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Thursday, August 14, 2003

2003 Sutton **County Days** Schedule of **Events**

Wednesday, August 13 5:30 p.m. Women's Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping, Steen Roping

Thursday, August 14 9:00 a.m.- Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping 5:30 p.m. - The Special "JailBreak" Performance: Women's Barrel Racing & Breakaway Roping, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Bull Riding

Friday, August 15 9:00 a.m. - Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Women's Breakaway Roping 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Arts & Crafts Booths open at the Sutton County Park for Sneak Preview, including Sonora Elementary PTO's "Kid's Corner" with the Rock Climbing Wall, Blues Clues Bounce House, The Giant Slide, a duck pond and a fish bowl toss

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Masonic Lodge Annual Scholarship Fund Raiser Steak Dinner at the Sutton County Civic Center

7:30 p.m. - Pre-Show Outlaw Pro Rodeo at the Sutton County Arena, Introduction of the Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants, Kids Mutton Full Bustin', Rodeo Performance featuring Bad Company Rodeo

9:00 p.m. - Rodeo Dance featuring Grammy Award Winner -john Arthur martinez a USA Network Nashville Star at the Sutton County Slab

Saturday, August 16 7:15 a.m. - 5K run/walk regstration on courthouse lawn 8:00 a.m. - 5K run/walk begins

9:00 a.m. - Parade begins 10:00 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies at the Sutton County Park with the National Anthem by Jalee Barnes, Arts. crafts & food booths open, registration begins for Horseshoe & Washer Pitchin' at the beer stand, introduction of Miss Sutton County Queen contestants on main stage, Sonora Elementary PTO 'Kid's Corner".

10:30 a.m. - Little Mr. & Miss Sutton County contest on main stage

11:00 a.m. - Twin Fiddlers Contest at the 4-H Civic Center

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Chicken Salad Lunch provided by the Women of St. John's

Episcopal Church at 4-H Civic Center 11:30 a.m. - Devil's River

Dancers on main stage 12:00 p.m. - Jalee Barnes on main stage

12:30 p.m. - Castilleja Brothers Band on main stage 1:30 p.m. - Sonora Band on main stage

2:30 p.m. - Kim DuQue on main stage 5:00 p.m. - Johnny Dickinson

& Big Country Band on main

7:00 p.m. - Close of the arts & crafts booths 7:30 p.m. - Pre-Show Outlaw

Pro Rodeo with the crowning of Miss Sutton County, full Rodeo Performance featuring Bad Company Rodeo

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For More Information, please call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880.

Sheriff Fincher Reminds Jr. Bullriding Brings The Future to the Present Everyone To Stay Safe Around at the Outlaw Pro Rodeo **School Buses**

Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher, wants to remind all local drivers to pay special attention to the school zones around town, and to be especially aware of the school buses loading and unloading our children in town and in rural areas before and after school.

Motorists are required to obey all traffic laws regarding school buses, in particular the School Bus Stopping Law. Vehicles in both directions must stop when a school bus has stopped and its overhead lights are flashing and/or the "Stop Arm" is extended. This law is designed to protect children who may be getting on or off the bus. Motorists should remember that school vehicles are not just found in rural areas. Motorists should also be aware that school buses are required by law to stop at all railway crossings. The fine for disobeying these laws can reach up to \$1,000 for passing a school bus when these lights are activated. A driver's license can be suspended for up to six months if motorists pass a school bus that is loading or unloading children.

For several years now, Danny Hardin, Director of Maintenance and Transportation with the SISD, has had the bus drivers pull completely off the roadway to discharge or load children, which further ensures the children's safety. Hardin deserves a special pat on the back for this policy and for the good job he does every day at our school.

All drivers are reminded to drive responsibly and be especially aware of our school children and school buses at all times.

See more on School Bus Safety on page 10

Haven't Heard From Ports-to-**Plains Lately?**

Kimbrell Comes Home

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Sutton

Kimbrell, who was sponsored by the Soil & Water

County, The Devil's River News, Sonora Chamber of Commerce

and the City of Sonora would like everyone to help celebrate the

Conservation, will be removing his yellow ribbon from the Old Oak

Tree on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn at 4:30 p.m. on

Thursday, August 14, 2003. Dairy Queen will present Jeff with a

"welcome home" meal certificate, along with other gifts from

Member, Ports-to-Plains Trade

going strong, and Sonora is still the route! This route has been passed by the Federal Legislature and the specific highways named in the legislative language.

A lot of activity is going on with TxDot, however, they are caught up in the budget crunch like the rest of the state.

Ports-to-Plains' Board has requested that Sonora host the August Board Meeting, which we will. The Board will be in Sonora on August 21st and the

return of Jeff Kimbrell.

Sonora and Sutton County.

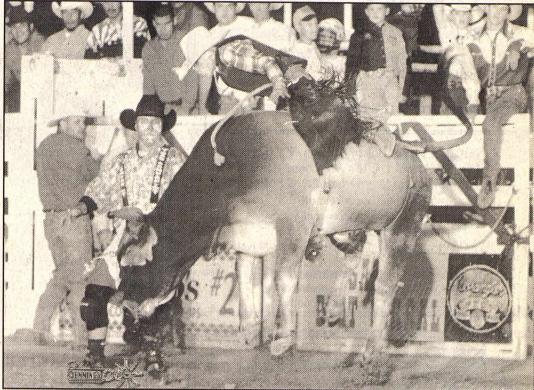
by Tommy Arnwine, Board to 12:00 noon on August 22nd.

Our new Chamber of Commerce Director, Ruthie Sonora and then head up to

Ports-to-Plains' Board of Directors did lose their chairman, Randy Neugebauer, or did we? He is now the United States Representative for the 19th Congressional District of Texas.

We are still here, it's still Bounds, has some great plans for entertaining the Board while they are here in our fair city. Thanks to her and Gerry Ingham, we will be taking them on a tour of the Caverns of Eaton Hill for a short look

meeting will be from 8:00 a.m See Ports-to-Plains page 10



Jr. Bullrider, Ryan Shanklin, adds to the excitement of a Bad Company Rodeo. Photo by David **Jennings**

by Storie Sharp Bad Company has strolled into Sonora, and they have brought a good time with them. Mack Altizer and the Bad Company Rodeo crew will be taking center stage as Creek Swabbing presents the 30th Annual Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, Wednesday, August 13 - Saturday, August 16, 2003.

With the help of local sponsors, Sonora Chemical & Supply, Inc., Coors Light, XS Ranch, Miller Lite, Mittel Dozing, Metco Supply, Dodge Rodeo, Nibblett's Oilfield Service, Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee, the "I Stand Alone" tour promises to be more rockin' than before with some of the PRCA's best livestock, cowboys and cowgirls blowing up dust in the Sutton County arena. Bad Company has added a new round this year, the "Who's Your Daddy" Jr. Bullriding tour, for ages 13 to 15. The bullriding stars of tomorrow are matched with the calves of the Bad Company NFR bloodline bulls. It was the big hit in Junction last week, with a couple of the young riders making 80 point rides. Don't miss the Jr. Bullriding on Friday and Saturday night. Rodeo per-formances will start with Preshow activities at 7:30 p.m.,

with Mutton Bustin' finalists on Friday night and the crowning of Miss Sutton County on Saturday night.

But you don't have to wait until Friday to start enjoying rockin' rodeo fun. Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. will be the first "special" slack performance with Women's Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping, and Steer

After a good night's sleep it's back to the arena Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m with the Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling

and Team Roping
The Special "JailBreak" Performance is Thursday night at 5:30 p.m. with Women's Barrel Racing and Breakaway Roping, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, and

Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team and Parker Lumber, Kelly Roping, and Women's Kearney, sponsored by Creek, Breakaway Roping. On Friday First National Bank, La and Saturday, each performance will be followed by an evening under the stars, with a "Nashville Star", john Arthur martinez. The dance kicks off at 9:00 and is sure to be a bootscootin' good time for all those

that like to polish their buckles. Everyone's favorite bull- rodeo time!

fighters, Mark Callihan, Chad Beavers, Gerry Byrn and "Shotgun" Rodney Gaston will be returning for thrills and spills in the arena, taking care of the cowboys while entertaining the young and young-at-

Sonora's "adopted son", PRCA Rodeo Announcer, Boyd Polhamus will be the "Master of Ceremonies", keeping everyone abreast of the action in the arena. Polhamus is a multi-time National Finals Rodeo announcer.

Rodeo and dance tickets can still be purchased at a discounted price from any Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants or their sponsors; Megan Fitzgerald, sponsored by Rafter W Feed, Crittendon Water Well Service, Carquest Wrestling, Team Roping, and the ever-exciting Bull Riding.

A special Friday morning and Ol' Sonora; Tara Green, sponsored by image apparel, Sponsored by image apparel, Graphics, Dr. Pajestka Mexicana and the Corner Drug Store or Thia McKissack, sponsored by State Farm, Bank & Trust, Schlumberger and the Sutton County Steakhouse.

> Ticket prices will increase at the gate, so shop early and don't miss a really rockin'

Two More Yellow Ribbons Come Off The Old Oak Tree

by Storie Sharp

There were plenty of smiling family and friends on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn on Monday, August 11, 2003. Two returning servicemen, Lcpl. Brandon Adkins and Sgt. Javier Weingart removed their yellow ribbons at a special ceremony at 11:45 a.m.

Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner and Sonora Mayor, Jim Stephen told the young men how proud Sutton County and the City of Sonora are of all the young men and women who have served in the armed forces. Judge Garner awarded them both with "Old Oak Tree" certificates of appreciation and Mayor Stephen presented them with a copy of the Proclamation that named April 16th "Yellow Ribbon Day". Sonora Chamber of Commerce Manager, Ruthie Bounds, hugged each of the boys and told them words couldn't express how happy everyone was for their safe return home and gave them each "Sonora" trinkets. Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Manager, Ann Kay, then presented each soldier with an "old school building" Christmas ornament and a certificate for dinner at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Lcpl. Brandon Adkins is the son of Tammi and Tony Adkins. He graduated from S.H.S. in 2002 and left for Marine Boot Camp on June 2nd of that year. After being in San Diego, he graduated and went to Missouri for MOS Truck driving. He was then sent to Camp Pendleton for about a



Lcpl. Brandon Adkins

week before being sent to Iraq. On February 2, 2003 he was flown to Kuwait where he drove 4K and 5K trucks, hauling ammunition and taking "fire watch". Brandon said they 'waited a lot" while in Kuwait. Then they drove for days, would stop, dig a hole to sleep in and then drive some more. He said they were only actually directly

fired on once, in a drive-by shooting. Brandon left Iraq in early June aboard the U.S.S. Pearl Harbor, stopping in Australia and Hawaii on the two month trip home. At the end of August, he will return to Camp Pendleton for two and a half years or more.

Sgt. Javier Weingart, the son of Maura and Joe Weingart



Sgt. Javier Weingart

joined the U.S. Army in May of 1996 and has been to Germany where he was with the 1st Armored Division. He then became a part of the 10th Mountain Division in New Yorkand he leaves for the 1st Infantry Division in Germany at the end of this week. He loves his duty and looks forward to returning to Germany for the

is a 1995 graduate of Sonora. He next three years, if not longer. Sgt. Weingart is a Diesel Mechanic Shop Foreman, where they build and repairing all types of engines used by the Army.

Both families were thrilled to have their sons home and were happy to have them remove their ribbons from the Old Oak Tree.

Ronnie Cox loves being your Pharmacist

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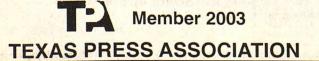
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Weddings



Moreno - Badillo

Juana Angelica Moreno and Captain Paul Badillo of Fontana, California were married July 5, 2003 in Ontario, California with Captain Mike Slatter, Chaplain officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Francisco and Maria Moreno of

Fontana, California. The bridegroom is the son of Richard and Gloria Badillo of San Martin, California and the proud grandson of Mrs. Maria Gutierrez, longtime employee of Thorp's Laundry and brother of Valerie Badillo, both of Sonora, Texas.

Maid of Honor was Elsa Kohlar of San Martin, California. Bridesmaids were Norma Gomez of Phoeniz, Arizona, Jenny Badillo of San Jose, California, Valerie Badillo of San Angelo, Texas and Rosa Moreno of Fontana, California.

Best man was Patrick Badillo of San Martin, California. Groomsmen were Rick Badillo of Morgan Hill, California, Max Gamez and Lee Gamez, both of Clovis, California and Hector Gomez of Phoenix, Arizona.

The reception dinner and Tex/Mex dance was held at the Marriott Hotel in Ontario, California.

The bride is a medical assistant in Riverside, California. The bridegroom is a captain in the U.S. Army National Guard, HHT, 1-18 Calvary Squadron with 16 years of service. He is also a company commander and a full-time Adjutant.

After a wedding trip to Costa Rica the couple will live in Fontana, California.

Card of Thanks

Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks to all of our friends and family for the food, flowers, sympathy cards and especially for their overwhelming love and support through the devastating loss of Ervay. Thanks to all the officers, deputies, EMS and all who assisted at the accident scene. A very special thank you to Chief of Police, Mike House, and Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez, for their

> Anita, T.J., Laura and Joe Angel Duran Family Torres Family

Obituary

Herbert W. (Corky) Fields, Jr. brothers, Dr. John Fields and his

Herbert W. (Corky) Fields, Jr. was born October 1, 1945, in Big Lake, Texas to Herbert Wardlaw Fields and Loise Lewis Fields. Corky graduated from high school in Sonora in 1964, and attended Texas Tech University. He moved to Houston, Texas in the late 60's, and was a self-employed real estate broker in that city. Corky was preceded in death by his

Becca Fields of Lubbock, Tanner Fields, Sean Fields, and Kayla Fields, all of Sonora. Graveside services were Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sonora

wife, Jeryl, and Tryon Fields

and his wife, Cindy, all of

Sonora, as well as five nephews

and nieces, Amy Fields Youngblood of Tucson, Arizona,

Cemetery. He is survived by two

Thank you for reading The Devil's River News.

Engagement



Smith and Knight

Bryce and Kodee Smith, along with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Knight and Ms. Jackie Smith would like to announce the approaching marriage of their parents and children, Betsy Glee Knight and Ronny Lee Smith. The wedding will Finally take place on Saturday, September 27, 2003, in Sonora, at the Sutton County

Firefighters Complete Local Workshop

Local firemen Alta Alewine, Rita Alewine and Jacqui Bills recently completed training during the 74th Annual Municipal Texas Fire Training School, July 20-25. Kyle Donaldson served as a guest instructor.

Each summer, The Annual School enrolls more then 2,500 fire prevention, suppression, control and safety personnel from municipalities, industries, state and federal agencies and the armed services representing over 775 cities from 25 states and numerous provinces and countries.

The Annual Municipal School delivers five days of rigorous classroom lectures and hands-on field exercises at one of the largest fire training facilities in the world and is sponsored by the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), a member of the Texas A&M University System.

Senior **Center News**

Aug. 18 - Back to School! Bingo!

Aug. 19 - City Council Meeting. 2:00 p.m. Aug. 20 - Van to San Angelo! Call Lilia 387-5657

Aug. 21 - New Sounds Hearing Tests!

Aug. 22 - Crafts after lunch!

Senior Menu

Aug. 18 - King ranch chicken, broccoli, roll, carrot salad, oatmeal cookie, milk,

Aug. 19 - Roast beef sandwich, baked French fries, 1900 ixam qui salettuoeitomatoes, bread, pea saladuiud emari i peach halves, milk.

Aug. 20 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, butter peas,

spinach, cornbread, sunshine fruit cup, milk. Aug. 21 - Chicken fajita salad, macaroni salad, crackers, cherry perf. salad, pumpkin pie, milk.

Aug. 22 - Oven baked pork chops with gravy, zucchini & yellow squash, tossed salad, wheat roll, fruit parfait, milk.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. \$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others *Menu is subject to change.*

School Lunch Menu • August 18 - 22, 2003

Breakfast

Mon. - Breakfast pizza, juice. Tues. - Pancake pups, syrup, fruit. Wed.- Scrambled eggs, toast/jelly, juice.

Thurs. - (3) French toast, fruit.

Fri. - Student Holiday!

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Chili dogs, tator tots, pork & beans, peaches. Tues. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans,

Wed.- Cheese pizza, corn, tossed salad, pudding with topping. Thurs. - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, French fries, ice cream

Fri. - Student Holiday!

Community

August 13-16 Outlaw Pro Rodeo & Sutton County Days August 15 Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Civic Center

The Community Calendar

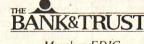


Member FDIC

Calendar

August 18 First Day of School - SISD August 19 City Council Meeting 2:00 p.m. • City Hall

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Email us at editor@sonoratx.net

Ask the Historical Society

Jo-Ann Secretary County Historical Sutton Society

Q. Was the brick building at the corner of Oak and Water Streets the first Post Office in Sonora?

A. No! The First Post Office was located in the General Store of Charles F. Adams and R. W. Callahan. The first postmaster was R. W. Callahan, appointed September 19, 1889. He served until February 15, 1890, when Pharis Hurst was named to the office. The Post Office was moved during his term to his stage stand which stood next to the large oak at the corner of Main and Water Streets.

On July 2, 1891, William C. Cusenbary was named postmaster and the location was again moved, this time to Cusenbary and Briant's Drug Store on Concho Ave. This building sat next to the alleyway that runs behind the current City Hall. It stayed at this location from 1891 until the end of the next postmaster's term. This was Elijah S. Briant who held office from May 19, 1893 until June 10, 1897.

Services would move again, across the street to the corner of Concho and Main Streets, in 1897. Mike Murphy was the new postmaster and the "Devil's Retreat" would be home of the Post Office and his newspaper business. Then Pharis Hurst was again appointed postmaster on October 27, 1906 and moved into a two story building on Main St. Then Herman Thiers was appointed to the office of postmaster on October 30, 1909 and moved the Post Office into the small building next to the Sonora Motor Company.

July 17, 1913 G. W. Smith became postmaster and the Post Office made another move, this time back to the old location at the corner of Concho and Main Streets. It would stay there for 3 years and during this time an assistant was named to the postmaster, Miss Torah Long (Smith). Next it would move to a wooden building just up the street which would later become Dr. Howell's office. An old frame building that had about 50 boxes for the mail.

Sonora's first woman postmaster was appointed on November 21, 1918. Mrs. T. C. Murray served until her death and her husband was appointed to serve in her place on April 5, 1927 It was during the Murray's time that Mrs. Trainer and Mrs. Finis Hamby worked at the Post Office. The Post Office would grow to 268 boxes and then to 501 in September of 1939.

From 1942-44 George Barrow was postmaster, then Dewitt Lancaster was appointed to the office. James D. Trainer became postmaster in April of 1946 and in 1950 the Post Office was moved about half way up Main St. into what would later be the Sonora Gas Co. building.

In December of 1959 the Post Office moved again into the red brick building on the corner of Oak and Water streets, that you asked about. It was approximately the tenth known building to hold the Post Office in Sonora. That would make the current building at the corner of Main and Crockett the 11th Post Office in Sonora.

Who started the Mexican Baptist Church in

A. In 1930, following a visit by Evangelist C. Pierson Sr. people started gathering for services in different homes in the Mexican community. In 1931 Bro. Donato Ruiz, pastor of the First Latin American Baptist Church in San Angelo began to hold regular services here for 14 believers. This number would grow by 8 in the next three months.

The following were listed as early members: Mrs. Juanita Sanchez, Mrs. Margarita Chavez, Mrs. Locadia Urias, Mrs. Blacita Martinez, Mrs. Elvira Castro, Mrs. Florencia Castillo, Mrs. Sotela Rodriguez, Ernesto Castro and Pascual

Q. How many children did Rena Trainer have?

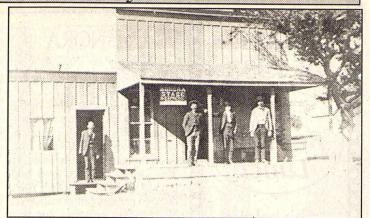
A. Rena Trainer had 11 children when her husband died in July of 1923, and another was born two weeks after his death. They were Dee, John, Jack, Clifford Lee, Edith, Frances, Serena, Millie, Joe, Fred and George. Thanks to the help of her boys, all the girls completed high school and two of them went into nursing while another attended business college. The boys left school and worked on construction jobs to help support the family.

Mrs. Trainer always gave credit to the boys for all their financial help and to the girls that stayed home and helped raise the younger children. She would credit the good health of her children, the hard work they all did and her generous friends and neighbors for all their help and encouragement through the

Q. Were there a lot of homes in Sonora in mid 1889?

A. No! Sonora was often referred to as a tent city in 1889. There was a store being constructed, a couple of half-completed small wooden structures, and lots of tents set up next to wagons. It took a long time to get wood from San Angelo to Sonora and building, even the board and batten houses, took quite a while. In 1889 there was no courthouse, no jail, but there was a water well on what would become the courthouse square and a storage tank. Buildings were just starting to go up in the fall of that year when everyone was trying to get set up in town for the children to go to school. Towns grow slowly. Usually a few small stores, then houses, school, then church buildings. Neighbors helped each other build their homes if they couldn't afford a contractor and the main thing was to get some kind of shelter up before cold weather hit. Even Mike Murphy started his time here in a tent at the corner of Main and Concho while he waited for his newspaper office to be built.

It is the end of summer and like everyone else our volun-



The second Sonora Post Office.

town, children to get ready for school and things to finish up at home. We will put a closed sign on the front door and if you need to rent the Depot just give Al Elliott's office a ring if we aren't around. The building is not available from the 13th through the 15th and the 20th through the 22nd of August. We have rentals in that time frame and always block out the day before and after for cleaning.

If you have any questions

teers have visitors coming into concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call the Sutton County Historical Society at 325-387-5084 or call me at home at 387-2855. Like the rest of you I'm getting tired of the over 100° heat spell and hope it will end soon! But please God, let us get through the rodeo before you bring on that deluge

CVOG Offers Auto Theft Prevention Programs

submitted by Jess Harper, Auto Theft Prevention Coordinator

The Concho Valley Auto Theft Reduction Program will offer free vehicle VIN etching, along with other programs to promote auto theft awareness.

The event will be held Wednesday, August 20, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Sonora Farm Bureau parking lot, located at 510 South Crockett. The Sutton County Sheriff's Office will sponsor the

CVATR warns that car thieves target older and newer models of vehicles., However, older models are desirable because they are easier to break into than newer models.

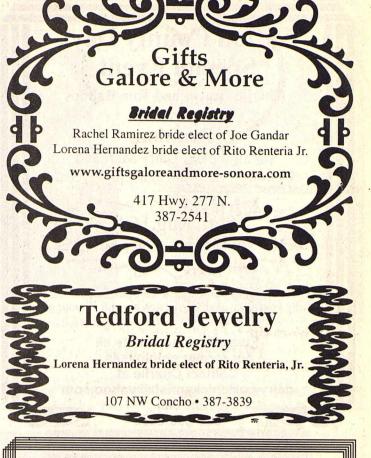
On average, a car is stolen every five minutes in Texas. It only takes an expert auto thief as little as seven seconds and one screwdriver to break into a vehicle and less than a minute to drive away.

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, and contrary to belief of many, many stolen vehicles are several years old. Some vehicles are stolen and stripped for parts. A thief can make two or three times more money by selling a vehicle's parts versus as a whole. Other

vehicles are stolen and resold by the thief to another party; either an unwitting buyer or an individual who will knowingly use the stolen vehicle for their own illegitimate purposes. Vehicles are stolen for joyriding, to commit other crimes, or in conjunction with insurance fraud.

All vehicles have a federally assigned vehicle identification number (VIN). The etching of a VIN on all of a vehicle's windows deters thieves because it is more difficult to dispose of property that is identifiable. It is time-consuming and expensive for thieves to replace windows that have been marked with the

The VIN etching is funded through the Texas Auto Prevention Authority. The ATPA has funded law enforcement programs specializing in vehicle theft investigation, recovery, prevention and prosecution since 1991. Currently, ATPA funds 35 grant programs, allowing nearly 200 law enforcement officers throughout Texas to work exclusively on vehicle theft cases. Concho Valley Auto Theft Reduction Program is a public awareness and education grant of ATPA.



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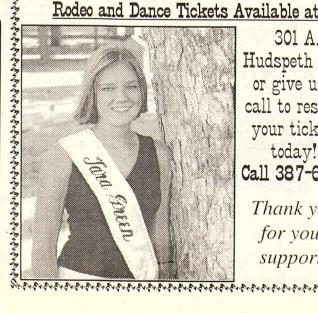
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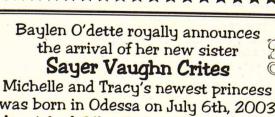
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Paternal grandparents are Jim and Margaret Garrett, Jim and Jo Davis.

was born in Odessa on July 6th, 2003 and weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 19" long. Sayer was welcomed by loving Grandparents, John and Vickie Barker, and Tracy and Jeannene Crites; Aunts and Uncles, Kenny and Casey Henderson, Carla Crites, and Caleb and Kristi Barker; and very special Cousins, Kaitlyn and Hannah Henderson, and

Ross and Ryder Crites.



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to 2:00 p.m.



SINORA Chamber of Commerce

by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber

Well this is the week of the 30th Annual Sutton County Days & Outlaw Pro Rodeo. Check the articles and our advertisements in this issue of The Devil's River News and tune to 92.1 FM, KHOS/KYXX radio to get more information on all the fun activities for this week.

We want to remind everyone that we will not be accepting any more applications for the Little Mr. & Little Miss Sutton County Contest. The deadline was August 1, 2003. We would like to encourage all the parents of the Little Mr. & Miss contestants to enter their children in the parade with a poster letting everyone know that their little one is a contestant. This is only one of the reasons that we wanted the deadline for accepting applications to be a couple of weeks prior to the contest.

I want to thank all of you that have called the office or stopped us on the street to let us know how much you like and appreciate the "Welcome to Sonora" banners. We are so proud of our community, that it is our pleasure to provide Sonora with these banners. We sincerely hope that this enhancement to the atmosphere of our wonderful little town will help travelers to remember us fondly, so that they will return for a longer stay next time. And I want to thank the two gentlemen that hung the banners for us, Keith Butler & Brant Myers. Keith & Brant toiled away in

that awful heat last week to make sure that all of the banners were hung before the 30th Annual Sutton County Days.

The Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fundraiser Steak Dinner will be serving grilled steaks and chicken quarters with all the fixin's from 5-7 pm on Friday night at the Sutton County Civic Center. As the name implies, this event helps to provide funds for a scholarship for one of our local high school graduates that is college bound. The proceeds are to be used here locally in Sonora for the purpose of scholarships, so we hope all of you will come out and enjoy a great meal for an even greater cause.

Sutton County Days is shaping up to be a fun event. One of the many things that we are very excited about, is the entertainer for the dances on Friday & Saturday nights, john Arthur martinez. It is quite something for a town the size of Sonora to procure such a headline performer. But with several of us all working together, we were able to manage it. All the events for Saturday are coming along nicely, as well. We will have over 50 retail vendors, selling everything from jewelry to furniture, and many of our local retailers will be there for your convenience. We are really pleased to have 13 food vendors serving a wide variety of meals and refreshments available all day Saturday at the Sutton County Park. There will also be activities and rides for the children to make this a complete family experience. We hope to see ya'll at Sutton County Days and the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. Come on out and have

Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes

by Kelly Thorp, Sutton County Extension Home Economist

Have you found out that you have diabetes? Are you feeling worried about what diabetes really is and what it means for you? Are you concerned about health problems that might develop? Are you afraid that you won't be able to enjoy good food and family gatherings? Do you feel isolated and "different" from everyone else? Are you unsure about how to make changes in your lifestyle?

You're not alone. Almost everyone who learns he or she has diabetes feels this way too!

The good news is that, with good information and a few good changes, you can do well and be well with diabetes!

Learn to Do Well and Be Well with Diabetes in a series of classes, designed for people just like you, with quality information on taking care of yourself and eating delicious foods that are good for you. You will learn what you can do to take control of diabetes and live the kind of life you want to live.

Classes in Sonora will begin on September 9 to October 14, and will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Civic Center. To register, call your local County Extension Office at 387-3101. Make your call soon! Class size is limited to the first 25 to call.

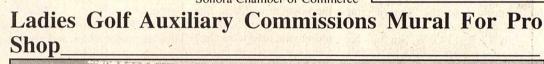
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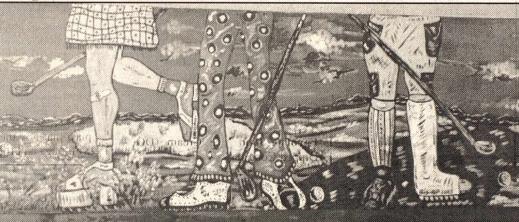


30th Annual Sutton County D

August 15 & 16, 2003

Sutton County Park Complex





The Sonora Ladies Golf Association recently the Sonora Golf Course Pro Shop with a golf mural. This is the first phase of remodeling the back room of the Pro Shop, hopefully to be completed in time for the Couple's Tournament in

Bishop, the 35-year-old son of Ray and LaQuita Bishop of San Angelo, has a whimsical style and considers himself a sort of cross between "Dr. Suess and Salvador Dali"

Although he has been involved with art all of his life, he didn't start doing murals until about three years ago. His art was always so expansive he kept running off his canvas, so he just gravitated to the murals. His first large job was for the Woman's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, TN, where he did two or three large walls

Blake graduated from the University of North Texas with a Fine Arts degree in 1991. In 1994 he received his Elementary Teaching Certificate at Angelo State University. He has since taught art, along with other elementary level classes, in San Angelo and Knoxville, before returning to Texas where he now resides in San Antonio.

The fun golf mural at the Pro Shop shows all the different "legs" of golf and brightens the room immensely. Bishop also recently completed a large mural for the Circle Bar racing team in Ozona, Texas.

Main Street Traffic

Ann Kay, Friends of Historic Main Street Manager

The Community of Sonora and Sutton County are invited to an Honorary American Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Sutton County Rodeo Arena on Thursday, September 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. If you have a flag that is worn, faded, tattered or frayed, that you would like to retire, you can drop it off at the Main Street Office at 232 Main Street, Suite 101.

This method approved by Congress to retire these flags should take place at a ceremony which shows respect and honor to the flag(s). If you have a special story or memory that goes with the flag, leave it so that it can be shared with all in atten-

This ceremony is also a time to remember the fallen heroes of September 11, 2001. Everyone is invited to attend and join together to pay tribute

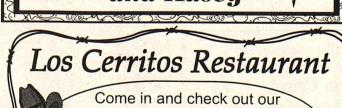
to a time when our country was hard hit, and to retire "Old Glory" in a most befitting way.

If you know a Boy Scout or Veteran who would like to take part in the ceremony, please have them contact Lewis Allen or the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. These volunteers are a big part of the American Flag Retirement Ceremony and we would appreciate any who would like to participate.

Pot Luck Dinners

I was going to them even before I was a Christian. I am talk-





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ing about our local church dinners. Our church has been blessed with some very good cooks and I always look forward to our once a month dinner. You never know what they are going to bring, but one thing is for sure it will be good. It is interesting to watch them arrive, each with a different dish. When you place all the dishes on the tables, you have more than enough food to eat and it is fit (good enough) for a king. Enjoying those church dinners reminds me of a subject the Bible talks about called spiritual gifts. Just as every one in our church has a dish to bring to the Church dinner (a food contribution) to help make a beautiful meal, everyone who has accepted Christ as Lord and Savior (Ephesians 4:7&8) has a spiritual gift to bring. We have different gifts and every one is needed to help make a complete spiritual meal (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). We are told to use what God has given us for His glory. Our spiritual gifts are needed in the unbelieving world and especially in our local Church (1 Peter 🔘 4:10-11). See you in Church on Sunday. Brother J



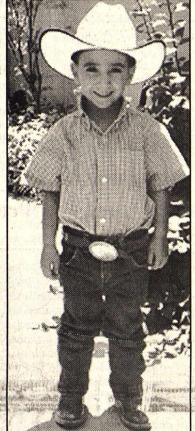
2003 Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County Contestants



Autumn Cheyanne Ayala Castilleja
Daughter of Christie Ayala and
Michael Castilleja
4 years old

Favorite food: Pizza with Ranch dressing
Favorite toy: Barbies and her Barbie Doll House

Interests: Playing dress-up, electronics, computers, telephones, stereos and how they work, and writing in books and pads



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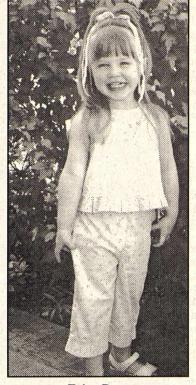
Jonathan Garcia
Son of Joseph and Mandi Garcia
4 years old
Favorite food: Chicken and Beans
Favorite toy: Bow and Arrow and
Pop Guns
Interests: Horses



Elyssa Beth Prieto
Daughter of Patrick and Mona
Prieto
3 years old
Favorite food: Macaroni, Soup, and
Pizza
Favorite toy: Mickey Mouse
Interests: Likes to sing "Little
Bunny Fu Fu" or "ABC's" and likes
to dance



Jay Telles
Son of Robert and Shari Telles
5 years old
Favorite food: Salad
Favorite toy: Power Rangers



Erica Byrne
Daughter of Tiffany and Eric
Byrne
3 years old
Favorite food: Pizza and French
Fries
Favorite toy: Her Baby Dolls
Interests: Loves to swim, Dora the
Explorer and Elmo



Summer Adelé Hall
Daughter of Stephen and Susan Hall
3 years old
Favorite food: Ice Cream (DQ Dipped Cone)
Favorite toy: Trike
Interests: Riding on the mule at our
property



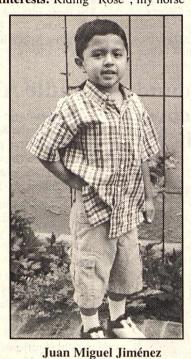
Kylie Reiner
Daughter of Stacey and Diane
Reiner
5 years old
Favorite food: Watermelon and
Cantaloupe
Favorite toy: Ariel
Interests: Swimming at Janice's,
Playing with Friends, Playing Golf
with Brother and his friends



Jena Telles
Daughter of Robert and Shari Telles
3 years old
Favorite food: Hamburger
Interests: Playing Dress-up



Mark Chavez
Son of Oscar and Lou Chavez
3 years old
Favorite food: Ice Cream
Favorite toy: Woody and Buzz
Lightyear
Interests: Riding "Rose", my horse



Son of Jerry and Nancy Jiménez
4 years old
Favorite food: Pizza
Favorite toy: The Spider Game
Interests: I like playing in the
water, especially at Sea World; I
like going to Mrs. Kathy's and to
play marbles there; I like playing
with bugs and rolie-polies



Daughter of Belinda Robles
3 years old
Favorite food: Corn dogs and
Pancakes
Favorite toy: Barbies
Interests: Playing dress-up and Riding
her jeep and motorcycles

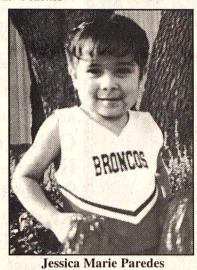


Dawsyn Elizabeth Sharp
Daughter of Mickey and Storie Sharp
3 years old
Favorite food: Cheeseburger, with a little
pickles

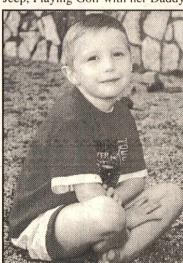
Favorite toy: Movies (Cinderella)
Interests: Singing, Watching Movies,
Playing with Garrett and Going to the
Beach



Bianca Michaela Fay
Daughter of Mike and Belia Fay
4 years old
Favorite food: Funyuns chips, French
Fries, Macaroni & Cheese and Pizza
Favorite toy: Barbie Jeep and Barbies
Interests: Ballet, going to the playground with Daddy and playing with my
cat "Peaches"



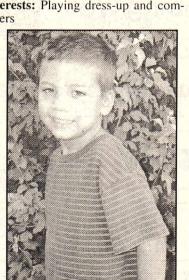
Daughter of Jessie and Cindy
Paredes
4.years old
Favorite food: Broccoli and
Pancakes
Favorite toy: Golf Clubs
Interests: Riding bikes, her Barbie
Jeep, Playing Golf with her Daddy



Straton Rushing
Son of Trey Rushing and Jane Rushing
5 years old
Favorite food: Apples
Favorite toy: Imagine xt construction
site
Interests: Playing video and computer
games and Swimming



Ariana Maxine Reyes
Daughter of Max & Sonia Reyes
4 years old
Favorite food: Pizza, Mashed
Potatoes, and Beans
Favorite toy: her doll
Interests: Playing dress-up and com-



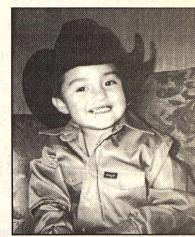
Garret Jaeger
Son of James and Delyse Jaeger
5 years old
Favorite food: Grilled Cheese, Ice Cream,
Pizza and McNuggets
Favorite toy: Green Jedi Lightsaver
Interests: Swimming, T-Ball, Sword
Fights and Camping



Abigail Garcia
Daughter of Juan and Leticia
Garcia
5 years old

Favorite food: Chicken, French Fries, Eggs, Spaghetti, Macaroni & Cheese Favorite toy: Barbies, my toy dog,

"Spot", and a bunny
Interests: Swimming, Singing and
Playing with my sister



Mathew Lee Perez
Son of Cassie Perez
3 years old
Favorite food: French Fries with
gravy
Favorite toy: Power Rangers



Holly Sparks

Daughter of Randy and Janell Sparks
4 years old

Favorite food: Bean & Cheese
Nachos, Macaroni & Cheese,

Cucumbers and Banana Bread Favorite toy: Hula Hoop, Ariel, Barbies, playing dress up with my friends and riding my bicycle Interests: Swimming, Playing Golf

Interests: Swimming, Playing Golf with my Dad, Playing with my cats, "Tigger" and "Bug", Going to my papa's house and Listening to Shania Twain



Robert A. Zapata III
Son of Robert and Elizabeth Zapata
4 years old
Favorite food: Pancakes
Favorite toy: Woody and Buzz
Lightyear

Interests: Bullriding and Playing

Cowboys and Indians

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Friday, August 15th to DRN Office.

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August is World Breastfeeding Month

The Texas Department of Health WIC Program will celebrate World Breastfeeding Month in August in Sonora.

This event marks the beginning of World Breastfeeding Month 2003, a time each August when health officials spotlight the benefits of breastfeeding. Sponsors include the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) in conjunction with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, La Leche League International and the Texas Department of Health.

This year's theme, Breastfeed for Leaner, Brighter, Healthier Little Texans, focuses on the health benefits that breastfeeding provides to children. It will be used in Texas Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition clinics to educate clients on the positive impact breastfeeding has on child health.

Breastfeeding supplies the best nutrition for babies and helps them form strong immune systems to fight illness. Breastfed infants have fewer ear infections, incidences of diarrhea, lung infections and infections of the brain and spine. Recent studies confirm that

College-Bound High School Students Should Register For ACT Exam by August 22

The next ACT Assessment will be administered on September 27, 2003. College-bound high school students must register for the exam by August 22 - the deadline for having the registration post-marked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of September 5, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can get registration packets from their high school counselors or register online at www.act.org.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy. League schools. Many colleges, including Yale, Duke, Amherst, Vassar, Colgate, Johns Hopkins and others will accept ACT scores in lieu of both SAT I and SAT II scores. The ACT is not an aptitude tests - it is an academic achievement test that measures students on what they learned in high school. The test fee is \$26.

ACT's website (www.act.org) has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order in inexpensive test prep materials.

children who were breastfed have higher IQs and a decreased risk of becoming overweight or obese later in life. In addition, mothers who breastfeed their babies also receive health benefits, including reduced risks of breast and ovarian cancer and osteoporosis.

Encouraging mothers to breastfeed their infants is an important step in health promotion in Texas. The benefits for the state include, not only healthier Texans, but also a significant reduction in health-care costs now and in the future.

For more information about World Breastfeeding Month, visit the following Web sites:

www.waba.org.br/wbw2002 www.tdh.state.tx.us/wich/bf/WBM 2001sitemap.html and www.lalecheleague.org/walk.html. For the breastfeeding policy statements from the American Academy of Pediatrics, see www.aap.org;policy/re9729.html and the American Academy of Family Physicians position paper on breastfeeding at www.aafp.org/x6633.xml.

For more information, contact Diana Patterson, Breastfeeding Specialist at 597-0050 or Celia Pena at 387-5720.

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The Idle American

by Dr. Don Newbury

"ARE YOU ready to keep your promise?" I've posed this question many times to educators at in-service programs to kick off school years. NO hands go up. Then, I continue, "Back in May, you prayed, perhaps silently, 'Oh, God, if you'll just get me through this month, I promise I'll come back in August, ready to give it my best again." I'm glad they made the promise, and I'm glad they're back. Few chapters in life equal the excitement and a "sense of the possible" offered by new school years. May God bless everyone at the schoolhouse...

Most educators live out each day committed to teamwork, achievement and optimism. Several years ago, though, I overheard a conversation dominated by "I don't like" comments - all from one disgruntled teacher. "I didn't like the kids last year, I don't like the kids this year and I won't like the kids next year. In short, I don't like kids," the teacher said. A question came from the crowd of "gruntled" teachers, "Do you believe in reincarnation?"

"I'm not sure," she answered, "Why do you ask?"

"Oh, if you did, you could pray to come back as a childhood disease," her colleague said...

WAS I DREAMING, or on was there a news clip of Secretary of State Colin Powell answering how he felt about the new "Colin Powell doll?" His response: "First of all, it's not a doll, it's an action figure..."

Happy Birthday

August 15 - Carla Garcia, Lauren Smith, Maira Robles, Clarissa

August 16 - Clyde Dukes, Morgan Badgett, Morgan Hobbs,

August 18 - Quirina Perez, Roy Stevens, Raymond Rainer,

August 19 - Lauri Smith, E.M. Hobbs, Tom Jacoby, Martha

August 20 - Maritzza Villanueva, Ryan Hardgrave, Fay Price,

August 14 - Tori Vickers, Hipolito Gutierrez, Tammie Love

Hernandez, Freddie Benson, Annette Mabry

August 17 - Arnoldo Gutierrez, Missy Anderson

Wallace, Diana Virgen, Linda Whalen, Bonnie Aguero

McKenzie McAngus, LaLa Hernandez

Harley Sadler, Kathleen Campbell

Speaking of political figures, did you notice that the Democratic senators' retreat to Albuquerque extended well beyond their House counterparts' trek to Ardmore? One political wag insists both groups did it "on the cheap," getting bargain basement hotel deals on the Internet. He said they offered bids for accommodations outside of Texas at hotels in cities starting with the letter "A"

Hey, is this an "RHIP" (Rank Has Its Privileges) thing? Somehow, the represent-atives got the Holiday Inn in Ardmore; senators settled in at the Marriott in Albuquerque.

Several of the exiles in New Mexico went on a "factfinding trip" to an Indian reservation. The visit was indeed instructive. Now they can make lanyards...

AT THE Dallas Cowboys, training camp in San Antonio, players are wide-eyed and open-mouthed reading the coach, s daily posts on the bulletin board. New posts appear each day announcing rules --both "thou shalts" and "thou shalt nots" -- all somber and to the point. Players can't wait to get the latest "Parcells' post." (You don't like that one? How

about his BILLboard?)...

"Veeeerrrryyyyy interesting!" That's what the little guy on the tricycle used to say on TV's "Laugh-In." Today, he would fall off his trike with so many giggling opportunities on the Left Coast... There is a real possibility that the Golden State's new governor may be movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger, a candidate who so far hasn't been able to

pronounce "California." (I'm not sure how many of the 500 plus candidates can!)

Hey, wait! Maybe Arnold might start calling it, "The Golden State."

Wonder if he's checked with another showman, Jess Ventura? The former wrestling star was elected governor of Minnesota but soon decided that wrestling - and most other pursuits - are more fun that being governor! Ah, government allows no staging and no retakes...Or does it?

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WITH MEGA-millions coming to the Texas Lottery, not many will worry about the actual odds of winning the jackpot one in 135 million. One observer said, "If you want to win the lottery, just raise your window. The odds of buying a winning ticket and one blowing in from outside are about the same..."

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NOW HE'S not to be cut too much slack. But Mark Cuban's comments (the ones he made about Kobe Bryant,s Colorado escapade) may fall into the "it figures" category--IF the latest rumor is true. It has not been confirmed if Cuban and unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams are cousins. Of course, Cuban hasn't run for public office..yet...

Are you telling me you don't know what a lanyard is? Didn't you ever go to Vacation Bible School? Remember braiding those strings of colorful plastic to make key ring thingies for Mom and Dad? At our church, they bought the plastic stuff with money saved watering down Kool-Aid. Also, we wrote our names on the little drink cups and used them all week...

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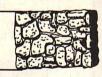
Dr. Don Newbury, longtime university president, is a speaker/author/columnist in Burleson, Texas, a few blocks south of senility. He invites questions about his books, columns and speaking engagements - phone (817-447-3872) or e-mail: newbury@speakerdoc.com



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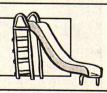
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Dominion; 6100' Steen #72, Patterson Drilling. New Dominion; 6000' Thomson #10, Patterson Drilling. New Dominion; Mayer - 37 - #7, Patterson Drilling. Crockett

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FSA Accepting Nominations For County Committees

The Schleicher, Sutton and Val Verde County Farm Service Agency are currently accepting nominations for each county through September 5, 2003, for this year's County Committee election. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidates of their choice by petition. Blank nomination forms may be obtained at the addresses listed below. Each nomination form must be limited to one nominee and signed by the nominee. Persons nominated must reside in the LAA they represent. This year's election is being held in LAA #1 in Schleicher and Sutton County and in LAA #3 in Val Verde County. A map of the LAA areas is available at each of the County FSA Offices.

LAA #1 in Schleicher County is the eastern part of the county that follows Toe Nail Trail to Hwy 190 and down McIntosch Road.

LAA #1 in Sutton County is the western part of the county, which is west of Hwy 277.

LAA #1 in Val Verde County is west of Howard Draw and the Pecos River.

As you know this commit-

tee is responsible for Farm Service Agency local administrative decisions concerning the many programs directed and managed through the local office. Please be reminded that the County Committee representative is elected by direct vote. The County Committees encourage all persons including all female, minorities, and members of under-represented groups to participate in the election process.

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Sutton County 4-H Plans For the Next Show Year

Projects For Livestock Shows

If you plan to exhibit livestock projects other than swine at the Sutton County livestock show in January 2004, now is the time to be getting those projects or making arrangements for them. If you need assistance in finding lambs, goats (Angora and meat goats), or futurity ewe lambs, call the extension office immediately. Do not wait until September and expect to find a quality project. State Validation of Market Lambs and Meat Goats

The order for validation tags will be mailed on Wednesday, August 20, 2003. All market lambs and meat goats that will be shown after the county show at the major stock shows will have to be tagged. The tags are \$6 each. Please call the extension office as soon as possible and indicate how many tags you will need for your

animals. If you know a family who may be first time exhibitors and

are not familiar with this requirement, please pass this information

on to them so that no one is overlooked. County Show Planning Meeting

A planning meeting for the Sutton County Junior Livestock Show has been set for 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 2003 at the Langford Building. Dates for the show are January 8-10, 2004. All persons with an interest are urged to attend and bring anyone with you who also has an interest in this activity. We will be selecting judges and going over all rules and procedures and setting auction sale quotas. This is a very important meeting and we hope that there are minimal conflicts so that it will be well attended.

First Case of Animal Anthrax in 2003 Confirmed near Del Rio

Producers in Area Urged to Vaccinate Livestock!

submitted by Texas Animal Health Commission

Laboratory tests completed in early August have confirmed that a white-tailed deer near Del Rio died from anthrax. This is the first confirmed case of the disease in Texas in 2003. "It's not unusual to have a few cases of anthrax in livestock or deer each year in Texas, and usually, they occur in a triangle bounded by Uvalde, Ozona and Eagle Pass, which takes in portions of Crockett, Val Verde, Sutton, Edwards, Kinney, Uvalde and Maverick counties," said Dr. Bob Hillman, state veterinarian and executive director for the Health Animal Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory

"In early July, counties around Del Rio received rains spawned moby Hurricane Claudette as"the storm moved westward over land. The welcome moisture was followed by a normal hot, dry spell. This weather pattern can trigger the germination of dormant anthrax. spores in the ground, causing them to migrate to the surface and contaminate soil and grass, where the bacteria is ingested by grazing animals," said Dr. Hillman. "If the animals haven't been vaccinated against the disease, the anthrax bacteria can cause severe illness within hours and death within a couple of days. Carcasses of infected animals may bloat quickly and blood may ooze from body openings."

While laboratory tests, run by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station, are needed to confirm infection, all anthrax cases--suspected or laboratory confirmed--must be reported to the TAHC. The regulatory agency operates a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-8242, with state or federal regulatory veterinarians available at all times to take calls and work with private veterinary practitioners and producers.

Dr. Hillman explained that the TAHC has two main concerns about anthrax cases. The first is to ensure that potentially exposed or incubating animals are not moved from the premise. "We don't want animals to die in transit or on a new premise and then be mishandled," said Dr. Hillman. "Therefore, our regulations require that animals on an infected premises be quarantined for at least 10 days after all the livestock have been vaccinated against the disease. This period of time allows for any perviously exposed animals to die from the disease, while healthy animals will develop immunity, thanks to the vaccine."

"Ranchers with livestock in areas where anthrax cases usually occur either vaccinate routinely each spring, or begin vaccinating their cattle, sheep, goats, horses or other grazing animals as soon as a season's

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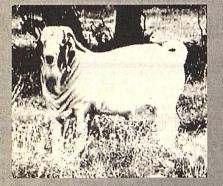
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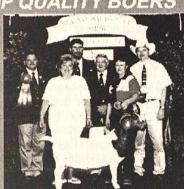
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San Angelo Center Sets 30th Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day

by: Steve Byrns

SAN ANGELO – Super juniper-eating goats and range ripping are only, two of many topics slated for this year's 30th Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day Sept. 4 at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

The center is north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87. Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by a field tour at 9:30 a.m.

The morning's six-stop tour features presentations on such topics as juniper-eating goats, range ripping, wool measuring instruments, salt cedar, and superior genetics in Texas Rambouillet sheep. Participants can also take advantage of a health screening that will run concurrently with the rest of the morning tour. The screening is being coordinated by Noemi Samaniego of Sonora, Health Education for Rural Outreach (HERO) specialist at the center.

After a catered lunch, the program begins at 1 p.m. with a presentation on Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) and industry updates from the Mohair Council of America; National Sheep Industry Improvement Center; Ranchers' Lamb of Texas, Inc.; Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service, and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

For further information, contact the center at (325) 653-4576.

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first case is reported," he said.
"Although the injected vaccine is very effective, unfortunately, there is no approved method for administering vaccine to free-ranging deer, which can't be rounded up and restrained in a chute for vaccination."

"Our second concern about anthrax is the proper disposal of infected carcasses," Dr. Hillman noted. He pointed out that, prior to release of a TAHC quarantine, carcasses of infected animals must be burned thoroughly, to prevent anthrax bacteria from leaching into the soil, where it can remain dormant for decades as spores.

"Carcasses of animals that have died of anthrax should not be opened, and to avoid bacterial contamination of the soil, carcasses, animal bedding, and nearby manure must be burned, and the surrounding soil must be scorched to kill the bacteria, using gasoline or wood as fuel," he said. He advised producers not to burn oils, diesel or tires, as these products create air pollution. Dr. Hillman said proper carcass disposal also prevents wild pigs, coyotes, dogs or other predators from dragging carcasses (and the anthrax bacteria) from one pasture to another.

"When burning potentially infected carcasses, or vaccinating livestock against anthrax, ranchers should wear shirts with for hundreds of long sleeves and put on gloves to avoid contaminating sores or not alarming."

scratches on their arms or hands," cautioned Dr. Hillman. "Skin anthrax can cause a nasty sore that requires appropriate antibiotic treatment from a physician, so practice good general sanitiation practices. Wash your hands and clothes. Consider disinfecting equipment used to move bedding, potentially infected manure or fuel. Keep pets away from carcasses, and avoid picking up bones, horns or antlers from dead animals. Healthy animals should be moved from anthraxcontaminated areas during an outbreak."

"Hunters often ask us about anthrax and risks associated with harvesting animals," commented Dr. Hillman. "Fortunately, by the time hunting season starts, cool weather usually puts an end to a season's outbreak. Always shoot only healthy-looking animals. If a deer has ingested anthrax bacteria, within hours, it will stagger, tremble or exhibit convulsions, and death is inevitable."

"Anthrax is not a danger to travelers or vacationers in an area where cases have occurred," stressed Dr. Hillman. "We advise tourists to avoid touching carcasses, and they won't have to worry about the bacteria or contracting the disease. Anthrax has been with us for hundreds of years, and while cases are noteworthy, they are not alarming."

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807 S. Concho ra, Texas 76950-3999 Letter To Households (Multi-Child) National School Lunch/Breakfast Program School Year 2003-2004

(915) 387-2220 Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Sonora ISD offers healthy meals every school Day. Breakfast costs \$.75; lunch costs \$ 1.50 and \$ 1.75 (secondary schools) your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. The reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, use the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application, which is enclosed. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so Be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Dora Gonzales @ high school, 387-5760.

Here are answers to questions you may have about applying:

- 1. Who can get free or reduced-price meals? Children in households receiving Food Stamps or TANF can get free meals regardless of household income. Also, if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart, your children can receive free or reduced-price meals.
- 2. Will my information be checked? Yes. We may ask you to send written proof of the information you give.
- 3. What if I stop receiving Food Stamps or TANF? If your children qualify because you listed a Food Stamp or TANF case number, you must tell the school when you no longer receive Food Stamps or TANF.
- 4. What if my household size or income changes? If your children qualify for free or reduce-price meals based on your income, you must tell us if your household size goes down or if your income goes up by more than \$ 50 per month (\$600 per year). Call us at 387-5760. You do not have to fill out another application.
- 5. If I don't qualify now, may I apply again later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start receiving Food Stamps or TANF. If you lose your job, your children may be able to receive free or reduce-price meals during the time you are unemployed.
- 6. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Brant Myers, Superintendent @ 807 South Concho, Sonora, TX. 76950

If you have other questions or need help, call 387-5760

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Instructions for Applying

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If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List the child's name, school, and grade.

Part 2: List the child's personal use monthly income, if any.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

Part 5: Optional. We must have your permission to share your information.

If your household receives FOOD STAMPS OR TANF, follow these instructions: Part 1: List each child's name, school, grade, and Food Stamp or TANF case number.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

Part 5: Optional. We must have your permission to share your information.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List each child's name, school, and grade. Optional (Social Security Number, Student I.D., or Date of Birth)

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children. Attach another sheet of paper if needed. Column 2—Last month's income and how often it was received: List the types of income your household received last month and how often.

Employment Income: List the gross income each person earned last month. It is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and deductions. It should be listed on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often you receive it (weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly). Other Income: List the total amount each person received last month from all other sources. Include welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Worker's Compensions.

sation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person received it. Column 3—Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.

Part 4: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.

Part 5: Optional. We must have your permission to share your information.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us. The National School Lunch Act requires the information on his application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your children for free or reduced-price meals. The social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application is required unless you list Food Stamp or TANF case numbers or all children you are applying for, OR if you are applying for a foster child. You must check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box if he adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We WILL use your information to see if your children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, to operate the program, and to enforce the rules of the program. We MAY share your sligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into misuse of program rules.

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1	\$11,674	\$16,613	\$973	\$1,385	\$225	\$320	
2	15,756	22,422	1,313	1,869	303	432	
3	19,838	28,231	1,654	2,353	382	543	
4	23,920	34,040	1,994	2,837	460	655	
5	28,002	39,849	2,334	3,321	539	767	
6	32,084	45,658	2,674	3,805	617	879	
7	36,166	51,467	3,014	4,289	696	990	
8	40,248	57,276	3,354	4,773	774	1,102	
9	44,330	63,085	3,695	5,258	853	1,214	
10	48,412	68,894	4,036	5,743	932	1,326	
11	52,494	74,703	4,377	6,228	1,011	1,438	
12	56,576	80,512	4,718	6,713	1,090	1,550	
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A continuación se encuentran respuestas a algunas preguntas que Ud. pueda tener acerca de la solicitud:

- 1. ¿Quién puede obtener comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido? Los estudiantes de hogares que reciben Estampillas para Comida o TANF pueden recibir comidas gratultas sin importar los ingresos del hogar. Así mismo si los ingresos del hogar están dentro de lo estipulado por la guía de ingresos del gobierno federal, sus niños pueden recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido.
- 2. ¿Será verificada mi solicitud? Existe la posibilidad de que le pidamos prueba por escrito de la información que usted provea.
- 3. ¿Que sucede si dejo de recibir Estampillas para Comida o TANF? Si sus hijos califican porque usted anotó un número de Estampillas para Comida o TANF, debe notificar a las autoridades escolares cuando ya no reciba estos beneficios.
- 4. ¿Que sucede si hay cambios en el tamaño de la familia o en los ingresos? Si sus hijos califican para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido basandose en sus ingresos, debe dejarnos saber si el número de miembros de la familia disminuye o si sus ingresos aumentan por más de \$50 mensuales (\$600 al año). Llame al (número de teléfono). No es necesario llenar otra solicitud.
- 5. ¿Puedo solicitar comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido después si ahora no califico? Sí. Puede solicitar comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido en cualquier momento del año escolar si el tamaño de la familia aumenta, si los ingresos disminuyen, o si empieza usted a recibir Estampillas para Comida o TANF. Si pierde su trabajo, es posible que sus hijos califiquen para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido durante el tiempo que usted esté desempleado.
- 6. ¿Puedo apelar la decisión de las autoridades escolares acerca de mi solicitud? Debe comunicarse con las autoridades escolares. También puede pedir una audiencia llamando o escribiendo a:

Brant Myers, Superintendente, 807 Concho, Sonora, TX. 76950

Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita asistencia, llame al 387-5760

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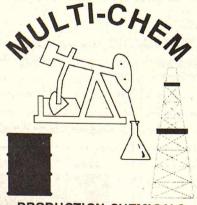
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The Sonora High School Cheerleaders are hosting the annual Little Bronco Cheer Camp on Friday, August 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Cheer Camp is for grades K-5th, and the fee will be \$35.00.

Snacks and Bronco bandannas are included, but kids will need to bring a sack lunch. Registration will be at the Cheerleader's booth during Sutton County Days or you can pick up a form at the Sonora Elementary Office on the first day of school.

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After

Oscar Jimenez and the Road and Bridge Department crew is proud to show off their newly refurbished 1956 Mack truck. Rainy days and below freezing temperatures that kept the crews in over the last year or so provided time to work on the "junker", as they call it. The truck looks and runs like new and will proudly carry the Sutton County Commissioners in the 2003 Sutton County Days Parade on Saturday, August 16, 2003. Oscar said he wanted to express his gratitude to the crew for all their hard work on the Mack.

Ports-to-Plains from page 1

That should be a very "beneficial" loss, considering Randy's knowledge of Sonora, the requirements of rural West Texas, and his deep concerns for the transportation needs of the state.

Ports-to-Plains locally, is working with the San Angelo District office of TxDot to formulate a study for a reliever route for the City of Sonora. John Dewitt with the San Angelo office is the one that will be preparing the study which will involve several "cit-

izen participation" meetings. Be on the look-out for those and please plan to attend.

Kevin Evans, President of Ports-to-Plains, has been in touch with County and City Officials to set up times for him to address both of these organizations to give them an update on Ports-to-Plains and future planning strategies.

Thank you for your sup-

School Bus Safety from page 1

School Bus Safety Rules

The following information is useful for school bus riders and their parents.

Rules for getting on the bus safely:

1. Be at the bus stop on time. Never run to or from the bus.

2. Wait at the designated stop in a safe place well back from the

3. Remember the danger zone around the bus. The danger zone is anywhere close enough to the bus to touch it. The bus driver cannot see you when you are in the danger zone.

4. If you cross the street to get on the bus: when the bus comes, wait until it has come to a complete stop. The bus driver will make sure all the traffic stops. The stop arm will be out and the red lights will be flashing. Watch the driver. When the driver knows it is safe, he or she will signal you to cross, but watch for traffic yourself. Walk, don't run.

5. Hold the hand rail as you get on the bus. Don't push or shove. Rules for Safe School Bus Riding:

1. Take your seat promptly and sit properly, facing forward at

2. Hold bags and parcels in your lap. Do not stick your feet into

the aisle: someone might trip. 3. Keep your head and arms-everything-inside the bus. Don't

throw anything out the windows or around in the bus. 4. Talk quietly. The driver must concentrate to drive the bus

5. Save snacks for snack time at school or till you get home.

They may spill or you may choke if the bus goes over a big bump. 6. No fighting, shouting or playing in or around the bus.

7. Always follow the bus driver's instructions.

Rules for leaving the bus safely:

1. When you leave the bus, hold the handrail and take two large steps away from the bus.

2. To cross the street in front of the bus, walk ahead at least ten giant steps (three meters). Cross only when the driver gives a signal. Cross the street in single file.

3. If you drop something near the bus, don't pick it up. Tell the driver or other adult.

4. If everyone is getting off the bus, the people at the front leave first. Do not push.

5. Be familiar with the rules for emergencies.

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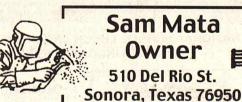








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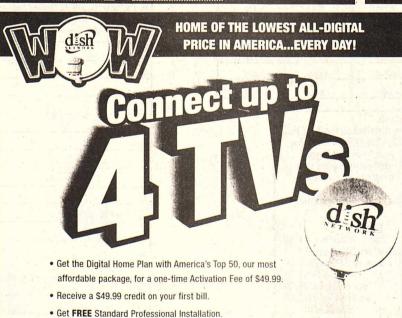
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NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, Texas, will hold final budget hearing on Monday, August 25, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex. At that time the budget will be approved and the tax rate set. The proposed budget is available for inspection during normal business hours in the offices of the Sutton County Judge, Sutton County Annex or the Sutton County Auditor at the Sutton County Courthouse.

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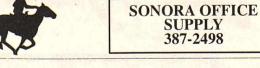


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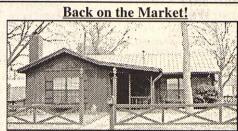


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School Board Holds Special Meetings

the Sonora Independent School District met for a special meeting at 11:50 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2003. Board members present for the meeting were Scott Jacoby, President, Jesse Bustamante, Tryon Fields and Brant Myers, Superintendent. Tammy Favila, Sam David Hernandez and Tom Payton were absent. Also present for the meeting were Diane Jacoby, Cynthia Keel, Shane Davis and Mike McGee of T.M. Davis Construction and Kent Niemann and John Williams of Pfluger and Associates.

Board President, Scott Jacoby, announced that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order.

A motion was made by Field, seconded by Bustamante, to approve the Agreement for Education of Non-Resident Students. Voting "aye" were Bustamante, Fields, Jacoby and Jennings. Absent and not voting were Favila, Hernandez and Payton. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned with no further business.

A second special meeting was held at 12:00 noon on the same day, Wednesday, July 30th. After being called to order, a motion was made by Jennings, seconded by Fields, to adopt the Resolution for Chapter 41 Purposes. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

A motion was then made by Fields, seconded

Dinner Friday Night

motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A motion by Jennings, seconded by Bustamante, was approved to appoint the following officials for the special election for Chapter 41 purposes on September 13, 2003. Early voting clerk will be Vallree Draper. Alternate clerks will be Laurie Garza, Diane Jacoby and Cynthia Keel.

At this point in the meeting, the Board President moved to agenda item 5, Personnel Matters. A motion was made by Bustamante to employ Marsha Patton as a Special Education Teacher at the Middle School for 2003-2004 as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Fields and the motion carried.

Following a lengthy discussion with both architects from Pfluger and Associates and the construction personnel from T.M. Davis construction, it was the directive of the Board to allow the construction company until August 11 to make adjustments and look at changes before any decision is made or rejected regarding the guaranteed maximum price for the renovation project. No items were considered in closed session and the meeting was adjourned.

The Board met for another special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2003. Board members present were Jacoby,

Sonora Schools Start

Monday,

August 18, 2003 Remember to watch for

children and slow down

in school zones!

Let The Masonic Lodge Cook

Sonora's Dee Ora Masonic Lodge No. 715 is sponsoring their

scholarship dinner in conjunction with Sutton County Days. The

dinner will be held in the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center on

Friday, August 15, 2003. Serving will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

This year's menu will feature your choice of sirloin steak, barbecue

dchicken, beans, coleslaw, iced tea and Blue Bell ice cream for

dessert; all for the low price of \$8.00. The past two years, 17 Sonora

High School graduates have been awarded college scholarships to

the college of their choice. Please join us at the scholarship dinner

Bustamante, to order a special Bustamante, Favila, Fields, and election for September 13, 2003 Payton. Hernandez and for Chapter 41 purposes. The Jennings were absent. Others present were Brant Myers, John Berry, Louise Dermody, Jason Herring, and Diane Jacoby.

A motion was made by Fields, seconded by Bustamante to approve the Technology Support Grant with ESC XV. The motion carried unanimous-The Superintendent, Business Manager and board members reviewed the proposed 2003-2004 budget in detail.

There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The Board of Trustees met for another special called meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2003. All members were present, along with Superintendent Myers, Barbara Brown and David Smith of the Education Service Center. Region XV.

After a quorum was announced, Region XV presenters Barbara Brown and David Smith conducted a team building workshop on the subject of setting goals for the Superintendent. Board members developed the following areas as Superintendent Goals for 2003-2004: facilities; finances; communication; student performance; attendance, and qualified, quality staff.

There being no further business, the special meeting was adjourned.

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F.Y.I.

Boy Scout Pack 19 will meet at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, August 16th for the Sutton County Days Parade. Bring your own candy and water bottle and wear your uniforms. Parents should pick up Scouts right after the parade in the Alco parking lot.

Bronco Booster Club will meet Monday, August 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School.

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