so without financial assistance," said Paco Valentin, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development.

"As we continue to find ways to make America more energy independent, the projects this program supports will become more and more important."

According to program details, renewable energy is defined as energy derived from a wind, solar, biomass, or geothermal source; or hydrogen derived from biomass or water using wind, biomass, or geothermal energy sources.

For more information, call your local USDA Rural Development office at (979) 849-5251 ext. 4 or visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/bp.htm.

USDA Announces Funding To Community Projects

The U.S. Department of Agriculture launched a 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' initiative late last year, which promotes local and regional food systems by stimulating community economic development and providing access to affordable fresh food locally.

USDA Rural Development has \$40 million available under the Community Facility Program in Texas in the form of guaranteed loans, low interest loans and grants for community projects, including those included in this initiative.

"It is vital that people begin to

understand fully where their food comes from and how it gets to their dinner tables," commented Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "The 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' Initiative creates new economic opportunities by better connecting consumers with local producers and we are excited to have the opportunity to assist in this process."

The USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program offers direct and guaranteed loans, as well as grants, to finance the development of essential community facilities serving rural

Colorado County Tree Health Seminar

Do you have dead or dying trees and want to know what's killing them?

Given the recent droughts and extreme stress our trees have been under many of them are beginning to show signs of poor health.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Colorado County will be

hosting a Tree Health Seminar on Thursday, April 8, at the Colorado County Services Facility. Dr. David Appel, Professor & Associate Department

Head for Plant Pathology and Microbiology will be the guest speaker for the evening.

Dr. Appel has spent the last 20 years studying Oak Wilt and will

give an update on identifying and managing the disease.

Additionally, he will cover other topics related to tree health for a variety of tree species.

Registration will begin at 6:00pm with the program starting at 6:30 pm and will conclude at 8:00 p.m.

Two CEU's, (1 IPM and 1 General) will be offered to all pesticide applicators.

If you are interested in participating or need any additional information please contact the Colorado County Extension Office at (979) 732-2082 to pre-register!

Romance Is Alive And Well In The United States

All across the country romance is blossoming. More couples are going to movies, sales of romance novels are climbing and sweethearts continue to exchange chocolate in heart-shaped boxes.

While America witnessed the worst economic collapse in generations, movie attendance rose 16 percent last year, the highest increase in two decades, according to Media by Numbers. Couples taking-in movies no doubt contributed to this growth, say experts.

And with many book categories experiencing significant

drops in sales last year, Nielsen BookScan noted a rise in the adult fiction category, with many publishers reporting an increase in the popularity of romance novels, in particular.

In today's tough times, couples are enjoying romantic movies and books that transport them to other periods in their lives.

And other statistics show that American couples could be enjoying dates more frequently. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 23.8 pounds of chocolate is consumed annually by the average American, much of it on Valentine's Day.

No matter if your idea of romance is an escapist novel, a romantic comedy or a Barry White CD, you're not alone in seeking more romance.

New Rules for Chicks at County Fair

There have been some changes made in the Colorado County Fair Broiler Show for 2010.

This year the chicks will be banded with each exhibitor having his/her own number for their chicks.

Chicks will cost \$1.45 each and a minimum of 25 chicks must be ordered. Fifty chicks will be the maximum number an exhibitor may order. There will also be a \$10 tag-in fee per exhibitor for the chick order.

The cost of the chicks and the tag-in fee must be paid at the time the order is placed.

Chick orders must be placed at the Colorado County Extension Office, 316 Spring Street in Columbus. The deadline for ordering chicks is Friday, April 30, 2010.

Broilers must have bands intact at the Colorado County Fair Broiler Show. Broilers without bands will not be allowed in the show.



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This damage is caused by milk or other carbohydrate containing liquids staying on the teeth and allowing bacteria that are normally present in the mouth to attack the teeth by forming "plaque acids." These acids create holes in the teeth (cavities) and can lead to deeper infections of the tiny nerves within them. The susceptibility to cavities is also increased because the flow of protective saliva is greatly reduced during sleep.

If your child must use a bottle or spill-proof cup at bedtime, substitute water or something unsweetened, or use a pacifier.

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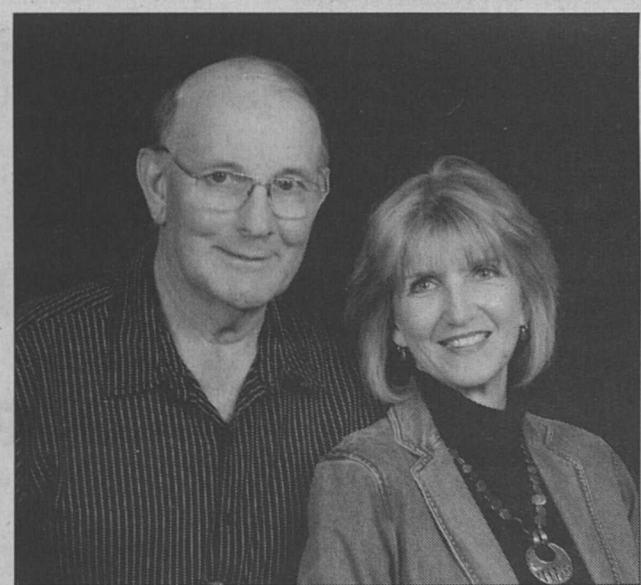
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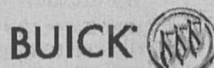
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