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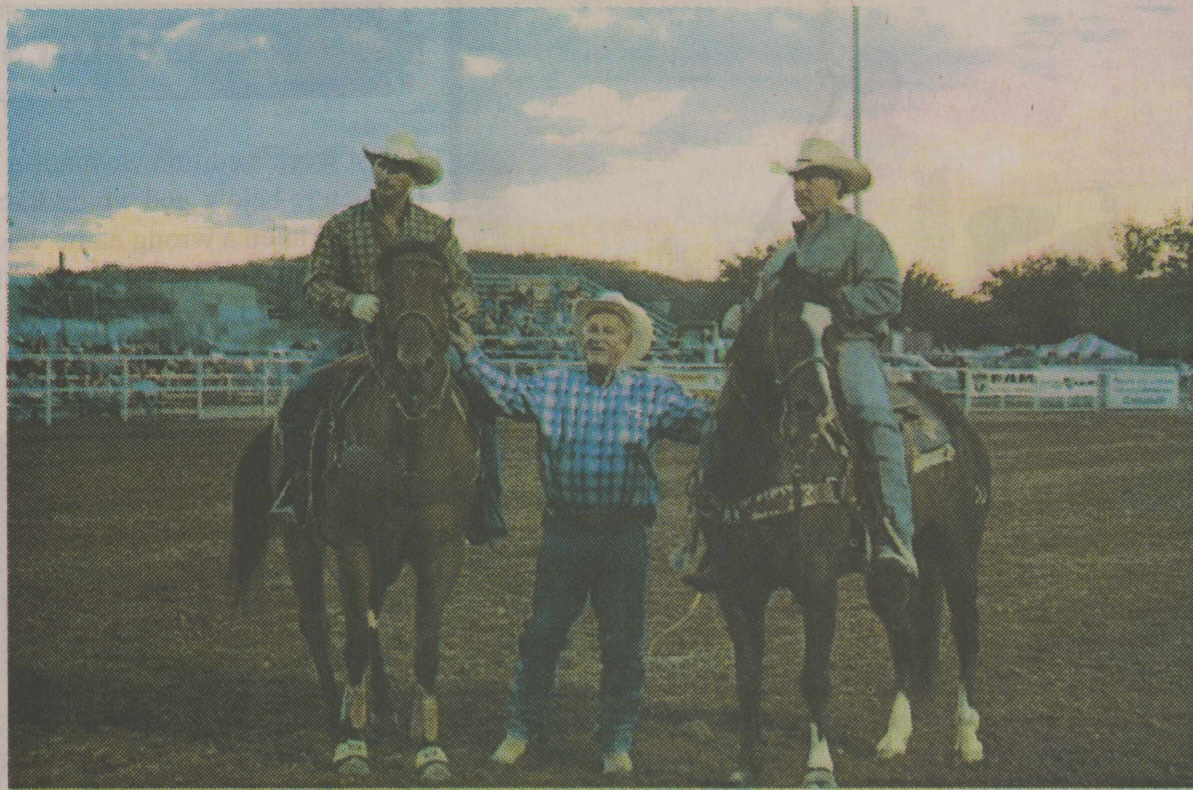
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## 40 Years of Success: Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo

The Devil's River News Will Be Closed July 3-5th in Observance of the 4th of July. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday. God Bless America!

Tips For Conserving Water in Landscape



The winners of the county roping Abel Dennis, Header, and Casey Cordell, Heeler along with Johnny Van Court presenting their buckles.

The 40th Annual Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo was certainly the hottest ticket in town this weekend. Even with temperatures soaring over 100 degrees the stands were full of spectators of all ages and sizes. The heat provided by the summer sun was

no match to the show given by the all the cowboys and cowgirls inside the Arena.

In addition to the Rodeo, visitors and locals alike were able to enjoy many of the activities surrounding Sutton County Days ranging from a parade to

live music at the county park.

Congratulations to the newest members of Sutton County Royalty, Lillian Kent (Miss Sutton County), Wyatt Killough and Masiela Valdez (Little Mr. and Miss), and to all of the intrepid young cowboys and cowgirl that competed in the Mutton Bustin!

## Chamber Chatter



Congratulations to Wyatt Killough and Masiela Valdez your 2013 Little Mr. & Mrs. Sutton County!

By: Donna Garrett

Well another year of Sutton County Days and Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo has come and gone! It amazes me how much time and effort goes into this wonderful community event, then the next day the park is cleaned and looks like nothing ever happened. A special thank you to all of our sponsors and volunteers, as well as everyone who came out to enjoy the festivities in the scorching heat! We would like to congratulate the new Miss Sutton County, Lillian Kent and 1st Runner Up, Shea Holmes. Lillian will represent Sonora very well and we look forward to working with her. I would like to congratulate our new Little Miss Sutton County, Masiela Valdez and the new Little Mr. Sutton County, Wyatt Killough. The Baking Contest was held in the Sutton County Civic Center on Saturday with the following winners: Cupcake Division -

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## Miss Sutton County 2013



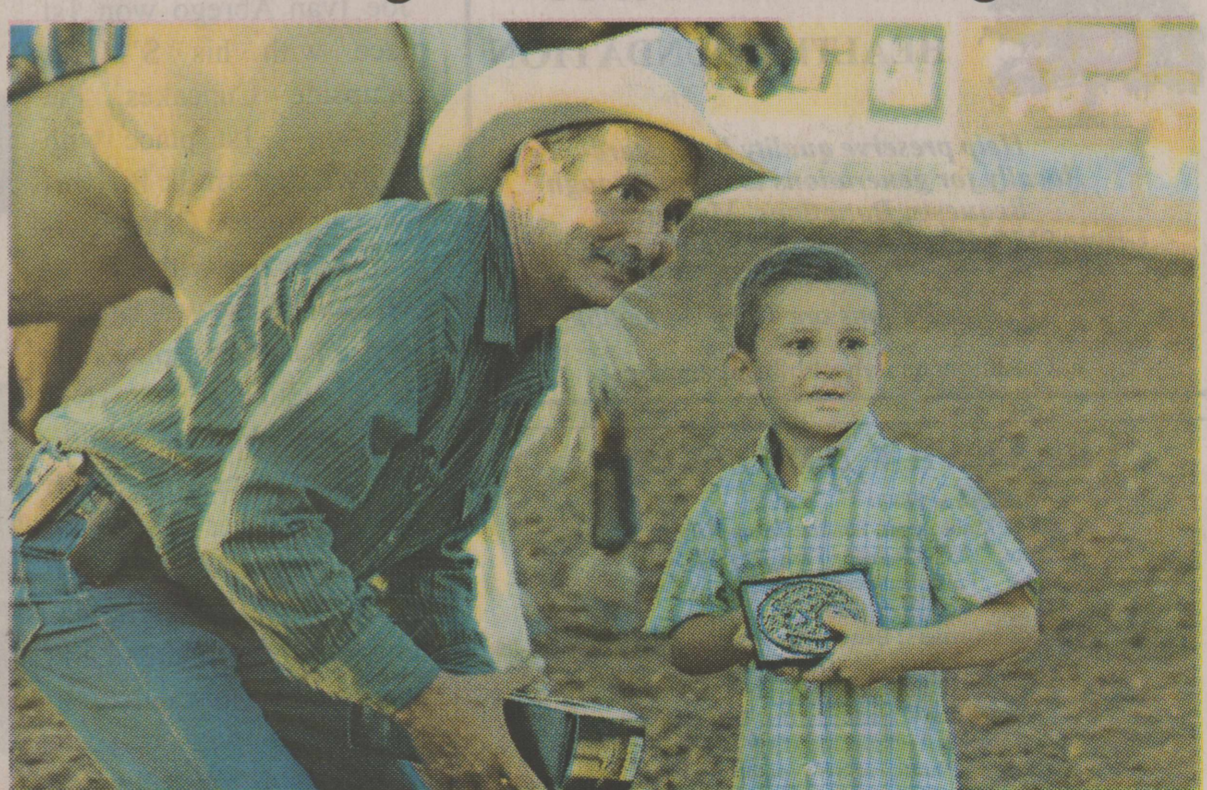
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Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent

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Reilly Wardlaw gets a Buckle for his Mutton Bustin ride! See more pictures on page 4!

What a great group of buckaroos this year! The top six contestants scored a 76 and will both be returned Friday night during the Outlaw Pro Rodeo to compete for prizes and show their stuff. Reilly Wardlaw took a sharp turn to the left on his mutton but hung on tight to win first place with a score of 86 and take home the buckle.

Kevin Chase Hopkin comes from a long line of mutton bustin winners so we know he will be right back in the arena next year for another shot at that buckle. He took home a certificate for a pair of boots. There is always a first time....a

tie for third place. Ryan Menendez and Ashton Bryant both scored a 76 and will both be taking home a gift certificate for a set of spurs. Tayvin Gonzales was the only little girl riding this year but she gave it her all and hopefully will return next year for another ride.

cowgirls & cowboys in the Mutton Bustin event, Mr. Mike Mathis. A special thanks to Curry and Chance Campbell for getting those wild muttons to and from arena. Bonnie Lou for her great eye and picture taking ability. Dean and all the shoot helpers that get those cowgirls and cowboys on and off the sheep, not to mention holding them still during that time. Appreciation to all the parents, friends and family members that made it to the performance to support these six tough little buckaroos!

During Saturday night's rodeo our new Miss Sutton County was crowned. Congratulations to Lillian Kent. Pictured here is 2012 Miss Sutton Co. Sidney Dermody crowning Miss Sutton Co. 2013. Lillian also received Miss Congeniality and Shea Holmes received Miss Photogenic. This year was a close race both Lillian and Shea raised over \$22,000.00 with only \$1,400.00 difference. Congratulations to both girls.

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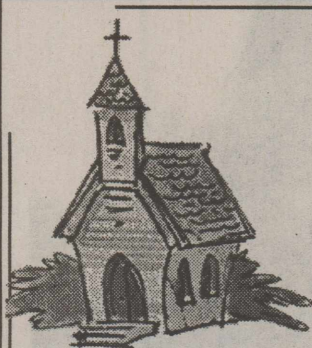
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## Letter to the Editor

The family of Adrian Michael Mendez, wishes to say "Thank You" words cannot express the feeling in our hearts. Thank you for being with us during this difficult time. Your thoughts, prayers, phone calls and words of sympathy will always be remembered.

With Love,  
Arnold & Maria Mendez  
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Death is at once the end of the body's old journey and the beginning of the soul's "New Journey."  
(author unknown)

I would like to say "thank you" to the people and businesses who supported me in my candidacy for Miss Sutton County. Special thanks are in order for Carla Smith, Ann Morriss and Shea Holmes for being great coordinators and a competitor. I had the best sponsors including Everett's Pharmacy, Sonora Bank and The Mercantile on Main. I also thank everyone who supported me in my fundraisers and ticket sales along with my family. I am very lucky to live in a community where everyone supports the youth and encourages them. I will represent Sonora to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,  
Lillian Kent  
Miss Sutton County 2013

## Editors Note

In last week's edition we made a mistake in the caption for the picture below, and would like to do our best to remedy it. We printed a wrong name when identifying the people and apologize. Again we would like to extend our congratulations to the team members and the coaches of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Judging Team. Below the picture is the correct caption.



Local Talent Delaney Ramsdell Entertains the crowd at Sutton County Days.



First Place Bakers Joseph Ivan Abrego, Juanita Gomez and Brenda Johnson.



Coaches Pascual Hernandez, David and Tammy Fisher accept the sweepstakes award.

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Joe Ivan Abrego won 1st place with his S'Mores Campside Cupcakes, Pie Division - 1st place with Emily's Buttermilk Pie was Juanita Gomez, Cake Division - 1st place with a Caramel Layer Cake was Brenda Johnson and 2nd place for her Mayonnaise Date Nut Cake was Venetta Smith. 3rd place went to Sarah Crow with her Chocolate Cake with Coffee Cream Cheese Icing. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for participating. The parade was as great as ever with the following winners; Best Theme went to The Bank & Trust, Most Original was the Sutton County Friends of the NRA and Best Overall went to the Sonora Bank. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone that participated. We will have a lot of photos from the event in our next newsletter. If you currently do not receive it just go to www.sonora-texas.org and register to receive it. If you do not have internet access just call the chamber at 325-387-2880.

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# Tips For Conserving Water in Landscape



By Pascual Hernandez,  
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Timely spring and early summer rains have really helped us along. But, pay close attention during these hot, dry periods as lawn grasses can suffer and require more attention. The lawn is an integral component of the landscape.

Our landscapes can help reduce heat loads and noise, as well as and water and air pollution. Within the traditional landscape, the lawn receives the major portion of the total landscape irrigation. However, lawn irrigation can be reduced, while the homeowner continues to derive the many benefits of turfgrass.

Proper maintenance is key in reducing irrigation requirements in the landscape. Maintenance practices such as mulching, mowing and fertilizing greatly impact the water efficiency of any landscape, as well as the landscape's ability to survive a drought.

Many lawns receive more water than they need. Some folks irrigate on a schedule, for example,

once a week. It is better to water when the plant needs watering. The key to watering lawns is to apply the water infrequently, but thoroughly. To know when to water the lawn, simply observe the grass. Wilting and discoloration are signs of water stress. At the first sign of wilting, you have 24 to 48 hours to water before injury occurs. Apply 1 inch of water to the lawn as rapidly as possible without runoff. Watering only when needed and watering thoroughly produces a deep-rooted lawn which is more efficient and drought enduring.

In general, cool-season grasses need about one to 1.5 inches of water per week to maintain green color and active growth. Allow lawns to naturally slow down in growth during extreme conditions. You may let the lawn go almost completely dormant in hot weather.

Raising the mowing height on turfgrasses helps lawns survive drought

conditions. For example, the typical mowing height for St. Augustine grass is 2-2 1/2 inches. You can raise the mowing height on St. Augustine to 3 1/2 to 4 inches during drought. Bermuda grass typical mowing height is 1-1.5 inch while Buffalograss mowing height is 2.5-3 inches. These too can be raised.

Other cultural practices that add to the efficient

use of water by plants are periodic checks of the irrigation system, properly-timed insect and disease control and elimination of water-demanding weeds. By implementing these strategies, homeowners can reduce lawn irrigation requirements and still reap the many benefits of a cool, green lawn. For more lawn care information, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton.agrilife.org>.

## Cattle Producers Guarded 'optimism'

**BASTROP** – While there are signs of some ranchers beginning to rebuild herds, experts at the Independent Cattlemen's Association meeting are monitoring the beef cattle situation closely as drought conditions continue to affect parts of Texas as beef production country.

"Some areas are still in pretty bad shape," said Phil Sadler, association president. "Cow numbers are down due to liquidations. Having said that, on the expense side, with prudent management that will be the key to being successful."

In the meantime, Sadler said any upward climb in overall cow numbers in Texas will not come overnight. "It's going to be a slow process to rebuild herds," he said. "The numbers are not there."

Guarded optimism" was what he said would best describe the outlook going forward, as more than 300 beef producers recently attended sessions at this year's meeting in Bastrop.

Stan Bevers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in Vernon, told producers they need to closely monitor expenses and track performance of each cow.

"You don't measure," he said. "The whole point of being in business is to make profit," he said.

Bevers said while cattle prices remain strong, input costs continue to affect profit margins. He said ranchers without any goals identified for their business are setting themselves up for potential problems.

"You should make profits, then make choices," he said.

Bevers said too many cattle producers make purchasing choices before making profit.

"When I first start working with ranches, I ask individuals if they are reaching their goals and effectively managing assets," he said. "You need to identify what your goals are and where you are going."

Bevers said that starts with keeping good records. However, he added producers don't have to go out and purchase expensive software programs.

"It's doesn't have to be a \$6,000 software program," he said. "It could be something as simple as a spreadsheet or even on paper."

Once a good record-keeping system is in place, valuable data is generated to aid making decisions about the operation, Bevers said.

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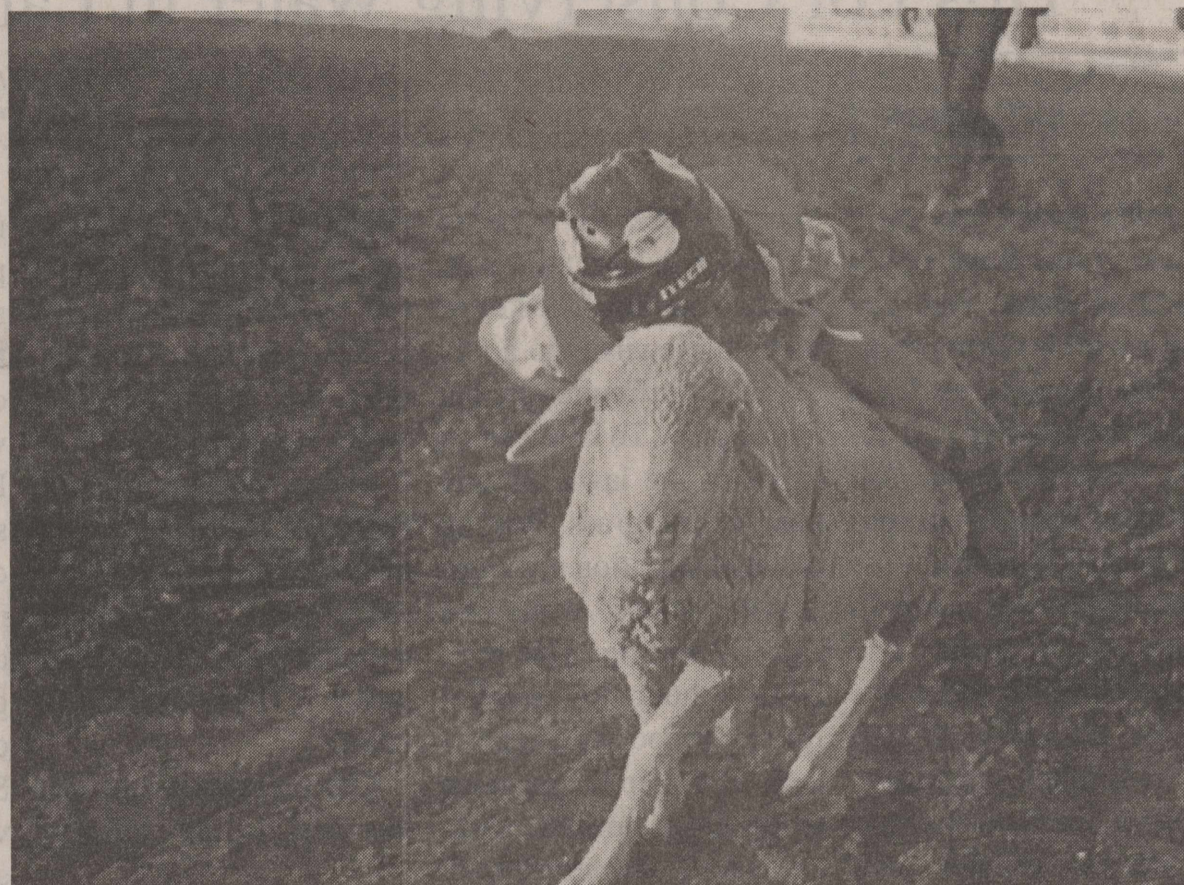
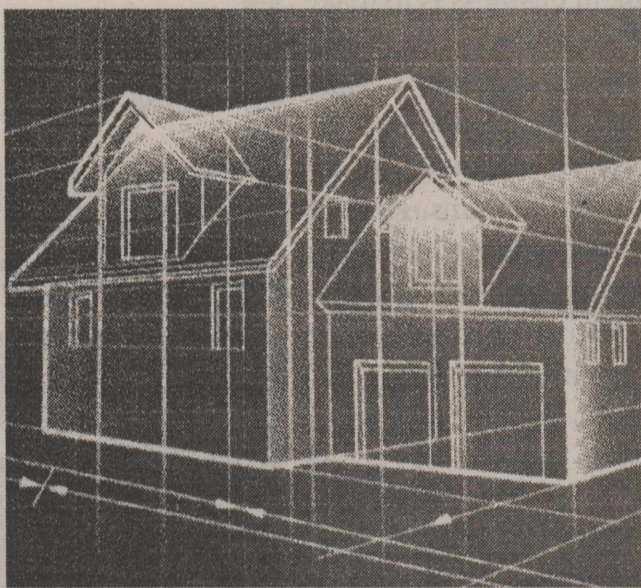
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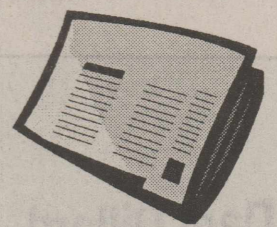
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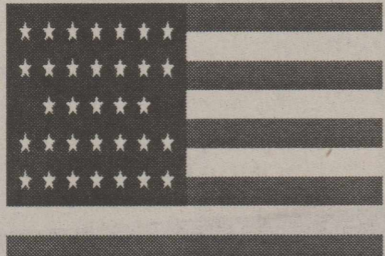
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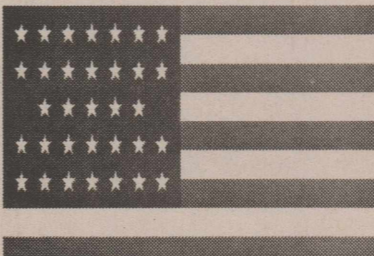
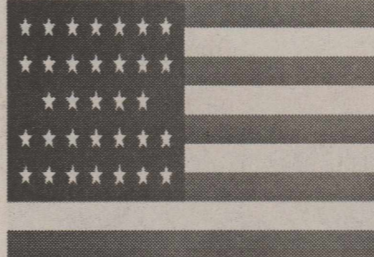
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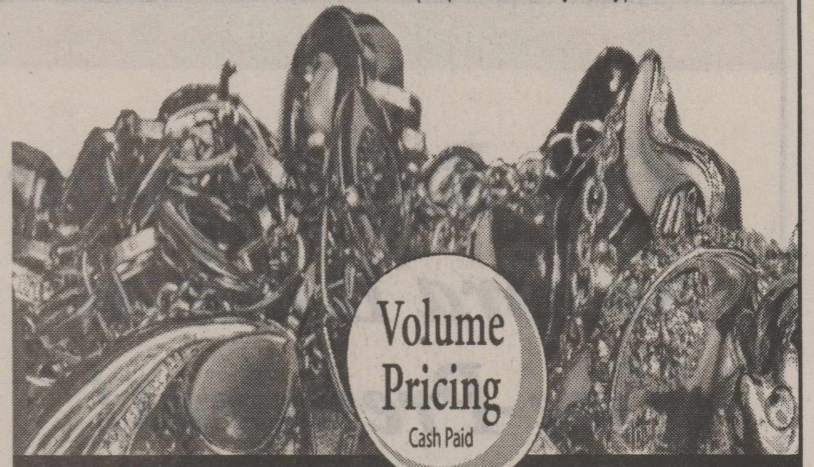
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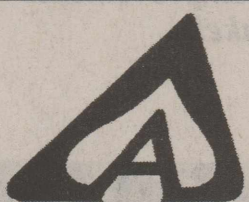
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Revitalization of the Sutton County Days Arena has been accomplished by the tireless effort of the Sutton County Days Arena Improvements Committee and broad based monetary support from the community. This Committee began planning and raising money in 2005. Improvements that have been completed are new lighting, sound system, canopy over the bleachers, new restrooms and a fully equipped concession building. The final phase of this project is the construction of box seating and additional bleachers. Sonora Bank pledged \$40,000 towards this additional seating. The generous contribution from Sonora Downtown Main Street fully funded the new equipment in the concession building. Members of the Arena Improvements Committee include Curry Campbell, Sharon Holman, and Elizabeth Schenkel. Sonora Bank representatives presenting the check are Kay Stewart, Sr. Vice President; Johnna Gibson, Director of External Affairs, and Craig Leonard, Credit Analysis.

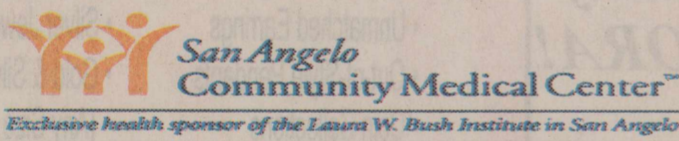
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A check was also presented by Bill Hodges, James Ricks and Craig Hudson with the Sonora Downtown Main Street Program to Arena Improvements Committee members Sharon Holman and Elizabeth Schenkel.

**Kyle Barton joins Sonora Bank as Vice-President/Chief Credit Officer.**

Sonora Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Kyle Barton as Vice President / Chief Credit Officer and he will be located in the Boerne Branch offices.

Kyle is a credit and lending professional with over 18 years of experience in the industry. Prior to joining Sonora Bank, he served as Senior Credit Officer and Vice President for Citibank Commercial Banking in Irving, Texas and as Middle Market Underwriter and Vice President of Commercial Banking with Chase Bank. He grew up in San Angelo and he and his wife Lisha and his son Riley are excited to be relocating to Boerne. Kyle graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Finance and completed his MBA from Regis University in Denver, Colorado.

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