



Photo by Mike Nixon

Just Call 9-1-1 New Ambulance Reinforces Sweeny/West Brazos EMS Fleet

Swenny/West Brazos EMS has a new ambulance on the road, now that "Medic 5" is licensed and taking calls. The new Ford/Frazer truck reinforces Sweeny Community Hospital's ambulance fleet, which serves a 1,200-square mile area.

The new ambulance cost \$87,900 — and that's without supplies and equipment. It is a mobile intensive care unit, meaning it has advanced cardiac equipment on board and a staff that always includes at least one full paramedic in addition to emergency medical technicians.

The new ambulance was purchased with grant funds from a variety of sources, said Rhonda Moran, SCH Grant Officer.

The first and largest donation was a \$50,000 gift from The Meadows Foundation, with a requirement that the hospital



Facts reporter Bridget Brown interviews EMS Director David Filipp about Medic 5.

additional grants can be secured, Moran said. The old ambulance — which is still operational — will be used for light duty.

Sweeny/West Brazos EMS serves the Sweeny Hospital District, Brazoria, Wild Peach and the unincorporated areas around each.

secure matching funds before any money would be released.

Another \$35,000 came from the Texas Department of State Health Services' EMS Local Project Grant, and \$12,900 came from the USDA's Office of Rural Development. The Sweeny Community Hospital Auxiliary made up the final \$2,100 to complete the match.

The \$12,100 left over will go toward the purchase of a second new ambulance as soon as

Birthdays

June

- 1 Judy Howard*
- 2 Charles Coleman
Cathy Lopez
- 3 Lisa Brunner
- 4 Nettie Lewis*
- 13 Rosanna Garcia
- 13 Nannette Baugh
- 17 Louis Rico
- 18 Larry Fernandez
Ruby Lingo*
- 19 Rachel Powell
Edna Earle Pettigrew*
- 23 Audrey Bess
James Torres
- 29 Todd Johse
- 28 Michelle Gonzalez

July

- 3 Sue Wilkes
Dr. Abdul Majid
- 7 Bonnie Jones
- 9 Eleanor Adkins*
- 11 Dr. Gonzalo Uribe-Botero
- 12 Don Guthrie
- 20 James Walger
- 24 Kenya Jammer
Lori Rohan
Mr. Turk
- 26 David Filipp
Karen Tilley
- 30 Cindy Martin
Dr. Lonny Montgomery
- 31 Bryan Jones
Ryan Jones

* Auxiliary

New Employees

- Marc Way, EMT-B
- Susan Moore, ED Clerk
- Crystal Richburg, Echo Tech
- Jeremy Rodriguez, EMT-I
- Julia Ryan, The Fountains
- Crystal Lewis, Fountains

CALENDAR

Friday, July 7 Blood Drive

Sponsored by the SCH Auxiliary.
Noon to 6 p.m.
The Wellness Center

Thursday, July 13 Diabetes Workshop

Open to anyone interested in learning more about living with diabetes.
7 p.m.
SCH Dining Room

Thursday & Friday, July 13-14 Pediatric Advanced Life Support

\$75 for SCH employees, \$150 others
Pre-registration required.
Call 548-1597
8:30 to 5 p.m.
The Wellness Center

Friday, July 28 CPR for the Non-Healthcare Provider

\$30 fee includes workbook.
Pre-registration required.
Call 548-1597.
8:30 to 5 p.m.
SCH Conference Room

SCH Gets \$34.3K For Trauma Care

Sweeny Community Hospital, a Level IV Trauma Center, recently received \$34,336.51 from the Texas Department of State Health Services Office of EMS and Trauma Systems Coordination for uncompensated trauma care.

The pool of money divided up by the state comes from fines for driving while intoxicated, plus interest earned.

SCH is one of 238 designated trauma facilities eligible to receive the funds. SCH achieved Level IV trauma center designation in 2005.

SCH Auxiliary Elects New Officers

The Sweeny Community Hospital Auxiliary has elected new officers, capping off a year of activities to benefit the hospital and the community.

The new officers begin serving two-year terms this month. SCH Administrator H.A. Turk led the installation ceremony, held this year in the dining room of The Fountains Assisted-Living Community, where the ladies enjoyed lunch as guests of the hospital.

"Celebrity" waiters for the event included Lab Manager Frank Knezek, EMS Director David Filipp, Rehabilitation Services Manager Lisa Brunner, The Fountains Administrator Crystal Johnson, Sweeny Home Health Administrator Sherri Pierce and Brittany Dilleshaw, registered occupational therapist from the Brazoria Hand & Upper Extremity Rehabilitation Clinic.

SCH Auxiliary member Olga Shulte made table favors of candied nuts in jars with gingham tops.



Mr. Turk serves lunch to Mary Christian and Delta Barnett.

SCH Auxiliary Officers 2006-08

President: Mary Christian
1st Vice President: Ruby Lingo
2nd VP: Edna Earle Pettigrew
3rd VP: Betty Bruce
Treasurer: Lois Wells
Historian: Elvie Lee Matejek
Parliamentarian: Shirley Ems
Secretary: Eldine Oglesby



Eleanor Adkins and Ruby Lingo



Elvie Lee Matejek and Eutabelle Albritton.



Mattie Lee Jordan and Doris Follett admire the table favors made by Olga Schulte.



"Waiters" (from left) were Frank Knezek, Sherri Pierce, Tony Turk, Brittany Dilleshaw, Lisa Brunner and David Filipp.



Lynn Austin Hughes
Sweeny High School

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

SCH Employees Help Two Students Planning Careers In Health Care

Did you know that SCH employees can contribute to a scholarship fund that helps local students pursue careers in health care?

This year, the fund provided \$1,200 scholarships to Lynn Austin Hughes of Sweeny High School and Kristen Graham of Columbia High School.

Kristen plans to be a nurse and has already been accepted at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. Lynn plans to pursue degrees in kinesiology and ultrasound. She will attend Alvin Community College, and is already a certified nurse aide.

If you're interested in knowing more about the scholarship fund, contact Melissa Karst at Ext. 1594.



Kristen Graham
Columbia High School

Phillips Health & Safety Fair

SCH participated in the annual Health & Safety Fair at Phillips Sweeny Complex on June 8. In all, nine departments of the hospital were involved in providing a variety of free services to Phillips employees.

Todd Johse, Henry Mendez, Stuart Butler and Brent Bayliss of Sweeny/West Brazos EMS drew blood samples for more than 100 Phillips employees to have PSA (prostate-specific antigen) tests. Signing up for the test required quite a bit of paperwork, overseen by Marsha McBride and Debbie Marcum of Patient Financial Services, with assistance from Stephanie Smith. They also distributed free mens' health slideguides.

The blood was taken back to the SCH Lab to be prepared for send-out to Austin by technicians Sue Wilkes, Estella Ellis, Rossana Tirado and Corky Maus. Results were collected and sent (with patients' signed permission) to Sylvia Ochoa, occupational health nurse at Phillips.

Fountains Administrator Crystal Johnson was on hand to pass out brochures and magnets to help spread the word about the new assisted-living facility.

Lisa Brunner and Jason McCarey of SCH Physical Therapy did hand massages, and Sweeny Home Health was rep-



resented by Charla Hultman, RN, who helped with the blood draws, and Cammy Christie, CNA, who checked blood pressures and distributed blood pressure "slide-guides."

Community Relations Director Rhonda Moran coordinated the SCH effort, which also got help from Maintenance workers Keith Yaws and Marc Bailey who helped set up the hospital's lighted display.

Many thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy work weeks to help with this project.

RIGHT: Lisa Brunner and Jason McCarey did hand massages all day long.

LEFT: Crystal Johnson talks about assisted living.
BELOW: Todd Johse draws blood for a PSA.



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From Our Administrator Persistence Will Pay Off

As summer begins (June 21st) and we are challenged by the roller-coaster nature of our health care opportunities, it might be good to reflect on words attributed to President Calvin Coolidge:

"Nothing in the world can take the place of perseverance. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

Loosely translated : Hang in there. We're going to win.

— H. A. Turk

Words of Gratitude



To: Sweeny Community
Hospital Employees

Thank you for the overwhelming expression of caring that was shown May 4, 2006. May you receive a 100-fold return for your generosity.

Audrey Bess



Heritage Program Director Scott Harris was the guest speaker at a well-attended program on "Coping With Memory Loss" at The Fountains on May 24.

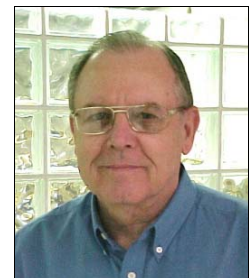
Snoop Scoop

Don Schulte, husband of long-time Pink Lady **Olga Schulte**, has been elected to the Sweeny Hospital District board of directors. He was sworn in at the board's May meeting, along with returning incumbents **Doug Dunham**, **John McGraw** and **Ronnie Griffin**.

Congratulations to **Conrad Lindsay** on becoming a paramedic. Other news from EMS: Ask **Bryan** and **Anna Jones** about the real estate course they took recently.

Congratulations to the SCH blood gas lab for meeting all criteria for accreditation by COLA, a national healthcare accreditation organization formerly known as the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation. Once the organization outgrew that name by doing more than just office labs, the name was changed simply to COLA.

Accreditation is given only to laboratories that apply rigid standards of quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrate continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing and pass a rigorous on-site laboratory survey.



Don Schulte
Hospital Board

Yesteryears



Donna Pappas
Best Dressed

Crystal Johnson, **Grace Baty**, **Debbie Marcum** and **Mamie Sanchez** correctly identified the Yesteryears photo(right) from in the April edition of *Positive Findings* as being Mamie Sanchez. The occasion was "Rockin' 50s Day" in the SCH cafeteria, where the menu included hamburgers, milkshakes and Cokes in bottles. Mamie recalls that **Donna Pappas** (right) won a prize as "best dressed" for her poodle skirt.



Mamie Sanchez
'50s Day