

Cranek, Mathis plan Feb. wedding

James "Cotton" and Connie Cranek of Garwood announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Ann Cranek of Katy, to Brandon Wayne Mathis of Eagle Lake, son of Jim and Shelia Mathis of Eagle Lake.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Louis and Leona Cranek of Garwood and the late Leo and Angeline Hoffman of Nada.

Grandparents of the future groom are Johnny and Ernestine Brom and the late Edward "Bud" Briscoe, James Mathis Sr. and the late Selma Mathis, all of Eagle Lake.

Ashley is a Dec. 1998 graduate of Southwest Texas State University where she received a Bachelor's degree in Health Information Management. She is employed by Christus St. Catherine Hospital in Katy as a Performance Improvement Coordinator.

Brandon is a May 2001 graduate of Southwest Texas State University where he received a Bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sports Science. He is employed by Rice Independent School District as a coach and teacher.

The couple will be married at 1:30 p.m., February 9, 2002 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Area youth attend conference

The Colorado County Youth Council took their summer trip June 6 and 7. The group held various fund-raiser to collect the money to attend the 2001 Texas Network of Youth Services Annual Youth Leadership Conference.

They also traveled to New Braunfels to spend the day at Schlitterbaun Waterpark.

The following day, they attended the conference in Austin to meet other

groups from all over the state. They learned how to be leaders in their communities and to utilize their leadership abilities to advocate for the community's need.

The recruiting of new members is now taking place.

If you are between the ages of 14 and 18 and are interested in becoming part of the Youth Council, please contact Amy Heller at 979-732-8355 or 1-800-256-7321.



Youth Council members attending the Youth Leadership Conference were, in front, from left, Jamie Bolin, Savannah Spears, Kassi Bolin, Hailey Janicka, Kelli Naumann, Tekisha Dabney and Abby Youens. In back, Stephanie Bednar and Amy Heller, youth council advisors.

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Glaizer, Sunderman to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Glaizer of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shara Lynn, to Kurt Michael Sunderman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sunderman of Eagle Lake.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Nelson of Columbus and Edna Glaizer of Eagle Lake and the late Chester Glaizer.

A graduate of Rice High School and Wharton County Junior College with an Associate degree in Applied Science in Health Information Technology, Shara is employed as a registered health information technician with Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. "Sonny" Spanihel of Eagle Lake and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sunderman.

Kurt is a graduate of Rice High School and Wharton County Junior College with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Radiologic Technology. He will be receiving a Diagnostic Sonography degree in Dec. 2001 from Wharton County Junior College. He is employed with the Methodist Sugar Land Hospital.

A Feb. 2 wedding is planned at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus.

Colorado-Fayette County Pecan Show is Nov. 29

The Colorado-Fayette County Pecan Show is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Weimar.

The County Pecan Show or Grading Demonstration has played an important role for the Texas pecan industry by teaching growers how to grade their pecans for better prices and successful marketing.

If you have one tree or hundreds, you are welcome to participate in this year's show. If you plan to enter, you may submit your entries to the County Extension Office on or before Nov. 28 or you may bring them on the day of the show at 8 a.m.

The rules for this year's show are: (1) pecans must be from 2001 crop and produced in Colorado or Fayette County; (2) each entry should consist of at least 55 pecans for improved and native varieties; (3) the exhibitor must be the grower; (4) you may enter as many native as you wish (natives should not be mixed); (5) exhibitors are limited to one entry of each named variety that you grow; (6) pecans should be placed in paper bags with exhibitor's name,

address, phone number, county and variety written on the bag; (7) plaques and ribbons will be awarded to the winning entries, with winners advancing to the State Show; (8) pecans entered in the show will become property of the show.

Pecans will be sold and the money used to keep the show self-sustaining.

If you need more information, please feel free to call the County Extension Office at 979-732-2082.

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parents to the Parental Involvement Conference in Victoria.

Her campus also held a Child Find Day Oct. 17 to help identify children with special needs.

Oct. 23, the third graders put on a program for that month's PTO meeting. Their was a good turn out of parents and community members.

Coleman expressed appreciation to her staff for working so hard for the upcoming DEC visit.

Eagle Lake Middle School's Principal Raymond Beall reported his enrollment at 306. He said his campus is focusing on Classroom Management Skills and creating and maintaining a safe learning environment.

He is enforcing the dress code and immediately contacting parents about any violations.

Beall praised the members of his PTO for attending the last meeting and completely remodeling the concession stands for athletic events.

He said his campus is very positive and working hard to upgrade the standards of the school.

Don Wild, principal of Sheridan, updated the Board on events taking place in Sheridan.

Region III recently came and gave a workshop on increasing parental involvement.

Wild also informed Board members to attend the annual Halloween Carnival Oct. 27.

Garwood School's Principal Eric Grogan reported his enrollment at 177 students. He said they had a total of 20 parents come to the first Garwood Association of Parents meeting.

Oct. 24 and 25, his campus administered the first TAAS benchmark tests to determine areas of weakness.

Michael Lanier of Rice High School said all is going well on his campus. The teachers are gearing up for the DEC visit and continuing to use the new gradebook and attendance program on the computer.

He also expressed excitement over the football team's success. He received compliments from Board members on the quality of this year's band performance.

Dr. Cynthia Saha of the Boot Camp said she has 116 students currently enrolled in her program. Thirty-eight of her students made the honor roll. A TEA/TYC Audit team visited and gave no critiques to the Correctional Facility.

Dr. Richard Gott gave an update on the Accelerated Reader Program

district wide. He gave Board members new guidelines for using the program on each campus, according to each grade level. Gott expressed the importance of maintaining a district wide policy on points and grading when using this program.

In new business, Board members heard an update from Coleman on the use of Title VI funds for class size reduction.

She explained the \$69,882 received was being used to fund teachers in both the second and third grades at the ELPS campus. In the third grade, this has brought the student to teacher ratio down to 14:1.

The Board approved early dismissal for Nov. 9 and 16.

Nov. 9 will be used for parent conferences and Nov. 16 will be used for a district wide report on the DEC visit and its results.

A Correctional Services Corporation contract was approved unanimously by Board members. It lists everything that is being done between Rice Consolidated and the Colorado County Correction Services Facility.

Board members approved the addition of names to signature cards for banking and check writing purposes.

The Dyslexia handbook submitted by Candy McCreary was approved, provided that recommended changes are made.

The 4-H Club Resolution and Adjunct Faculty Agreement was approved. This allows students to participate in off-campus 4-H activities and not be counted absent.

The Board also approved the Internet Use Policy and Agreement. All employees will sign this stating they understand the District policy regarding the use of the Internet.

The Board discussed the purchasing of extra student insurance at a cost of \$10,000. This would offer parents a secondary form of insurance in case of athletic injury.

It would also act as a primary source of insurance in the case a child does not have any other coverage.

This item was tabled for later discussion.

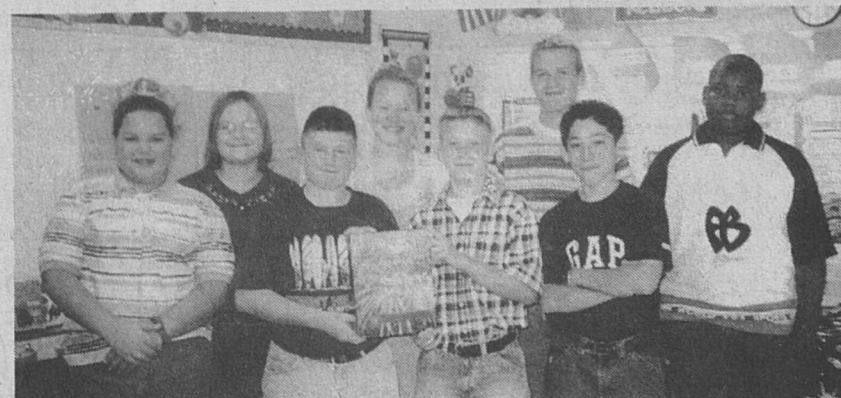
The Board approved the low bid for a new truck to be used at the High School. Hilltop Motor Company won the bid at \$24,493.

The next regular scheduled board meeting was to be at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at the Administration Building. The public is invited to attend.

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lecture given by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. at the McCreary Auction House, 201 S. McCarty Ave., Eagle Lake. Speakers will include Dan Utley and Geron Hite. ELPA will also host a follow up workshop given by the THC at a later date. For more information, call 979-234-6848 or talk to any ELPA member.

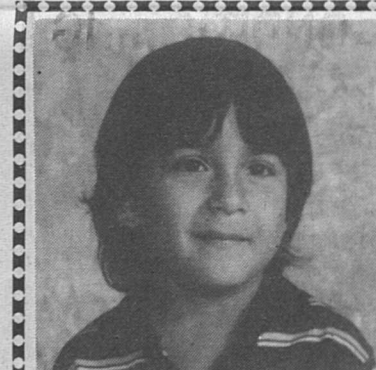


Garwood poets

These students from Garwood School were chosen to have their poems published in a poetry anthology in the Spring of 2001. The contest was held for students in Texas to encourage writing and creativity. Pictured above, from left, are Bernadette Jurica, Audrey Drlik, Karl Vasut, Sasha Sharp, Dane Krenke, Luke Shimek, Bryan Rodriguez and Jonathan Shorter.

Garwood School Photo

Happy Birthday
God Daddy
Joe
Love,
Aaliyah



Look Who
Turned 21!
Happy Birthday!

Nov. 26th

Love,
Your Family



Foot
Facts



By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
PREGNANCY & FOOT PAIN

Aching feet are a common problem for pregnant women. As a woman gains weight during pregnancy, her center of gravity changes. She stands and walks differently, which places pressure on her knees and feet. Two common foot problems associated with pregnancy-related weight gain are over-pronation and edema. With over-pronation, or flat feet, a woman's feet roll inward while walking. This condition can cause pain while straining the feet, calves, and/or back. Edema, or swelling in the feet, typically occurs toward the end of a pregnancy and results from excess blood accumulating in the lower extremities. Blood vessels in the pelvis and legs constrict as the growing uterus pushes outward, slowing circulation and causing blood to pool toward the feet.

Just as you put your prenatal care in the hands of a specialist, so should you entrust your hard-working feet to a specialist - a podiatrist. It's time to pay attention to what your feet are trying to tell you when each step is more painful than the one before. Don't ignore foot problems, whether caused by pregnancy, injuries, diseases, or inherited conditions. Your feet aren't supposed to hurt and there is help through the techniques of modern podiatry when they do. Our office is located at Rice Medical Center. I am there every Tuesday. Call 234-5571.

P.S. Leg cramps and varicose veins are also common during pregnancy.



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vation Coordinator, will be presenting information on the Historic Texas Cemetery designation.

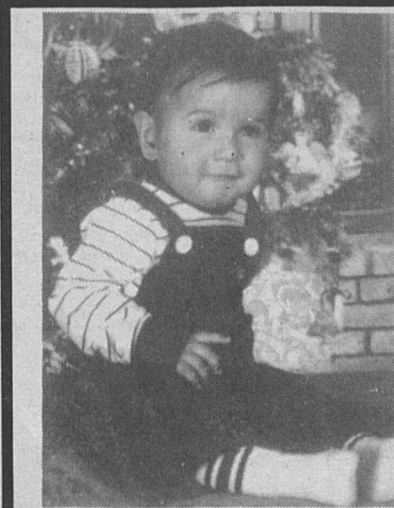
This is a great format for participants with specific projects in mind, as well as those who are just curious.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this exciting opportunity to expand his or her knowledge about Texas Historical Markers.

Participants should come prepared with any information they may have pertaining to their objective. For those who have ever had any interest in this subject it is sincerely hoped that they will attend this free lecture.

ELPA will be hosting a follow up workshop given by the THC at a later date.

For more information, please call 979-234-6848 or talk to any ELPA member.



Happy 21st
Birthday
"Peaches"

Nov. 26