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BEAR TRACKS

Sulphur Bluff School —Building Brighter Futures

Menu:

Daily Breakfast Option: Grab n Go: Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Monday, September 14

Breakfast—Egg Patty n Biscuit, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch—Sweet n Sour Chicken, Rice, Vegetable Blend, Apricots, Fortune Cookie, Milk
Alternate Entrée for 6-12 Only—Pizza

Tuesday, September 15

Breakfast—French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch—Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Tropical Fruit, Milk
Alternate Entrée for 6-12 Only—Turkey Sandwich

Wednesday, September 16

Breakfast—Eggstravaganza, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch—Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Veggies, Pickle Spears, Fruit, Milk
Alternate Entrée for 6-12 Only—Baked Potatoes

Thursday, September 17

Breakfast—Breakfast Pizza, Granola, Juice, Milk
Lunch—Chili Mac, Pinto Beans, Glazed Carrots, Cornbread, Sliced Apples, Milk
Alternate Entrée for 6-12 Only—Soft Taco

Friday, September 18

Breakfast—Muffins, Yogurt, Juice, Milk
Lunch—Hamburgers w/Trimmings, Baked Fries, Fruit, Milk
Alternate Entrée for 6-12 Only—Chicken Nuggets

Upcoming Events

Sept. 11 JH Volleyball @ Dodd City 5:00

Sept. 12 JV Sulphur Bluff Volleyball
 Tourney Begins at 9AM (Bracket on Web-site)

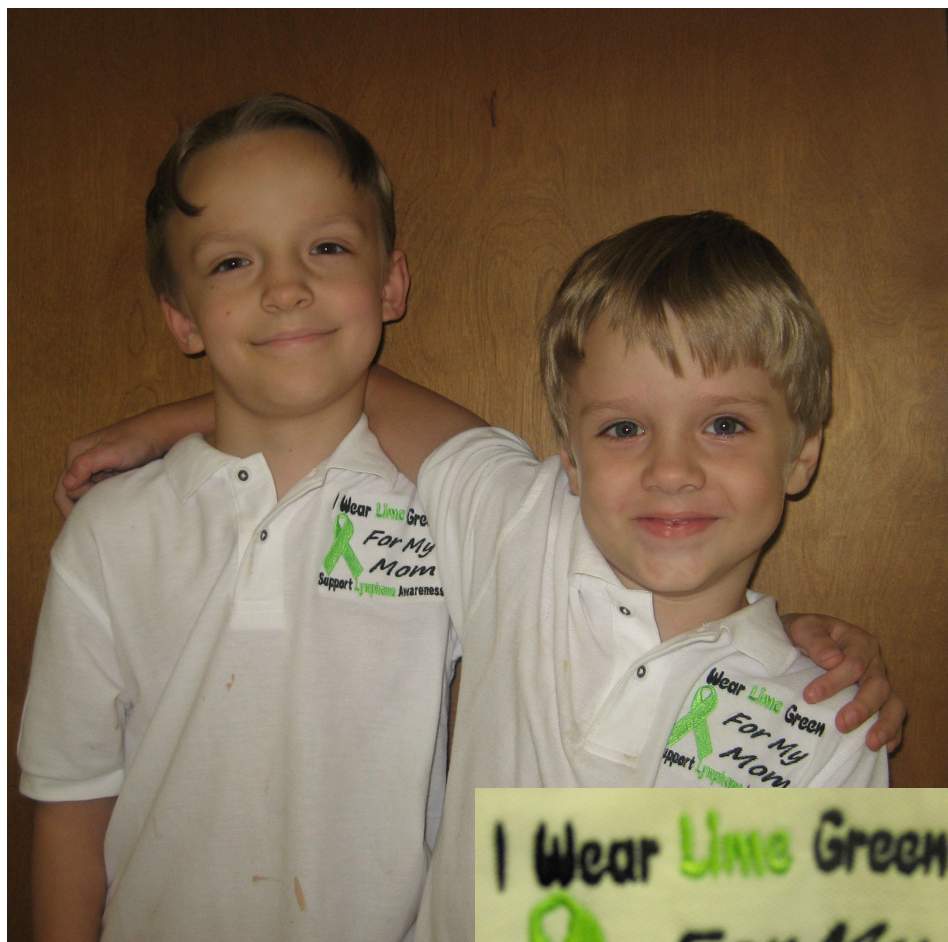
Sept. 14 JH Baseball @ Saltillo 4:00; Beta Begins *Trucking for Troops*

Sept. 15 Mobile Dentists will be here.

Sept. 16 9:30-11:30 Educational Talent Search

Sept. 17-18 FCCLA in Fall Festival contests

Sept. 18 School Pictures begin at 8:00 in the gym; HS VB @ Dodd City 4:30 JV, V-District Game; FFA Fun Day 4:00



Brothers Support Their Mom Hunter and Tanner Carpenter, left to right, are the children of PTO officer Stephanie Carpenter. They wore lime green for their mom this week. Tanner is in the first grade, and Hunter is in the 3rd grade.



Dear Parents,

Meal charge notices will be sent out on every **Second and Fourth Thursday** of each month. Please be watching for them and mark your calendars. When the notices for charges are received, please pay as promptly as possible. Thank you.

Cross Country Team Places 3rd at Bloomberg Meet

The cross-country boys' team competed yesterday in the Bloomberg Cross Country Meet. Ken Wade ran away with 1st place, and Ryan Watts placed 7th. The team placed 3rd overall out of 12 schools. Team members were Ken Wade, Ryan Watts, Tyler Hampton, Travis Allan, Jentry Jaggers, Lucas, Ivey, and Jackson Dailey.

Placing 19th was Tyler Hampton. Travis Allan placed 32nd, and Jentry Jaggers placed 54th.

2008-2009 Yearbooks \$45.00

See Yearbook Staff

***SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION
(\$10,000 in Scholarships Awarded Last Year)
September 26 6:00 PM***



***New Gym
Tickets \$15.00
Available from any
SBSF Member
All You Can Eat
Catered by
A.J.'s Fish
House***

(Fish or Chicken Strips Offered)

***Game Prizes: *\$200 Brookshire's Card,
*\$200 Checking Account,
*Stainless Steel Grill,
*Flat Screen TV,
*End-of-Evening \$100 Giveaway***



FCCLA Plans Leadership Day

Go Beyond the Limit

Monday, September 14

After School from 4:00-6:30

- Open only to High School
- Refreshments
- Fun Games
- Tug of War
- Obstacle Course
- Tarp Game
- Frozen T-Shirt Contest.



**Be Sure To Check Out
the FCCLA Members in
The Fall Festival
Parade
Sat. Morning 10AM
Sulphur
Springs**



BETA'S TRUCKING FOR TROOPS

September 14-30

Beta begins their annual drive to collect items for the troops. Those include Batteries, Personal Hygiene Items, Games, Hand-held Video Games, Magazines, etc. There are certain restrictions. Please see a Beta member if you have questions.



Mrs. Coker's Blog

(Check it out on her website on www.sulphurbluffisd.net. Mrs. Coker adds to her blog each Sunday.)

Sept. 4, 2009-Well, the school year has started with a great advancement in technology! I could not be more pleased. As technology continues to become more of a presence in our everyday lives, we as educators have to prepare our students with an understanding of how to use it as it applies to our content areas. I took this week to familiarize the students with email and set each one up on a gmail account where we, as a class, can share documents and edit or review each other's work. I also granted them access to the 'forums' section of the web page and we posted some of our first discussions. It is amazing to see how changing the medium of writing from paper to computer affects the product. Students who normally turn in the most presentable papers seemed to lack grammar and spelling control online and students who struggled in those areas for written assignments seemed to shine. I am not sure what this means but, I do know that it shows a need to make sure that what we learn with a pencil and paper transfers to a computer and what one can do with a computer they must also master with a pencil and paper. I plan to incorporate forum discussions into class frequently as a way for me to track progress of establishing voice and academic discourse in discussing academic issues. Hopefully, this will prepare those who are college bound for the discussions they will have in those classrooms, and help others develop a sound understanding of presentation skills in the written form. So... it is an experiment in the making. Let's hope it all goes well. I am confident it will be a benefit to both the learning environment of Sulphur Bluff and the students who participate. If you would like to join the forums - you can request to become a member. I will be screening this so please add a note about your interest in being a member. Of course, all parents are welcome to view the forums and participate. However, I must be sure of who I am allowing into the classroom whether online or in the building so just pop a little note to let me know which student is yours for verification. Thanks and enjoy your holiday weekend! Coker out!

Aug. 31, 2009-The first week of class has come and gone and I am happy to say that this year has started out smoothly. I am looking forward to a productive year and will post frequently here as we progress through the year. The seniors have reluctantly started with 1984 by George Orwell. I think we will make it through the novel. Joe Hill did make a wonderful connection between Orwell and a character in Oliver Twist when we discussed Orwell's early years in British schools. GO JOE!!! The juniors have jumped right into a unit on poetry and began a compare and contrast critique portfolio on Friday with their first thoughts on how theme is developed between our first two poems. Throughout the unit we will continue to work on this paper as we learn more about the mechanics of how poetry works. Hayley Lawson has been a great help in discussion as she has a wonderful understanding of meaning in poetry. GO HAYLEY!!!!!! The sophomores are trying to get back into the swing of things with a review of grammar elements, starting with the parts of speech. We hope to wrap up any cloudy summer hazes this week and move onto the writing process in preparation for the TAKS essay they will face this year. Landon Overly was the first to show up with his red pen for corrections - GO LANDON!!!!!! The freshmen have also started with a review of parts of speech and I am very impressed with their knowledge! Go Mrs. Brown!!!! I also must give big thumbs up to Dylan Wilkins who was the only person to properly identify a homophone in one of our bell ringers this week!!!! GO DYLAN!!!!!!

Check out the following teachers' websites for schedules, a syllabus, scope and sequence, etc. (Mrs. Coker even has a blog.):

Mrs. Coker



Coach Toon

Mr. Preskitt

Go to www.sulphurbluffisd.net and click on *Teacher Web Sites*.



Mobile Dentists
*are coming to our
School on September 15*

We are hosting Mobile Dentists at our school! This is an easy way for your child to receive their dental screening, cleanings, and fluoride treatments ... at school. We sent home a permission form with your child. Please sign and return it to your child's teacher today.

Smile, Texas!



FFA Fun Day at 4:00 Today

By Mr. Ramirez



FFA FUN DAY

The Sulphur Bluff FFA will be having its Annual FFA Fun Day on Friday, September 18, at 4:00 p.m., for all FFA and Jr. FFA members. **IMPORTANT:** if you are going to attend you will need to bring clothes that can get wet (towel). Ladies, a swim suit is okay but must be covered with a t-shirt and shorts. Things could get messy. We will have hamburgers for everyone to enjoy. Please come by and sign-up so we will know how many to prepare for.

FFA BOOSTER CLUB

Also, at 6:30 on Friday, we will have a meeting for our FFA parents to begin the FFA Booster Club. We had a meeting about this last year. What is the Booster Club about? Well there is a great value of the booster club, in advising in the direction of our organization, Sulphur Bluff FFA, and to assist with fund raising when needed. The booster club will be comprised of officers and members much like our chapter. Through the years this organization has proven to be the backbone of other chapters that I have been involved in. Members are parents, grandparents, alumni, and members of the community that would like to be involved with directing and assisting the youth in our community and organization. In the FFA Creed the first line states, "I believe in the future of agriculture....." I know that many of you have heard that before. Well I do believe in the future of agriculture, and that is our kids.

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

County Steer Validation is set for September 22, at Dairy Health Services 5:30-7:00 pm. If you have a steer to show at the County Show in February, you must have it there for validation. There will be no late validation allowed.

National FFA Applications due September 18th.



The Book Fair's Last Day is Monday. Here senior Jackie Blake makes her selections. Mrs. Joslin, pictured above, says that the book fair has been a success and reminds everyone to make their final selections by Monday. The library gets new books discounted and some even free every year when they host the book fair.

Fellowship of Christian Students

Wednesday Mornings 7:30 A.M.

Come Join Us For Doughnuts

Lady Bears Bump it Up

9/8/2009-Tuesday

Varsity Sulphur Bluff vs Boles ISD

Scores:

Game 1 - 22/25

Game 2 - 25/22

Game 3- 25/21

Game 4- 22/25

Game5 - 11/15

Attacks-

Ashley Bryant- 13

Karissa Wolf- 7

Brittany Andrews- 4

Ginger Thompson -

Kaitlyn Hancock -1

Fatima Tallez-

Serves-

Bryant- 7

Wolf- 3

Jamie Goldsmith- 6

Andrews - 12

Thompson-11

Hancock- 6

Digs-

Bryant- 7

Wolf-

Goldsmith-9

Ginger-2

Haley Lawson- 5

Mikayla Potts- 18

Becca Naylor-2

Blocks-

Bryant- 1

Wolf-5

Hancock-5

Andrews-3

Assists-

Lawson- 5

Naylor -5

Junior Varsity Sulphur Bluff vs Boles ISD

Game 1- 25/26

Game 2 - 25/15

Game 3- 15/12

A win

JV Record 5-0

#2 Virginia Rodriguez

#11 Kelsey Dörner

#12 Katelyn Brown

#20 Quincie Duncan

#22 Heather Anderson

#25 Stephanie Hogue

#40 Kaitlyn Hancock

Attacks

Hancock- 4

Rodriguez-

Anderson-4

Duncan-

Brown-5

Serves

Rodriguez- 8

Hogue- 5

Brown-5

Duncan-2

Digs-

Hancock-5

Rodriguez-2

Anderson-1

Duncan-1

Brown-5

Hustle Point- Brown

The Varsity Girls played well last night, very proud of them. Our girls did not serve as well this game, but when we got points we earned them tonight. This was the first time this year we have taken team to 5 games. Again we have to learn to finish, but the girls have the heart, desire and the want-to now to finish strong and win. Still aiming high to accomplish that goal.

District play begins for us September 18, 2009, Sulphur Bluff @ Dodd City starting at 4:30.

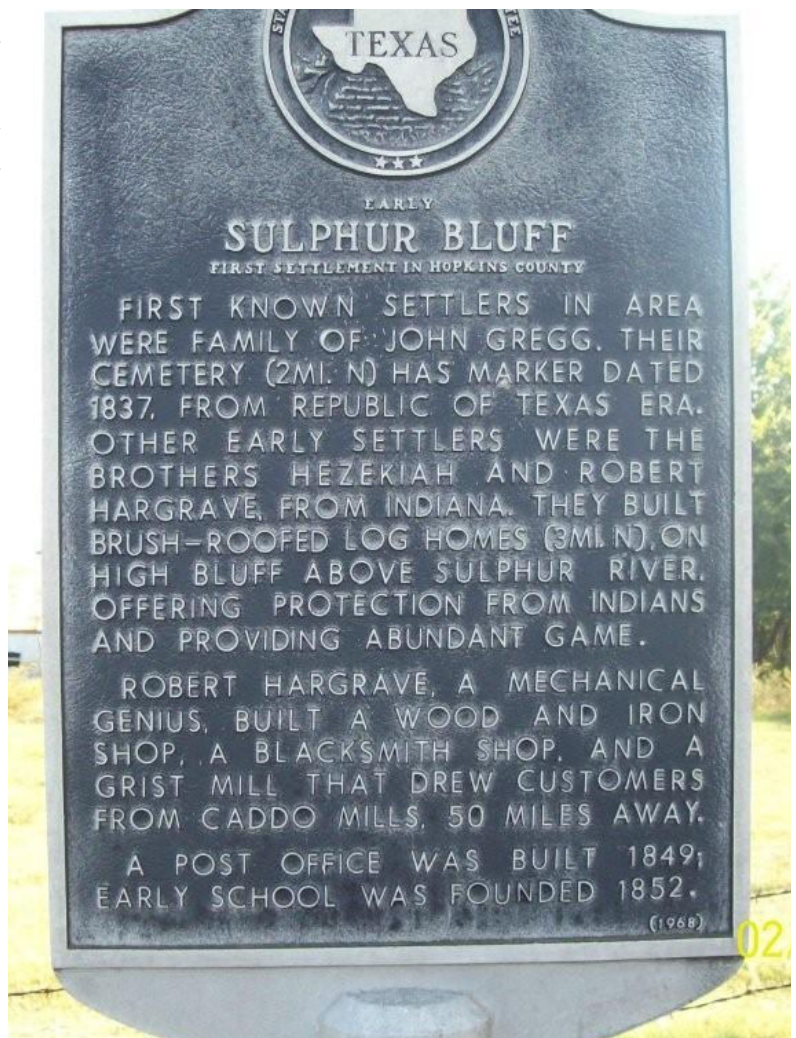


PTO NEWS

Well it's time for another round of news here at the Bluff. We had mentioned in our first newsletter that we would be having special write ups on people or places of interest in and around the Bluff. This week, we want to bring everyone's attention to the Historical Marker right in the middle of the Bluff. If you come in from the east or the west on HWY 71 you can't miss it. Stand in front of Dorner's Store and look to your left next to the old oak tree and it's right beside it. We don't know for sure, but the date on the bottom right of the plaque says 1968 and we're guessing

that's when that marker was put in place by the state. There are many historical markers all over the state of Texas and if you've never taken the time to pull over, step out and read about them you're missing a real interesting part of Texas History. If you or your family has been here for many generations then it would be to your advantage to take your kiddos up and read this marker to them and maybe even make their picture standing next to it. It carries your mind back to the days of long ago and makes you stop and think how hard the times were back then but in the same thoughts makes you realize how families depended on each other and communities were formed .

It's amazing that Sulphur Bluff as we know it today was formed so many years ago and is still a close-knit community with a school still in place. We made some pictures of that marker this week and we hope when these are printed off that you'll be able to read what's on that marker. If you can't see it in the pictures in the Bear Tracks Newsletter, e-mail me at cjk3@neto.com and I'll send you the pictures I have on the computer and you'll be able to read it well. One more quick note, Stephanie Carpenter wanted to be sure and let those of you know if you wanted on the PTO e-mail list, just shoot her an e-mail at stephcraig01@gmail.com and she'll add your name to her list. Until next week, have a great weekend everyone !



FCCLA on the Move



FCCLA officers remind everyone about the membership drive after school Monday, September 14.

Games and contests will begin at 4:00 in the high school courtyard. Food will follow. The meeting will conclude by 6:30.

Membership dues are \$16.00 but do not have to be paid in order to attend. Deadline for dues is October 1. Please see Mrs. V or one of the officers to pay dues.

FCCLA members will be showcasing their culinary arts skills during Fall Festival Household Arts contests next week. Look for more about their projects next week.

FCCLA officers and members will be promoting FCCLA by riding in the kick-off parade for the Fall Festival on Saturday morning. They plan to throw a lot of candy along the way.



Class of 2010 Officers L-R are Jackie Blake, Ian Zeringue, Minerva Marquez, Ashley Bryant, and Ginger Thompson. Look for more officer and class favorite pictures next week.

PTO WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU HAD SOME EXTRA "ME TIME" WHAT WOULD YOU DO ? WE ALL NEED TIME TO OURSELVES TO RELAX AND REGROUP, SO SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT YOU WOULD SPEND YOUR "ME TIME" DOING TO CJK3@NETO.COM AND LOOK FOR SOME TO BE POSTED IN NEXT WEEKS EDITION OF PTO NEWS !

BEAR CARDS

Now on Sale in Office

\$10 From Mrs. Cox

**Great Discounts From Many
Local Businesses**

**Tickets also still available from
each PTO officer.**