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LET 'ER BUCK!! IT'S RODEO TIME



Jake Pearce riding for the Gold Buckle at the 2008 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo.

Submitted

Join us this weekend for the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo at the Sutton County Park Arena, on August 14 and 15. Our rodeo will spotlight some of the best bucking stock from Smith Pro Rodeos. Five-time PRCA Stock Contractor of the Year, Stace Smith will be bringing Sutton County the "Greatest Show on Dirt".

Rated as one of the best small town PRCA Rodeos in the country, this year top cowboys and cowgirls from around the country will compete for over \$23,000 in prize money.

Slack will begin on Thurs-

day, August 13 at 8:30 a.m. with calf roping, WPRA Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling and Team Roping. Action starts up again Friday, August 14 at 8:30 a.m. with Girl's Barrel Racing and Steer Roping.

On Friday night, Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo will pay tribute to all Veterans of our great nation, with complimentary admission to the rodeo, and a salute to the fallen heroes of our country.

Preshow events will start at 7:00 p.m. and will feature local Mutton Bustin' finalists on Friday, and the crowning of

our new Miss Sutton County on Saturday night.

After the rodeo on Friday, dance under the stars from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. with the Blind Nello Band, and on Saturday night from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. to The Old Hat Band at the Sutton County Park slab.

Come on out and join the fun. This year's rodeo events are proudly sponsored by Enertech Wireline Services, Lost Lake Ranch, JMC Transport Services, Glazers Wholesale, and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Universal Healthcare or Universal Mess? Conaway Weighs In



by Ben Taylor

On August 5th, Congressman Mike Conaway visited the Lillian Memorial Hudspeth Hospital during a break in the legislative session. The discussion centered exclusively on the health care bill currently being debated in the legislature. Conaway, a republican representative of the 11th district in Texas spent little time letting his views known as he commented, "I am not in favor of the plan that is being presented now. It's not enough for me just to say no, I have to have a solution to present".

According to Conaway, "this is the most personal issue we are tackling right now; everyone's got skin in this game. We have the best healthcare system in the world, but it doesn't mean it's perfect, so

yes reform needs to be done. We need to refocus on lowering cost". He went on to state specific goals that he believes would result in successful health care reform. "Pre-existing conditions, we have to deal with that. Pooling people with pre-existing conditions into a state supported group plan would lower costs. That in turn would encourage more small businesses to offer quality health coverage."

Conaway added that the current plan would "drive private insurance companies out of business". According to the Congressman, competition is the quickest way to lower healthcare prices, "allowing insurance companies to extend across state lines is very important as it broadens the competitive pool, which in turn lowers costs across the board".

Tort reform (tort is a system for compensating wrongs and harm done by one party to another. Tort reform is any proposed change in the civil justice system that would reduce tort litigation or damages) another important part of the Republican plan. "Tort reform is essential. It drives up the cost of everything." Conaway cited the lower costs of insurance premiums for malpractice insurance in Texas as an example, "Texas did a good thing by capping the limit of non-economic damages-see "Washington View" on page 8 for more details.

Conaway commented that any solution to the current health care quagmire would have to come through with a bi-partisan effort, "I represent rural Texas. I will not vote on a large bill that won't work on smaller systems. There is a republican bill in place that I have not signed because I believe it would overlook smaller hospitals".

Sonora to Host Smith Pro Rodeo's "GREATEST SHOW ON DIRT"



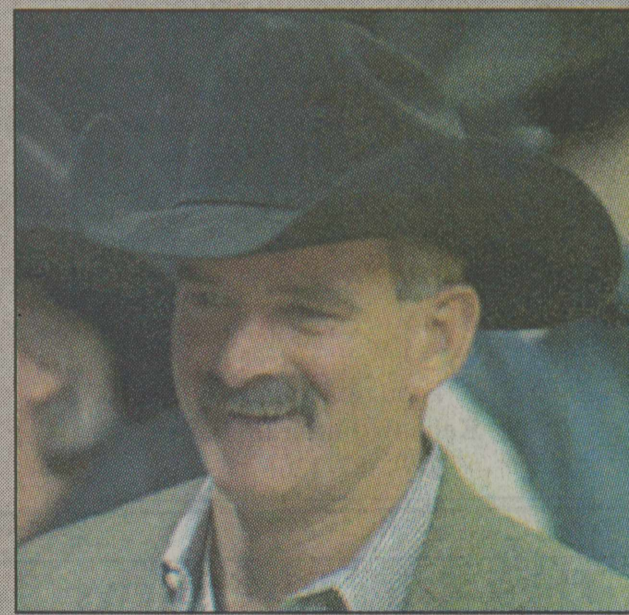
Photo by David Jennings

By Bonnie Lou Campbell

Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo will be team up with Stace Smith and Smith Pro Rodeo for a second year for the "Greatest Show on Dirt"! Rated as one of the best small town PRCA Rodeos in the country, this year top cowboys and cowgirls from around the country will compete for over \$23,000 in prize money.

Slack will begin on Thursday, August 13 at 8:30 a.m. with the first go-round of timed events. Action will start up again Friday, August 14 at 8:30 a.m. with girl's Barrel Racing and three rounds of Steer Roping. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature local Mutton Busters and County Team Ropers along with some exciting Dodge Series Pro Rodeo action. Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. will be the crowning of Miss Sutton County with the rodeo to follow.

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Stace Smith, owner of Smith Pro Rodeos, has participated in rodeo at every level, from contestant and chute boss to pickup man and stock contractor.

Stace Smith produces more PRCA rodeos than any other stock contractor in the PRCA. In 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 Stace Smith was named Stock Contractor of the Year in the PRCA. Also in 2004, Smith Pro Rodeos had two rodeos in the top five in two of the four categories.

In 2005, Small Rodeo of the Year was awarded to the MDA Benefit Rodeo in Athens, Texas, which was created by and has been produced by Stace Smith since 1995. In 2006 Smith Pro Rodeos had a rodeo in the top five in three of the four categories.

Stace Smith Pro Rodeos owns 321 head of horses in its bucking horse program. Of these, approximately 140 head are of age and condition to be hauled to rodeos and bucking events. They own approximately 60 head of bulls that they take to PRCA and PBR events. They had 15 horses and 5 bulls at the 2005 National Finals Rodeo. In addition, Smith Pro Rodeos was awarded the 2005 PRCA Bareback Horse of the year and the 3rd place 2005 PRCA Saddlebronc Horse of the Year.

Smith Pro Rodeos is the committee or partners with the committee at eleven of the thirty rodeos they produced last year. Because of this, they have an inside edge on what it takes to help committees achieve one of the ultimate goals of spectator sports, which is putting spectators in the seats.

Eaton Hill
Summer Camp



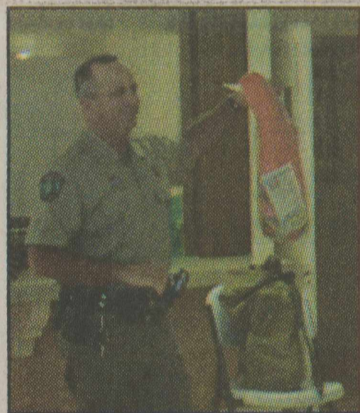
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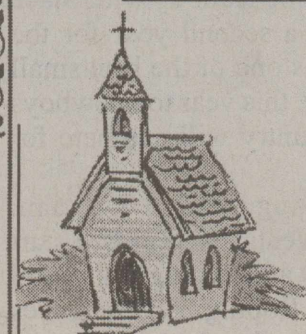
Senior Center Activities

Thur. Aug. 13- Happy Birthday *Betty Stephen*
Fri. Aug. 14- Need Volunteers to deliver meals.
Mon. Aug. 17- Happy Birthday *Olivia Perez*
Tues. Aug. 18- Cooking w/Kelly, Nutri. Ed., Bingo
Wed. Aug. 19- Van to Angelo. Call Lilia 387-3941.

Senior Center Menu

Thur. Aug. 13- BBQ chicken, pinto beans, cornbread, milk, potato salad, apricot/banana medley
Fri. Aug. 14- Chopped steak w/gravy, onions, rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, orange juice, apple crisp and milk
Mon. Aug. 17- King Ranch chicken, steamed broccoli, carrot raisin salad, rolls, cookies and milk
Tues. Aug. 18- Hot dog w/chili, cheese, onions, sweet potatoes, Pineapple Waldorf, salad, brownies
Wed. Aug. 19- Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, milk, broccoli w/cheese, rolls, peach cobbler

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted
(suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



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387-2616 | First Baptist Church
11 E. Oak
387-2951 |
| Lighthouse Community Church
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387-9100 | St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E. Poplar
387-2955 |
| Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466 |
| St. Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
306 W. 4th St
387-5713 |
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387-5658/387-5518 | Hope Lutheran Church
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387-5366 |

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Obituary

Richard "Dick" McCalmont



Richard "Dick" McCalmont, 90, died August 9, 2009, at Patriot Heights in San Antonio.

Service arrangements are pending. Kerbow Funeral Home in Sonora can be contacted for more information.

Mr. McCalmont was born August 2, 1919, in Xenia, Ohio, to John and Margaret McCalmont. On July 25, 1944, he married Lois Enid Jenkins in Long Beach, California. Dick moved from Ohio to Sonora in 1939. After spending a few years in southern Colorado, Abilene, and Menard, Dick and Lois returned to Sonora in 1971 where he lived until he suffered a stroke in March of 2009. He spent much of his life outdoors doing what he enjoyed - riding horses, ranching, roping, hunting and trapping. On many evenings you could find Dick sitting on the back porch watching the sunset and sharing a good story about his life experiences.

His wife, Lois McCalmont, preceded him in death. He is survived by his son and daughter and their spouses, John McCalmont and Carolyn McCalmont of Longview; Judy Leard and Ken Leard of Hico; three grandchildren and their spouses, Amanda Kanak and Larry Kanak, Alison King and Jonathan King, and David McCalmont; and five great-grandchildren, Grant Kanak, Garrett Kanak, Gavin Kanak, Clare King and Wyatt King. Many loving friends will also miss him.

Memorials may be sent to the Concho Valley Home for Girls, 412 Presser St, San Angelo, Texas 76903. The family wishes to thank the staff of Patriot Heights and VITAS for their kind and compassionate care.

The best three words that describe Dick's life: Perseverance, Strength and Love.

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank all the contributors, volunteers, parents and visitors that came out for Meet the Broncos this past Friday night. I specifically would like to thank the First National Bank for their popcorn donation.

John Creek
Booster Club President

Wedding Announcement



Twists and turns of life have brought together the lives of Leigha Casey Sparks and Chris David Scott through blessed serendipity at a picturesque lakeside residence in Lake Norman, NC. The ceremony was officiated by lifelong family friend, James Williamson, with a reception following.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Thomas Sparks of Batesburg, SC, and Della Hunsucker of Catawba, SC. The bride is a graduate of Rock Hill High in South Carolina and holds a Bachelors of Science in Sport and Entertainment Management from the University of South Carolina. She is currently the Director of Sales & Marketing for SMG at the BOK Center in the heart of downtown Tulsa, OK.

The groom is the son of Kim and Cyndye Batchelor of Sonora, a 1994 graduate of Sonora High School, and holds a Bachelors of Business Management from the University of Texas in San Antonio. He is currently a Team Lead Analyst in Global Support Services at ConocoPhillips in Bartlesville, OK.

Joining in the ceremony were Joni Levesque, Tarah Boulware, and Judi Christmas. Accompanying the ladies were Kim Batchelor and Lt. Ryan Christmas, United States Army. Decorating the aisle with flowers was Brooklyn Sparks, daughter of the bride. Keeping close watch on the rings was Aiden Christmas, son of Ryan and Judi.

A special benediction song from the movie "Rocky" was dedicated to the close relationship between the bride and her father.

The couple enjoyed a memorable honeymoon week in Ochos Rios, Jamaica and returned home to Tulsa, OK.

GEARING UP FOR SUTTON COUNTY DAYS: August 14 & 15

Happy Birthday!

August 13

Doris Morriss, Betty Stephen, Clayton Taylor, Marjie Becknell, Pole Garza, Erica Martinez, Mike Moore, Hubert Payton, Christopher Amador

August 14

Oscar Trevino, Jr., Danielle Rodriguez, Tori Vickers, Hipolito Gutierrez, Tammie Love, Lupita Arevalo, Nato Hinojosa, Danny Martinez

August 15

Lauren Smith, Carla Garcia, Richard Cooper, Emma Sepeda, Aurora Noriega, Clarissa Hernandez, Freddie Benson, Annette Mabry, Maria Robles, Terry Brooks

August 16

Morgan Hobbs, Vicki Baldwin, Lala Hernandez, Clyde Dukes, Brianna Duran, Jaquina Castro, Juan J. Hernandez, Jr., Uriel Santana, McKenzie McAngus

August 17

Olivia Perez, Mary Humphrey, Melissa Anderson, Kenlie Tyler Uriega, Sonia Hernandez, Colton Rowell, Arnoldo Gutierrez, Wheelless Miller, Chesly Herd, Becki Chatwell

August 18

Raymond Calvin Rainer, Zachary Leonard, Quirina Perez, Ivan Murillo, Roy Stevens, Harley Sadler, Sandi Ainsworth, Kathleen Campbell

August 19

Mike Hobbs, Alisha Covey, Lauri Smith, Tom Jacoby, David T. Sanchez, Jr., Martha Wallace, Diana Virgin, Bonnie Aguero, Ari Deluna

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85th Birthday

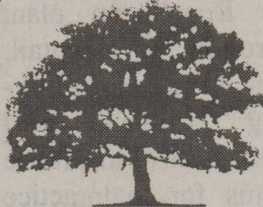
on August 15, 2009

At the Sutton County Steakhouse, Sonora, Texas

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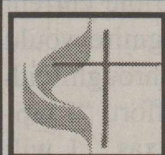
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Main Street Traffic

By Ann Kay

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program has been busy advertising our community with several publications this summer so we may become known as the "Best Community in West Texas", and thus will increase our tourism trade. There have been a lot of tourists from Europe this summer visiting Sonora, who love to walk the streets of the old Wild West and learn about the ranches in our community. I have also written several proposals for conferences in the fall and spring of 2010.

I know our community is working hard to overcome the short downturn in our economic community. I have applied for us to be on the program at the National Trust National Main Street Conference in the Spring of 2010. I am hoping that we will be accepted to be a part of one of the sessions, and that it will be great exposure for our tourist trade.

Several events are coming up to mark our calendar. The Annual Bronco Homecoming Parade will be on September 11, 2009. Line-up will be on Concho Street, and the parade will go down Main Street at 3:00 p.m. Be a part of the parade; it is always lots of fun.

On Saturday, September 12, 2009, at the John & Mildred Cauthorn Santa Fe Depot, we will be serving a homemade hamburger picnic lunch, and lots of old photos and stories will be shared. The museums in town will be open for our alumni to visit. There are over 250 alumni on the website list already, and we have mailed out invitations to more alumni. The class honored this year will be 1959. The Homecoming Committee has a new website where you may add your name to the list to get updates on town news, www.sonorahighalumni.com. For information email sonoraalum@aol.com.

We would like to express our appreciation to our downtown businesses and the Devil's River News for allowing us to spread the news!

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Sonora Middle School Registration

Sonora Middle School will host student registration and "Meet the Teachers" for both returning and new students on Tuesday, August 18 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Students may pick up their schedules, check out their books, obtain lockers and meet their teachers for the new school year. All middle school students are encouraged to attend.

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Meet the Broncos

Citizens.... you are invited to Meet the Broncos Night @ St. Ann's Hall 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 19, to meet the Bronco cheerleaders and players at the 3rd annual dinner and social. Please bring a covered dish or dessert. St. Ann's and the Bronco Boosters will provide the beef and perhaps some local delicacies.

F.Y.I.
The City Council for the City of Sonora will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to consider the rescheduling of the August Regular Meeting from Tuesday, August 18, 2009, to Tuesday, August 25th, 2009, at 3:30 p.m.

Class of 1984 - 25th Year Reunion to be held on August 15, at the home of Melanie Smith; 223 Sawyer Dr. FMI Call 325-387-2900.

Reunion for Graduating Classes 1985 and 1986, August 15, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ Bill & Judy Webster's home, 115 Manor St. For more info, visit www.sonorahighalumni.com.

SHS Class of 1999 Reunion, August 15- 8:15 a.m. downtown Sonora to ride float, 1:30 p.m. Stacy (Fox) Fisher's home @ 9240 Ranch Road 864 for Hot Dog Cookout!!!! Please RSVP to Stacy at (325) 226-4453 or stayce_fox25@hotmail.com

Please join the Sonora High School Class of 1979 in celebrating its 30th reunion on August 15, - 4:00 p.m. @ The old Depot (across from The Church of Good Shepherd Presbyterian). The cost will be \$20.00 per adult which includes catered BBQ, soda, and ice. It's BYOB for adult beverages. Please RSVP by August 1st, to any of the hosts below.

Stacey Brasher-sriggs61@hotmail.com or 858-232-6173.
Lorraine Creek-lsuerber@yahoo.com or 210-383-5552.
Benny Granger-benny.granger@ozonaschools.net or 325-226-2489.

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Patricia Ponsetti-ttl@poolprossa.com or 325-650-3302.
Duray Smith-duray_smith@msn.com or 325-206-0200.
Kids and grandkids welcome.

Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary is selling chances for \$1 for a 42" HDTV or a Child's Electric Vehicle. The drawing will be held August 15 during Sutton County Days and you do not have to be present to win. All proceeds will be used to benefit Hudspeth Hospital.

Season tickets for Sonora Bronco Football will be on sale at the Administration Building from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 17, through noon Friday, August 28. Tickets are \$25 per book.

The Game Dinner Meetings will be held on Sept. 8 and Nov. 3, 2009. Anyone interested that would like to participate in the preparations and the event are welcome to attend. All meetings will be held at Fire Dept. meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Sutton County Friends of NRA will be holding their 2nd Annual Auction/Banquet event on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Donations and auction items are being sought for this event. If you would like to be an active participant or would like to donate, please contact Tonya Brown @ 325-387-3861 or 325-387-5929. A pre-event raffle will begin April 2009. A gun safe and 5 firearms will be raffled, with one winner taking all!

Need a Dunking Booth for a party or fundraiser? Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary has a dunking booth for rent. Call Tommie Sanchez at 226-8271 for availability and rates.

The 144th Narcotics Anonymous Group meets every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Hall of The Church of the Good Shepherd, 319 N.E. Mulberry. FMI, call 387-4941 or 450-8922.

Rent the Depot!
For more information please call 387-5084. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Fundraiser for Liberty Park Veteran's Memorial Wall-Buy a permanently engraved brick for the new sidewalks at Liberty Park. We are raising money for the engraving of the names to go on the Memorial Wall. 4x8 brick \$35.00, 8x8 brick \$60.00, 12x12 \$150.00-with logos. Pick up forms at The Bank & Trust or at City Hall.

Liberty Park Veterans Memorial Wall-Submit a veteran's picture with bio's. Include the name of the veteran, branch of service. Veterans must be residents or former residents of Sonora or Sutton County. Mail to: Liberty Park Veterans Wall, PO Box 824, Sonora, TX 76950. You can also pick up a form at The Bank & Trust or City Hall, or email to juanita@sonoratax.net.

Sonora High School Alumni - Register at www.sonorahighalumni.com. For more information log on to sonoraalum@aol.com.

Fellow Friends and Co-Workers. A trust fund has been set up at the First National Bank of Sonora. Anyone interested in making a donation (Tax Deductible) to Roy J. while he is recovering from his accident can do so by cash or check. Make checks payable to Sutton County Community Trust, and on the memo line write: Roy J Eisenbach Jr. Drop payments off at the bank or give them to Pat Day or Randy Sparks. Thank you very much.



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Landscape of the Month



August residential landscape of the month is located at 1302 Tayloe Ave., the home of Peggy Trainer.

Eaton Hill Summer Camp

Submitted by: Delyse Jaeger



Due in large part to the initiative, planning and efforts of summer interns Yolanda Sanchez and Kory Humphrey, the first-ever Eaton Hill Summer Camp was well attended and by all accounts a great success. Twenty-three youngsters explored, hiked, played, learned about nature and history, and stretched their artistic wings, bringing the Eaton House to life and of-

fering glimpses of the Nature Centers' potential.

Mr. Bill Fish lent his knowledge and expertise in flint-knapping, illustrating the crucial art of the early peoples of our area. Mary Humphrey added wonder and education with her presentation on snakes. Campers learned about safety and biology, highlighted by the opportunity to touch the more docile snakes.

Local photographer, Sheyla Harkey, captured the delight on our camper's faces and Straton Rushing and Garrett Jaeger volunteered their time as well.

Seeing all the activity and enthusiasm was a dream come true for Delyse Jaeger and Jacqui Thomas, who plan to grow the program in preparation for next summer.



Thank you to all the parents for entrusting us with your precious children, a special group that will forever be the "First" Eaton Hill Summer Campers!

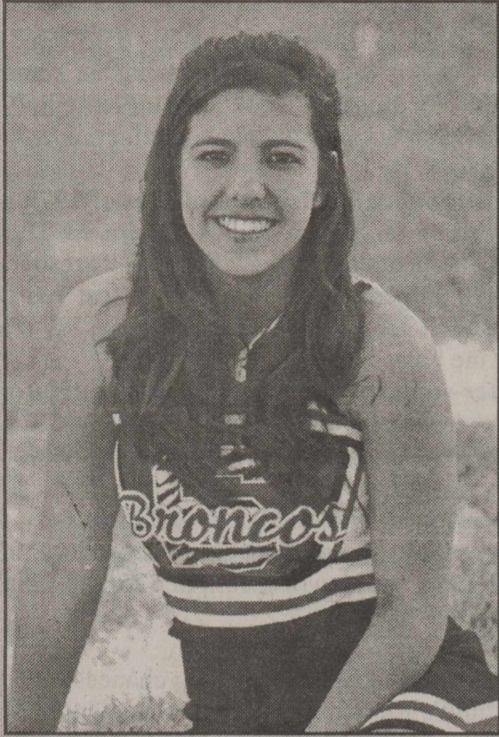
Look for the Eaton Hill booth at Sutton County Days for rock art, nature notecards, a free photo session drawing, rock painting and more. Hit the trails!

City Receives Grant

Dean Carrell, Sonora City Manager, recently applied for, and received a \$200,000 grant from the 2009 Texas Community Development Black Grant.

This money will be used to finish the \$6 million dollar loan the city has with the Texas Development and Water Board. There were not enough funds to complete the sewer collection lines (the project ran out of steam on 2nd and Crockett Streets). The addition of these funds will allow the city to complete construction of sewer collection lines from Crockett to Pueblo Street. This grant can be applied for every two years, and the city manager is ready

UCA Cheer Camp



Delilah Aguero

Sonora High School sophomore, Delilah Aguero, attended UCA cheer camp at Angelo State University the last week of July. While attending, Delilah was encouraged by her cheer sponsor, Kate Jennings, to try out for All American Cheerleader. Delilah was selected as an All American Cheerleader and has been invited to participate in the London Varsity Cheer Tour on December 26th through January 2nd, 2010. She will be cheering in the London New Year's Parade. Delilah is having several fundraisers to help cover expenses for the tour. She will be taking orders for Krispy Kreme donuts, (\$7.00 a dozen) until August 22nd. There will be a bake sale August 22nd in front of the Dollar General at 7:00 a.m. Donations and sponsorship will be greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Rachel Aguero at 325-226-4646.



Men are like a pack of cards: you need a heart to love them, a diamond to marry them, a club to batter them, and a spade to bury them.

Anonymous

"Fair Winds and a Following Sea" Have a Safe Journey Home Scott!! 1 Day and A Wakeup



We thank you for your service to our country. Fight the good fight and find your way home, we'll be here waiting for your return.

From the Devil's River News

Meet the Teachers Announcement

Due to the Bronco football scrimmage on August 20th, there will be a time change for Meet the Teacher at Sonora Elementary. We will NOT meet from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., instead we will have Meet the Teacher from 12:30-1:30 p.m. We are sorry for the change, but we did not want to conflict with supporting our Broncos at their scrimmage. Any questions, please feel free to contact the elementary office at 387-6951.

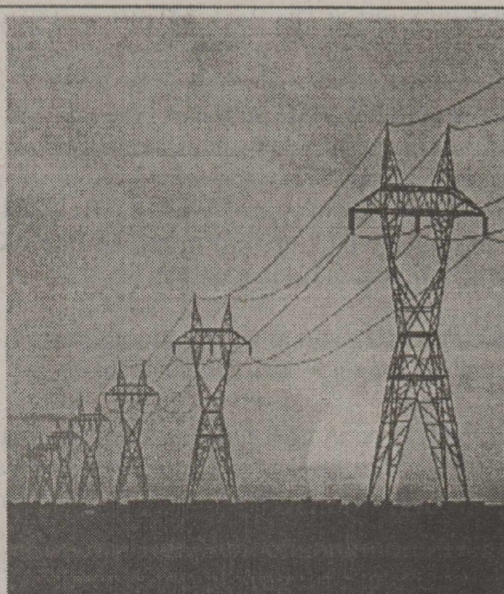
MESQUITE FURNITURE

W. G. & Willia Briley will be showing furniture and smaller mesquite items

Sutton County Days
Saturday, August 15 - Sutton County Park
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DO YOU WANT HIGH VOLTAGE LINES ON YOUR LAND AND IN YOUR BACK YARD?



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Please make copies for others if you wish!

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- High Voltage Lines cause Sleep Disorders up to a MILE away, headaches, cancer, leukemia & other disorders!
- Wind energy is unreliable. Only 1-3% of the electricity generated from wind turbines will reach its destination!
- Underground lines ARE an option.
- Building the new lines will spread Oak Wilt
- If an accident happens on your property during construction, you will be the one liable by law!
- Millions of trees & animal habitats will be destroyed to "Make Texas Green"
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To the Texas Public Utilities Commission:
Please act as responsible stewards of our Texas Hill Country Landscape. Help us to maintain the beauty and integrity of our environment by doing the following:
1. Choose a path through Gillespie County on existing right-of-ways, avoiding eminent domain.
2. Bury underground those transmission lines that cross privately owned, historical, and recreational land.
3. Choose to upgrade existing structures, rather than erecting new monopoles or lattice structures.
Please listen to the voices of your constituents, residents, land owners, and visitors of the Texas Hill Country. We do not want our beautiful landscape, native wildlife, and endangered species harmed by needless high lines.

Signature _____ Date _____

AUGUST 13-15, 2009



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Thursday, August 13th

8:30 a.m. Tie-down Roping,
Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping.

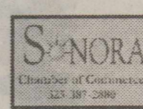
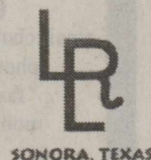
Friday, August 14th

8:30 a.m. Girl's Barrel Racing and 3 complete go-rounds of Steer Roping
7:30 p.m. Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo
8:00 p.m. til midnight-Dance to *Blind Nello*

Saturday, August 15th

7:00 p.m. Crowning of Miss Sutton County followed by the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo
9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Dance at the Slab to

The Old Hat Band



Oil & Agribusiness

Soil pH Can Affect Nutrient Availability

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Sometimes our vegetation--whether it be garden, lawn, or landscape trees and shrubs--suffers, and we are told it needs some particular nutrient. Maybe iron, zinc, or some other nutrient. We apply it, but it does not seem to correct the problem. Though the diagnosis is correct, the ineffectiveness may be due to the pH of our soil.

So what effect does pH have on availability of nutrients in the soil? There is no simple answer to this question, since the effects of pH are complex and vary with different nutrients. However, some broad generalizations are useful to keep in mind when making nutrient management deci-

sions. The first order of business is a quick review of pH and the associated terminology. The term "pH" stands for "potential hydrogen" and it is actually a measurement of hydrogen ions (H+) in your soil. Soil pH is an indication of the acidity or alkalinity of soil and is measured in pH units. The pH scale goes from 0 to 14 with pH 7 as the neutral point. As the amount of hydrogen ions in the soil increases, the soil pH decreases, thus becoming more acidic. From pH 7 to 0, the soil is increasingly more acidic, and from pH 7 to 14, the soil is increasingly more alkaline or basic.

Soil pH does play a role in

nutrient availability. The availability of the micronutrients manganese (Mn), iron (Fe), copper (Cu), zinc (Zn), and boron (B) tend to decrease as soil pH increases. The exact mechanisms responsible for reducing availability differ for each nutrient, but can include formation of low solubility compounds, greater retention by clays and organic matter and conversion of soluble forms to ions that plants cannot absorb.

Our soil's pH is on the alkaline side and ranges from 7 to 8.3. Therefore, our pecan trees may need zinc or our lawns may need iron and though we apply some, it is only available for a short time

before it is "bound up" in the soil. Beyond that point it is unavailable to plants. That is why we have to apply zinc foliarly to pecan trees, and iron is applied in light doses repeatedly (the other option being to apply chelated iron). Chelated iron is simply iron that has undergone chelation, a chemical process that firmly binds the iron molecule to another substance, usually an amino acid. This forms a more stable molecule that is easier for plants to absorb.

For more or related information, contact the Sutton County Extension Office or visit <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

NRCS Texas Announces Sign-up for New Program

Temple, Texas, August 10, 2009 - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) state conservationist for Texas, Don Gohmert, announced a sign-up beginning on Aug. 10, 2009, for the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to assist agricultural and forestry producers. CSP is a new program authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"Farmers and ranchers actively engaged in conservation land stewardship have the opportunity to earn conservation rewards through CSP," Gohmert said. "This program gives conversation-minded producers the ability to apply and build on their current stewardship efforts."

CSP is a five-year program which offers continuous sign-up, but all eligible applicants who sign up between Aug. 10 and Sept. 30, 2009, will be ranked as a group in October and November. A second ranking of subsequent applications will likely take place again in January or February.

CSP replaced a program authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill, the Conservation Security Program which was only offered on a watershed-specific basis. The new CSP is

now available to landowners statewide.

Gohmert noted only top stewards will be awarded contracts for CSP and receive funding.

NRCS encourages farmers and ranchers actively involved in conserving their natural resources to apply for CSP in order to maintain existing conservation activities and implement additional enhancements or practices on their land.

"CSP is for the best of the best stewards," Gohmert said. "We have many land stewards in Texas that are worthy of this recognition, and I encourage them to apply."

Lands eligible for CSP include cropland, grassland, pastureland, and private non-industrial forestland, a new land use for the program. Agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe is expressly eligible as well.

The CSP application process begins with a self-screening checklist. Interested producers can obtain additional information from the NRCS website at www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html or contact their local USDA-NRCS field office.

Rangeland Restoration Workshop Slated

SONORA - Texas AgriLife Extension Service is conducting a multi-county rangeland restoration workshop from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Aug. 26 in the Sutton County Civic Center in Sonora.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered in the general, integrated pest management and laws and regulations categories.

"Unlike the central and southern parts of Texas, we've been blessed with good rains throughout the spring and summer," said Pascual Hernandez, AgriLife Extension agent in Sutton County. "This bountiful moisture has given us a chance to restore our rangelands."

"Controlling brush should top ranchers' 'to-do' list because noxious woody plants can quickly sap moisture from the soil," he said. "But some rarer practices such as range-seeding might also be an option, especially if the rains continue. Our purpose with this program is to give ranchers a reminder of what is

available, and what might be the most cost-effective practice to adapt in our area."

Topics will include brush control demonstration efforts, range site restoration, rangeland cost-share programs and pesticide applicator laws and regulations.

Speakers will include Dr. Bob Lyons, AgriLife Extension range specialist at Uvalde; Bill Neiman, founder of Native American Seed in Junction; Tom Payton, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Sonora; and Corey Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture inspector at San Angelo.

The workshop is being conducted by the AgriLife Extension offices in Sutton, Schleicher and Crockett counties.

Registration is free, but organizers ask that those planning to attend call the AgriLife Extension office in Sonora at 325-387-3101 so adequate plans can be made.

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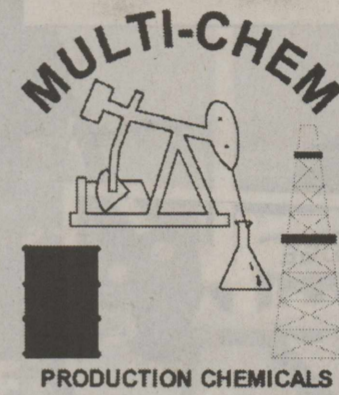
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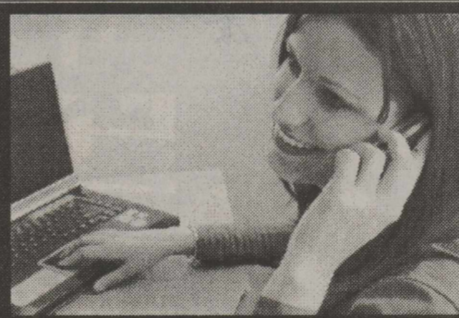
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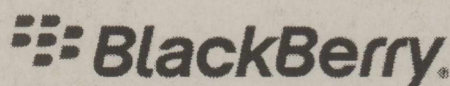
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Mutton Bustin 2009

A Special Thanks to Friends of Historic Main Street and Big C Automotive for Sponsoring Mutton Bustin Coverage on this page!!!

Caleb Nolen grabbed a handful of wool and stuck like super glue for four minutes and thirty seconds last Saturday night to cinch a seat at this Friday night's performance of the Outlaw Pro Rodeo.

He and five more daring young mutton busters will compete for boots, spurs and a buckle before the "big" rodeo performance at 7:30 p.m. His competition will be provided by Eldorado's own Kayden Key, who busted his mutton for a time of 3.72 minutes; 7 year-old Jacob O'Banon, who rode a 3.25; 4 year-old Cuatro Wardlaw, with a time of 3.16; 5 year-old Ryan Hopkins with a hang time of 2.66, and Victoria Klebold Smith,

the only girl to finish in the top six, with a time of 2.64.

Eighteen contestants (6 girls and 12 boys) took turns padding up for the mutton bustin' competition after the county roping.

The field included Cristian Capuchina, (1.25); the Davis sisters, Koda Joy (scratch) and Kodi Ann (2.15); Madalyn Fisher, (1.97); Houston Hayes, (2.44) Kanen Henderson, (1.84); Damien Matthew Martinez, (1.78); Hunter Lee O'Banon, (2.53); Joshua O'Banon, (1.37); Jacob Thomas Perez, Lorena Reyes, (2.47); and Mat-

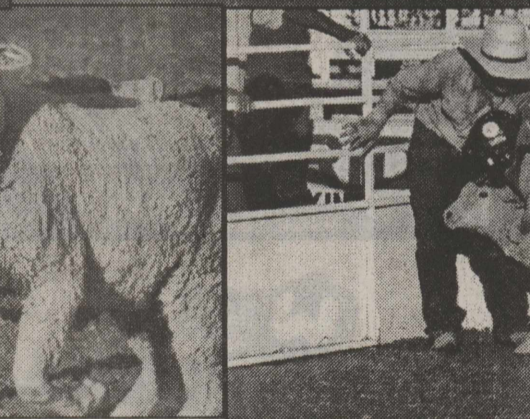
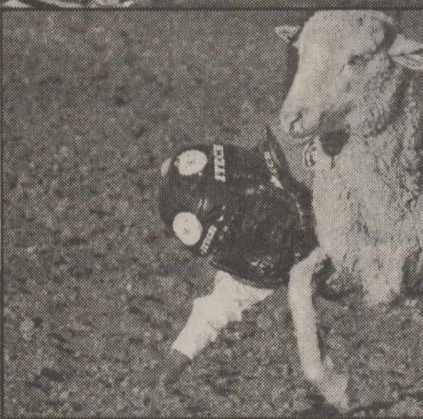
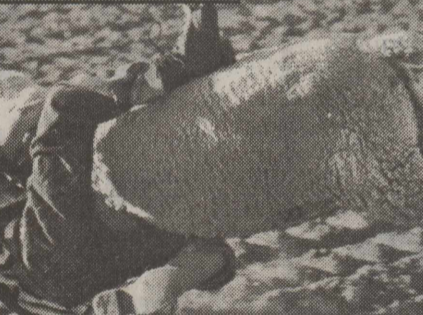
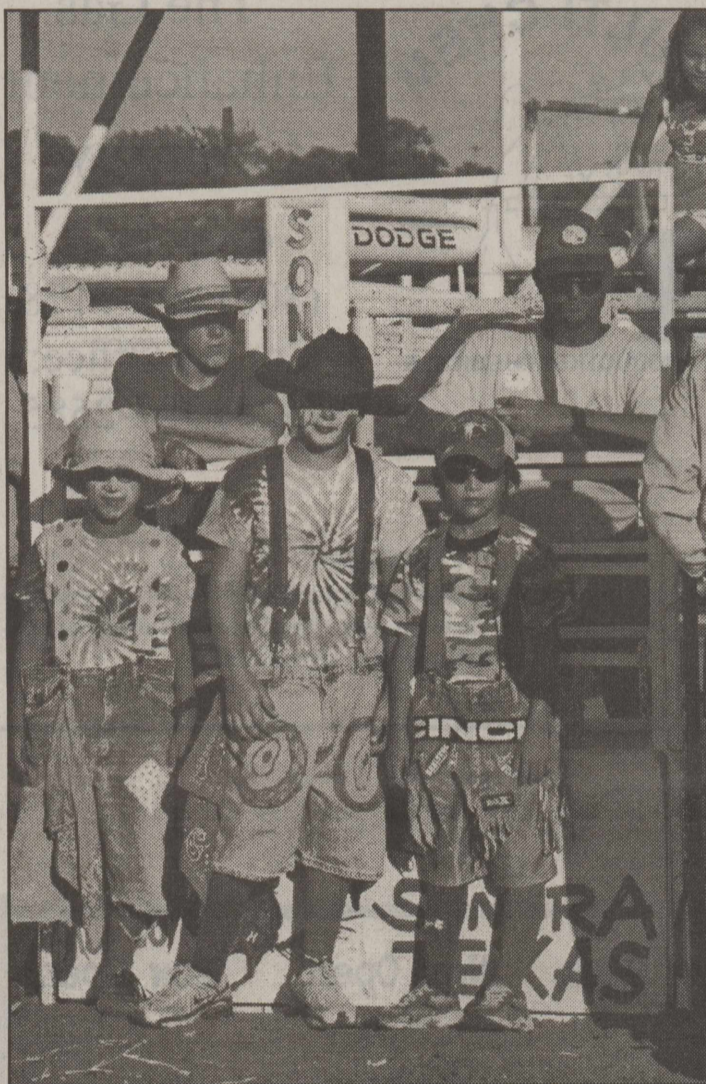
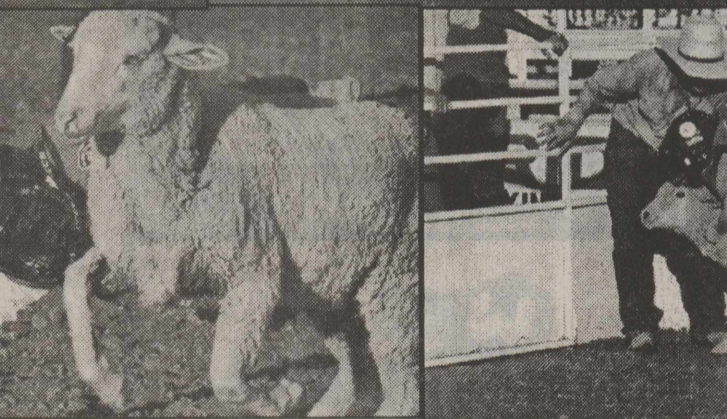
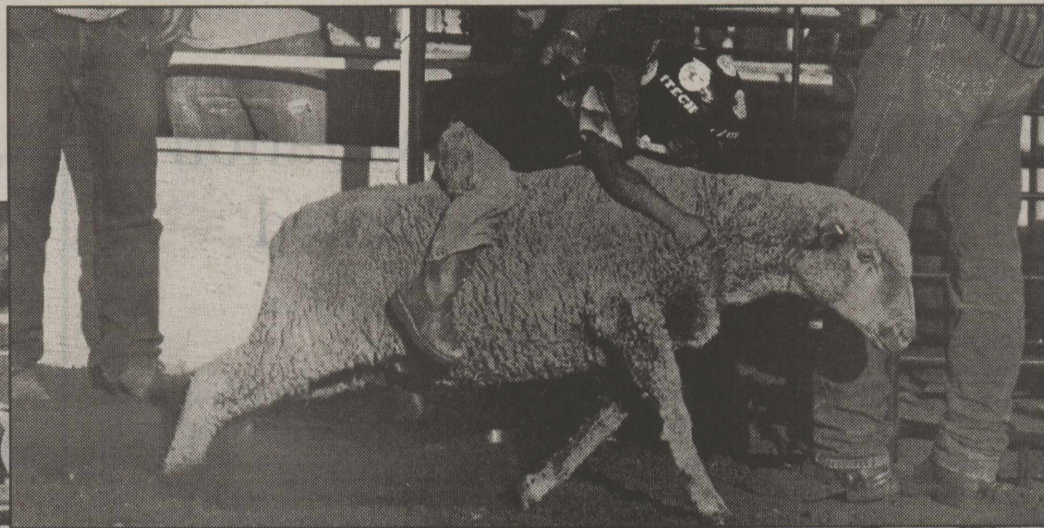
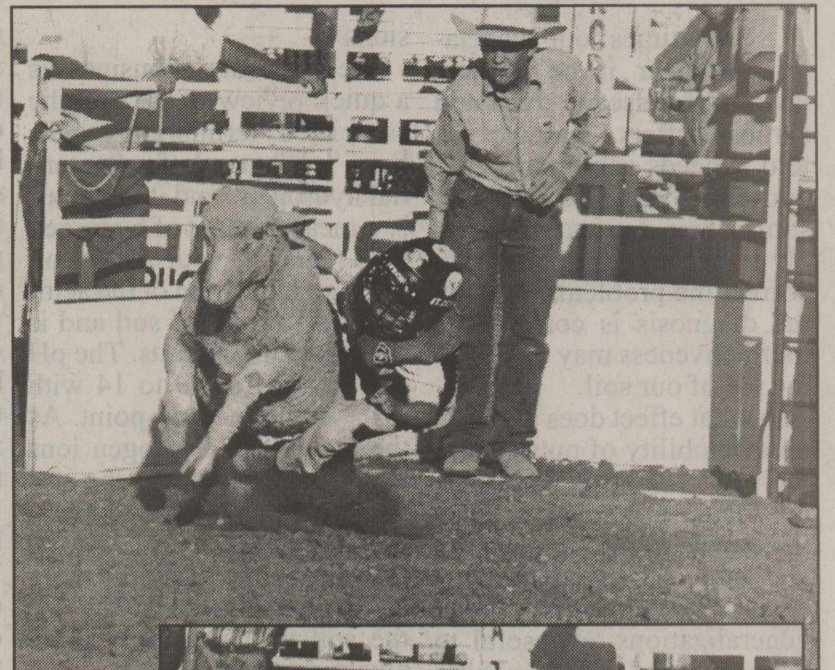
thew Colin Roque, (2.06).

Mack and Bridget Wardlaw, who coordinate this event each year, gratefully acknowledge the assistance of several important volunteers. Stock for the event was provided by Lee Bloodworth of Sonora. Business sponsors were Taco Grill, Sonora Chemical and Supply, and Production Control Systems (PCS). Tee shirts are from Team Graphics. The Sutton County Queen Contestants introduced each contestant to the crowd and cheered the contestants.

Corbin Boggs, Jarret Jackson and Robert Zapata worked

to assure the safety of the contestants as mutton fighters (mutton bustin' clowns), and the contestants were aided behind the scenes by Curry, Bonnie Lou and Chance Campbell, Sterling and Lisa Price, Hannah Blessing, Lee Bloodworth, Petey and Kim Lewis, and the Sonora Volunteer Fire Fighters.

Everyone is invited to come out and support your favorite mutton buster at the Friday night performance of the Outlaw Pro Rodeo. We'll see you there!



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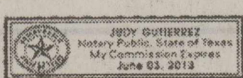
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 Person reporting stray animal: Max Schroeder
 Address: 1397 CR 101 Telephone #: 325-450-6625
 Location stray animal found (approximate location): Phillips Ranch, SCR 410, Sonora, Texas
 Owner (if known): Unknown
 Address and telephone number: N/A
 Location of impounded animal: East Ranch, RR 864, Sonora, Texas
 Person in charge: Ryan West
 Address and telephone number: East Ranch, RR 864, Sonora, Texas 325-726-1081
 Description of livestock: Bull
 Color: Red Sex: M Age: 2 yrs
 Weight: 700 Earmarks, brands, and other identifying characteristics: None
 This report made by: Oscar Chavez

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF SUTTON

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Joe M. Eisber, in and for SUTTON County, Texas, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the 24th day of June, 2009, he was notified by the above mentioned person of the above described livestock which was found running at large in SUTTON COUNTY, Texas, at the above described location and pursuant to the stock laws of the State of Texas, Chapter Four, Title 121, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, impounded said livestock, said impounded being at the above described location.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of August, 2009.



Joe M. Eisber
 Sheriff of Sutton County, Texas

Jody Gutierrez
 Notary Public in and for Sutton County, Texas

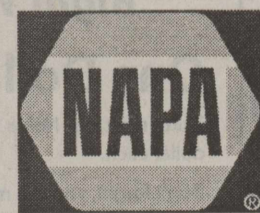
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Only 1 application per household is required

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	\$3.00 Adult Employees
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	\$2.00 Child Visitor

Parents, you may prepay into your child's account at any time between meals at any of our 3 campuses. Please make payments **directly to the Cafeteria**. It is not the responsibility of the Teachers or Office personnel to bring money to the Cafeteria. Payments will not be accepted during the Meal periods!!! You may write (1) check for multiple children instead of (1) check for each.

Charges: Please be prepared to pay all outstanding lunch charges in full and at least (1) week of meals in advanced. All Balances will carry forward from May 2009, If any questions, call the Campus Cafeteria and speak with the Manager.

Sincerely,

Josie Torres
Food Service Supervisor

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2009-2010

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- Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete one application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: [Josie Torres, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 387-6940 ext.3207].
- Who can get free meals? Children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or TANF can get free meals regardless of your income. Your benefit letter from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is your documentation for free meals. If you have not already received a letter from your school stating that your household is eligible for free meals, you may take your HHSC benefit letter to your child nutrition office to be certified for free meals. Call the school at [387-6940 ext. 3207] if you have questions.
- Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals? In most cases no, however read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at [387-6940 ext. 3207] if you have questions. If your household does not receive SNAP or TANF, your children may still be eligible to receive free meals if your household income is less than the amounts listed on the federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Please complete the application and submit it to your child nutrition office. Head Start students and most foster children may also qualify for free meals.
- Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Yes. If you have not been notified of free status under these categories, please call [Josie torres@387-6940 ext 3207] to see if your child(ren) qualify.
- Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, included in this application packet.
- I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.
- Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.
- If I don't qualify now, may I apply 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 getting SNAP, TANF or other benefits.
- 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: [Don Gibson, Superintendent, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 387-6940 ext.3001].
- May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
- Who should I include as members of my household? You must include yourself and all people living in your household, related or not (such as children, grandparents, other relatives or friends).
- What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime pay, include that amount as income. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income.
- We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help, call [Josie Torres]. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: [387-6940 ext. 3207]. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: [387-6940 ext. 3207].

Sincerely,
[Josie Torres]

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
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2	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$519
3	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
4	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$785
5	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$918
6	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$1,051
7	\$61,550	\$5,130	\$1,184
8	\$68,469	\$5,706	\$1,317
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Instructions for Applying - 2009-10

Use a separate application for each foster child. List other children together.

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.

If your household receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Or Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF), follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List each child's name, school, grade and EDG# (Eligibility Group Number) for SNAP (formerly Food Stamp Program) or TANF.
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

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).
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- Part 3: Follow these instructions to report last month's household income.
 - Column 1 — Name: List the last, first and middle initial of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends). You must include yourself and all children. Attach another sheet of paper if needed.
 - Column 2 — Income and how often it is received: For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received: weekly (W), every 2 weeks (E), twice a month (T) or monthly (M).
 - Column 3 — Employment income: List the gross income for each person. 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 (W), every 2 weeks (E), twice a month (T) or monthly (M).
 - Other income: List the amount each person receives from all other sources. Include welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, 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 receives 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.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPRI) case number or other FDPRI identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility 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 violations of program rules.

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Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2009-10

Name of LEA _____ Local Educational Authority

Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child.)

Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Eligibility Group # for SNAP or TANF (if any)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

If you listed an Eligibility Group # for SNAP/TANF, skip to Part 4.

Part 2. Foster Child

If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check box and list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ _____ Skip to Part 4.

Part 3. Household Members and Gross Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.)

1. Name (List everyone in household.)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), Monthly (M).	3. Check if NO Income.	
Example: Smith, Jane B.	\$200/E	\$50/M	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>
4.			<input type="checkbox"/>
5.			<input type="checkbox"/>
6.			<input type="checkbox"/>
7.			<input type="checkbox"/>
8.			<input type="checkbox"/>
9.			<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 4. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign.)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the "Instructions for Applying" page.)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here _____ Date _____

Social Security Number _____ I do not have a Social Security Number

Printed Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Do not fill out this part. For school use only.

Multiple income preferences must be converted to annual amounts and combined to determine household income. Do not convert if only one income frequency is provided by the household income. If converting income to annual, round only the final number.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Household Income: _____ Household Size: _____ SNAP/TANF: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____

Eligibility: Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____ Reason: _____

Temporary: Free _____ Time Period _____ (expires after _____ days)

Reviewing Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Follow-up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2009-10 - continuation sheet

Part 1. Children in School - continuation sheet

Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Eligibility Group # for SNAP or TANF (if any)
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
11.				
12.				
13.				
14.				
15.				

Part 3. Household Members and Gross Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.)

1. Name (List everyone in household.)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), Monthly (M).	3. Check if NO Income.			
	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.					<input type="checkbox"/>
11.					<input type="checkbox"/>
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21.					<input type="checkbox"/>

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Washington View: Texas Economy Shining Brightly Despite Recession

By Don Brunell

The federal government is borrowing a trillion dollars to fund its massive stimulus plan, California is broke, the feds have taken over car companies and banks, and the national unemployment rate is 9.5 percent and rising. Nevertheless, bills moving through Congress would spend an additional \$1 trillion on health care reform — an expenditure President Obama says is crucial to the nation's economic recovery. This, say supporters, is the only way to return the U.S. to prosperity.

Really? Perhaps they should take a look at what's happening in Texas.

In Texas, business is booming. In 2008, 70 percent of all jobs created in the United States were created in Texas. That same year, Texas was named America's Top State for Business in CNBC's second annual study that scored states on 40 different competitiveness measures. Texas now

surpasses New York as home to the most Fortune 500 companies, and Texas dominated Forbes' "Best Cities for Jobs in 2008" list with five cities in the top 20.

While the nation's unemployment rate is 9.5 percent, the rate in Texas is 7.5 percent. And while our state faces a \$9 billion deficit, Texas has a \$9 billion surplus. Instead of raising taxes, Texas is cutting them.

How did they do it? Gov. Rick Perry says holding the line on taxes, having a reasonable regulatory structure and offering economic development incentives such as the Texas Enterprise Fund and Texas Emerging Technology Fund have attracted hundreds of employers to Texas. He notes that 7,300 new jobs were created in Texas in November 2008 alone.

"We set the state up for it back in 2003," says Perry, "when we came in here and

had about a \$10 billion budget deficit. We were able to cut that deficit without raising taxes, passed the most sweeping tort reform in the nation, and people paid attention."

In fact, new businesses and doctors have flooded into the state in the wake of the lawsuit abuse reform legislation, which capped non-economic damages at \$250,000. According to the Dallas Morning News, the average award prior to tort reform was \$1.21 million; now it is \$880,000.

Malpractice lawsuits have plummeted. In 2003, in a last-minute rush before lawsuit reform took effect, 1,108 medical liability suits were filed in Dallas County. Only 142 cases were filed the following year. In 2007, 184 cases were filed.

To ensure protection for patients, the legislature beefed up the power of the Texas Medical Board and disciplinary actions against doctors have

nearly tripled since 2001.

Lawsuit reform has had a major impact on the state's economy. In addition to the influx of new businesses, more than 7,000 doctors have moved to Texas in the past three years. According to the Texas Medical Association, malpractice insurance premiums for Texas doctors have dropped more than 30 percent since 2003 and 15 new insurance companies have entered the Texas market. Regrettably, the federal health care reforms moving through Congress include nothing about lawsuit reform.

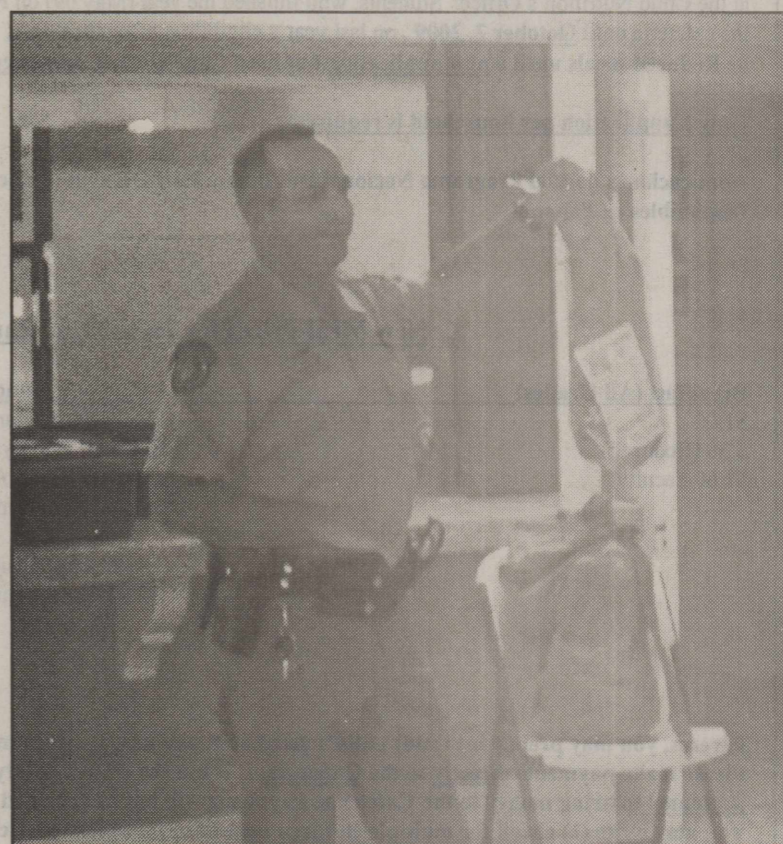
In addition, Gov. Perry is adamant about holding the line on costs. In fact, in the face of intense federal pressure, he refused to accept \$550 million in unemployment insurance payments as part of the stimulus plan because it would have mandated a permanent expansion of unemployment benefits. "There was going to be a mandated tax on our small businesses of \$75 million a year. And I said no."

Granted, Washington has also said "no" — no to major tort or lawsuit reform legislation, including efforts to adopt damage limits.

But we've also said "yes" to the unemployment money in the federal stimulus package and the resulting future increase in employer costs. And yes to energy policies that ignore hydropower, one of our most abundant natural resources and strongest competitiveness factors. And we're toying with other issues that might further erode our attractiveness to employers — cap and trade, paid family leave and employer gag rules, just to name a few.

There's an old proverb: "nothing succeeds like success." Before our state and our nation mortgage our children's (and grandchildren's) future on costly experiments, they should consider adopting some of the policies that have made Texas an economic powerhouse in the midst of a national recession.

Lions Roar



Game Warden Officer Will Allison presented a very interesting talk on water safety, demonstrated the different types of life preservers and their use, advice you are never too old for.

Hamburger Supper

Submitted by Frank Wamble

The Welcome Back Hamburger Supper for the teachers will be held at the High School Commons on the evening of August 18 at 5:00 p.m. The Downtown Lions Club annually cook for the teachers and their families as a "welcome" and "thanks" for their contributions to our city and community.

An informative water safety program by Game Warden, Will Allison, was presented at our last luncheon meeting. The presentation included recreational water safety tips as well as flash flooding and storm advice for ranchers, hunters and tourists. Be aware of your surroundings while traveling during storms. Don't attempt to cross swollen streams. While boating wear your required life preserver because if it's not on you, where will it be in an emergency? Ensure children are in their life jackets while on the water; it's the law.

The annual Lions Club Auction is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at the Civic Center. Meet the Broncos 3rd annual dinner is scheduled for August 19 at St. Ann's Parish Hall at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome, just bring a covered dish: veggie, salad or dessert. GO BRONCOS!!

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Sutton County will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.982646 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 20, 2009 at 9:00 AM at SC Annex meeting room.

The second public hearing will be held on August 24, 2009 at 9:00 AM at SC Annex meeting room.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Miguel Villanueva, Milton Cavaness, Fred Perez, Carla Garner
 AGAINST:
 PRESENT and not voting:
 ABSENT: John Wade

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Sutton County last year was \$75,769. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.179700 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$136.16.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Sutton County this year is \$78,420. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.230500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$180.76.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.248900 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$195.19.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The Sutton County Auditor certifies that Sutton County has spent \$11,500 in the previous 12 months beginning 08/01/2008, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sutton County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

* Appraised value: amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(3), Tax Code.
 ** New property: defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** Taxable value: defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Connect to Customer Choice

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for more than 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. That's why we would like to share some low or no-cost tips with you on how to keep cool during these hot summer months.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

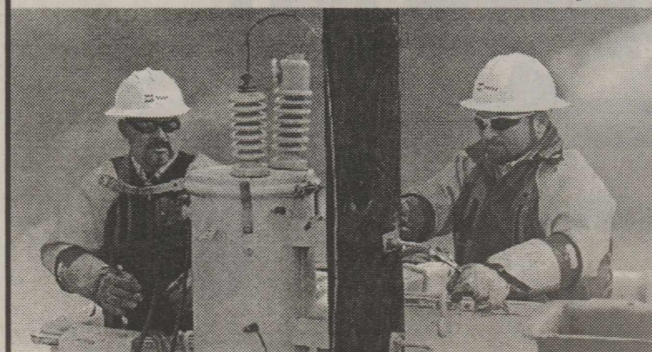
- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUC's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. Many REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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New Traffic, Criminal Laws Go Into Effect Sept. 1

HB 2730 is the Department of Public Safety's Sunset Legislation, and many of the DPS-related bills this session were included in HB 2730. Notable traffic and criminal laws that go into effect on Sept. 1 (unless otherwise indicated) include:

Seatbelts:

HB 537 requires all occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle; changes the definition of a passenger vehicle to include a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver; removes the current exemption for third-party Medicaid transportation provisions regarding the use of child passenger safety seats; and prohibits a motorcycle operator from carrying a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

SB 61 amends the existing statute regarding child passenger safety seats. The bill requires that any child younger than 8 years of age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height. The fine is no more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense. The law also creates a new court cost for conviction of an offense under this section to be collected and used by TxDOT to buy safety seats for low income families.

The law becomes effective on Sept. 1, 2009, but tickets for this offense cannot be issued until June 1, 2010. Police

officers are allowed to issue a warning before that date.

Driving:

HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call.

HB 2730 increases the penalties for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger by adding an automatic driver license suspension period for first-time offenders and an increased suspension period for repeat offenders. The driver license re-instatement fee for completing an education program will rise from \$50 to \$100. Closes a loophole so a person who commits an offense as a minor cannot circumvent the driver license penalty if the person turns 21 before their court date.

HB 2730 allows a new Texas resident to operate a vehicle without a Texas license for 90 days instead of the current 30. (This provision went into effect on June 19, 2009.)

HB 2012 creates two new punishment enhancements: a Class B misdemeanor if a person drives with a suspended license and without insurance; and a class A misdemeanor if the person driving without insurance or a valid driver license has an accident and someone is seriously injured

or dies as a result of that accident.

SB 129 authorizes neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs) to be operated on roads with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less. The bill authorizes driver license holders to operate NEVs without having a motorcycle endorsement, clarifies that drivers and passengers in such vehicles are not required to wear helmets and specifies that enclosed three-wheeled vehicles as described in the bill are authorized to operate in preferential lanes.

Concealed handgun:

HB 2730 amends numerous provisions regarding concealed handgun licenses (CHLs), including eliminating student loan defaults as a disqualifier, to clarify that DPS must suspend or revoke a license when the licensee becomes ineligible and mandating that a magistrate suspend a CHL held by the subject of an emergency protective order.

HB 2664 provides a defense to prosecution if a concealed handgun license holder carries a concealed handgun into an establishment that gets 51 percent or more of its income from the sale of alcoholic beverages, but has failed to post the statutorily required notice that it derives 51 percent or more of its income from the sale of alcoholic beverages. (Under current law, a concealed handgun licensee can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor for doing this.)

HB 2730 removes DPS authority to suspend a concealed handgun license (CHL) if the holder's failure to display the

CHL to a peace officer on demand. It removes associated penalties and suspensions for the failure to display.

Driver license:

HB 2730 requires that all applicants under the age of 18 take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license. The law also requires that a provisional driver license (under 18) or instruction permit expire on an individual's 18th birthday, removes the requirement that a provisional driver license or instruction permit be renewed annually and increases the fee for those licenses from \$5 to \$15. It also extends the current phase-two restrictions for holders of a graduated driver license from 6 months to 1 year. These restrictions include limited night driving, prohibited use of wireless communication devices and a limited number of passengers.

HB 339 increases the total hours of behind-the-wheel driving instruction a teen receives from 14 to 34 and creates an adult driver education requirement for applicants older than 18 and younger than 21.

SB 1317 creates a six-hour driver education course required for driver license applicants 18 years of age or older. It also mandates that applicants 25 or under must submit to an approved driver education course. (Goes into effect March 1, 2010.)

SB 328 gives DPS the power to suspend a minor's driver license if they fail a breath or blood alcohol test while operating a watercraft.

Chapter 524 of the Transportation Code also clearly defines the suspension period for an individual who was under the age of 21 at the time when the offense of boating under the influence or driving under the influence of alcohol occurred. The law also increases the reinstatement fee for a license suspended under sections 49.04-49.08, Penal Code from \$50 to \$100.

HB 2730 increases the driver license sanction from a one-year CDL license disqualification to a lifetime disqualification if a person uses a motor vehicle to transport, conceal or harbor an alien. If a child is engaged in conduct involving a severe form of trafficking persons, a judge at a juvenile hearing is required to order the juvenile's driver license or permit to be suspended.

HB 2730 prohibits DPS from issuing a driver license or identification card to a person who has not established a domicile in Texas. The law specifies that an applicant

may receive a driver license at a post office box only if the applicant's residence address has also been provided, with some exceptions.

Crime:

HB 558 allows minors to be charged with public intoxication.

HB 2386 allows courts to immediately seal juvenile criminal records if the juvenile successfully completes a drug court program, or another special program ordered by the court.

HB 1282 makes it a Class B misdemeanor to steal a driver license, commercial driver license or personal identification.

SB 554 makes it illegal to own or possess dog-fighting equipment and establishes that such equipment and property where dogs are found to be engaged in dog fighting is contraband and is subject to forfeiture. The law also makes dog-fighting subject to the el-

evated penalties authorized in the Texas Penal Code, Section 71.02(a), in an effort to deter organized criminal activity.

HB 1813 makes it a third-degree felony to tamper with forensic, medical, chemical, toxicological and ballistic reports, as well as reports of certification, inspection or maintenance of instruments used to examine or test physical evidence. (Currently, someone who does this can only be charged with a state jail felony.)

HB 358 allows law enforcement authorities to store only a small part of gambling machines that have been seized, instead of storing the whole machine. They would be able to remove and store just the computer chips in gambling machines, which are the core of the machines and contain the information necessary for prosecutions to go forward.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Sutton County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 21, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Annex Building meeting room.

A summary of the appraisal district follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	\$349,244
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget	\$ 8,800
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	2

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school, city, water and hospital served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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The Sutton County Hospital District

*invites you to participate in a
Health Care Forum with
U.S. Representative **Ciro Rodriguez***

**Thursday, August 13, 2009
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**in The Health and Wellness Center
located at
Lilian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital**

*Representative Rodriguez will update you on the current events
related to health care reform and allow for questions and answers.*

Customer Service Champion of the Month Tina Watkins



Sonora's Customer Service Champion for the month of July, Tina Watkins of the Mercantile on Main restaurant, is indeed a true champion of life's most difficult battlefronts. The entire Mercantile team is exemplary in providing excellent customer service; however, Tina has shown extraordinary dedication, selflessness, strength and grace amidst extremely difficult circumstances. While waging and winning her battle against breast cancer, Tina's warm smile, attention to detail, and selfless good cheer never falter on the job. Her employer and co-workers count Tina as a true inspiration as do all those who have had the pleasure of dining under Tina's keen and delightful customer care. Congratulations, Tina Watkins, and on behalf of our community "Thank you for serving meals, hope, encouragement and strength to so many."

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Letter to the Editor: It's a Mystery to Me

Call lists, unscheduled, last minute meetings, unpublished schedules...sounds like something from a mystery novel? No, it appears to be the current operating procedure of our Congressman, Ciro Rodriguez, according to Roy Attwood, a staff person in San Antonio who answers the Congressman's Constituent (Congress on YOUR Corner) 866 number.

Seeking information regarding the Congressman's town hall meeting schedule for the August recess period, I placed two calls to the constituent number and was told initially the last week of July that the schedule was not yet available. Odd isn't it, since the lawmakers of our Country were going to be on recess in another week? Nevertheless, I left my e-mail address online for notification as requested.

On August 7th, I checked the Congressman's town hall meeting schedule again and was dismayed to find no update for current meetings; only past meetings in July were listed. I called the constituent number again and spoke with Mr. Attwood who told me that the Congressman's schedule was not being made public for "safety reasons." I inquired further and was told that he had received a death threat and that "considering everything that has been happening" at the town hall meetings, that names and telephone numbers of people inquiring about the meetings were being taken and that calls would be made accordingly regarding

the Congressman's schedule. What, pray tell, happens to those constituents who don't call?????

When asked about attending a non-Rocksprings town hall meeting or attending several other non-Rocksprings town hall meetings, I was told, again, that my name and telephone number would be taken and passed along to Caesar Blanco, the Congressman's Chief of Staff, and that HE would determine who would be called and when. Sounds pretty restrictive and selective to me; doesn't it to you???

Again, Mr. Attwood repeated that this process was being done to "maintain civility," a seemingly much rehearsed phrasing (my personal observation) and explained that this process was also being followed so that "some people don't show up at the meetings." I inquired whether those "some people" were people who might oppose the proposed health care plan and was told that the Congressman only wanted constituents at these meetings and that the Congressman was "only accountable to those constituents and not to the rest of the

people in the United States." (I certainly hope that he is not as selective when considering legislation and how it conforms to the founding documents of our Country.) I was quickly thanked, and Mr. Attwood terminated the conversation.

I then placed a call to Mr. Blanco's personal cell phone number and left a message regarding my concern with the above described process. At this writing, I have not received a return call.

My questions to the Congressman are plain: Is the above process his idea of representation of ALL of the people in his district, even those who don't call and inquire about current topics of interest? Is taking names and telephone numbers the way to create a constituent base and audience for his town hall meetings which appear to be scheduled on the spur of the moment and without public notification? The last time I checked, the Congressman is to represent all of the people in this district, and it doesn't appear as if Congressman Rodriguez is trying to communicate with ALL of the people,

but only with a very, very select few.

My questions to YOU are plain: What are you going to do about this? What are your thoughts and feelings regarding such a biased and limited approach to representation? Aren't you offended by the fact that you have to call and ask to be advised of an opportunity to meet with YOUR congressman?

It is understandable that the Congressman is concerned, considering that the very important topic of OUR future health care is at hand, but regardless of a person's stance on the topic, the Congressman is obligated to make himself available to hear and understand the views of all of the people in the district he was elected to represent not by selection, but by inclusion rather than EXCLUSION.

Please call the Constituent Services number 866-915-3493 and let the Congressman know that you want him to be publically available, not privately or on short-term notice, to hear your opinion, for or against any topic on which he's voting.

Carolyn J. Tuttle
Rocksprings, TX

Sonorans Compete In Wool Capital Triathlon



Submitted

On Sunday, July 9, 2009, Carol Pope, David Lee and Kallie Humphrey competed in the 22nd Annual Wool Capital Triathlon in San Angelo. The triathlon included a 1.5 km (1 mile) swim, 40 km (24 mile) bike race, and 10 km (6.2 mile) run.

Carol Pope placed 2nd in her age division. David Lee and Kallie Humphrey competed as relay partners and took 8th place in the relay division. David did the 1500 meter swim and the 40K bike race, and Kallie did the 10K run.

Its the Details that Matter

A blonde decided that she was tired of her empty life. She cut her hair and dyed it brown, and set off for a drive.

She wanted to do random acts of kindness to see if it would change her life.

While driving through the countryside, she came across a farmer who was trying to get his sheep across the road. She stopped her car and waved the farmer across, thinking this would be her first good deed.

After the sheep had all crossed, the blonde said to the farmer, "your sheep are so cute. If I guess how many there are, could I have one."

The farmer thought it impossible and told the blonde it was okay.

"637", said the blonde. The farmer was amazed that the blonde had guessed the exact number, but lived up to his bargain.

"I'll take that feisty one over there", said the blonde.

Then the farmer said to the blonde, "Okay, now if I guess the real color of your hair, can I have my dog back?"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Sonora ISD _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 5:00 PM, August 26, 2009 _____ in _____ Board Room, Vocational Building, 805 S. Prospect _____ Sonora, Texas _____

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.06400	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	6.60	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Debt service	_____	% increase	or	6.50	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	6.20	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,754,534,854	\$ 1,378,546,244
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 3,657,760	\$ 5,502,520
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,707,192,710	\$ 1,329,890,213
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 3,223,096	\$ 4,963,072

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(B), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 3,050,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.05500 *	\$ 1.09500	\$ 0.344	\$ 4.207
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.00038	\$ 0.06378 *	\$ 1.06416	\$ 7.242	\$ 5.777
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.06400 *	\$ 1.10400	\$ 7.881	\$ 5.777

* The interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 76,932	\$ 79,113
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 45,818	\$ 48,195
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.095	\$ 1.104
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 501.71	\$ 532.07
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 30.36

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.0401. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.0401.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,791,012
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 326,927

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Sonora ISD is accepting applications for 2 cafeteria workers. Applications may be obtained by downloading from the district website at sonoraisd.net or at the Administration Building, 807 S. Concho. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. EOE

NOTICE is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for a full time library assistant for the Sutton County Library. Must have clerical and computer skills, must enjoy reading and have good public relations. Must be motivated and have initiative and enjoy working with young children and adults as well. Sutton County offers health, dental, vision, life insurance, vacation and sick leave benefits. Applications can be obtained at the auditor's office and must be returned to the auditor's office by August 26, 2009. Sutton County is an equal opportunity employer.

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Take Over Payments: 3 bedroom/2 bath mobile home. Pay transfer fee. Please call 830-313-1060 or 387-2934.

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Public Notices

Sanitary Improvements: To Whom It May Concern

Notice is hereby given that the property at **Tres Street, Block 9, Tract 28, Mexico Addition, City of Sonora, Texas,** owned by Ramon Santos, is in violation of the Code of Ordinances, City of Sonora. Said property is in violation of Section 38-31, 38-34 and has an accumulation of weeds in excess of 12 inches high. The property also has trees which are presenting a safety hazard.

It is ordered that the owner of said property abate the nuisance by mowing and cleaning the property as well as trimming and removing trees. This action must be taken within ten days or a hearing before the City Council must be requested within ten days.

Failure to abate this nuisance shall result in action being taken by the City. For more information, contact Juanita Gomez, Code Enforcement Officer of the City of Sonora at City Hall during business hours.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPENDING SECTION 4B TAX PROCEEDS

The City Council will hold public hearings concerning the Sonora Economic Development Corporation expending Section 4B sales tax funds for the following projects:

1. Proposed community development project to provide \$30,000 to the City of Sonora for the City's share of a Capital Improvement Project with TxDOT to make improvements to Sonora Municipal Airport. These funds will enable the engineering and planning needed to implement a phased capital improvement program to correct drainage problems and resurface the runway and taxiways, as well as replacing and relocating the fuel dispensing equipment, and certain communication equipment repairs and maintenance.
2. Proposed community development project to provide \$29,750 to Viva! Sonora for improvements to Liberty Park. These improvements include landscaping, sprinkler system, fence, slab, lights, sign, flag pole, benches and stone walls associated with a Sonora area veterans' memorial.
3. Proposed project to provide \$20,000 over a three-year period to Wild Bill's Boutique for an economic development project to expand taxable revenues and enhance the tourism aspect of the business.

The hearings will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

All citizens are invited to attend and provide the Council with written or oral comments.

The Sutton County Commissioners' Court will conduct a public hearing to consider a plan for the District Clerk's Technology Fund, Senate Bill 1685, to fund the preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's records. The meeting will be held on the 20th day of August, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sutton County Annex Building meeting room, Sonora, Texas.

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1006 E. Poplar	\$107,500	Price Reduced
104 Oakwood	\$118,000	Price Reduced
106 Oakwood	\$119,500	
112 Oakwood	\$119,500	
504 E. 2nd St.	\$159,500	New Listing
2553 PR 1152 (10.97 acres)	\$159,500	Sold
5098 S US Hwy 277, (5acres)	\$169,500	Price Reduced
433 PR 2205 (10 acres)	\$182,500	
301 W. Castlehill Rd.	\$195,000	
312 Edgemont Rd.	\$199,500	
918 PR 1115 (33.197) acres	\$275,000	
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Adventuresome: daring-willing or eager to participate in exciting or risky activities (Encarta Dictionary). The Adventuresome is a special section added to the Devil's River News for the summer. We hope you will use it as a guide to help you get out and explore the treasures of West Texas. Each issue we will explore a different park, nature area, historical site or travel destination within a day's drive and highlight the attractions and adventure to be found.

photos and story by James Ricks

Enchanted Rock SNA
Travel Time: 2 hours 8 min.
Distance: 135 miles from Sonora

Enchanted Rock SNA was beautiful, a magnificent creation truly showing the wonders of life, invigorating the spirit. It is no wonder why ancient Indian tribes found the place enchanting. The only thing that would make it more wonderful would be the addition of some sort of water recreation.

The area is filled with hiking trails that cut through dry stream beds and over rock mounds cutting around and through the batholiths (underground rock formation uncovered by erosion) that the park area is famous for. The hiking ranges from easy to moderately difficult as the terrain changes.

Enchanted Rock itself is the main attraction of the park with a stream of people hiking the face of the rock on their

way to the top, a 425 ft. ascent in six tenths of a mile. The view from the top is breathtaking and opens up a 360° panorama of the surrounding hill country as you stand 1825 ft. above sea level.

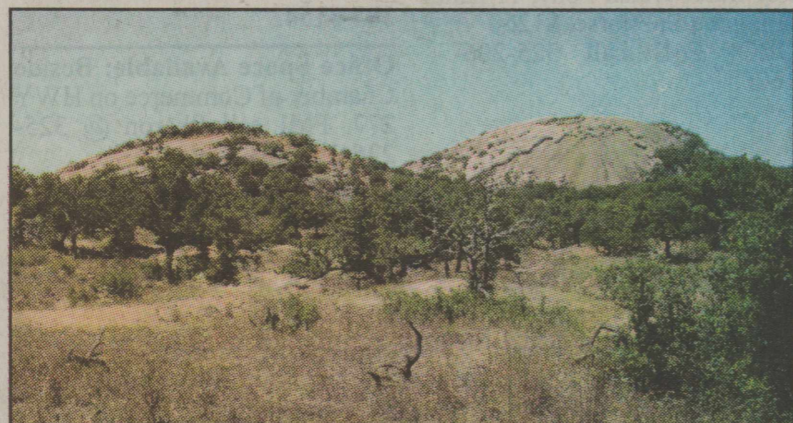
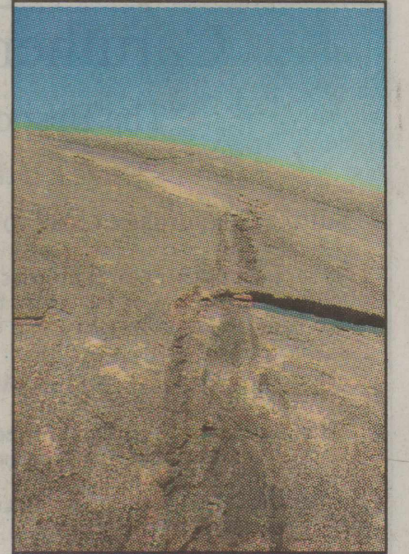
Another adventure at the park is found in the technical rock climbing that is available and set up for those that check in at park headquarters. Other activities include camping, picnicking, geological study, bird watching, and star gazing. No biking is allowed on camp trails, but other parks in the vicinity are adequately set up should you get the desire.

Another note of interest is that the park is primarily set up for tent camping and has primitive sites to backpack into, but no facilities are available for vehicular camping of any type.

For more information on the area and activities available, visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife website at: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/

Go ahead, be "Adventuresome."

To view past adventuresome articles visit: www.drn-adventuresome.blogspot.com



Sutton County Days 2009

<p>"THE GREATEST SHOW ON DIRT" Rodeo Performances Sutton County Arena Saturday August 8th Team Roping Challenge: 12 p.m. Mutton Bustin : 7 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday August 13th Slack Performances: 8:30 a.m. Admission Free</p> <p>Friday August 14th Rodeo Performance: 7:30 p.m. \$7.00 in advance \$10.00 at the gate \$4.00 Children under 12 \$7.00 at the gate Dance 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Blind Nello Advance Tickets \$10.00 Gate \$12.00</p> <p>Saturday August 15th Crowning of Miss Sutton County 7 p.m. Rodeo Performance 7:30 p.m. Dance 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Old Hat Band Advance Tickets \$10.00 Gate \$12.00</p>	<p>Schedule of Events Sutton County Park</p> <p>Saturday August 15th "Peace, Love and Rodeo Parade" Line up 8 a.m. First Baptist Church Parade 9 a.m. Crockett St. - Rodeo Arena</p> <p>Sutton County Park - Main Stage 10 a.m. Opening Ceremonies Invocation- Father Chris Roque National Anthem-Lizzie Chavez Flag Raising-Boy Scouts Booths and Rides Open</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Little Miss and Mr. Sutton Co. Contest Miss Sutton Co. Queen Contestant Introductions Pet Parade followed by Small Dog Race 11 a.m. West Texas Cloggers 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Ed Stabler with Kelly Henson 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Blind Nello 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Masonic Lodge Scholarship Steak Dinner Sutton County Civic Center 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Tickets \$8.00 Adults \$5.00 Children under 10</p>
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Fiddle Contest @ Noon

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