

# The Devil's River News

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## Getting Wild and Woolly In Sutton County!

Bad Company Rodeo has once again teamed up with Sonora's Outlaw Pro Rodeo! This year promises to be better than ever. Rated as one of the best small town PRCA Rodeo's in the country, the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo will play host to the 2007 Walk This Way Tour. This year, top cowboys and cowgirls from around the country will compete for over \$22,000 in prize money. After the rodeo, on Friday night, dance under the stars from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m., to the *Old Hat Band* at the Sutton County park slab. Then on Saturday, from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m., join national recording artist, *Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys* at the dance slab.

Come on out to the Sutton County Arena for some exciting Dodge Series Pro Rodeo action and also join in the Sutton County Days activities at the courthouse on August 10-11, 2007. This year's events are sponsored by Creek Swabbing and Roustabout, ENERTECH Wireline Services, JMC Transport Services, Lost Lake Ranch, and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.



Photo by Dan Hubbell

Bad Company Rodeo's T-64 Bull, also known as "Walk This Way" is pictured exhibiting his "bad-itude" at the Cheyenne Frontier Days. Walk This Way will be featured at the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo.



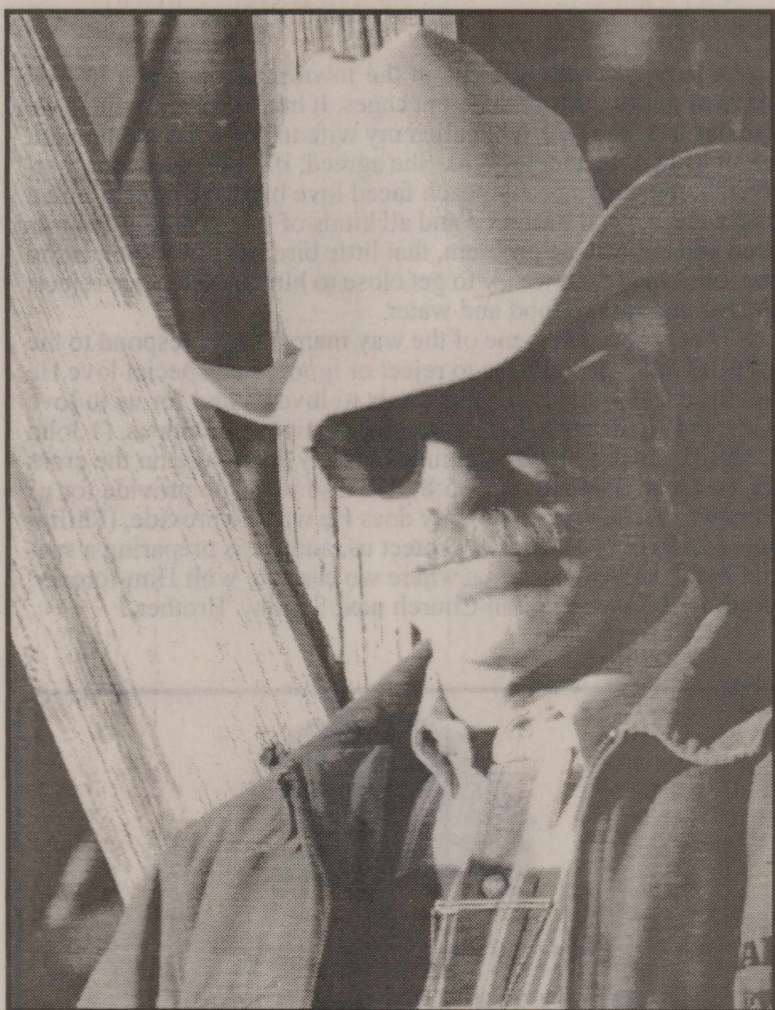
Photo by Bonnie Lou Campbell

A dozen fearless youngsters geared up for a wild and woolly ride last weekend. Above, Willie B. Munoz hangs on for eleven seconds of thrills at Sutton County's Mutton Bustin' Competition. More information from last weekend's rodeo activities, including team roping results and photographs and the short-go results from the American Junior Rodeo Association's World Finals are on pages 5 and 7.

### Jury Trial Cancelled

Sutton County District Clerk Veronica Hernandez has notified The Devil's River News that the jury trial that was scheduled for August 13th has been cancelled. Jurors who received notices from the District Clerk's office are thanked for their service and advised that they do not need to report for jury selection.

### "Texas Swing" to Heat up Saturday's Dance



Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys are bringing Texas Swing to the dance slab at the Sutton County Park Saturday night. Advance tickets are available from any of the Miss Sutton County queen contestants, but may also be purchased at the gate.

Saturday night's Sutton County Days Slab Dance will feature the lyrical strains of country swing drifting in from the sandy plains of West Texas. Following the final performance of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, *Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys* will take the stage at the Sutton County Park to play their mix of pure, traditional western swing and true country music. Their solid Texas dance music is sure to have dancers swinging under the stars well into the night.

Texas swing was created and made popular by Bob Wills and Hoyle Nix in the 1940s and '50s. Hoyle's son, Jody Nix, inherited his father's love of music and his talent - a combination that was shown early in life. At eight, when most children were learning the music scales, Jody began his professional career, playing five nights a week with his father's band, *The West Texas Cowboys*. He learned the soft swing of country music as only an insider can - an insider guided by Hoyle Nix and Bob Wills!

Jody's years of music education were rewarded. In 1973, at age twenty-one, Jody performed on Bob Wills' "For the Last Time" album. After his father's death, Jody moved from the drums to the fiddle; from the back of the stage to the front - a move he was destined to make. His dedication to western swing fiddle has dazzled audiences ever since. His high-energy stage shows and easy dance music have excited audiences, and the band has developed a loyal following of fans of all ages.

*The Texas Cowboys* are accomplished musicians as well, with Larry Nix on bass and vocal harmonies; Robert Weeks on fiddle; Johnny Cox on steel guitar; and Dixie Hanks on drums. These musicians are known as one of the finest professional music organizations anywhere. They travel across the country playing major rodeos, clubs and conventions to large audiences. *Jody and the Texas Cowboys* received a special honor in 1989 when they were asked to perform at the Texas State Society Black Tie & Boots Ball for President George Bush.

Jody has seven albums to his credit and was a guest artist with *Asleep at the Wheel* on the "Tribute to Bob Wills" album. The album was a Country Music Association nominee for Album of the Year honors at the CMA awards show in 1994. In October of 1996, Jody was inducted into the Western Swing Hall of Fame in Sacramento, California.



Baylie Brown of Krum, TX will be performing the National Anthem on Friday and Saturday nights at the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo at 7:30 p.m. Baylie is the granddaughter of Joe N. and Goldie Brown of Sonora. She has been singing professionally since the age of 7 and is currently negotiating record contracts with 2 different major record labels. Her big break came last January when she was on Season 6 of *American Idol*.

## St. Ann Catholic Church

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E-mail: stannsec@verizon.net  
Confessions: Sat. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Monday - NO MASS  
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m.  
Thursday - 7:00 a.m.  
Friday - 7:00 a.m.  
Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

## Lighthouse Community Church

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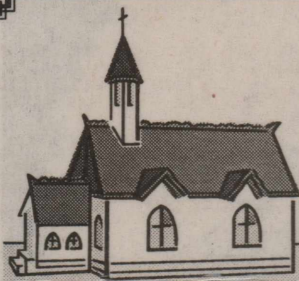
## Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Aug. 10 - Pay bills and run errands.
- Mon. Aug. 13 - Bingo!  
Happy Birthday Lidia Reina & Betty Stephen.
- Tues. Aug. 14 - CEAP 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., blood & sugar checks with Intrepid.
- Wed. Aug. 15 - Happy Birthday Maria Robles!  
Van to San Angelo
- Thur. Aug. 16 - Happy Birthday Ialo Chavez & Oralia Hernandez  
Hospital Program, "colon cancer".

## Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Aug. 10 - Catfish, hominy, okra/tomato gumbo, rolls, apple crisp.
- Mon. Aug. 13 - BBQ beef on bun, baked french fries, baked beans, coleslaw, peaches with topping and milk.
- Tues. Aug. 14 - Ham with pineapple, macaroni & cheese, rolls, pine apple upside down cake and milk.
- Wed. Aug. 15 - Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, rolls, sliced beets, bread pudding with raisins and milk.
- Thur. Aug. 16 - Pork chops with gravy, zucchini & yellow squash, fresh fruit parfait, salad and milk.

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 \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go). New Summer Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri.



## Sonora Church Directory

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| <b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br>504 Santa Clara<br>387-2035                     | <b>Church of Christ</b><br>304 N. Water<br>387-3190                    |
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| <b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b><br>509 Amistad<br>387-5266                | <b>First United Methodist Church</b><br>201 N. Water<br>387-2466       |
| <b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b><br>229 W. Plum<br>387-2278                        | <b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b><br>306 W. 4th St.<br>387-5713 |
| <b>Jehovah's Witness</b><br>310 St. Ann's St.<br>387-5658/387-5518                 | <b>Hope Lutheran Church</b><br>417 E. 2nd St.<br>387-5366              |

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## Thank You

The City of Sonora extends a big thank you for all the support to those involved in the city's grease trap program. This support is paying dividends to our community in many different ways. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is pleased with the progress in Sonora, and because of the support of local citizens, the city has become a shining example to other cities in the area.

The benefits to the city and its utility users are now being manifested by reduced grease present in the collection system. This means the city is able to reduce the amount of very expensive enzyme chemicals it puts in the wastewater collection system to break up grease. The lift stations do not have to pump grease-laden water, which requires more electrical power to push it through the system, and has reduced maintenance on the

motors and pumps. The wastewater treatment plant is operating more efficiently because of the lower amount of grease; the treated effluent throughout is more efficient.

A little over a year ago, the City of Sonora embarked on a program to reduce the grease content in the wastewater collection system. The TCEQ dictated this program to the city as a "clean it up or else" project. This project became a community effort with the city, the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation (SIDC), restaurant owners, County Judge and commissioners, and the Sonora Independent School District all participating.

The city took action first by hiring designated representative, Charles McDonald, who has done a great job informing, instructing, and assisting restaurant owners installing grease traps. The city then drafted and approved a grease trap ordinance. The SIDC took the initiative to assist businesses requiring grease traps by setting up a grant program to defray this cost. Sutton County Judge Carla Garner and the county commissioners got behind the effort, making county facilities compliant. The school district jumped on the bandwagon installing grease traps at their facilities. Restaurant owners/operators took to the task by installing grease traps at their respective restaurants.

Now that the grease trap program is established, we cannot stop; we must continue. As our progress continues, the benefits for the city will increase. Your efforts to make this program work are making Sonora a better place to live, work, and play.

Jim Polonis, Sonora City Manager



Megan Fitzgerald and Burke Headrick

## Fitzgerald-Headrick Engagement Announced

Ms. Che'ree Fitzgerald and Mr. Wade Fitzgerald, both of Sonora, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan J. Fitzgerald of Artesia, NM to T. Burke Headrick of Artesia, NM.

Megan is a 2004 graduate of Sonora High School. She attended Sul Ross State University in Alpine, TX and Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell. She is currently working for Letcher, Golden & Associates, Inc., an insurance company in Artesia, NM.

Burke is the son of Ms. Debra Burks of Evansville, IN, and Carey and Jana Headrick of Artesia, NM. He is a 2003 Marfa High School graduate. Burke also attended Sul Ross State University in Alpine, TX and Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell. He is a professional firefighter/EMT employed with the Artesia Fire Department.

The couple is planning an early January wedding in Ruidoso, NM.

## The Women of St. John's

invite you to cool off during

Sutton County Days

with their

## Chicken Salad Lunch Plates

Saturday, August 11, 2007

from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall  
(across from the courthouse)

## Happy Birthday

August 9

Pooh Garza, Isabel Guerra, Lionel Cervantez, Jr., Trapper Valliant, Joe Edmondson, Moe Mogford, Steve Wagner

August 10

Kylie Love, Brea Hughes, Javier Weingart, Blaze Youngblood, Clayton Parks, Crispin Lira, Alberico Capuchina, Jesse Galvan, Hileria Romo, Cody Snyder

August 11

Lura Sawyer, Moses Carreno, Kristi Key, Krystianna Rae Mendez, Fred Benson, Sammy Mireles, Juan Sanchez, Kadie Neblett, Lena Jones

August 12

Efrain Zaragoza, Desiree Gonzales, Colyer Dermody, Jaimee Duran, Jason West, Jacob West, Billie Jean Martin, Liza Sanchez, Alicia Hernandez

August 13

Erica N. Martinez, Doris Morriss, Betty Stephen, Clayton Taylor, Kelly Kearney, Marjie Becknell, Pole Garza, Brent Gesch, Erica Martinez, Mike Moore, Hubert Payton, Christopher Amador

August 14

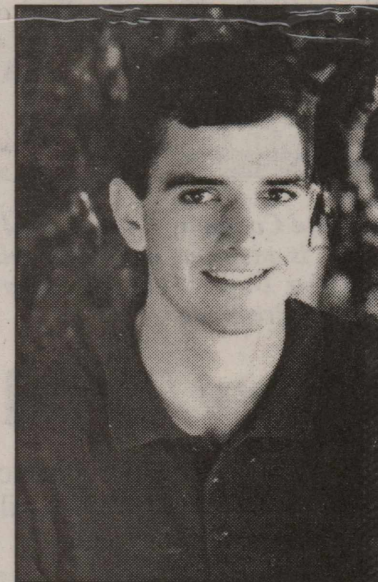
Oscar Trevino, Jr., Danielle Rodriguez, Tori Vickers, Hipolito Gutierrez, Tammie Love, Lupita Arevalo, Nato Hinojosa, Danny Martinez

August 15

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

## Dempsey Returns to Sonora as Development Consultant

AdventGX recently hired Mr. Russell Dempsey, a Texas A&M University graduate, previously working at the A&M Spatial Science Laboratory and now residing in Sonora, Texas. Mr. Dempsey will be serving as a project manager and project coordinator - primarily supporting our West Texas customers. He brings valuable experience to AdventGX in the areas of GIS (Geographic Information Systems), Remote Sensing and Telemetry. Mr. Dempsey, an Eagle Scout, is a big advocate for Nature Tourism and has a Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences degree. He is also a Bronco fan, having graduated SHS, Class of 2000.



Russell Dempsey

## A Little Biting Bird

A lady was selling birds in the town plaza, and she had all kinds of pretty birds in different cages. It had been years since we had our last parakeet, so I called my wife to see what she thought about us getting another bird. She agreed, if I took care of it. I arrived home with a pretty peach faced love bird. We bought him a nice cage, special bird seed and all kinds of things that little birds need and enjoy. One problem, that little bird has not responded to our love, and when we try to get close to him, he bites. He rejects everything but the food and water.

That bird reminds me of the way many people respond to the love of God. They choose to reject or ignore that special love He has for us, (1 John 3:1). God wants to love us and for us to love Him, and He wants to have a special relationship with us, (1 John 4:9&10). He did that by sending His only son to die on the cross for us, (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). He also wants to provide for us in many special ways. Not only does He want to provide, (Philippians 4:19) but he wants to protect us, and He is preparing a special home in Heaven for us where we can live with Him forever, (John 14:1-3). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J



## SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

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# Historical Society

## ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,  
Secretary  
Sutton County Historical Society

**Q.** You once printed an article about a crazy Mexican prisoner that was bounced around jails and caused a big hassle between counties, will you print it again?

**A.** The story you are looking for was in "Bad Old Days" In and Around Sutton Co. 1889-1939 and was reprinted from articles in The Devil's River News on April 25, 1896 and May 2, 1896.

### Mexican Dumped on Del Rio by Crockett Co.

- Ben McMahan, a commissioner from Crockett County, arrived in Del Rio Tuesday, having in charge a violent and dangerously insane Mexican named Cicilaneous, whom he turned loose in Las Vacas, the Mexican suburb of Del Rio, claiming that, since this man was not an American citizen, he had no right to be protected by this government. As might be expected, the lunatic immediately re-crossed the river and, but for the vigilance of the shrievalty, might have done damage to this community. Cicilaneous is now in jail and safe to himself and us, but what can be said for a community which so transgresses the commonest laws of humanity and decency as to turn loose its dangerous maniacs upon a sister community. No doubt the officer had authority from his county for this action, but for any man or set of men who will purposely impose upon a neighboring people such an iniquity the Record has nothing but condemnation and contempt. Let the chips lie where they fall, we intend to hew to the line. - *Del Rio Record*

**Del Rio Jail Fire** - The crazy Mexican confined in the county jail set fire to his bedding Wednesday night about ten o'clock and the neighborhood was alarmed. The jail being fireproof, the fire could make no headway and was easily extinguished by Central Hose Company No. 1, under Captain Wallen, which was the first to arrive. When the jail doors were opened the Mexican was found sitting in the window laughing wildly and yelling "Let her burn!" - *Del Rio Record*

*Ozona Courier Replies to Del Rio Record on Mexican - The Devil's River News, Saturday, May 2, 1896 - The Ozona Courier makes the following reply to the article published in the Del Rio Record with reference to the crazy Mexican.*

Now here you come again with your backs up and your feathers all turned the wrong way. Now old toppy do you really know what is "ailing" you any-way? Can you tell us exactly what got cross-way in your craw? Do you reside with your mother-in-law, been out with the boys recently on a jag, or are you addicted to the cocaine habit. Your liver must be a little torpid and we would recommend for you the liberal dose of Mikado bitters.

Now, we want to propound a few questions to you Bro. Razzle-dazzle. Do you live in Texas or in Mexico, is Del Rio in Texas or does she extend her dominion over the land of Montezuma, does that great educating bladder known as the *Del Rio Record*, of which your honor is the propeller, represent this country or Mexico? Now we will state for your enlightenment, dearly beloved, that the Rio Grande River is the dividing line between this country and the Republic of Mexico; furthermore that



This 1920's street scene of Sonora exemplifies the active business center of Main Street. The buildings pictured are (left to right) the Koenig Building, Barton Saloon (in the old bank building), Sonora Mercantile, E.F. VanderStucken Co., Grocery and Food Store, Drug Store, and the Devil's River News. The Murphy home, owned by the same brothers who owned and operated the newspaper, sits back and behind the newspaper building. In this photograph, you can see the roof and porch of the Murphy home.

cold blooded heartless friend of yours, Ben McMahan had instructions from the Commissioners Court of Crockett County to pilot the simple minded gentleman across the Rio Bravo, after said court had applied to every asylum in the state for admission of said gent and had been flatly refused on the grounds that there was no proof. Ben McMahan didn't have instructions to dump the man in Del Rio, neither did he do so. He escorted him safely across the river and can prove same by three of your good citizens. So, dearly beloved, when you get "burnt out" on taking care of Mr. Cicilaneous just do like we did, put your No. 12's behind him and give him a shove for the land of tortillas and pulque, where he belongs. Crockett County has been out enough on this Mexican and don't propose to squander more.

The rest of the question on this was "What do you think of this?" My reply, I'm not crazy enough to answer that question in the paper. Make your own judgements. It was a very old quarrel between the counties, Sutton County got a good laugh over it, and we report old history, we don't try to be revisionists or arbitra-

tors of past quarrels.

**Q.** Did J. Q. Adams die in Sonora?

**A.** The *San Angelo Standard*, Saturday, April 26, 1902- The report comes from Sonora that John Q. Adams, an aged resident of that town, died at his home in that city night before last. The last ten years of Mr. Adams life has been wrapped in mystery so far as the people at large or even his immediate surroundings, was concerned. It will be remembered that ten years ago Mr. Adams was indicted by the Grand Jury of Sutton County on a very grave charge of murder and the old man was placed under a heavy bond. He mysteriously disappeared and it was supposed he had jumped his bond and fled to Mexico. All hope of recapturing him was finally given up by the officers and he has never been seen since. Now comes the revelation that all this time he has been closed up in his home in Sonora, living a life of absolute obscurity for ten years. But he has beat his case. The grim reaper has called him to the great beyond to be passed upon by a higher court. Whether he was innocent or guilty of the crime of murder we know not, but if guilty, the life he lived has cer-

tainly been sufficient punishment. The old man was very old and is the father of Charlie Adams, well known over this section - *Ozona Kicker*

Note our files show that Mr. Adams was found guilty of murder but appealed the case and it was remanded for retrial. Mr. Adams could never be located by Sheriff E.S. "Lige" Briant to bring him in for the retrial so the case was continued many times until he was apprehended. It was a known fact that the sheriff ate at the home of Mr. Adams many times during those 10 years and a little difficult to believe that he didn't know where he was residing, even if he was "hiding in the attic," as so many claim. Why didn't he arrest him when he came out at night, dressed like a woman, and little children skipped along behind him chanting, "killer, killer, killer." It has been said that his partner Mr. Callahan had a hand in him not being arrested. Who knows, not me for sure. What we do know is that Mr. Adams' body was taken to Alpine and he was

buried in a plot belonging to the family of his wife.

Please stop by and visit the Sutton County Historical Society buildings during Sutton County Days. The Miers Home Museum will be open for tours from 9-2 Saturday and the offices from 8-12 on Saturday. We hope to have the Old Ice House Museum of the West open for you to peek in and see all the work that has been done so far on the building.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885,

Sonora, Tx 76950-0885 or e-mail them to [schs@sonoratlx.net](mailto:schs@sonoratlx.net). You may call us when we are open on Tuesday, Thursday 9-12 and Saturday 8-12 mornings. There will be no rental of the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Bldg. (Old Depot) or the grounds until after construction work is finished on the building. We are looking at about Thanksgiving as a first rental date as of this moment.

## Public Meeting Set by SIDC

Because of some delays caused by summer vacations and other schedule conflicts, the prioritized matrices that were completed by the Advisory Committee of the Sonora Industrial Development Committee were not fully completed and returned to AdventGX until July 27th. However, every member of the Committee has completed this assignment and AdventGX will now complete the compilation of that input and discuss the results at a special meeting of the Advisory Committee scheduled for August 13th at 5:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.


This meeting of the Committee will be open to the public and hopefully will be attended by many of the citizens who participated in the workshops. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and ratify our priorities, so that AdventGX can then complete the final phase of the planning project - implementation requirements.

Please plan on attending the special meeting of the Advisory Committee on Monday, August 13th at 5:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

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*When I am Gone*, just release me, let me go - so I can move into my afterglow.  
*You mustn't tie* me down with your tears; let's be happy that we had so many years.  
*I gave you my love*, you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness.  
*I thank you for* the love you each have shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone.  
*So grieve for me* awhile, if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted with trust.  
*It's for a while* that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart.  
*And then*, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

We miss and Love you always,  
Chapo Samaniego & Family

*Father*



**Charles Walsh**

# Saving Our Memories



**Kelly L Thorp, MS**  
County Extension Agent-FCS  
Texas Cooperative Extension-  
Sutton Co.

Many people believe that memory loss and aging go hand-in-hand: as a person gets older his or her memory begins to fail. Not true! Whether they care to admit it or not, many

people think that their forgetfulness is the first sign of Alzheimer's disease. However, we now know that most people remain both alert and able as they age, although it may take them longer to remember things.

A lot of people experience memory lapses. Some memory problems are serious, others are not. People who have serious changes in their memory, personality and behavior may suffer from a form of brain disease called dementia - the two most common forms of dementia being Alzheimer's disease and multi-infarct dementia. Dementia seriously affects a person's ability to carry out daily activities.

Sometimes, older people have emotional problems that may cause memory loss and be mistaken for dementia. Feeling sad, lonely, worried or bored may be more common for some older adults for a variety of reasons. Adapting to change may leave some people feeling confused or forgetful. Emotional problems can be eased by supportive friends and family or by professional help from a health provider or counselor.

Stress, anxiety or depression can make a person more forgetful. Forgetfulness caused by these emotions usually is temporary and goes away when the feelings fade. However, if these feelings last for a long period of time, getting help from a professional is important. Treatment may include counseling or medication, or a combination of both.

In fact, there are several conditions that may be treated or reversed which cause memory problems. Reversible conditions can be caused by a high fever, dehydration, vitamin deficiency, poor nutrition, bad reactions to medicines, problems with the thyroid gland or a minor head injury. Medical conditions like these can be serious and should be treated by a health provider as soon as possible.

People who are worried about memory problems should see their health provider. If he or she believes that the problem is serious, then a thorough evaluation may be recommended. A complete medical examination for memory loss may include gathering information about medical history, including use of prescription and over the counter medicines, diet, past medical problems and general health. Because a correct diagnosis depends on recalling these details

accurately, the health provider also may ask a family member for information.

Lab tests may help your health provider find any problems. There are also tests of mental abilities: memory, problem solving, counting and language. A brain scan may assist the doctor in ruling out a curable disorder. A scan also may show signs of normal age related changes in the brain. It may be necessary to have another scan at a later date to see if there have been further changes in the brain.

Many older adults, in fact, people of all ages, wonder how they may try to keep their memory sharp. Some suggestions include developing interests or hobbies and staying involved in activities that stimulate both the mind and body. Many people find it useful to plan tasks, make "things to do" lists and use notes, calendars and other memory aids.

They also may remember things better by mentally connecting them to other meaningful things, such as a familiar name or song.

Exercise is important to keep your body healthy, but it is also important for your mind. The brain needs exercises and challenges so that it can remain active and keep up with your daily life. Try to challenge your brain daily to keep it active and alert. Also, remember that a healthy diet is very important to the body's function and especially to the mind. Although no special diets or nutritional supplements have been shown to specifically address memory problems, a balanced diet helps maintain overall good health.

Some physical and mental changes occur with age in healthy people. However, much pain and suffering can be avoided if older adults, their families and their health providers recognize that memory loss is not part of normal aging. For more information, visit the National Institute on Aging Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center.

website: <http://www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers>. Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist - Gerontology Health  
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# Growth and Diversification Provide Focus for Sonora Study

by Delyse Jeager

Sonora finds itself today upon the precipice of change, having recognized the danger of a narrowly diversified economy. Over the past few weeks, a good deal of thought and energy has been directed towards the preservation and enhancement of Sonora's economic future. AdventGX consultants, hired by the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation to assist with the Economic Development Initiative and a 14-person Advisory Committee have been busy with the priority-setting phase of the project.

The Committee, a cross section of the community made up of Sonora civic leaders and subject matter representatives, undertook the task of prioritizing over 60 main ideas and hundreds of underlying components that were identified by citizens at the three public workshops held in late June. AdventGX organized the community's input and created an electronic matrix for each committee member to review, revise as appropriate, and prioritize based on their professional and personal views

concerning the importance of each initiative. Areas identified as significant include in part: city infrastructure, downtown revitalization, tourism venues, youth and student recreation, maximizing current assets, identifying and attracting new business, providing assistance to existing business, housing availability, entertainment and historic preservation.

The results of the prioritization process will be presented and discussed at a meeting of the Advisory Committee and AdventGX consultants, to be held on August 13th at 5:00 p.m. in the Civic Center. The primary objective of the meeting is to reach final consensus on priorities. AdventGX will then begin work to design specific projects and develop plans for implementing each of the top ranking initiatives. This is a public meeting and all citizens are invited to attend.

Please direct any questions or comments to the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation at 387-6280.



Brenda Valliant, president of Sonora Womans Club, accepts the July popcorn sales donation from Roberta James, representing First National Bank. First National Bank donates money raised through popcorn sales to community organizations. The Sonora Womans Club is a service organization whose main focus is support of the Sutton County Library and youth reading programs in our community.

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## SHS Registration Next Week

Sonora High School registration will take place August 13th through 15th, with students registering at the following times:

- Seniors: Monday, August 13th from 8 a.m. until 12 noon
- Juniors: Tuesday, August 14th from 8 a.m. until 12 noon
- Sophomores: Tuesday, August 14th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
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## Chamber of Commerce Calendar

Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo - August 9th-11th  
Sutton County Arena

Sutton County Days - August 11th  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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SLGA Adult-Child Tournament - August 15th  
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# Roping and Riding Focus of Weekend Fiesta

Photos and Text  
by Bonnie Lou Campbell

After postponement on Saturday, due to soggy arena conditions, the Sonora Outlaw Team Roping Challenge was rescheduled for Sunday, August 5th, 2007. Around 275 teams threw loops for only nine team ropers to make it back as finalists (3 per night) in the upcoming Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo.

Winners of the 1st Round were Laramie Hall and Devon Hayes with a time of 6.41, each winning \$259.00. Noe Gonzales and Pete Trujillo had a 6.70 and each man pocketed \$155.00. Tony Renfro and Juan Hernandez had a

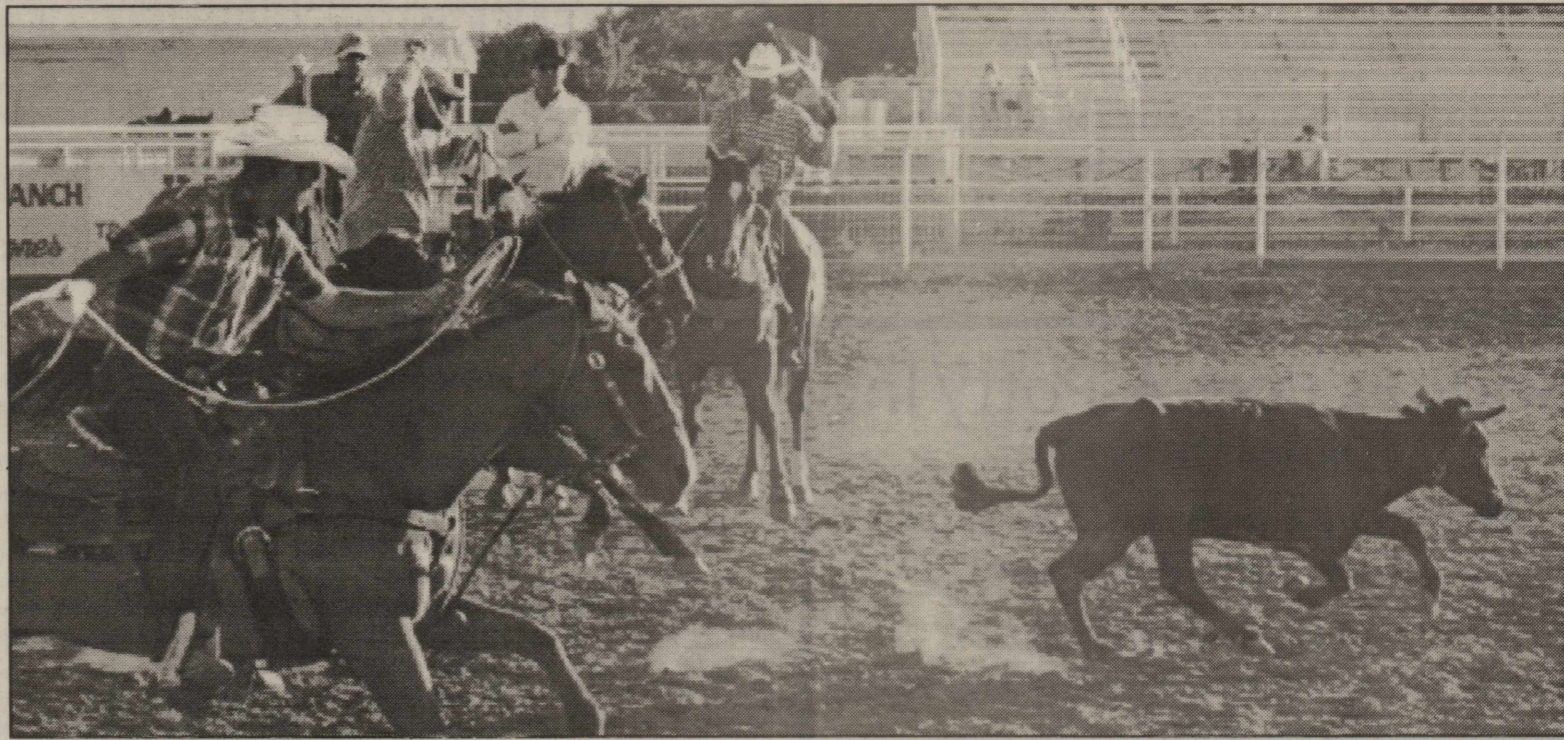
time of 8.47 and each man received \$104.00.

The following teams will be roping in the performances coming up this weekend.

Thursday slack: James Antunez and Sterling Price, Dayton Armke and Eddie Rudasill, Tony Renfro and Juan Hernandez

Friday: Ryon West and Jim Phillips, Kelly Kothman and Sterling Price, James Antunez and Jim Phillips

And on Saturday: Shawn Edwards and Jim Phillips, Shawn Edwards and Olie Smith, Dayton Armke and Ryan Bean.



Kelly Morrow and Callaway Hall show us how it's done...in the recent Sonora Outlaw Team Roping Challenge that was held on Sunday, August 5th. For more team roping action, enjoy one of Sonora's biggest events of the year at the Sutton County Arena Complex on August 10th-11th during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo.



## SHS Cheerleaders Prepare for School Year

Last week, the Sonora High School cheerleaders attended camp in preparation for the upcoming school year. Members of the Varsity and Junior Varsity squads include: (back row, left to right) Emily Earwood, Monica Traylor, Kaitlyn Henderson, Kimble Luna, Savannah Leonard, Laura Martin, Maci Zuniga, Morgan Smith and Kash McGee; (front row, left to right) Rose Karnes, Kelsey Watkins, Meredith Earwood, and Stephani Morris. Come on out and show your support for all the hard work everyone has put into making their school proud!



With a facemask full of mud, this competitor at the Mutton Bustin depends on a helping hand from clown Kado Kinder as clown Robert Zapata looks on.



## Bringing Rowdy Back!

The Sonora High School cheerleaders are pleased to welcome back their long lost friend, Rowdy! Rowdy will make his first public appearance during the Sutton County Days Parade, Friday August, 10th. Rowdy is proudly represented by Kaci Chavarria.

## SHS Parking Permits Issued

Student parking permits will be issued during registration at Sonora High School. Students will be required to pay \$5.00 for their parking permit and must provide proof of driver's license and vehicle liability insurance. They will also be required to provide vehicle information including license plate numbers, before parking permits are issued.

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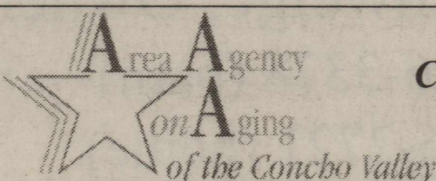
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## Sonora Youth Win at AJRA Finals

by Becky McAngus

Sonora's rodeo heritage was well represented in performances at Saturday's short-go of the American Junior Rodeo Association National Finals in San Angelo.

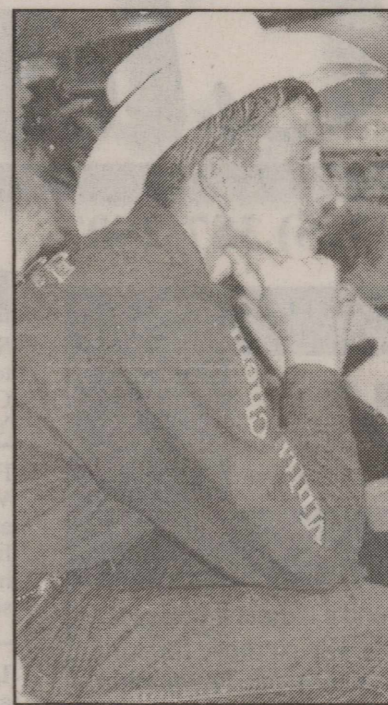
Sam Powers, competing in the 13-15 age division, had a combined total of 27.41 going into the short-go in the tie-down roping event. He roped his steer just outside the gate and completed the tie down with a blistering time of 10.19, to win the average at finals in the event.

In the very next event, the 16-19 division tie-down roping, Craig Leonard roped and tied his steer in 12.62 seconds. Leonard was very consistent

throughout the week and, after a week of roping, had a combined time of 23.37 going in to the short-go.

The Sonora crowd, definitely the most enthusiastic group at the finals, cheered the youngsters on, and shook their hands when they later made their way into the stands to watch the other competitors.

Powers also competed in the 13-15 team roping. Macie Friess brought home a saddle and second place in the 9-12 girls ribbon roping. She also qualified for the 9-12 girls' goat tying finals where she completed the tie down in 11.22 seconds, placing third



in the round. The 9-12 girls division was probably the most competitive of all classes, with the girls separated by fractions of seconds in all events. Stella Ingham, who also competed in this division placed fourth overall in girls barrel racing.

Stella Ingham competed in the 16-19 division in girls barrel racing, placing sixth in the short-go on Saturday. Word Hudson qualified for the 13-15 boys ribbon roping and placed fourth in the short-go with a time of 40.28.

Two very special competitors from Eldorado, Carli and McKenzie McAngus, also qualified for the finals. Carli placed third in the short-go with a time of 4.72 in 13-15 girls breakaway roping, while McKenzie had the second fastest time in the 9-12 division girls goat-tying with a time of 9.95. McKenzie also placed third with 16.73 in girls' barrel racing.

"Sonora has got some good future rodeo contestants," noted Jimmy Powers, a former member of the PRCA board, and Sam Powers' granddad. "These kids really did a great job."

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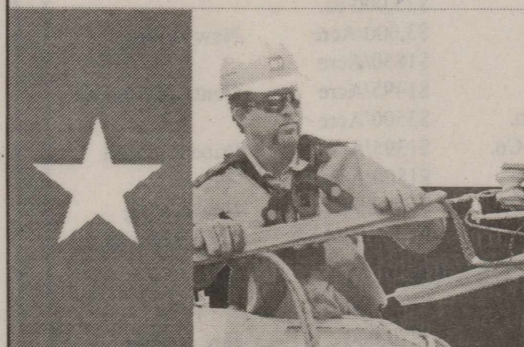
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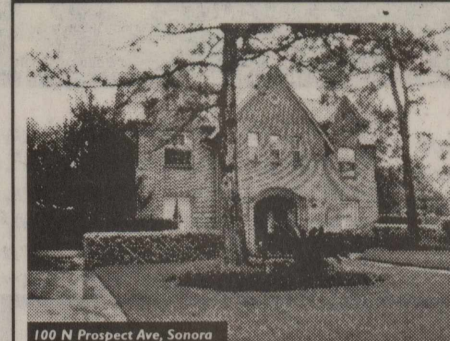
6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Drug policy review for high school and middle school parents.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parent orientation for high school students.

**Please Note: This policy review was previously set for August 13th but has been rescheduled to August 20th due to a conflict with a school board meeting that night.**

## real estate auctions

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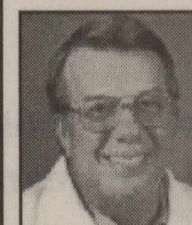
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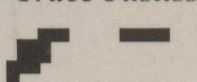
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## Sonora Lions Sponsor Ozona Child

The Sonora Lions Club has once again impacted the life of a child. Trace Justiss, of Ozona, was sponsored by the Lions Club to attend the Texas Lions Camp, a camp designed to give children with disabilities, diabetes, or cancer, the opportunity to have a summer camp experience. Trace is a Type 1 diabetic and was diagnosed at age three.

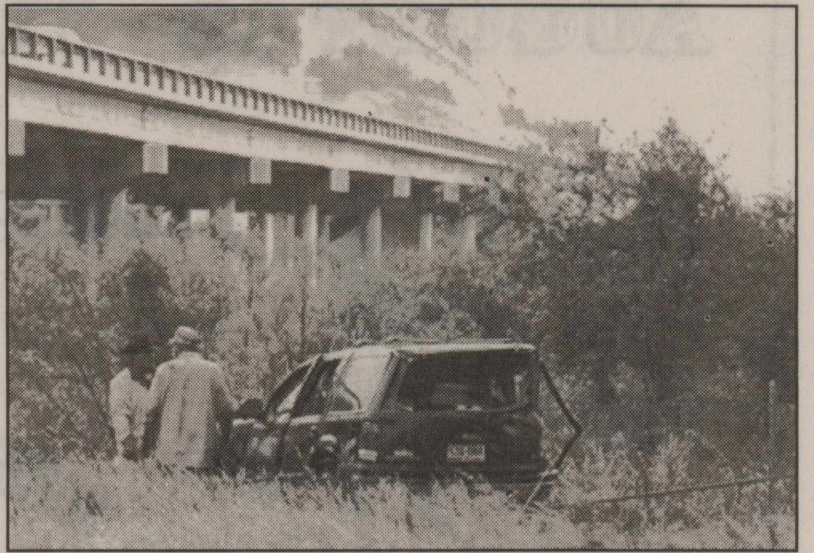
The campers do everything from riding horses, to fishing, to camping out. The camp is staffed by over 60 counselors, including 25 medical professionals and medical students. "I had a hard time leaving Trace, but I knew he would be well cared for," said his mom, Wendy Justiss.

Trace Justiss



an active Lions Club. "Virgil Polocek was wonderful. He took care of everything for us. It was

an amazing experience for Trace, and we would like to thank the Lions Club for sponsoring him."



**Photo by Juanita Gomez**  
John Ladd, 43, of Spring Branch, TX and three passengers received non-life threatening injuries last Thursday when the vehicle they were riding in hydroplaned on IH-10 eastbound at the 401 mile marker. According to the report filed by DPS Trooper Norbert Ortiz, this vehicle rode 65 feet along the guardrail before falling 35 feet from the bridge over Poplar Street. The vehicle struck the ground nose first and came to rest facing southeast.

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- Arrest(s):**  
July 29, 2007
- David Leandro Ortiz, 20, from Campwood, Texas was arrested for Minor in Consumption of Alcohol. July 30, 2007
  - Fred Anthony Velasquez, 28, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Terroristic Threat. July 31, 2007
  - Domingo Reynosa, 17, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Terroristic Threat. August 2, 2007
  - Imelda Limon, 35, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Terroristic Threat. August 2, 2007
  - Margarita Coronado, 42, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Interference with Public Duties. August 4, 2007
  - Oscar Martinez Sanchez, 52, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for four Municipal Court Warrants for Public Intoxication, Assault, Possession of Alcoholic Beverage in Motor Vehicle, Public Intoxication, and a Sutton County Warrant for Probation Violation-Terroristic Threat. August 4, 2007
- Incidents:**  
July 30, 2007
- 12:25 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
  - 6:30 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
  - 8:40 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
  - 9:55 PM: Caller reported a suspicious person. Officer responded.
  - 10:20 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer and Deputy responded. July 31, 2007
  - 8:49 AM: Caller reported an injured animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded. August 1, 2007
  - 10:30 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
  - 5:00 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
  - 5:10 PM: Caller reported suspicious persons. Officer responded.
  - 10:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
  - 11:15 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded. August 2, 2007
  - 5:45 AM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
  - 10:45 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
  - 3:20 PM: Caller reported a traffic accident on Poplar Street. Deputy and Officers responded.
  - 7:20 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.

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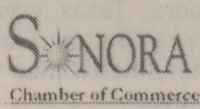
**AUGUST 10 - 11, 2007**



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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.

**Thursday, August 9th**  
8:30 a.m. First go-round Tie-down roping, Steer wrestling, Team roping.  
5:00 p.m. Second go-round starts.  
**Friday, August 10th**  
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 the *Old Hat Band*  
**Saturday, August 11th**  
7:30 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 *Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys*



The Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Keep Sonora Beautiful Program, is proud to announce Sonic, America's Drive-in, located at 202 Hwy. 277 North, as the business "Landscape of the Month". Sonic has planted palm trees, decorative stone pots full of beautiful flowers have been placed around, and beds have been planted in flowers of various shapes, fragrances, and dazzling colors. Also, a complete remodeling of the exterior of the building has been completed with a new cover, new tables and chairs, new menus and speaker housings. The eatery offers a menu of hamburgers, chili cheese hot dogs (Coneys), onion rings, and tater tots, along with breakfast burritos, wrap sandwiches, and frozen desserts. Thank you Sonic for being a part of our community and taking pride in your business.

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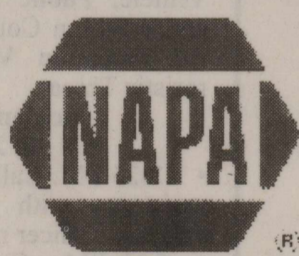
**Blood Drive  
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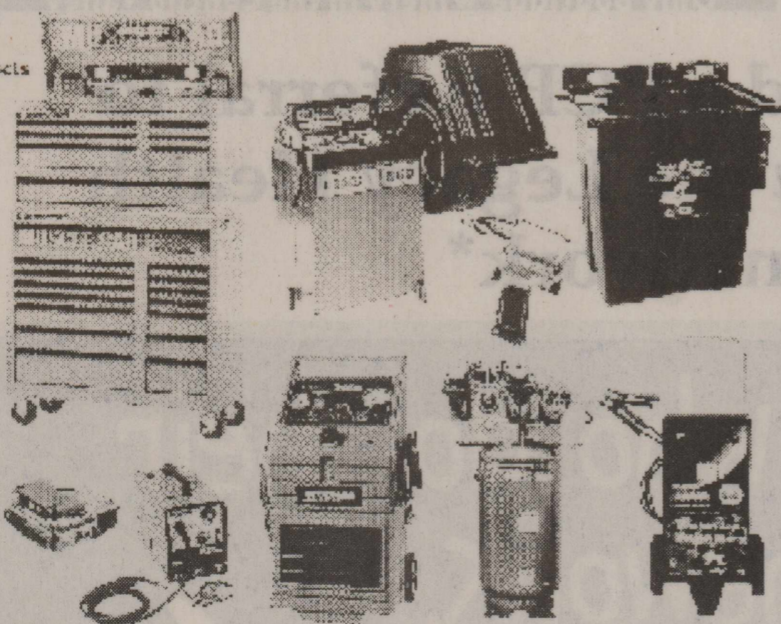


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Sonora, Texas

# & Sutton County Days 2007

## "Walk This Way" Rodeo Performances

Sutton County Arena

**Thursday, August 9th**

Slack Performances: 8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, August 10th**

Slack Performances: 8:30 a.m.

Rodeo: 7:30 p.m.

Adults: \$7 in advance, \$10 at gate  
Children under 12: \$4 in advance, \$7 at gate  
Mutton Bustin' Finals

**Saturday, August 11th**

Rodeo: 7:30 p.m.  
Adults: \$7 in advance, \$10 at gate  
Children under 12: \$4 in advance, \$7 at gate  
County Team Roping Awards  
Crowning of Miss Sutton County

## Dance Under the West Texas Stars

The Slab at Sutton County Park

**Friday, August 10th**

8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Featuring *Old Hat Band*

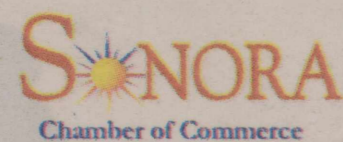
Tickets - \$7 in advance, \$10 at gate

**Saturday, August 11th**

9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Featuring *Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys*

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## Sutton County Days Events

Downtown Sonora

**Friday, August 10th**

Cowboy Up Parade: 5:00 p.m.

Masonic Lodge Fundraiser Steak Dinner: 5:30 p.m.  
Plates - Adults: \$8, Children under 10: \$5

Rigrockers Band Performance: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, August 11th**

1 Mile and 5k Run: 8:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies: 10:00 a.m.

Little Mr. and Little Miss Sutton County Contest

Miss Sutton County Queen Contestant Interviews

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Pet Parade: 11:30 a.m.

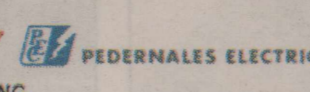
West Texas Cloggers: 12:00 p.m.

The Sonora Band performance: 1:00 p.m.

Barbwire Band Performance: 3:00 p.m.

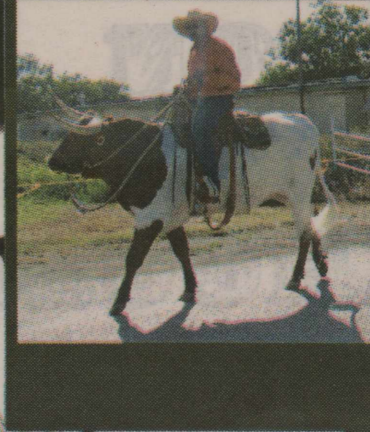
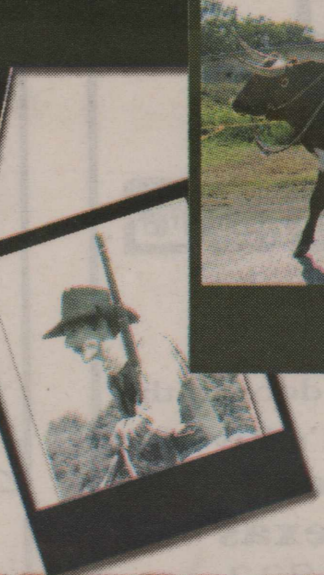
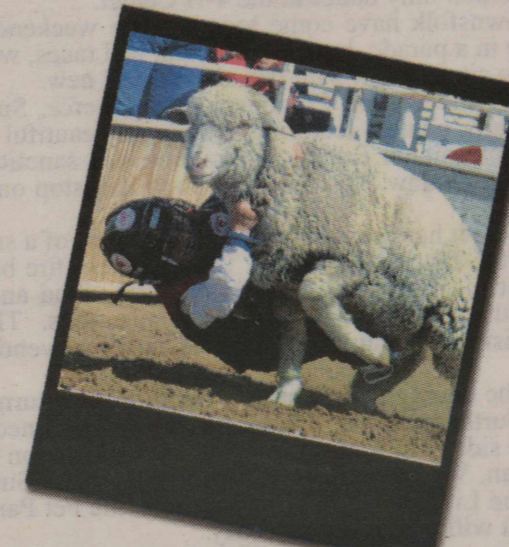
Vendor booths begin to close: 5:00 p.m.

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# SUTTON COUNTY DAYS 2007

## AUGUST 10TH & 11TH



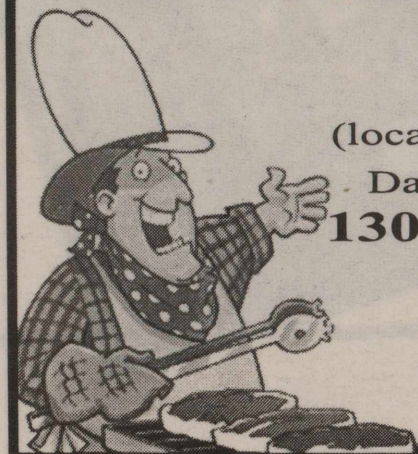


The first Miss Sutton County was not a girl. A photograph in the August 21, 1975 issue of The Devil's River News reporting on the first celebration of Sutton County Day shows a group of "beauties" with whiskers. The caption under the photo describes the difficulty judges had choosing between the entrants, finally naming Teaff Oil Company's entrant, Mike Street, as Miss Sutton County.

The evolution of this county-wide celebration spans the tides of boom and bust, of flood and drought and mirrors the enthusiasm Sutton County's hardy souls have for good, family fun.

The first celebration of Sutton County Days was held August 16, 1975. Somewhat loosely organized and sponsored by the Sonora Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes, the celebration was held on the courthouse lawn and included washers and horse shoe throwing contests, tricycle races, watermelon and jalapeno eating contests, a pet show, a tug of war and a "Little Miss" contest. The Jaycees sold beer in a beer garden set up in the sunken garden area across the street from the courthouse. There was square dancing in the street.

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The celebration also included a "beauty contest" featuring some of Sonora's bravest men. Information about the contest from the July 24, 1975 issue of The Devils River News indicates the contestants were to be "rated by a panel of judges on poise, personality and beauty. There will be a swim suit competition, as well as the most fantastic legs award." Twenty-eight men had pre-registered to enter the contest and included (among others) Bill Harle, Charles Graves, Hershel Davenport, Jim Garrett, John Cotten and Ken Braden.

Sutton County Day was a one-day event that was very much a community picnic with everyone pitching in. The girls little league sold lemonade, the volunteer fire department and ladies auxiliary sold corn dogs and sandwiches and the Lions Club had home made ice cream. Mexican food and coffee was available from the Childhood Development Center and the Women of St. John's Episcopal Church and Jaycee-ettes sold baked goods.

The day was topped off with an adults-only dance at the 4-H Center. For 32 consecutive years, the townsfolk have come together one weekend towards the middle of August to be in a parade, hear fiddlers, run bed races, watch old west re-enactments and just to sit and visit with friends, old and new.

Now organized and sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sutton County Days includes a real beauty contest featuring a bevy of beautiful and charming young ladies. The Professional Rodeo Association has sanctioned our Outlaw Pro Rodeo, making the Outlaw Pro Rodeo an important stop on the PRCA tour.

Even as the celebration has evolved, it has managed to retain the spirit of a small town homecoming that I'm sure the Jaycees intended. The volunteer fire boys, the Lions Club, and the ladies at the Episcopal Church still offer food and/or refreshment, and so do many of the churches and service organizations. There are many, many more booths to visit, more games for the kids and more vendors' booths to browse.

This year, after several years at the county park, Sutton County Days returns to the pecan and oak-tree shaded courthouse lawn. Vendor booths will be lined up on the sidewalk in front and to the side of the courthouse, but the main action will again take place where it all began. We are looking forward to the Miss Sutton County contestants' interviews, the Little Mr. and Miss pageants, the Pet Parade and the musical performances that will take place Saturday.

For those who think those activities sound a bit too mild, a 1 mile and 5 k run is set to kick off at 8:00 a.m. If running in the West Texas sun is not your thing, you can toss washers or browse the artisans' booths for a one-of-a-kind treasure.

We'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to stop and enjoy a cool drink in the shade of Sutton County's historic courthouse square, to sit and visit with family and friends, to enjoy the excitement of a first-rate PRCA-sanctioned rodeo and then to dance beneath the stars.

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## Little Mr. & Miss Sutton County Candidates



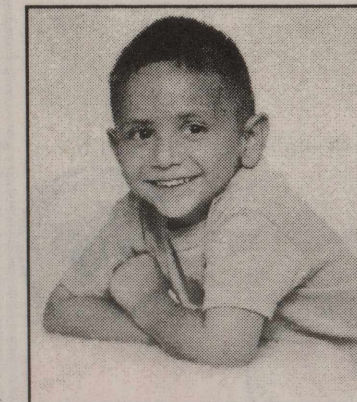
**Kaylea Rose Liggett**

Parents: Cody & Micah Liggett  
 Favorite Food: Mac & Cheese  
 Favorite Toy: Baby dolls and my little sister  
 Interest: Playing, dancing and singing



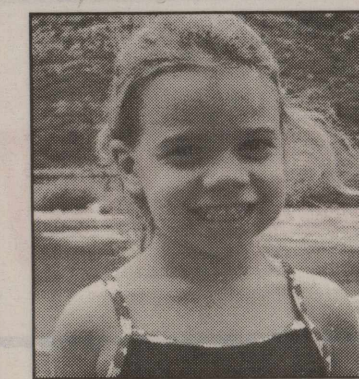
**Kodi Ann Davis**

Parents: Robert & Candy Davis  
 Favorite Food: Star Soup  
 Favorite Toy: doodle board and Piano  
 Interest: Riding horses and swimming



**Hagen Clay Zook**

Parents: Arianna Luna and John Zook  
 Favorite Food: Dinosaur Chicken  
 Favorite Toy: Guns  
 Interest: Being at the river and fishing



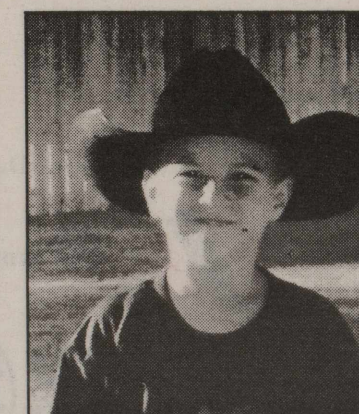
**Carlylynn Rebecca Teaff**

Parents: Robert & Sarah Teaff  
 Favorite Food: Sun Chips & corn dogs  
 Favorite Toy: Barbies & princess stuff  
 Interest: Dancing, playing with her big brother Aiden, playing with pogs, Gunner Girl & Coco & playing dress up.



**Dekota Lea Morrow**

Parents: Kelly Morrow and Dora McAfee  
 Favorite Food: Watermelon  
 Favorite Toy: Mak-up  
 Interest: Swim, ride my horse, play Iris and Carlie and go to Raehal's house.



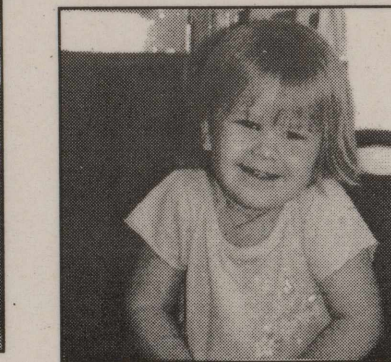
**Michael Morales**

Parents: Michael Morales and Jesse Morales  
 Favorite Food: Chicken w/BBQ sauce & Chicken w/Rice  
 Favorite Toy: Transformers  
 Interest: I love swimming with my dad in our pool.



**Sky Lynn Hernandez**

Parents: Daniel & Esme Hernandez  
 Favorite Food: Pizza  
 Favorite Toy: Horse's  
 Interest: Riding her horses



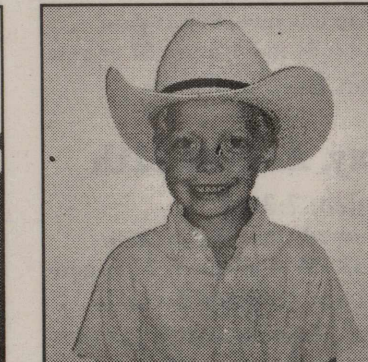
**Kristina Zabecki**

Parent: Jennifer Surber  
 Favorite Food: loves to eat anything  
 Favorite Toy: All of her toys are her favorite  
 Interest: Likes everything



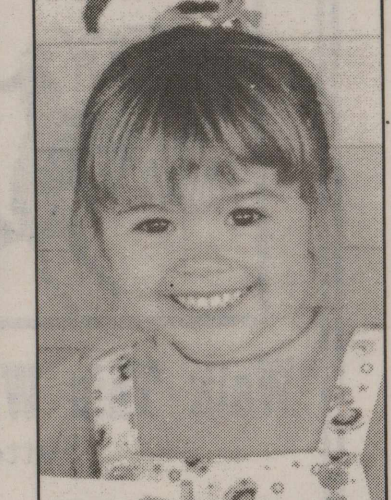
**Kenzie Sky Sykes**

Parents: Shiloh and Kayla Sykes  
 Favorite Food: Peanut Butter Sandwich  
 Favorite Toy: Cinderella  
 Interest: Gymnastics, coloring and playing with her brother.



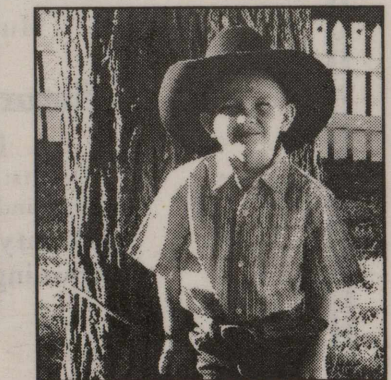
**Brady Vvylecka**

Parents: Chris & Kendra Vvylecka  
 Favorite Food: Tomatoes  
 Favorite Toy: Tractors  
 Interest: Going to the ranch with dad, riding four-wheeler, playing with trucks and getting dirty.



**Skylar Nicole Mogford**

Parent: Brad Mogford  
 Favorite Food: Krabby Patty, mashed potatoes & gravy and pepperonis  
 Favorite Toy: Tiny Bear and her dolls  
 Interest: Playing in the water and much, playing with her puppy, kitten and bunny rabbit.



**Levi Garrett**

Parents: Scott & Donna Garrett  
 Favorite Food: Hot dogs, ham & cheese sandwiches  
 Favorite Toy: Buzz Lightyear  
 Interest: Ride the four-wheeler and loves to dance like Happy Feet



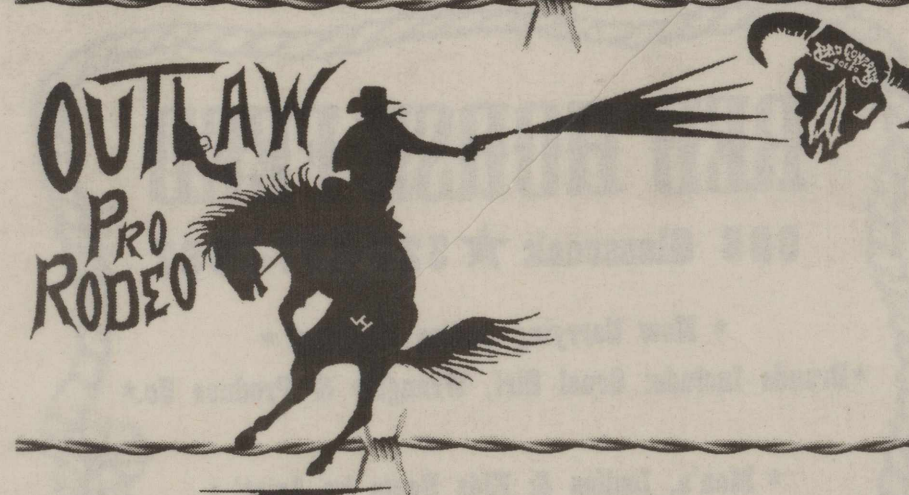
# Rain or Shine 2007 Mutton Bustin' Contestants Give It Their All

If you missed the 2007 Mutton Bustin' then you missed one heck of a time. This year's little cowgirls and cowboys were ready to ride and held on tight while playing in the mud. All contestants received a T-Shirt for their participation and the top six riders will be returning on Friday, August 10, 2007 for the finals of the Mutton Bustin' competition. The top six returning will compete for a buckle, a hat, a pair of boots and a pair of spurs. Coming in first place at the preliminaries held on Saturday, August 4, 2007 was Willie B. Munoz with a leading time of 11.25 seconds. Hayden Davenport and Kaden Key were knocking on his door with times of 6.32 and 4.71 respectively. Alejandro (Alex) Mata was sure to make it back to the finals coming in at fourth place with a time of 3.97. Bryson Holmes put on a great run with a time of 3.90 placing fifth and also making it back to the finals. Placing sixth was Leylia Thorp with a time of 3.47. Wesley Dutton showed his stuff with a time of 3.35. Wilson Johnson held on smiles and all with a time of 2.87. Gabriela Zapata let them know that girls are just as tough as the boys with a time of 2.66 while Christopher Adkins hung on with a time of 2.25. Sky Lynn Hernandez had a "maybe next year" time and we are sure she will be back tough as ever in 2008. Due to scheduling conflicts Leylia Thorp will be unable to compete Friday and Wesley Dutton will be moving up in rank and returning for a chance to win a prize. This will put Wilson Johnson as the alternate in the even that one of these top riders cannot compete. Congratulations to all these contestants and lots of luck this Friday. Hang On!


## Thank You!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the "mutton fighters" Kaden Kinjer and Robert Zapata, Jr. which kept those little cowgirls and cowboys safe. A special thanks to their make-up artist and costume designers (a.k.a. Mom and Dad). You guys were awesome. We want to thank our Mutton Bustin' sponsors Patterson-UTI Drilling, DCP Midstream and Sonora Contractors for their support of this event each year. Also, we would like to thank Tommy Love for providing the sheep and helping set up the event with that wonderful smile as always, Curry Campbell and Jessie Lem Wardlaw for timing the event, Bonnie Lou Campbell for taking pictures and keeping us on track, Cliff McMullin, Sterling Price and Sid Price for all the hard work in the chute. These gentlemen lifted all the cowboys and cowgirls getting them "ready" to ride their mutton. Thanks also to Chance Campbell and Seth Shanklin who kept a steady stream of sheep coming down the chute. A warm thanks to our arena helpers Chelsey Lou Campbell and Morgan Vvlecka. These girls made sure the cowgirls and cowboys had their vests and helmets on snug for a safe ride. Last but not least thanks to all the parents, grandparents, friends, and fans that took time out of their schedules to participate in this wonderful event. Hope to see you Friday night, August 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo where these tough and adorable mutton busters will once again put on a "must see" show.

Thanks Again,  
Mack and Bridget Wardlaw



**SONORA OUTLAW PRO RODEO**  
AUGUST 10-11, 2007  
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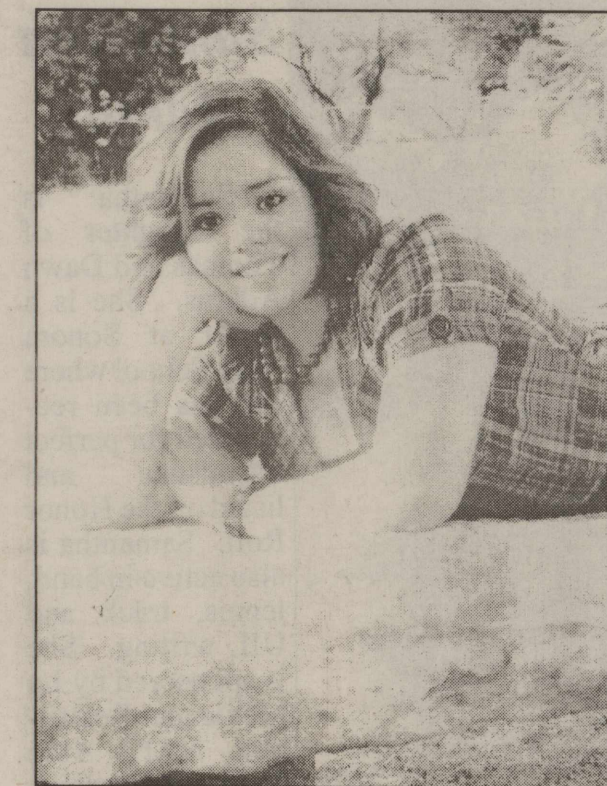


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## Samantha Tidwell



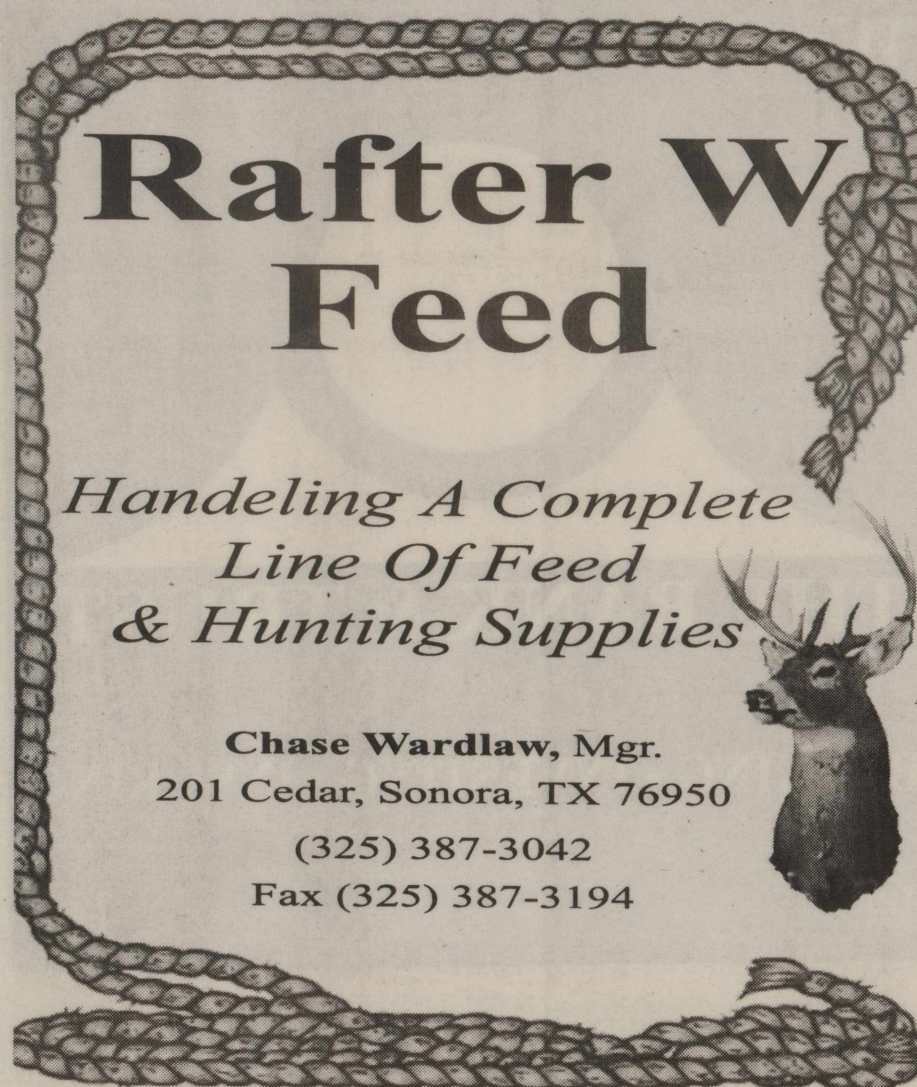
Samantha, a junior at SHS, is the daughter of Danny and Tammie Tidwell. She has participated in various volunteer efforts in the community, including Relay for Life, Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and the Sutton County Game Dinner Association. Samantha's sponsors are Sutton County Steakhouse, Multi-Chem Group, L.L.C., and CDM Resource Management. She is a member of the Peppermint Ball Club and the Sonora Spirit Crew. Samantha's future plans are to attend Cisco Jr. College or Tarleton State University to earn a degree as a cosmetologist or massage therapist. "I would like to represent Sutton County and set positive examples for the younger kids," Samantha said. "Living in a small community has many privileges, and that's why as Miss Sutton County, I would be involved as much as I can. I just want to give back to the people I've grown to love and respect," she added.



## Paula Zaragoza

Paula, a senior at SHS, is the daughter of Efrain and Maria Zaragoza. Her sponsors are Taco Grill Restaurant, EnerTech and High-Mount Exploration and Production. Paula is a member of the Spanish Club, the Bronco Spirit Crew, the Prom Committee, PALs, a class officer and a member of the track team. She is the Cinco de Mayo Queen and a member of the

National Honor Society. Paula's college plans are undecided, but she is looking at University of Texas San Antonio. "I would like to be Miss Sutton County because it would be a great achievement and it is a great educational opportunity," Paula said. "I am responsible and reliable, and I know I would do a great job holding the Miss Sutton County title. I would also be willing to participate in all community functions."

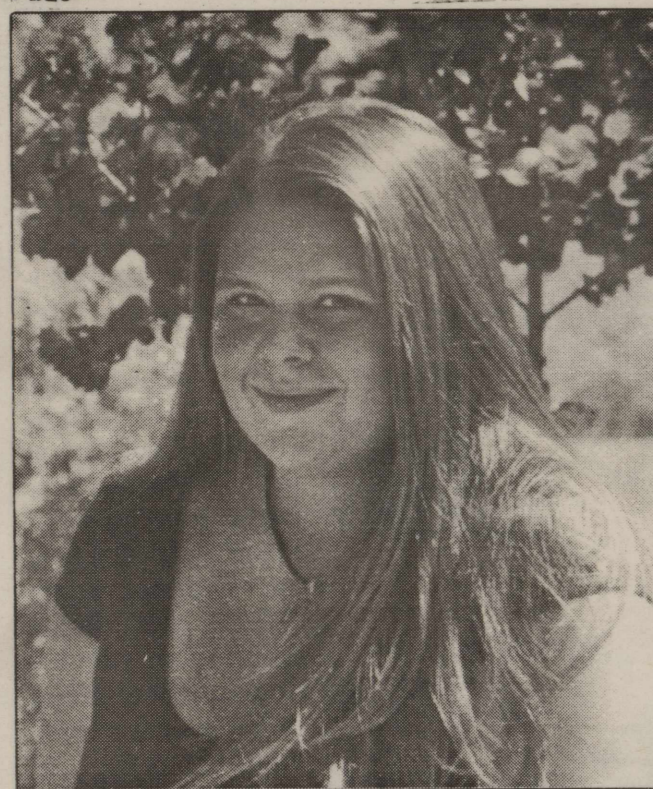


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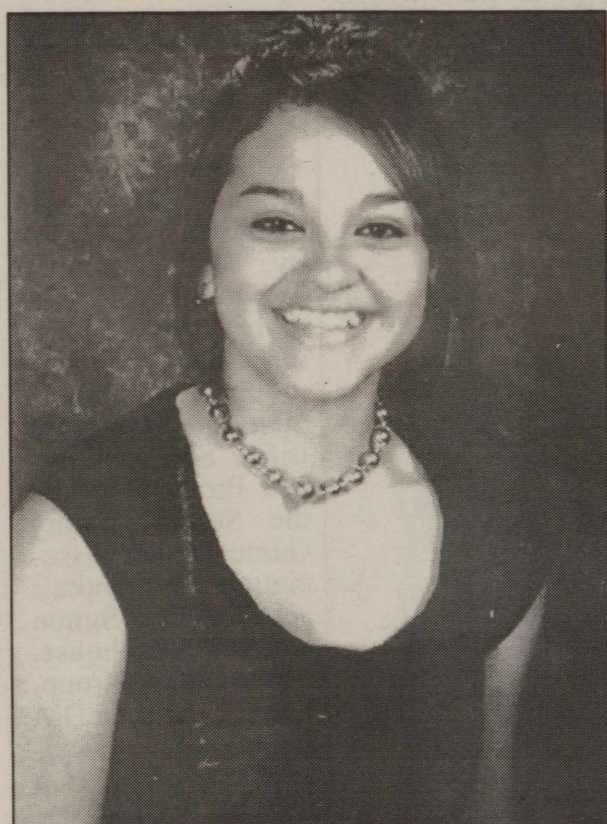
### Samantha Adkins



Samantha is the daughter of Thomas and Dawn Adkins. She is a junior at Sonora High School where she has been recognized for perfect attendance and listed on the Honor Roll. Samantha is also active in band, tennis, track and UIL writing. She is sponsored by La Mexicana Restaurant, NAPA Auto Parts and Adkins

Septic Services. Her future plans are to attend Texas A&M where she will major in mechanical engineering. "I've lived in Sonora since I was in the third grade," Samantha said. "I love this town and the people who live in it. It would be an honor to represent the only town I've been able to call home."

### Sulema Castilleja



Sulema, a junior at Sonora High School, is the daughter of Armando and Connie Castilleja. She is sponsored by The Bank and Trust, D&V Auto Parts Store and The Video Store. Sulema has been named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students and plans to attend the University of Texas after graduation to major in dentistry. Sulema said she would like

to be Miss Sutton County "because I've lived here all my life and recognize the town as a safe and pleasant place to live. The environment itself is clean, the community is always there when in need of service. That's why I want to represent Sutton County."



San Angelo Ambassadors will be led by Sonora's very own Kyla Turney as Captain. She will lead a team of 12 young ladies in a fast paced drill team of horses. The Ambassadors perform across the state and truly represent the spirit of the sport of Rodeo! Kyla is the 18 year old daughter of Paul and Stacy Turney and Mary Beth and Jody Luttrell. Kyla will be a senior this year at Sonora High School.



For nearly a decade the Ambassadors have been bringing together their talents for a fast paced crowd pleasing drill performance that the San Angelo Rodeo fans have come to expect. The team consists of 12 beautiful and talented cowgirls ranging in age from 13-21. The team of young ladies is from here in San Angelo and from many of our surrounding communities. Serving as Captain is Kyla Turney, and Co-Captain is Maegan Hillhouse. Team members are Missy Preston, Carmen Herrera, Emily Teagarden, Ashley Swan, Emily Herrera, Jennifer Allen, Toi Trowbridge, Johnna Pullig, Daniella Keiner, and Bryce Cox. In recent years the team has showcased their talents for many rodeos across the state proudly representing San Angelo and the Stock Show & Rodeo Association.

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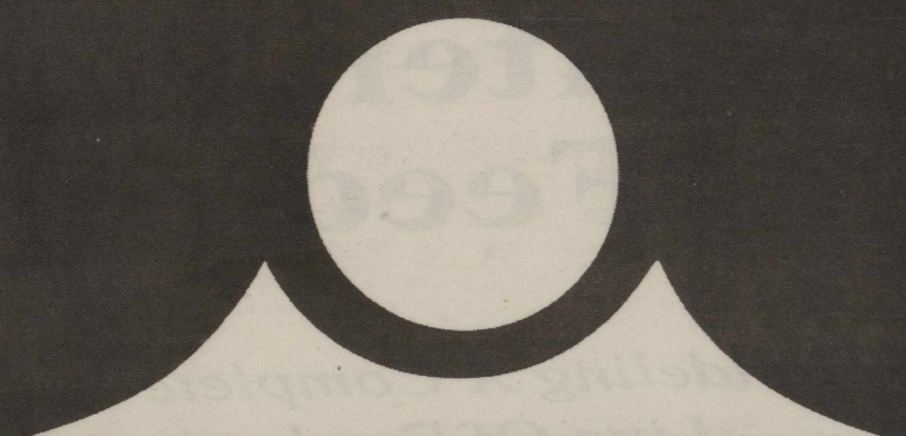
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Ben Castilleja Sr. was born to Margarito and Clara Castilleja on February 13, 1913, in Kenedy, Texas. The Castilleja family lived in the Stonewall-Fredericksburg area, where both of his parents died when Ben was just seven years old. He was then raised by his aunt and uncle in Uvalde.

At the age of 14 or 15, Ben began working for Sonora resident Lillian Hudspeth. As a young man, Ben would drive Mrs. Hudspeth on occasions when she desired to travel to surrounding towns - long before there were any paved roads between Sonora and San Angelo or to the south to Del Rio. At the age of 18 Ben began learning the trade of sheep shearing and developed his own machinery to make the tedious job of shearing faster, and therefore more productive.

On June 24, 1942, he married Genoveva Perez-Sanchez. Ben and Genoveva were blessed with seven children of their own; Ofelia, Enedina, Joe Ben Jr., Eva, Margaret, Hector, and Bertha. Daughter Eva passed away at the age of 32 leaving a 7 year old daughter, Jessica Robledo. Jessica was raised by her grandparents.

Ben continued the sheep shearing business until his retirement in 1998 at age 85. His memory serves him well as he still recalls many of the ranchers he has worked for in Sonora and the surrounding areas, such as Clara Allison, Cleve Jones, Clara Jones, Edwin Sawyer, Wesley Sawyer, Leq Allison, Lee Fawcett, Rip Ward, John Wade, Albert Ward, John Joy, Pamela Meador, P.K. McIntosh, and John Miller. Even to date Ben enjoys spending time with his friends who still continue to have a kindred relationship. Ben still speaks highly of his cherished memories of life long friends Lura and Eddie Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. John Joy.

In Ben's retirement, he still continues to be an avid craftsman and maintains the couple's home and yard. Ben and Genoveva, at the ages of 94 and 93, respectively, continue to enjoy their good quality of life in Sonora while attending weekly worship services at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Savanna Davis a Ranch woman of Sonora from long ago, she was a hard worker and ranced the land along with her husband. She was always busy if it was not on the Ranch it was knitting for someone or making a quilt top for the next winter. You must read the story that goes with this great lady. This story was written by grand-daughter, Darlene Barrow. Savannah Davis is also a great-aunt to Dell Davis Tedford. We do appreciate you sharing this great story with Sonora.



**Paige Harwell**



Paige, a senior at Sonora High School, is the daughter of Gary and Rachel Harwell and is sponsored by Newfield Exploration, Dakota Enterprises and Lacayo's. Paige was the 1st runner up for the Fall Festival Queen and is a member of the SHS National Honor Society. She was a water girl for the football team and is active in the Prom Committee, Peppermint Ball Club and is yearbook photographer.

She plans to attend Howard College to study to be an X-ray technician. Paige said she would like to be Miss Sutton County because, "I believe it would be a great honor and opportunity to be able to represent such an amazing place."

**Laura Martin**



Laura is the daughter of David and Julie Martin. She is a senior at SHS where she is a varsity cheerleader, a member of the State 4-H Wool and Mohair judging team, a 4-H Gold Star recipient, a cast member of the State One-Act Play, the academic All-district softball team, FFA Star Chapter and is SHS Student Council treasurer. She is also a member of the National Honors Society, FFA, and the

UIL Academics team. Her sponsors are Schlumberger, Ol' Sonora Trading Co., and First National Bank. Laura plans to attend Texas Tech University to study public relations. "I am a fourth generation Sutton County resident, so my roots run deep," Laura said. "It feels like a natural step in my life to serve the community that has provided such a wonderful place for me to start my life."

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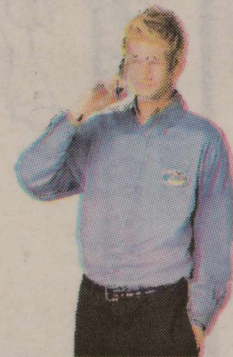
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# MISS SUTTON COUNTY 2006 LEXIE ORTIZ



Lexie Ortiz, Miss Sutton County 2006, offers this advice to the six candidates vying for the 2007 crown. "Once that crown is placed on your head, you are THE Miss Sutton County." She explained that it doesn't matter where you are - even if you don't have the crown and sash on - "you are representing the people of Sutton County and everyone is watching you."

It's a job she has loved, and one that has offered her an opportunity to interact with people outside her circle of friends. Lexie has participated in ribbon cuttings and other Chamber of Commerce sponsored and local business events, Lions Club luncheons and Relay for Life. She said she really enjoyed making the commercial that promotes this year's events. That commercial is airing on San Angelo's KLST.

The daughter of Norbert and Sarah Ortiz, 19-year old Lexie will attend Abilene Christian University this fall where she will run cross country track on scholarship. She plans to major in business and marketing.

Lexie said she is looking forward to the Sutton County Days festivities and, although she admits that her reign has not been long enough, she also said she is "ready to give someone else a chance to represent our community."

"My last official act as Miss Sutton County," she said, "will be to enter the arena on a horse and wave at the crowd and then thank everyone for being so supportive of me."



2007 Mutton Bustin' Competitors: Back row: Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants, Paige Harwell, Samantha Adkins, Laura Martin, (Mutton Bustin' Clowns: Robert Zapata, Jr. and Kaden Kinder) and Samantha Tidwell, Middle row: Leylia Thorp, Bailey Sykes, Kaden Key, Alex Mata, Willie B. Munoz, and Wesley Dutton, Front row: Bryson Holmes, Christopher Adkins, Wilson Johnson, Hayden Davenport, and Gabriela Zapata.

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