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## Arispe elected as president of Texas Chief Deputy Association



COURTESY PHOTO  
Chief Deputy George Arispe

Chief Deputy George Arispe of the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department, was elected president of the Texas Chief Deputies Association during the group's annual conference, held June 16-19th in Kerrville. He succeeded outgoing president Mike Redwine, Chief Deputy of the Mitchell County Sheriff's Department.

Arispe, a 16-year law enforcement veteran, has served as Chief Deputy of the local department for the past 12 years. His entire law enforcement career has been

spent serving here in Schleicher County.

Arispe will lead the statewide organization for the next year. He says his primary goal for the coming year is to encourage 100 percent participation from the state's 254 chief deputies.

There were 192 chief deputies in attendance at this year's conference and they were able to take advantage of various classes and seminars. Lawmen attending the conference were able to accumulate 28 hours of continuing education as required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

Among those on hand to see Arispe take over as the association's new president were his wife, Annie and granddaughter Tiffany Hernandez, as well as Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran and his wife Lenette.

"It is an honor to be chosen to serve as president of the Texas Chief Deputies Association," Arispe stated. "I am proud to be a member of such a group of dedicated law enforcement officers."

Chief Deputy Ed Kervit of the Midland County Sheriff's Department will serve as the association's 1st Vice President for the next year. He is slated to take the reins of the association at next year's conference when he succeeds Arispe as president.

## Be patriotic: Drive safely for July 4

Texas drivers are urged to drive safely during the July 4 holiday weekend. Starting Friday and continuing through Sunday, Texas Highway Patrol troopers will be out in force, looking for people who are driving drunk, speeding or not wearing safety belts.

"Texans can avoid jail by driving sober. Designate a sober driver before the drinking starts and make sure the driver stays sober," said Highway Patrol chief David Baker. "We want to make sure people are safe. It's important also to make sure that everyone is properly secured by seat belts or in car seats or booster seats."

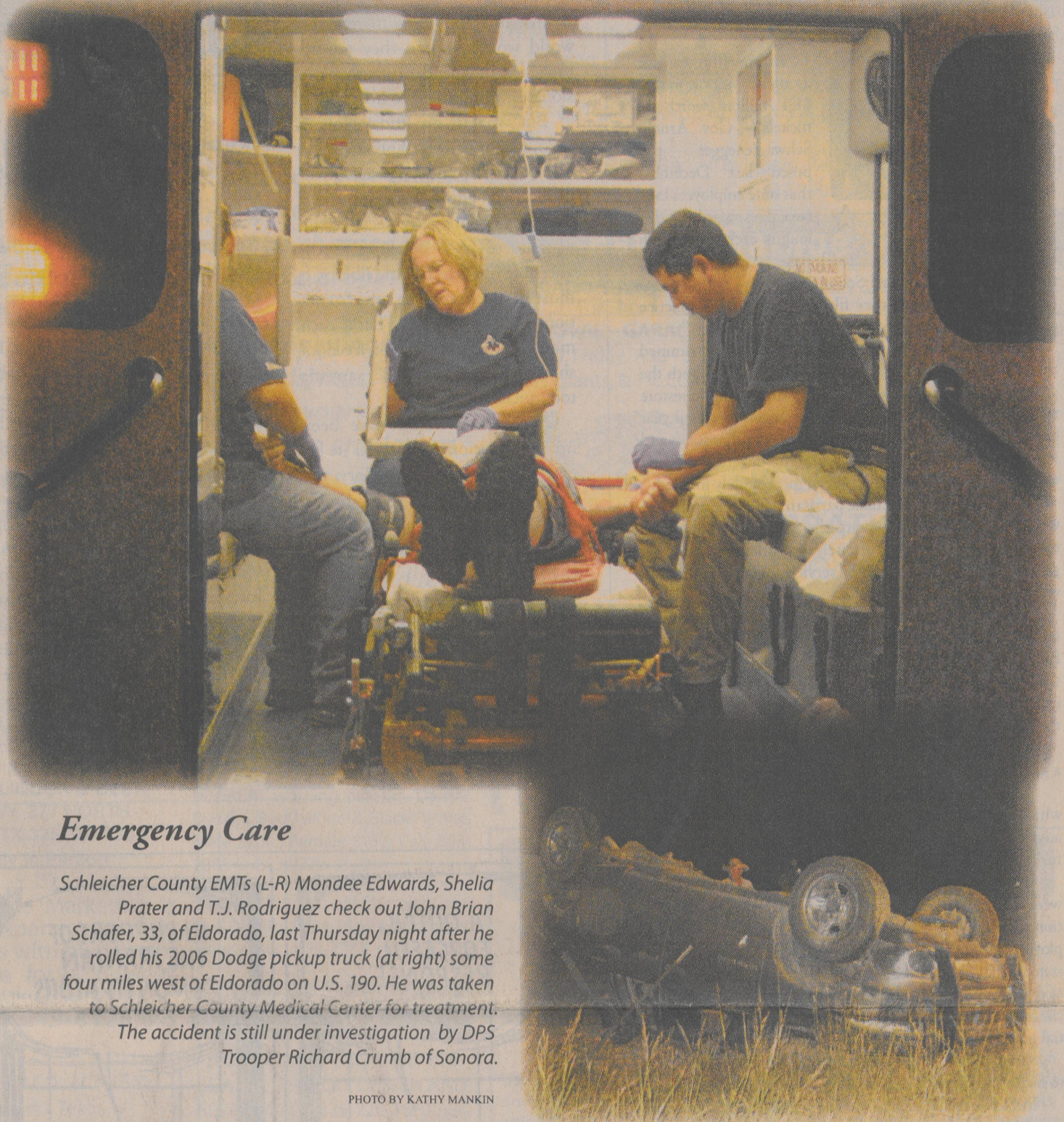
Last year during the extended holiday weekend (July 3-6), DPS troopers made 772 driving while intoxicated arrests and issued 12,918 speeding citations. During that same weekend, they issued 3,026 tickets for safety belt violations and 434 for child safety seat violations.

Troopers are participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction

Effort)—a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. They are also participating in Operation Holiday—a statewide effort by law enforcement to reduce fatalities during holiday weekends.

Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers:

- Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed.
- Secure everyone in the vehicle properly, either with a safety belt or in the appropriate car seat or booster.
- Save phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to make your calls.
- Make sure you have enough gas in the fuel tank to make it to your destination.
- Drive with courtesy—do not participate in road rage behavior.
- Make sure tires are properly inflated and fluids are at the appropriate levels. Check fan belts for excessive wear.



### Emergency Care

Schleicher County EMTs (L-R) Mondee Edwards, Shelia Prater and T.J. Rodriguez check out John Brian Schafer, 33, of Eldorado, last Thursday night after he rolled his 2006 Dodge pickup truck (at right) some four miles west of Eldorado on U.S. 190. He was taken to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment. The accident is still under investigation by DPS Trooper Richard Crumb of Sonora.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

## Silver Spur Ball slated July 24 to support WTRC

Dust off your dancing shoes as traditional country and western swing players Johnny Dickinson and Big Country are coming to the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Angelo. The occasion is the annual Silver Spur Ball Friday, July 24 benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

The evening also will include a light supper by Outback Steakhouse as well as a silent auction with more than 100 hand-crafted and retail items up for bid. In addition, there will be casino games

and a drawing for a hand-made, king-size quilt.

Tickets are \$30 per couple or \$15 per person and are available at the Rehab Center. Tables for ten are available on a first come, first served basis.

In 18 years, the Silver Spur Ball has raised more than \$365,000 for the Center, thanks to the generous support of sponsors and those who attend each year. Event underwriting is being provided by West Central Wireless, Concho Valley Home Health Care and Superior Services. Additional funding is by Angelo Fleet & Industrial Supply,

Busker's Body Shop, Catholic Life Insurance, City Lumber, J.L. Mercer Boot Co., Milford Engineering, San Angelo Standard-Times, Wal-Mart of Ballinger and Wal-Mart Super Center of San Angelo.

Singer/guitarist Johnny Dickinson fronts a five-piece band with a steel guitar, fiddle, bass and drums. A popular regional band, the group plays a mix of traditional country music and western

swing.

Volunteer hosts for the Spur event are Doodle Dankworth, Floyd and Dottie Frerich,

Pat and Ruby McDonald, Mark and Lou Ann Multer, Olen and Sandy Steele, all of San Angelo, Also, Hubert and Annette Frerich of Garden City; J.D. and Becky Gould of Carlsbad; Bobbye Lindley of Mertzon and Shawn and Jamie Glass of Miles. Honorary members include Steven and Jennifer Hoelscher of San Angelo and Sweetie Willberg of Paint Rock.

Through its facilities in San Angelo, Abilene and Ozona, West Texas Rehab Center provides outpatient rehabilitation care each year to more than 23,000 children and adults who have experienced disabling illnesses or injuries. Events such as the Spur Ball make it possible for the Center to treat all who seek its services, regardless of their financial status.

For event or ticket information, call 325-223-6300.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Members of the Class of 1959 showed up to ring the Old School Bell for the 78th annual meeting of Mias Amigas. (Front L-R) Jeannie Mund Stockton, Judy Kay Nixon Lomax, Myrt Topliffe Overby and Gerry Carlman; (Back L-R) Joe Ray Stanford and Kyle Donaldson.

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The Schleicher County Library Summer Reading Program is held each Thursday from 9:30 am- 11:00 am ages 5 and up. It is a time of fun through reading. L-R: Leslie Alegria and Tanya Mitchell are carrying blood cells (beach balls) through the heart chambers which were drawn on the cement. The theme of this year's reading program is "The Heart of Texas."



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## Texas Comptroller schedules July tax help seminars

A diverse economy, growing work force and friendly business climate attract more businesses to the Lone Star state every day. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' office regularly presents free taxpayer seminars throughout the state to help new and existing business owners understand their state tax responsibilities.

Nineteen seminars will take place throughout July at various locations across the state. A complete list of locations, dates and times is available at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html).

At the seminars, taxpayers can learn about sales tax forms, filing and paying taxes electronically, taxable

goods and services, e-services to help taxpayers manage their accounts online, the Comptroller's e-mail subscription service that alerts taxpayers when new tax information is posted online, and the array of other services and information available from the Comptroller's office to assist taxpayers. Comptroller representatives

will answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"A strong and diverse business community is the key to Texas' economic strength," Combs said. "We are committed to assisting Texas businesses by making taxes simpler, smarter, faster and, above all, transparent. We owe it to our taxpayers to provide the best customer service possible."

For more information about the seminar in your area, call the Comptroller's field office in your area.

Those who are unable to attend the seminars can call the Comptroller's tax assistance line at (800) 252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can also be found on the Comptroller's Web site, [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us).

## Capital Highlights . . .

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adopting the Common Core curriculum, a set of voluntary national standards for math and English textbooks and curriculum. Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott's reasons for not joining: loss of local control, increased costs, and Texas has its own standards.

Schieffer of Fort Worth, a 61-year-old gas and oil industry lawyer, businessman, former Texas House member, former president of the Texas Rangers Baseball Club and former U.S. ambassador on June 24 announced his candidacy for governor. Party primaries will be held in March 2010.

D-Fort Worth, who served as speaker of the Texas House from 1983 to 1993, was charged with drunken driving after being arrested June 26 in downtown Austin.

Marriage of Lt. Gov. is reported. Lt. Gov. Dewhurst reportedly married Houston attorney Patricia Bivins, former wife of former state Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, in Houston, on June 27.

**Schieffer announces candidacy**  
Democrat John Thomas "Tom"

**Former speaker arrested for DWI**  
Former state Rep. Gib Lewis,



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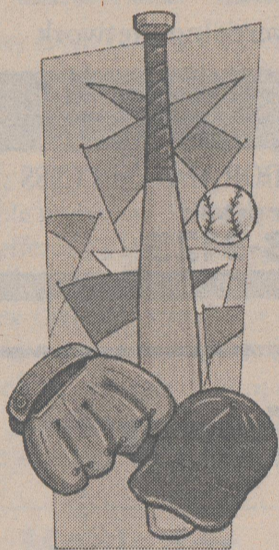


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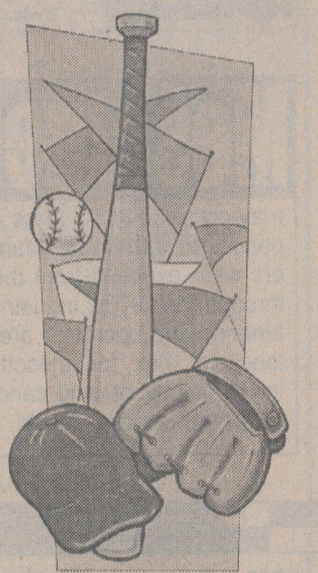
## COLTS Baseball Youth Clinic

July 15 and August 15 at Foster Field.

To participate you must be

There by 4:45 p.m.

Youth will receive a General Admission Ticket for that night's game.



## YMCA Youth Football Clinic

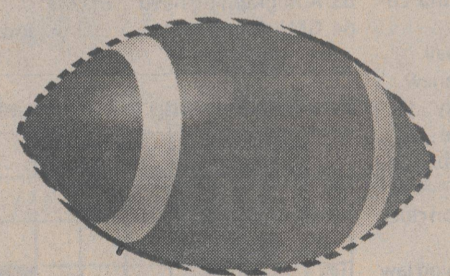
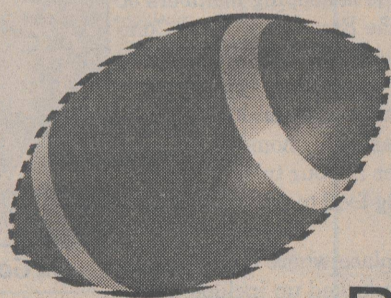
Youth 3rd-6th grade

Clinic Dates: July 27-31, 2009

Time 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registration dates June 1 - July 25, 2009

To get more information or to get a registration form Contact:  
Lynn Parsons @ 325-226-5899 or David Creek @ 325-277-5938



## YMCA YOUTH CHEERLEADER SIGN UP

July 28 and 30, August 4 and 6

From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Elementary Gym.

Youth must be in 2nd - 6th grade for the 2009-2010 school year.







