

Fifth Shelly Lee Alley tribute set for June 13

The Fifth Annual Shelly Lee Alley Tribute slated Saturday, June 13, at the historic 1886 Stafford Opera House in Columbus will offer fans of Texas swing music a rare, and perhaps the last, opportunity to see true legends of country music on the same stage.

The 7:30 p.m. performance will feature legendary fiddler Johnny Gimble and the venerable vocalist Leon Rausch, both former Texas Playboys, along with Country Music Hall of Famer Floyd Tillman in a very rare public appearance.

Van Williams, considered the most accurate interpreter of the music of Jimmy Rodgers, the father of country music, will also perform, and special appearances are scheduled by

Leon "Pappy" Selph and Cliff Bruner. Selph and Bruner are legendary fiddlers from the days of Bob Wills and the Lightcrust Doughboys who played and recorded with Shelly Lee Alley.

Tickets for the show, which is expected to be a sell-out for the third straight year, are \$15 per person and available at The Style Shop in Columbus, at Jimmy Copeland Chrysler Plymouth Jeep Eagle in Tomball, or by telephone at 409-732-2917 for credit card orders.

The show is the fifth tribute to Shelly Lee Alley, the Colorado County songwriter, musician and radio pioneer who wrote such songs as "The Travelin' Blues," and "Gamb-

blin' Barroom Blues," both of which were recorded by Rodgers in the early 1930's. "The Travelin' Blues" has since been recorded by more than 20 other artists, including Gene Autry, Bob Wills, Hank Snow, Merle Haggard and John Lee Hooker.

Shelly Lee Alley Jr. and his son Chad Alley, will also appear to sing the songs of Shelly Lee Alley. Stage band for the annual show is Clyde Brewer and the Original River Road Boys, with steel guitarist Herb Remington, A Western Swing Hall of Famer who was with the Texas Playboys in the late 1940's and early 1950's, and Joel Brewer. Clyde Brewer, a legend in his own right in Texas music, is the step-son of Shelly Lee Alley.

Returning as master of ceremonies for the fifth straight year will be Hall of Fame disk jockey Larry Scott, who emcees the all-night radio show from WBAP Radio in Fort Worth.

"This is indeed a rare opportunity to see many of those who helped originate country music as we know it

today," said Tex Rodgers of Columbus, co-producer of the show with Clyde Brewer. "While Cliff Bruner and Pappy Selph have been popular stars in previous tributes, both are now 84 years old and do not make near as many appearances together as in the past."

Floyd Tillman also makes few public appearances, but has said he would like to make this show because Shelly Lee Alley helped give him his start in music in Houston in 1938. Tillman was scheduled to appear in the 1997 show, but his wife of many years died the day of the show and he could not appear. Tillman has vowed to make good on his 1998 date.

The show in the 600-seat Stafford Opera House has been a sell out the past two years, so western swing fans are encouraged to get their tickets as soon as possible.

The event is a production of Magnolia Homes Tour Inc. and sponsored in part by Jimmy Copeland Chrysler Plymouth-Eagle Jeep of Tomball.



CCLEA gets donation

The Colorado County Law Enforcement Association (CCLEA) has purchased two shirts for each of the four Colorado County Constables and Al Jamison, candidate for County Judge, matched the donation with four new rain suits.

Pictured are, from left, Jamison, Pct. 3 Constable Ivan Menke, CCLEA President Shirley Kearbey and Pct. 4 Constable Wilfred Luedecke.

CCLEA raises funds to purchase items not included in budgets for area law enforcement agencies. The 1998 Wish List includes: HP laser printer, push bumper, 35mm cameras, portable radios, video camcorder, several radars, Alco Check Brand breathalizers, bullet-proof vests, jackets and computers.

For more information about CCLEA, call 409-732-5061; or write P.O. Box 212, Columbus, Texas 78934. Photo Courtesy of Shirley Kearbey

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

INTERMITTENT CLAUDICATION

Atherosclerosis, also called arteriosclerosis and hardening of the arteries, causes a narrowing of the vessels or blockage due to plaque build-up on the inner arterial walls. When the major artery that branches below the abdomen to feed the legs is affected and the circulation to the legs is diminished, the result is painful leg and foot cramping upon walking called intermittent claudication. Left untreated, the decrease in oxygenated blood needed to nourish the legs and feet may cause pain and cramping even when you are at rest or asleep. Considering that intermittent claudication is a major symptom of a more generalized vascular problem, your doctor may suggest you see a vascular specialist.

While our specialty is feet, our work in podiatry can affect all parts of the body. And as podiatrists, we have a unique opportunity to get an insight into how other systems of the body are working. With our knowledge and experience, your cooperation, teamwork with other medical care givers, and the power of podiatry, we'll have you again walking with a smile. For foot care for the family, please call 234-5571, at Rice Medical Center. I am there every Tuesday.

P.S. Your podiatrist may suggest ways to improve the local circulation and ease the foot pain associated with intermittent claudication.

Miller is new member of Sigma Tau Delta

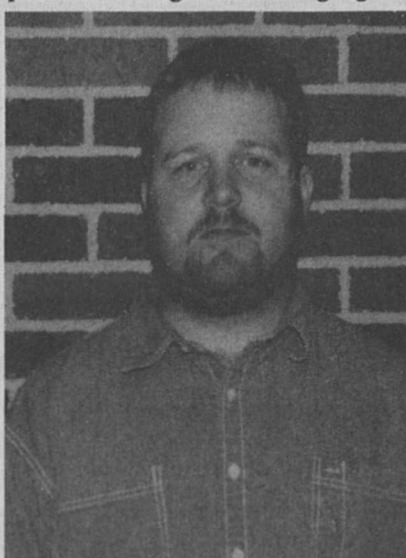
Nine Tarleton State University students were inducted into the Kappa Chi Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta during ceremonies held this spring. Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society open to English majors and minors.

Among those inducted this spring was Benjamin Wade Miller, a senior from Eagle Lake.

Eligible members must have at least six hours in upper-level English courses and maintain a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) in those courses. They must also carry a 3.0 or better overall GPA.

Induction ceremonies were held in conjunction with Creative Writing

Day hosted by the University's Department of English and Languages.



Edwards joins the U.S. Navy

Isley Edwards, a 1998 graduate of Rice High School, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy for guaranteed training in the Job Oriented Basic Skills Program which offers training that can lead to jobs including Gas Turbine Systems and Machinist's Mate.

Edwards, the son of Isah and Janett Edwards of Garwood, enlisted under the Delayed Entry program and will report for active duty to undergo basic training on Aug. 13, 1998, at the Navy's Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill.

Petty Officer Shannon Derik, of the Rosenberg Recruiting Station, Edward's recruiter, noted that Edwards may go on to additional schooling or be assigned to any one of the Navy's many duty stations around the world.

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CCYFS Mentoring Program growing

F.R.I.E.N.D.S. is the mentoring division of Colorado County Youth and Family Services (CCYFS) S.T.A.R. program.

The S.T.A.R. program serves youth aged 7-17 and their families, providing crisis intervention, counseling, resource referral, coping skills group and parenting classes.

F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Mentoring Program matches youth who are already utilizing S.T.A.R. services with a volunteer mentor or big brother/sister type person.

The youth and mentor then spend time together doing things they mutually enjoy; homework, basketball,

shopping, talking, etc.

CCYFS has recently announced that the F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Mentoring Program is expanding the number of youth it can serve and the length of time they can be served.

The program, which was limited to six months with each child, has now expanded to enable the mentor to work with the youth for up to two years.

Added to the individual component of the program is Group Mentoring, which allows youth to attend group activities related to a real life skill.

Each activity is out on by CCYFS staff and mentors.

This is a dramatic increase to a program which CCYFS fully believes is important to the community and its youth's future.

Becoming a mentor is easy, and at this time, there is a need for more volunteers.

If you are interested or have questions, please call BeLinda at 800-256-7321.

CCYFS is a private non-profit agency dedicated to serving youth and families in the community.

The F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Mentoring Program is funded by a grant from Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Roy Gustavo Garcia Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gustavo Garcia Sr. of Columbus are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born May 27, 1998, at 12:51 a.m.

Roy Gustavo weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and measured 19-3/4 inches at birth.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Benito Rangel of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. Pedro Garcia of San Felipe and Mrs. Reyna Sanchez of Columbus.

Great grandparents are Mr. Attilano Cardenas Sr. of Eagle Lake and the late Lucy Cardenas.

The new mom is the former Erica Rangel of Eagle Lake.

Kaylen Daryl Neubauer

Darryl and Melissa Neubauer of Altair are proud to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born at 5:18 p.m. May 27, 1998, at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Kaylen Daryl weighed eight pounds and measured 20 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by Garrett Lee, age seven, and Kristen LeeAnn, five.

Maternal grandparents are Lawrence and Oze Ruether of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Harvey and Tillie Neubauer of Altair.

Great-grandparents are Charlie and Mary Ruether of Columbus, Olivia Schramm of Nelsonville and Ida Neubauer of Hallettsville.

The mom is the former Melissa Ruether.

Garwood School honors readers

Garwood School conducted an Accelerated Reading Contest during the weeks of Feb. 1 and March 6. During this time, students read and were tested on accelerated reader books. The top three readers were presented with a plaque for their efforts during an assembly in the school gym.

First place went to 5th grader Guadalupe Saenz, pictured at left, who read 17 books and accumulated 86.5 points. Second place went to 7th grader Vanessa Johnson, at center, with 14 books and 80.9 points. Third place was 5th grader Frankie Guthrie, at right, who read 19 books and accumulated 77.5 points.

Congratulations to these students and to all those who participated. Garwood School Photo

JUNE 6-7 1998

OKLAND FIREMAN'S FESTIVAL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- FRIDAY**
- "Crabtree Amusement Carnival" 7-10 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Horned Toad Trot 5K Run-1 Mile Walk Register: 7 a.m. Race Begins: 8 a.m.
 - Arts & Crafts Booths and Food Booths Open 11 a.m.
 - Carnival Opens 11
 - "The Chicks", Musical Entertainers 11 a.m.-12 a.m.
 - Joe Bunnell, Singer/Guitarist 12-1 p.m.
 - Horseshoe Pitching Contest 1 p.m.
 - Wildman, One Man Band-Wayne Weidon 1-5 p.m.
 - "The Chicks", 2nd performance 1 p.m.-2 p.m.
 - Erin Lee, Singer/Entertainer 2-3 p.m.
 - Cake Walk 3 p.m.
 - "The Chicks", 3rd performance 3-4 p.m.
 - Joe Bunnell, 2nd performance 4-5 p.m.
 - BBQ Cookoff Judging 5:30 p.m.
 - Bo Walker, Musical Entertainer 5-6 p.m.
 - Joe Bunnell, 3rd performance 6-7 p.m.
 - "Sky Is The Limit Parachuting Team" 7 p.m.
 - Chris Rybak, Accordionist/Entertainer 7-8 p.m.
 - "Kathy Ross", Singer/Entertainer 8-9 p.m.
 - Fireworks Display 9 p.m.
 - "Midnite Rodeo Dance" 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE
 - "Regina Matthews", National Championship Fiddler
 - Erin Lee, Singer/Entertainer
- SUNDAY**
- Volleyball Tournament Register 8 a.m. Tournament starts 9 a.m.
 - Booths Open 10 a.m.
 - Parade 11:30 a.m.
 - BBQ Dinner 12 noon
 - Bo Walker, Entertainer
 - Auction 1 p.m.
 - Bo Walker, Entertainer
 - Prize Raffle Drawing 5:30 p.m.
 - Festival Closes 6 p.m.

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