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Summer at the Library - Storytelling, Singing & Salsa



Lucas Miller, Safari Guy and singing zoologist, performed at the Capitol Hill Library. Photo by Karen Bray.



Tim Tingle, Choctaw Storyteller, played the flute and told Native American tales during a Summer at the Library program. Photo by LaVetta Dent.



Downtown staff hit the Salsa beat when Shannon Calderon taught the right moves to, from left to right, front row, Kim Edwards, Linda Romano, Heidi Port; second row, Wanda Scott and Marilyn Backus; back row, Phyllis Davidson. Photo by Nancy Lytle.

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Darlene Browsers

Views and Reviews: News from Your Staff Association

Here's a spotlight on the talent and generosity of another MLS staff member. Derek Cash, librarian at Warr Acres, has just returned from a two-week trip to Mexico June 21 to July 5. Although he did learn to play the spoons at our Staff Association Annual meeting, he did not go on tour with his musical talent.

What he did was donate vacation time -plus his skills and expertise as a librarian- to help the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary in Mexico City put its library catalog online. The seminary is a small school of about 100 students.

This project actually began back in January when Derek was surfing the Web and found opportunities for service listed on the Southern Baptist website. He began communicating via e-mail with the group and was introduced to Mary Waechter who is librarian of the Marian Sanders Library at the seminary. She welcomed his help in getting their catalog updated and online.

Derek and Mary evaluated several

software programs to determine the best one for the library's purposes. One major requirement was that it be usable in both English and Spanish. People with each language would be implementing it and using it. They chose the Softlink program and were thrilled when the company donated the software with the only requirement being yearly maintenance contract. This alone saved the school about \$15,000.

Through many e-mails over several months time, Derek directed the preparations for implementing the computer program. One big part of those preparations was weeding the collection since it was very old, and the card catalog was out of date. Teachers as well as the librarian worked on this phase.

When Derek arrived in Mexico City, he enjoyed the hospitality of Mary and Steve Waechter in their home. Although he did have a few "spicy hot" meals, Mary also prepared some good American dishes, too. Derek reports that eating bread right after the "hot" food helps.

His days from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and they were spent teaching the librarian and a tech how to use the software, how to catalog and how to look for the necessary information to catalog some of the old but valuable books. Attention was also given to security issues. Most of the work was completed, and the students and faculty will now have quick access to their resources. At the end of the two



Photo by Christina Robertson, Bl.

Derek Cash plays the spoons at the recent MLS Staff Association annual business meeting during entertainment time.

weeks, Derek received many gracias and much appreciation for his service. They really wanted him to stay two years rather than two weeks.

Derek did manage to include a little sightseeing while there. He visited the pyramids, the Palace of Fine Arts, the Basilica of Guadeloupe and the Museum of Anthropology.

When asked what he learned from his experience, Derek listed these things: he found he does not like to eat *jicama*; he does like to eat mangoes and fresh

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pineapple and Mexican grocery stores have lots and lots and lots of peppers to sell. But most of all, he said, he learned that he needs to take an advanced course in cataloging.

To Derek we give many kudos for being a great library professional and person. He also gives of his time to be the Staff Association rep from Warr Acres.

July 24 the MLS Staff Association Executive council met at the Bethany library. That was the last meeting that I chaired as your chairperson. I still see the future for the Staff Association as a very important link in addressing problems in the workplace and in creating an environment that encourages and promotes the best customer service for everyone.

It has been a privilege to serve on this council for the last several years.

New officers were elected that day and they are: Derek Cash, WA, chairperson; Jean Johnson, ED, vice chairperson; Beverly Phillips, SO, Secretary; and Mary Daughterity, BE, as treasurer. These talented and capable people will go forward with their vision and leadership for the Staff Association.

We thank them for taking on that responsibility.

Darlene Browsers, PSA

More Summer At the Library Photos



Steve Littleman teaches drumming to Justin Littlecalf, Sonny Graves, Kayla McNeal, Angelaka Smith, Brooke and Tiffani Robinson.



Teen volunteer, Kasey Steffen reads The Little Red Hen to children at Warr Acres Library during the "Read to Me at 3" program.

Pets Need Good Home

I will be retiring and moving to Panama the first part of November.

I have two cats and one dog. I would prefer someone to take both cats so they'll have each other to make the move a little easier for them.

Silver is a gray female. Tom is a black-and-white male. They have been spayed and neutered.

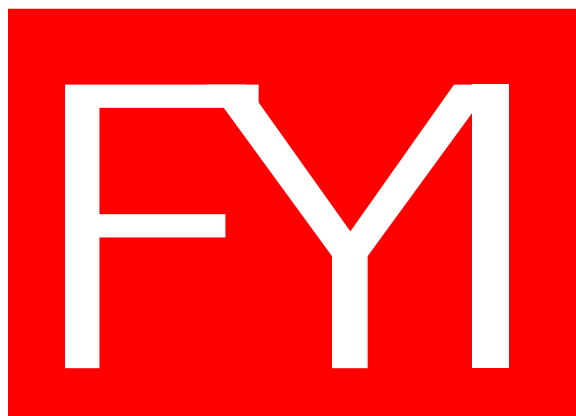
They were both strays so I don't know ages. I have had them probably three to five years.

They have been given rabies and seven-in-one shots each year.

Also, a reddish-brown with a little white, female pit bull or pit bull terrier about 10 years old named Jeannie.

Please call Marcia at 525-5122.

Marcia Edgecomb, BE



AUGUST Birthdays

BARBARA A. JOHNSON	8/01
PATRICIA J. HALL	8/03
CAROL L. PROVINE	8/03
CAROLYN ABERNATHY	8/03
JAMES E. NIMMO, JR.	8/03
DAGMAR M. PEERY	8/04
JILL L. VESSELS	8/04
CHESTER KINZIE, JR.	8/04
RACHEL B. SMOOT	8/05
CHARLOTTE OVERTON	8/05
SHARON A. NOLAN	8/05
KATRINA B. PRINCE	8/06
HEATHER J. FRANKS	8/06
KARON A. STORM	8/06
ANGELA D. GREEN	8/06
REGINA M. WOLFINGER	8/07
KELLY M. DALRYMPLE	8/07
KATHY L. FRITSCH	8/08
KATHRYN M. DUNN	8/09
JOYCE MCC-JOHNSON	8/09
CHARLA MCGARRAH	8/09
KAREN A. LEHR	8/11

AUGUST Birthdays continued

LEAH JAYNE LONDON	8/11
LINDA F. DOBBS	8/12
SYLVIA A. LAWSON	8/13
ANITA F. ROESLER	8/13
FRANCIE L. PENDLETON	8/13
LAURA MCMURTRY	8/13
MARYANN M. HEARD	8/14
NICHOLE SMIRALDO	8/14
LINDA J. JAMESON	8/14
BOBBIE KAY BREWER	8/15
SUSIE L. BEASLEY	8/18
VAN R. BIELSTEIN	8/21
EDWARD N. TERRY	8/21
NATHAN K. LEONARD	8/21
JEAN M. WILBURN	8/22
PAMELA K. KOSTED	8/25
QUEITA HARVEY	8/25
THUY THI MAI NGUYEN	8/25
KATHERINE Y. WILLIAMS	8/26
BRITTANY MARIE MAYS	8/27
ANN G. ALIOTTA	8/28
ELIZABETH PRESSLER	8/28
TIMOTHY D. FISHER	8/29
TERESA GOGGINS	8/29
SUSAN J. MOORE	8/30
JOYCE A. HELMS	8/30
KAY L. BAUMAN	8/31

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People

Welcome To

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Andrea Penn	Page, ED
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Leah London	Proj. Specialist, Outreach
Virgil Koskie	Page, ED

Transferring Is

Sharon Thompson	Circ clerk, from RE to DN
Joyce Helms	Ext. Specialist from Spencer to PSA

Sympathy

Sympathy to Joyce McCauley-Johnson whose daughter-in-law Verietta Malone passed away in July.

Contratulations

To Karen Bray, whose step-daughter Joeleen and son-in-law Paul Ferree had little Paul John Ferree, July 7.
Baby Paul weighed five pounds, eight ounces.

AUGUST Anniversaries

PRISCILLA M. DOSS	8/1/72
CHERYLE E. PERNELL	8/1/79
MARILYN R. BARNETT	8/20/81
PHILLIP E. TOLBERT	8/9/82
SHARON L. MAINE	8/17/82
BARBARA K. BEASLEY	8/1/84
DARRYL G. FITZHUGH	8/17/87
KARYN J. MILLER	8/24/87
SHARON A. NOLAN	8/29/89
QUEITA HARVEY	8/21/91
KELLY M. DALRYMPLE	8/26/91
GALEN R KURTH	8/30/93
JULIA A. MOCK	8/30/93
EVA F. PETEET	8/23/94
JACQULYN J. TAYLOR	8/29/94
ROBERT A. HURST	8/26/96
DEBORAH J. WILLIS	8/31/96
KAREN L. LITTERAL	8/31/96
KATHLEEN LAUGERMAN	8/4/97
GLENN E. WEBB JR	8/25/97
FREDERICK R. WILSON	8/10/98
CRYSTAL D. GILES	8/23/99
JANET E. BOWEN	8/25/99
MARY K. HARRISON	8/7/00
AMANDA S. TERRY	8/8/00
STEPHANIE D. GERLING	8/14/00
SAISRI VONGCHANYAKUL	8/21/00
LISA BIRKLE RODANO	8/28/00
DAVID L. CALHOUN	8/1/01

AUGUST Anniversaries (cont)

C. LESLIE MCCLURE	8/6/01
KIM L. COBB	8/9/01
ELIZABETH PRESSLER	8/20/01
JOHN D. WOOD	8/27/01
FANNIE HARSHBARGER	8/10/02
ROBERT L. RODDY	8/10/02
SHARON DAVIS JORSKI	8/10/02
GERALD W. HICKMAN	8/10/02
YVONNE M. DYESS	8/12/02
BARBARA A. JOHNSON	8/19/02
ELVIRA M. M. FRANKS	8/31/02

MLS Shirts For Sale

Several years ago, I bought two MLS shirts (v-neck with collar) in large which is what I usually buy.

They were way too big. They've got to be XL or maybe XXL. They are kinda of a rose and green.

Will sell for \$5 each.

Call Marcia at 525-5122.

I do have an answering machine when I remember to turn it on.

Marcia Edgecomb, BE

For Sale

Two burial plots at Resthaven Memory Gardens, 700 SW 104. \$1,200 each or best offer.

Call Scott Carter at 751-7152.

Scott Carter, PR