

Engagement Announced



Sara Johnson and Brandon Christian

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Johnson of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Suttles of Killeen are proud to announce the engagement of their children Sara Ann and Brandon Christian.

Sara is the granddaughter of Joe and Millie Johnson of Lexington and Don and Mick Wiggins of Texas City. Brandon is the grandson of Jutta and Luther Suttles of Panama City, FL; Jenny and Lon Pierce of Lynn Haven, FL; and Edna Nixon of Wewahitchka, FL.

Sara graduated from Lexington HS in 2005. She received a degree in Bioenvironmental Science from Texas A&M in December 2009 and is currently employed at Galleria Marketing in Houston.

Brandon graduated from Harker Heights HS in 2003. He is currently working on a Poultry Science degree from Texas A&M and is employed with AT&T in Houston.

An April 17th wedding is planned at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington.

The 2010 United States Census

In mid March the US Census Bureau will distribute a census packet to every structure that could be used as a living area. Each building has been cataloged with a GPS location. If the location has no mailbox or the household utilizes a post office box, the packet will be hand delivered.

The census forms for one person are SIMPLE to fill out. They consist of 10 questions and do not request any information that could be considered invasive. The questions ask: 1. How many people live in the house? 2. Are there any additional people living in the house that you did not include in the previous question? 3. What type of building do you live in? 4. What is

your telephone number? 5. Name of person? 6. Sex of person? 7. Person's birthdate? 8. Is person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? 9. What is the person's race? 10. Does the person sometimes live or stay somewhere else? A page is required for each person in the household. If you require assistance or need additional forms, an office is being set up in the Giddings Library (on Orange Avenue/FM 141 just north of Highway 290). The Due Date for mailing in the census forms is April 1, 2010.

Notice that there are NO requests for your Social Security Number, your employer, your salary, your citizenship, your marital

status, or your legal status with law enforcement. The Census just wants an accurate count of the number of living humans. This data will determine the number of legislative delegates that will represent the local area. It will also determine the amount of funding that the Federal Government sends to local communities.

The most important thing to know is that if you mail in your forms you Will NOT have to speak to any employee of the Census Bureau. If you fail to mail in the forms, a Census Bureau employee will continue to visit you until all forms are filled out.

Rusty Scholl, Chairman
Lee County Complete Count Committee

New Law Affects 18- to 24-year-Old Driver License Applicants

Starting March 1, 2010, driver license applicants between the ages of 18 and 24 must complete an approved driver education course and a driving skills test to become a licensed driver in Texas. Applicants must submit a certificate proving that they successfully completed a driver education course approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Senate Bill 1317, passed by the 81st Texas Legislature in 2009, created this requirement and authorized the development of a six-hour adult driver education course to meet the needs of this group of drivers.

Applicants who present proof of successful completion of the approved course will not be required to submit to the written highway signs and traffic laws test required under section 521.161 of the Texas Transportation Code, but must still pass the driving

skills examination.

A driving safety course or drug and alcohol driving awareness program are not acceptable as driver education courses for this requirement. A list of approved courses can be found here:

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/drive/active.html>

This change in the law does not affect applicants ages 15 to 17, who are still required to complete a driver education course to be licensed.

Tea Party Scheduled in Paige

Members of the Lee County Tea Party will host a meeting this Friday, March 6, beginning at 6:30. The event will be held at the Paige Community Center. Speakers will include Lee County Judge Paul Fischer, who will talk on the duties of the County Judge; Dr. Kinsfather from Giddings will speak on Healthcare and Lucas Sheffield, a representative from Congressman Michael McCaul's office will speak as well. A member of Border Watch, a group whose main focus is on our borders will have a representative available to speak too.

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