TheraPlay meets needs of local children, parents
By Conrad Dudderar

A driving force that provides a proven pediatric therapy solution is TheraPlay Pediatrics. The busy Yukon clinic provides speech, occupational and physical therapy for children.

"We provide many different services here, whether it’s sensory integration or behavioral speech assistance," said Deanna Williams, co-ordinator of operations for TheraPlay Pediatrics of Yukon. "We have 10 team members here at TheraPlay Pediatrics working with speech therapists, occupational therapists and physical therapists, and they’re all specifically trained for pediatric therapy. That gives us an edge working with kids, being able to meet their needs." TheraPlay was founded on the principle that all children are unique and require individual therapy and a plan of care. Pediatric therapy addresses a variety of physical and developmental needs.

Occupational and physical therapy can help children develop.

Fine motor development, attention and movement, emotional and infant development, Autism, Spectrums disorders, feeding disorders, sensory processing and seen in integrations distortion, autism and phonological disorders, developmental speech delays, oral motor skills, handwriting and speech difficulties, language disorders; incoherent issues such as sleep, muscle tone, balance, muscle control, flexibility, joint pain, coordination and perception; orthopedic issues such as scoliosis, high and low tone, and coordination and balance training, and mobility - transfers, floor mobility and ambulation.

"Our office staff has tripled in size since October," Williams said. "We’ve really grown a lot, and have hired eight new team members in the past six months. We’ve added two new treatment rooms and all brand new, state-of-the-art art pediatric therapy equipment." TheraPlay Pediatrics on June 1 hosted its Family Chimes children’s memorial ceremony at 800 Commons Circle - Suite B.

"Burgers at the Boot" June 17 at CT Park

Yukon Mobile Meals will present "Burgers at the Boot" in conjunction with their 40th anniversary celebration. The come-and-go event will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 17 at the Chisholm Trail Park west of the Oklahoma parking lot, 300 W. Vandenbrand.

Tickets are $30 for eight or $60 for a corporate tray of eight. Tickets are available at the Dale Robert-son Center and the Yukon Mobile Meals office.

"Burgers at the Boot" will feature a variety of burgers, hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and cake. The “Volunteer of the Year” will be announced at the event.

"Please come to join us, enjoy our food, hear the most dedicated volunteers, and support the program we work so hard to serve our kids," Brownie (Janeen Oltmanns) said.

Yukon Mobile Meals’ program provides a mouth-watering dish on a tempora ry or for an extended per iod of time as needed.

"We serve those who are primarily homeless, mobile, unable to easily prepare nutritious meals, without consistent daytime assistance from another person, and who live within the city limits of Yukon," Oltmanns said. "We serve based on need, and there are no age or income requirements.

Yukon Mobile Meals, Inc., under the direction of a volunteer board of directors, does not receive any state or federal funding.

The public support of the "Burgers at the Boot" event will benefit the program by helping those who cannot afford to pay the suggested $35 donation per meal.

For more information or tickets (88 each/group of eight), call the Mobile Meals office, 350-5900.

Players needed for YCAA summer softball season

The Yukon Christian Athletic Association (YCAA)’s summer softball season is now forming. The Co-Ed, men’s and women’s seasons run from June through September with games played on the ballfields at Sunset and Historic parks.

This open community league is open to all teams, teams do not have to be affiliated with a church.

Call Dale Effin at 354-9490 or 919-3126 before Sun- day, June 7 to reserve a team’s spot. For more information, go to http://www.leaguelineup.com/ycaa.