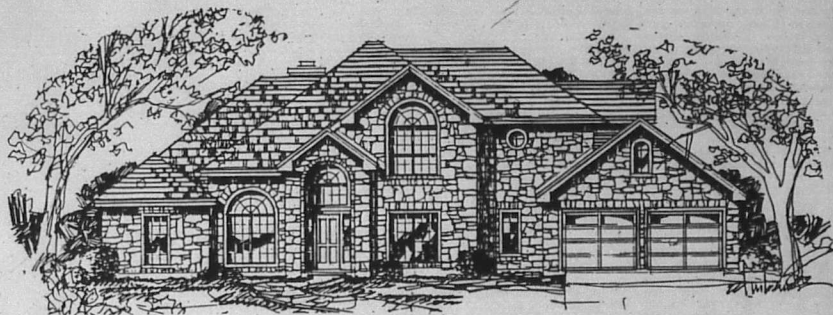


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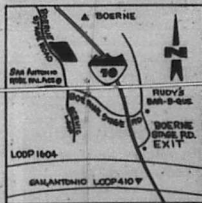
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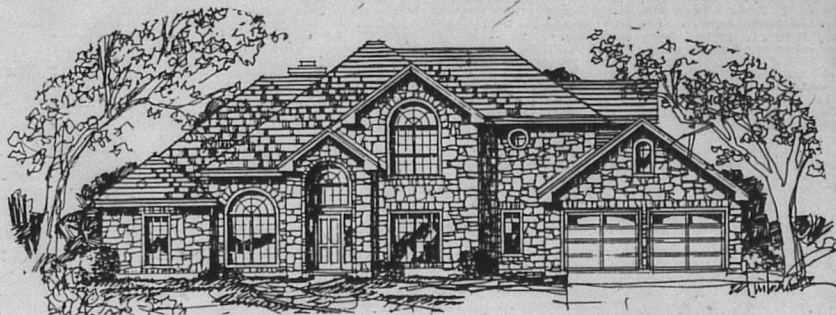
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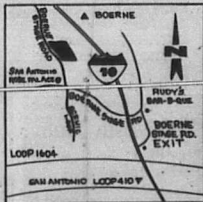
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LIVING CHRISTMAS SCENES

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec 5: Dakota Kalka, Cindy Bourne, Robbie Madrid, Bobby Madrid, Chris Cherry, Mike Boyle, Dec. 6: Sid Mazurek, Dec. 10: Parolee Bonnet (90), Dec. 12: Gene Vogel.

This Week in Bandera County

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Saturday: Community Christmas Parties, p. 10, p. 18.

Sunday: Christmas Cantata, p. 7.

Years Ago in Bandera County

The first Merino sheep was brought to Bandera County by boat down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and across the Gulf of Mexico to Galveston by Andrew Mansfield.

They were part of a herd for Samuel Christian and John H. James.

The year was 1860.

Lake Level

1052.90 feet, 19.10 feet below spillway level of 1072.07 feet lower than last week.

Thought for the Week

Bees are not as busy as we think they are. They just can't buzz any slower.
—Kin Hubbard

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Friends of Baseball Sale

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Classifieds WORK!

To place an ad in the classifieds, call Terri at 796-3718 today. DEADLINE for ALL advertising is 5 p.m. Monday.



HO HO HO — Cowboy Christmas kicked off the holiday season in Bandera with dancing and singing on the Courthouse lawn. Of course, it wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from Santa. The jolly old fellow came in for a special visit from the North Pole just to find out who's been naughty or nice. Lots of children, like the one pictured here, enjoyed the opportunity to get a large Santa hug and to let the big guy know just what they want for Christmas.



Stan Scott, Director of Parts and Service, Ford Motor Company, Detroit with Jennings Anderson Ford service manager, Larry Roberts.

Last call to help Spirits of Christmas Presents

Santa doesn't want to miss anyone, but he needs help in identifying families who could benefit from a visit from The Spirits of Christmas Presents. He'll be making the rounds Saturday, Dec. 16 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., bearing gifts for children and the fixin's for a Christmas dinner for the family.

The Spirits of Christmas Presents has updated its list of families this year, using no information from previous years. They will not be calling anyone. Only those who have submitted information by this Friday, Dec. 8, will be considered.

There are still opportunities to contribute:
• Canned goods, such as green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, fruit, cranberry sauce, jelly can be dropped off at Bandera County Helping Hands.

• Money used to purchase gifts can be donated at First State Bank.

• Cakes and jellies in wrapping gifts on Friday, Dec. 15, beginning at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph's Hall of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church at 600 S. 7th Street.

• Help with sorting groceries on Friday, Dec. 15 beginning at 9 a.m. at Mansfield Park on Hwy. 16 near Medina.

Fire guts local eatery

by Cyndi Wright
Staff Writer

Cody's Cowgirl Cafe on Main Street in Bandera sustained heavy damage after a fire broke out late Thursday night. No one was injured in the blaze, although property damage was extensive. No exact figures were available at press time.

Bandera and Pipe Creek volunteer fire departments responded to the fire.

Sherrie Lewis, recent tenant of the building, said she was in the process of moving her belongings out after closing Cody's due to mounting financial problems and her husband's ill health.

Lewis, who declared bankruptcy in September, said she had nothing to gain by the fire.

"I have absolutely no coverage," Lewis said. "I had about \$600 to \$800 worth of stuff in there."

Bandera County Sheriff James MacMillan said it looked like the fire started in an old couch in a storeroom located in the back of the building. The electricity and water to the building had been turned off the previous day.

"I have a feeling it is going to be ruled accidental," he said. "It's suspicious, but it may not be criminal."

MacMillan said that nobody would have profited from the fire.

Lewis said she was not evicted from the building, but that new tenants may have been planning on moving in. She also said that the business had left her in poor financial shape, and responded angrily to rumors she said were accusing her of arson.

"We are really in the hole over this, it's

going to take years to recover," she said. "I don't appreciate the comments going around town and if it continues I will press charges. That's slander."

State fire investigators were at the scene on Saturday, and did not immediately determine a cause.

See FIRE, p. 3



A fire Thursday night heavily damaged Cody's Cafe in Bandera.

Service manager honored by Ford

by Cyndi Wright
Staff Writer

Larry Roberts started working on the family's farm equipment when he was 10 years old, and after a career of maintaining engines for Ford Motor Company, he was recently rewarded with one of the company's top honors.

Roberts, service manager for

Jennings Anderson Ford in Bandera, received the Top Gold Medalion Award for outstanding service, a competition whose winner is picked by Ford customers.

"Every time you have your car under warranty worked on, Ford sends out a survey card and we are graded on the results of the survey card," Roberts said. "It's

quite an honor. Your customers are telling you what kind of job you are doing."

Roberts said that out of approximately 15,000 service managers, there are only 120 picked each year for the award. In this district, there are 44 dealers, and only one service manager picked from that

See ROBERTS, p. 8

Flying L "litter gitters" recognized



Texas Department of Transportation area engineer Bruce Elikor (front row, L) presents the TxDOT Litter Gitter award to James Wunrow of the Flying L Guest Ranch. Looking on are some of the volunteer trash gatherers who did the work that earned the award.

The Flying L Guest Ranch of Bandera has been named the district nominee for the Keep Texas Beautiful Litter Gitter Award, announced William G. Burnett, executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation this week.

The award reflects the exemplary efforts in TxDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program.

The district nominee is one out of 74 groups in the San Antonio District 25 districts and

3 and 4028 groups statewide. Total miles of highway adopted district wide is 776, statewide is 8076.

The San Antonio district has the most AAH groups in the state.

The Flying L Guest Ranch adopts two miles of highway on SH 173 south from the Medina River bridge going south for two miles past the Flying L Ranch. The coordinator is James Wunrow. The Flying L Guest

Ranch received their award for picking up litter almost on a weekly basis consisting of around 6-10 bags of trash a week.

The state of Texas began their Adopt-A-Highway program 10 years ago and was the first of its kind. Since then 47 other states have designed similar programs with 1.3 million volunteers participating in the AAH in the United States.

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Meeting Dates

Bandera City Council
2nd MondayCity Building7 p.m.
Bandera ISD Board
2nd TuesdayHS Library7 p.m.
County Commissioners Court
2nd & 4th Wed.Courthouse10 a.m.

Recollections of the Past...



The new Bandera High School, circa 1914. The school was constructed for and built by M.F. Johnson who later used the same plans to build St. Joseph's school near St. Stanislaus Catholic Church.

Photo courtesy of Kay Welch

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Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Looking for a family to match her photo album

Dear Editor:
A year ago I purchased a photograph book in Topeka, Kansas. When I saw the book my first thought was that book should be in the hands of the family. As with other photograph books, it happens they wind up in book sales or other stores, not going to family members.
I thought someone in Bandera might know who the family is from some hints gleaned from the book.
• The name Shady Vista Ranch on the front cover.
• Pictures developed by Little Eva's Photo Shop, Bandera.
• A photo by Talcott or maybe Falco.
• Picture by Frontier Studio.
• Name Jack A. Welch.
• A picture of Bob who left for the army April 4, 1943.
The family lives on a ranch, there are a lot of pictures of horses and one picture of a bronc rider in a rodeo. They are also hunters as there are game pictures and also fishing trips.
Anyway, this is really a long shot. It could be the family is all gone. But I would like to hear from anyone who might recognize any of these clues.
Thanks.

the, thinking of all the places she has down in all her glory, and I feel like I want to salute or make some kind of sign that I've seen her and still love her. But I don't. I go on with what I'm doing, but I smile at her just as I smile at my wife, after all these years, across a crowded room.
It seems to me that we don't see the flag as much as we did when I was young. Oh, they are still there, in the usual places, on the courthouse and the post office, and I presume the schools still do a little flag-raising ceremony every day. The flag is always there when I pass, and I'm glad to see it.
What we don't see much of, anyone, is people flying flags before their homes and businesses.
So when I see a single flag flying on a well-kept pole or flag staff in front of a place of business, raised in the morning with respect, and lowered at sundown or kept lighted after dark, I believe there is a patriotic American who knows how to treat the flag we all love. When I need what he sells, I'll buy it from him.
To me, nothing is sadder than a forest of Old Glories, nailed to sticks, trees, strings, poles and wires, where people spend their days and all their nights flapping ignominiously under a leaden sky to attract attention to a shabby place of business. There is a patriotic American who knows how to treat the flag we all love. When I need what he sells, I'll buy it from him.
Chet Lumen
Mico

He likes Old Glory

Dear Editor:
Nothing gives me a greater thrill than to see the American Flag, Old Glory, crackling out in the breeze against a cloud flecked, blue American sky. Sometimes, I choke up, just a little.

Letters should be 300 words or fewer, signed and include the writer's phone number and address. All letters are subject to verification. Letters will be edited for length, taste and legal reasons. The opinions expressed in letters and columns on this page are those of the individual writers.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas Football brings honors.....

Heisman Trophy Winners

Davey O'Brien, TCU, 1958
E. Doak Walker, Jr. SMU, 1948
John David Crow, Texas A&M, 1957
Earl Campbell, UT Austin, 1977
Andre Ware, Houston, 1989

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

by Lynell Williams & Ed Steiner
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—If federal grant money comes with strings attached, Texas Education Commissioner David Smith is adding that sex education and other controversial issues can sap the agency's main mission: education.

Smith said he sees a pullback on the issue of school health. This worries me. We should not be turning away money that can be used by local communities for health services, such as AIDS education, counseling and nutrition programs, Minnesota, California and Michigan received grants under the same program.

And though CDC officials say the terms of the grant permit — but do not require — pregnancy counseling and condom distribution on campuses, Smith said he is not going to apply. Moses' action is consistent with his decision earlier this month to decline a \$1.36 million federal grant from the CDC, to be used for AIDS education and prevention programs.

Editorial...

Three other tragedies occurred within hours of each other on Sunday, Dec. 3 and all were the result of loose cattle. According to law enforcement reports, all of these accidents occurred in the same general area of Hwy. 16 south.

In the first instance, one man was very lucky to walk away from his totaled wreck. In the second instance, another man is still recuperating from a near trampling from the same bull that caused the first accident. In the third instance, a young boy received facial cuts when his father's car was hit by another cow wandering loose.

Other instances in the recent past have resulted in severe accidents caused by loose livestock.

It seems somewhat outrageous that something isn't being done to make cattle owners take responsibility before someone gets killed.

One of the men whose life was disrupted by loose cattle last weekend is a volunteer fire fighter and an EMT. Another has dedicated his life to public service as a policeman. We can answer. How often man lived is a question no one can answer. Both put their lives on the line fairly regularly in their chosen ways, but should they also be required to endanger themselves because of an errant bull in the fog?

Certainly this is a rambling community and animals will get loose, but someone needs to take responsibility.

Something needs to be done before we lose a valuable member of the community.

Insurance or lots of money will not replace our fine public servants, our regular citizens, children or anyone else.

Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn B. Edwards, Editor

Recently I listened to a discussion about the state of public education in Texas.

Most of the participants were family members who are teachers. It was heart-breaking to listen to them talking about their jobs. These are people who are not paid to be teachers. They are genuinely caring, creative thinkers, who very much want the best for their students. They are not paid to be teachers. They are genuinely caring, creative thinkers, who very much want the best for their students. They are not paid to be teachers. They are genuinely caring, creative thinkers, who very much want the best for their students.

They are frustrated because so many factors seem to keep them from doing what they very much want to do—teach.

A first grade teacher can't fail any of her students. The reason? The trauma of being classified as a failure at such a young age may be too much for the little ego to endure. Going through 12 years of school without knowing how to read is not traumatic, apparently.

A high school math teacher has to teach algebra to students who will rarely have any use for algebraic functions but who are now required to pass the state algebra to graduate.

All the teachers expressed dismay that as more and more students fail to pass the mandated tests, the standards are lowered.

Because of mainstreaming, teachers find themselves teaching to the lowest common denominator in the classroom.

So, what is in store for public education in Texas? I believe that the next 10 years will see more and more good teachers leaving the profession. Some will start their own private schools, where they will be able to teach in safety and deal with self-motivated students with supportive parents.

Parents will also join the move to private education. Many will begin to realize that the best way to get quality education for their children will be in the private sector.

And that will lead to ever greater separation between the classes in America, more for the haves and less for the have-nots.

This is not a good direction for American education to take.

Mishaps multiply in weekend's heavy fog

Heavy fog early Sunday morning caused a bizarre series of related events that included a Bandera County ambulance involved in an accident, a totaled tow truck and a city police officer transported to a hospital after being attacked by a bull.

In the first of the incidents, Pipe Creek EMT Willy Loman was transporting a patient to Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital.

At 142 a.m., according to DPS Trooper Dan Butts, the ambulance attempted to pass two cars. The vehicle in front, driven by Jason Oglesby of Bandera, attempted to turn left in front of the ambulance into a private drive. The accident occurred nine miles north of Bandera on Hwy. 173.

The driver of the ambulance was not injured, and the driver of the other car was released from Sid Peterson later on Sunday.

Trooper Butts said that no charges had been filed at this time.

Responding to the accident was a tow truck driven by Phil Martin of Pipe Creek. After towing the ambulance to the county yard, Martin was driving south on Hwy. 16 when his vehicle hit

a bull in front of Bandera Lodge. According to Martin's wife, Cindy, the tow truck was totaled, but Phil was uninjured.

Bandera city police officer Will Honeycutt, who said he was in back of the lodge attempting to round up the loose cattle, ran to the front after hearing the accident.

"It was so foggy, you couldn't see the front end of your car," Honeycutt said. "We tried to see the cow off the road before someone else got hurt."

Honeycutt ended up being the one who got hurt when the bull suddenly turned on him.

"I got hit pretty hard, it was a really ticked-off bull," said Honeycutt, who was recuperating at home Monday. "If it can total a wrecker, a 650-pound man wouldn't pose much of a problem."

Honeycutt received bruises to his thighs, ribs and elbows.

At 7 p.m. on Sunday, another vehicle hit a cow at the same location on Hwy. 16 and the cow was killed.

According to several sources, the cattle belong to Helotes resident Travis Langford and have been the source of several major accidents at that spot.

Public hearings set on TNRCC's Edwards Aquifer preliminary study

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has produced a draft report on the Edwards Aquifer Water Quality Protection Program.

The report presents the commission staff's preliminary analysis and response to public hearing comments on the protection of the Edwards Aquifer.

The TNRCC is soliciting public comment on the report prior to finalization of the report and submission to the commission for its consideration and action.

The public hearings were held in 1994 in order for the commission to receive evidence from the public on actions the commission should take to protect the Edwards Aquifer from pollution, as required by law.

Copies of the draft report may be picked up at the commission offices at 1921 Cedar Bend, Suite 150 in Austin (512-339-2929) or in San Antonio at 140 Heiner Road, Suite 360 (210-400-3096).

The document can also be obtained electronically through the commission's internet home page: World Wide Web address: <http://www.tnrc.state.tx.us/wprd/forum.htm>

Comments may be presented at the annual hearings on the Edwards Aquifer Water Quality Protection Program to be held Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the San Antonio City Council Chambers, Municipal Plaza Building, Main and Commerce Streets, San Antonio, Texas or on Dec. 12 beginning at 2 p.m. in Room 2015 of the TNRCC Building E, at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin.

These hearings will be constructed for receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when

Sheriff's Report

During the week of Nov. 27-Dec. 3, 1995, the Bandera County Sheriff's Department answered 105 calls for service.

Among these were: One assist EMS, five suspicious circumstances, four shots fired, five suspicious vehicle, four welfare concerns and nine civil matters.

Also three burglary of a habitation, seven disturbingly conductive, one suspicious persons, one assault, two harassment, one possible fire and one terrorist threat.

Also two burglary of a vehicle, two possession of stolen property, one assist fire department, one juvenile runaway, five theft, three keep the peace, five criminal mischief and eight family disturbances.

Also twelve animal calls, four alarm calls, four minor 10-50s, one reckless driving, one trespassing and two assist THP.

Also two juvenile cases, one stolen vehicle, four disturbedly conductive, one structure fire.

Arrested by the Sheriff's Department were:

Michael Thompson, 26, Lakehills, for public intoxication.

Donald Stewart, 53, Bandera, on various warrants.

Arrested by the Bandera County Sheriff's Department: Ryan Hill, 22, Bandera, then from \$750-\$20,000.

Cynthia Valdez, 22, Bandera, for issuance of a bad check and a warrant from an outside agency.

James Lee, 33, Bandera, on a warrant from an outside agency.

Robert Wheeler, 37, Bandera, for disorderly conduct.

The jail log is presented as a public service by the law enforcement and The Bandera Bulletin. It is important to note that because an individual is arrested or indicted for a crime, or is present in a crime scene, or is identified as a suspect in any printed report in no way indicates that person is guilty of a criminal offense. Guilt or innocence must be determined by a court of law.

Punks strike city cemetery

Bandera city police reported that vandalism in Bandera Cemetery over the weekend of Nov. 24 resulted in \$1500 worth of damage.

There were a number of stones turned over and some of the pottery for holding plants and flowers was broken.

The board will also discuss BMA's plans for Medina Lake and hear the general manager's report.

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There were no leads at this time.

They didn't find anything obvious," MacMillan said. "There will be further investigation."

According to Lewis, she was approached about taking a lie-detector test.

"I insisted on taking a polygraph test," she said. "I want to get it done as fast as I can."

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A large and festive holiday crowd enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Satin Dolls on the Courthouse lawn. Strolling through downtown stores to do some Christmas shopping was also a part of Cowboy Christmas Friday evening in Bandera.

Springhills called meeting Thursday

The Springhills Water Management District will hold a called meeting Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at 202 Twelfth St. in Bandera.

On the agenda is an executive session in which the board will discuss personnel matters and pending litigation. Following the executive session, the board will vote on replacing the general manager.

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Wednesday, Dec. 6

COSCI-WIC Women, Infant, Children Nutritional Program, 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m., 1 p.m.
Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.
Bandera Electric Co-op Board of Directors
Genealogy Workshop, Bandera County Library, 1 p.m.
United Methodist Church Women, Lakehills United Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m.
Baptist Women of Medina, 9 p.m.
Bingo, Lakeshore VFD, Wharton's Dock Road, 7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Lakehills, 29th Street, 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon & 8 p.m.
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Heritage Class, 10 a.m.; Crocheting, 1 p.m.; Movies, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral

Thursday, Dec. 7

Sunrise 7:16 Sunset 5:35
Meeting on Rabies Draw, Bandera Bank Room, Noon.
Bluebonnet Extension Homemakers, 2 p.m.
Diaper Theater, Bandera High School, Dinner at 5, Play at 7 p.m.
Western Dance or Practice, Utopia Sr. Center, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.
St. Victor's Altar Society, St. Victor's Chapel, Lakehills, 7 p.m.
Medina OES Chapter 988, 7:30 p.m.
Conversational Spanish, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish History & Culture, 11 a.m., Crafts, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral

Friday, Dec. 8

Sunrise 7:16 Sunset 5:35
Woman of the Year Luncheon, St. Joseph's Hall, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Covered Dish Luncheon, Utopia Senior Center, 11 a.m.
Medina Jolly Elders, Medina Baptist Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bandera County Republican Women's Club, First State Bank, 11:30 a.m.
Madrona Garden Club, St. Christopher's Church, Bandera, 2 p.m.
Dinner Theater, Medina High School Cafeteria, Dinner: 6 p.m.; Play: 7 p.m.
Bingo, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon & 8 p.m.
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Bridge, 9 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral

Saturday, Dec. 9

Sunrise 7:17 Sunset 5:35
Dinner Theater, Medina High School Cafeteria, Dinner: 6 p.m.; Play: 7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.
Medina Lake Betterment Association Christmas Party, Lakshills Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10

Sunrise 7:18 Sunset 5:36
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Altar Society, St. Joseph's School, 9:30 a.m.
Open for games, Silver Sage Corral, 3-5 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 11

Sunrise 7:18 Sunset 5:36
Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, New Central Firehouse, 10 a.m.
Medina Lake AARP at Lakehills American Legion Hall, Christmas Party, Noon
Bandera Extension Homemakers, 2 p.m.
Al-anon, 1301 Mulberry, 6 p.m.
Bandera City Council, Municipal Building, 7 p.m.
Line Dancing, All ages, Silver Sage Corral, 7 p.m.
Bandera Optimist Club, Harvey's Breakfast Room, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting
Bandera Masonic Lodge #1123 AF & AM, Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon & 8 p.m.
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Low Impact Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Oil Painting, 9:30 a.m.; Ceramics, 1 p.m.; German, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Sunrise 7:19 Sunset 5:36
Flying L Ladies Golf Assoc. 9 a.m.
Commodities Issue, First Baptist Church Bandera, First Baptist
Church Medina, 1-4 p.m.
Williams Creek Extension Homemakers, 2 p.m.
confidential assessments for substance abuse, 1207 Cottonwood, 1-800-826-5436.
Bingo, Utopia Sr. Center, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.
Bandera ISD Board Meeting, High School, 7 p.m.
Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department Business Meeting, Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.
Pipe Creek VFD Auxiliary, Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.
Bandera Chapter 643 O.E.S. Meeting, Lodge Hall, 8 p.m.
Quilting, 9 a.m.; Weaving, 9 a.m.; Melodiers, 10 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Sunrise 7:20 Sunset 5:36
Bandera County Commissioners Court, Courthouse, 10 a.m.
Story time, Bandera County Library, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Commodities Issue, American Legion Hall, Lakehills, 1-2 p.m.
Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.
Genealogy Workshop, Bandera County Library, 1 p.m.
Medina Rose Garden Club, Garden Center, 2 p.m.
Bandera Youth Rodeo Assoc. Gen. Membership Meeting, Bandera Bank Community Room, 7 p.m.
Bingo, Lakeshore VFD, Wharton's Dock Road, 7 p.m.
Bandera Volunteer Fire Department, Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Lakehills, 29th Street, 8 p.m.
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Thursday, Dec. 14

Sunrise 7:20 Sunset 5:36
Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Farm Bureau Office, Bandera, 8 p.m.
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Heritage Class, 10

Senior wins VFW essay contest

Amber S. McAnear, a senior at Bandera High School, is the 1995-96 winner in the local VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. The Turley resident wrote a three minute essay and taped it for presentation on "Answering America's Call," expressing her opinion about her personal responsibility and understanding of the rights and responsibilities of being an American.

The Voice of Democracy (VOD) is an annual essay writing contest held in high schools nation wide. Local winners receive a scholarship savings bond and their tape is forwarded to VFW District.

The VFW/VOD awards over \$114,000 in scholarships annually. This year's national winner will receive a \$20,000 scholarship. All state winners will receive at least a \$1,000 scholarship.

Judges for the local contest were banker Sully Woodland, artist Merriell Swanson, and librarian Linda Burrow. The local judging was held Nov. 28. The local contest was co-sponsored by the O.J. Clark Memorial VFW Post and Auxiliary and Pipe Creek VFW Post 2030.

Commander Pat Davis of Pipe Creek, VFW Auxiliary President Matilda Smith of Bandera and the Bandera Post are very grateful to the Bandera High School staff, and especially Gail Murley who handled the school monitoring, said Bandera Post Commander Bill Bryce. "We wish Amber every success in her endeavors."

Jennifer Baggett is one of several Bandera Middle School students playing the role of Toto in a performance of The Wizard of Oz this Thursday, Dec. 7. A spaghetti dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. in the Bandera High School cafeteria. The play will begin in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$4. They will be \$5 at the door.

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AARP invites seniors to Christmas luncheon

The Medina Lake AARP will hold their Christmas celebration on Dec. 11 at noon with a covered dish luncheon at the American Legion Hall in Lakehills.

"We invite all seniors from Lakehills, Pipe Creek, and Bandera area to join us in our celebration," said AARP public relations director, Marjorie Mayer.

The AARP chapter will provide the turkey and dressing and guests are asked to bring their favorite holiday dish. After the luncheon there will be an installation of the 1996 officers, followed by a program of Christmas songs by the Melodiers from the Silver Sage in Bandera.

"Come share the holiday spirit with your neighbors and feel the warmth of a Hill Country Christmas," said Mayer.

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Holiday home tour

Utopia's first Christmas Home Tour will be held Thursday, Dec. 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Homes included on the tour will include the Les and Lois Boyce home, the historic Umling home owned by David and Wanda Hill, and the Texas Stage Coach Inn restored by David and Karen Camp.

The National Honor Society will be selling tickets for the tour on the town square by the Christmas tree beginning at 5 p.m. on Dec. 13.

Tickets may also be purchased for \$10 at any of the tour homes or at either beauty shop in town.

Proceeds will benefit the memorial scholarship fund at Utopia School.

St. Stanislaus parish schedules special celebration mass

A special mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. The Eucharist begins at 7 p.m.

A festa will follow the service at St. Joseph's Hall across from the church. The mananitas (serenade) will begin at 5 a.m. that morning at the church.

STEVE FOREST'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
"FREE" - Saturday, December 16, 1995
at Mansfield Park - 6pm
Tamales, Chili, Beans, Coffee & Tea
Feel free to bring a covered dish or dessert, but that is optional. Mask will be provided by The Sheriff's posse

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at the Silver Spur Ranch, December 14, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to join us for teas, desserts, fruits. We will also have a crafts auction and fun & games for everyone. Help us raise money for April and Andy Selin. April has been a missionary in Wales, Mexico & Romania. Presently she is residing in Lakehills. Andy is now attending CFAI College in Dallas, TX. The funds raised will help Andy & April continue their education. We thank you for your support & donations. Hope to see you there. 4 years & under is free, 5 thru 12 - \$2, 13 & adult \$5.00. For more information call 612-3029

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County tax office closed Dec. 11-13 for installation of new computer system

The Bandera County Tax Office will be closed from Dec. 11-13 for employees to undergo training on the new registration and title system, or RTS, Bandera County Tax Assessor/Collector Jean Stevens announced this week.

The \$40 million dollar automated system is a project of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), its development began in 1987 to replace a manual system that was becoming obsolete because of the state's growing vehicle population.

"As statutory agents of TxDOT, this tax office processes registration and title transactions in addition to collecting the appropriate fees," said Stevens. "We will be using RTS to continue

that work."

Stevens said the system should increase office efficiency and customer service. "Registrations will be updated in the system within 48 hours, instead of the usual six to eight weeks," said Stevens. "That should be of considerable benefit to law enforcement agencies and the general public. Bandera County residents will get their vehicle titles within two weeks, not 10 weeks."

RTS is also expected to reduce the amount of time it takes for tax office customers to wait in line because office staff will be entering data directly on computer instead of filling out paper forms.

The RTS system is being implemented across Texas. All

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group. Roberts has worked his way up the Ford Company ladder. He started working for Ford when he was 16 - sweeping floors. In his 30-year career, he has only worked at two jobs, both Ford dealerships.

"If I didn't believe in Ford products, I would not have stayed," he said. "I chose to work with Ford."

Roberts has been at the Bandera dealership for five years, and he and wife Evelyn live in Boerne. They have two grown children, Larry Jr. and Rhonda, and three grandchildren.

He said his wife was almost more excited than he about the award.

"This is part of her life," Roberts said, mentioning the couple has been married for 27 years. "She's been through the good times and the bad times."

Part of winning the award was a trip to Detroit to collect it. "One thing about Ford is that

when they take you, they treat you right," Roberts said. "It was a first-class trip all the way."

While in Detroit, the Roberts enjoyed staying in a world-class hotel, a visit to an assembly plant, and a trip to the Ford Museum.

The trip and award aside, Roberts said his customers' faith in him was a real reward. "It makes me feel good to know that I am maintaining my quality of service," he said. "It's like any job - if you work hard you will succeed."

So far this year, Roberts has maintained his number one spot as leader of service managers in this district.

Jennings Anderson Ford manager Ken Seale said that Roberts' award has brought recognition to the Bandera business.

"It's really an honor for hard work," Seale said. "The award sends the survey [card] back really - it's either really happy or really mad."

"Liars" can get paid for their tall Texas tales

Wolf Brand Chili is conducting its second annual Texas Tall Tales contest, a test of words, wit and wisdom that celebrates the practice of telling tall Texas tales.

As we all know, Texans have a penchant for anything big including big trucks, big hair, big Texas pride and big bull. A Texan's knack for telling tall tales is as innate as knowing how to dance the Texas two-step or assessing the attributes of a good bowl of chili.

Texans are invited to submit an original tall tale entry. Deadline for entries is Dec. 31.

Story tellers 18 years and older are encouraged to pick up a September or November '95 issue of Texas Monthly explaining complete contest rules.

Participants are encouraged to use their own special flair of Texas humor to highlight or exaggerate some aspect of Texas life in a 500-word-or-less story. And in the true Texas spirit, don't let the truth stand in the way of a good story.

All entries must include the words "100 years" and "Wolf Brand Chili," to commemorate 100 years of Wolf Brand Chili in Texas.

Mail entries to Wolf Brand Chili Tall Tales Contest, 131 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75219.

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Bandera County Chamber of Commerce members and friends assist with the display of items at the Hill Country Art Gallery at 502 Main in Bandera. The gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Hooper carries art in a variety of mediums including water colors, oils, sculptures, photography and stained glass. Artists featured include Laniell Dean, Sue Short and Al Zirkel.

Buck fever no problem for this young hunter



Six-year old T. J. DuPerier took this 10 point buck that dressed out at 142 pounds. T.J. has been hunting since the age of four. All of T.J.'s previous game have been taken with one shot. But this monster buck brought on a case of "buck fever."

After taking some time to calm down, T.J. used three shots to bring down the deer.

Blood drive at Clark House next week

The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center must collect 300 units of blood each day to supply South Texas hospitals.

You can help by giving blood at the Clark House Nursing Home Blood Drive scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15.

Donations will be accepted from 1-4 p.m. in the parking lot at 800 Montague St. in Bandera.

Without blood supplied by volunteers, many hospital patients would not live long enough to enjoy another holiday season.

Anyone between the ages of 17 and 72, who weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good general health is encouraged to be a donor.

The BANDERA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

will be hosting the Beef Industry "Quality Counts" Satellite Broadcast on Tuesday, December 12, 1995 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. The program deals exclusively with beef quality excellence in Texas. If you are interested in attending please contact Carolyn Moore at the Farm Bureau office at 796-3077

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Care vital during pruning

Tree care and pruning are being suggested for planting in areas where oak wilt is a problem.

Precautions should be taken to prevent infection, however, suggests County Extension Agent Warren Thielen in the Extension Service newsletter.

"It is suggested to interplant with members of the white oak family or other trees to provide for diversity," said the newsletter. A list of trees recommended for this area is available at the Extension Office.

The spread of oak wilt may be slowed significantly with care taken during pruning. It is extremely important to prune when there is little chance of insects spreading oak wilt. This is usually January and February.

A second period when pruning can be done somewhat safely is July and August.

When pruning is done, remember to paint over all wounds immediately with some kind of tree wound sealant.

A video which discusses oak wilt, its causes, spread and recommended treatments is available for check out at the County Extension Office. Call 796-7755 for information.



Delegates representing the Bandera County Farm Bureau at the 62nd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in Corpus Christi Nov. 26-29 were front: Allie Allsup, Linda Stein, Barbara Mazurek, Sissy Garrison, Betty Garrison and Marilyn Haner. Back: Paul Garrison III, Doreen Wheeler, Bonnie Naumann, Paul Garrison Jr. and Anton Haner, State Director for District X. Voting delegates included the Garrisons, Mazurek, Naumann and Marilyn Haner.

LCRA introduces grant program to assist local development projects

The Lower Colorado River Authority will hold four regional workshops in December to inform cities and non-profit groups about LCRA's new grant program to assist local community development projects in its service area.

One of the workshops will be in Boerne on Dec. 12 at the Boerne Community Center, 820 Adler E. Adler from 6-8 p.m.

LCRA's board of directors recently approved establishing a \$1 million fund to enable the eLCRA to provide grants to the 58 counties served by LCRA's wholesale electric and water customers. The program, called the Community Development Partnership Program, was formed in conjunction with LCRA's 44 wholesale electric customers.

The program will provide grants to eligible entities for capital improvement projects. Those eligible for grants include cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other non-profit economic and community development groups.

Invited to the workshops are mayors, city managers, county judges and commissioners, school superintendents, volunteer fire department chiefs, chamber of commerce representatives and general managers of electric cooperatives and other LCRA customers.

For more information on the workshops or on the Community Development Partnership Program, contact Frank Morgan, LCRA, 800-776-5272, Ext. 3340.

The Madrona Garden Club will meet Friday, Dec. 8 at noon at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church for a business meeting and gift exchange. At 1:30 p.m. the members and their guests will adjourn to El Jaleo restaurant for a Christmas dinner.

Dana Simmons of the Copper Lantern reminds everyone that there is a pool tournament every first Saturday of the month starting at 6 p.m. On Dec. 16 there will be a Christmas party complete with karaoke.

How about this, you male hunters? Bonanza Walker shot a seven point buck on the Walker Ranch on Dec. 2.

On Feb. 25, 1990 the first organizational meeting was held and a slate of officers was elected. Since that day it has been a march forward to over 200 members, some of whom are active fire fighters, and from zero assets to a value of over \$200,000. This growth has taken a lot of hard work and dedication by many folks, so here is a big thank you.

The annual children's Christmas party will be held at the fire house on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 2-4:30 p.m. The party is for children 10 years old and younger.

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Wharton's Dock

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The Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department will hold their quarterly general membership meeting on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 11:30 a.m. Top agenda items include election of officers and adoption of the 1996 budget. Following the meeting will be a catered lunch for those who have signed up in advance.

It was 16 years ago that some local residents had a vision that their dream of a local fire department was attainable and about the nearly impossible task of making it a reality.

They applied for and received a state certification of incorporation on Nov. 21, 1979. It was signed by the three dreamers, Wayne Hildenberg, Allen Haley and Bethel Lackey. Gene Goodenough of Bandera donated his legal services. And so the Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department was born.

On Feb. 25, 1980 the first organizational meeting was held and a slate of officers was elected. Since that day it has been a march forward to over 200 members, some of whom are active fire fighters, and from zero assets to a value of over \$200,000. This growth has taken a lot of hard work and dedication by many folks, so here is a big thank you.

The annual children's Christmas party will be held at the fire house on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 2-4:30 p.m. The party is for children 10 years old and younger.

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Tarpley

Had a taste of winter a couple of days last week, twenty seven degrees and heavy frost, about as close as we've had to winter. The frosts have really brought out the lovely fall colors on the hills. A sumac is not a very pretty tree in summer but one of our loveliest scarlet trees after frost!

Well, as the old saying goes, "Get your glad rags out," you natives, and come on out for our community Christmas covered dish dinner this Saturday night, Dec. 9 at the Tarpley Community Building at 6:30 p.m. until a decent hour to go home. Good food, fun and fellowship, singing Christmas songs, etc. See you there!

Tarpley Baptist Church visitors Sunday were Greg and Lesa Raney of Menasha near Austin. They were visiting Vern and JoAnn Shrock. The couple married on Oct. 21.

Other visitors were Albert and Rhonda Hawkins from Twin Falls, Idaho. They are spending the winter at Jollystone Park in Bandera.

Out from San Antonio for the weekend were Wayne and Debbie Brasington. Larry and Katie Salo of Sierra Vista, Arizona came Tuesday to visit their aunt, Mary Hietalahti until Thursday. They reported having a lovely visit and enjoyed

seeing our great state. Happy to report Mrs. Earl Hood returned Saturday from a two weeks' visit to East Brunswick, NJ where she had a great time with her daughter Sharon and Nabil Taha and son, Adia. She also visited her granddaughter and family, Rhonda and Fred Makiel and children, Laila and Tarek.

Maria has passed the highlights of her trip later. She needed some time to relax.

Elzie and Nettie Dean were in Kerrville last week for his knee checkup. Glad to report he is doing well from his surgery Oct. 30.

"Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact."

—William James.

HCAF auditions set

Hill Country Arts Foundation in Ingram will be holding auditions for a production of For Married Only by J. Tom Graham on Dec. 16 at 10 a.m.

Three men and four women will be needed for the production. Those wishing to audition should come prepared with a two-five minute monologue. They will be asked to read from the script.

For further information, call the HCAF Theatre Department at 1-210-367-5122

German Christmas

The 91st Annual German Christmas Candlelight Service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10 at Central Christian Church in San Antonio at 7:30 p.m.

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New school library system reaches out to the world with the touch of a finger

by Carolyn B. Edwards
Bulletin Editor

Older. She was a goddess of wisdom. Today she lends her name to a software program that will bring the libraries of Bandera Independent School District to the cutting edge of technology.

The program will, in effect, "remove the walls of our



Kathy Royall, Hill Country Elementary librarian, catalogs the library's collection on the new Athena System.

library," says Hill Country Elementary librarian Kathy Royall.

The BISS board recently voted to approve the purchase of the software program for all four district schools.

Using a touch screen, the program is "great for the little kids and the handicapped," said Royall. The phrase "user friendly" is a by-word for the program. Royall is currently busy get-

"The old card catalog is gone."

—Kathy Royall

ting the program on-line and is awaiting three computers for student access to network to her mainframe computer in her office.

Kids can flip through the library catalog and check in or check out books by touching a series of colorful icons on the computer screen. They can even browse the shelves of the library without taking a step away from the computer. Touching the screen will let the student see what books are next to any book they have looked up.

Eventually, pictures of each student will be entered into the computer, so the user can touch his or her photo to check in a book.

Royall can use the program to print out lists of overdue books or bibliographies for teaching units.

"The old card catalog is gone," says Royall.

What she has in the place of those old wooden cabinets filled with index cards is computer access to libraries all over Texas and the U.S.

Through the Texas Library Connection, BISS librarians will be able to search for books in any public school and public library in Texas. Using TENET, the Texas Educators Network, filtered access is provided at a

and 4 p.m.

Under the direction of sponsor, Cindy Fearon, the Dolls will present their Christmas show which includes dancing, singing and story telling.

High school dance team plans appearance at Saks

The Saks Dolls, members of the high school dance team, will be performing in the Saks Fifth Avenue wing at North Star Mall on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Fearon at 510-6594.

Schreiner College schedules TASP tests for prospective educators

The registration deadline for the next Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test administered at Schreiner College is Jan. 26, 1996. The test date is Feb. 24, 1996.

The TASP test must be taken by students entering a teacher education program in a Texas college or university.

Registration forms are available at Schreiner College's Teacher Education office, Rm. 20 in Room Hall, or in the Weir Building, Rm. 018. High school



Rachel Shaw, fifth grader at Alkek enjoys a chance to "curl up and read" with a good book. The reading program is proving to be a big hit with the students.

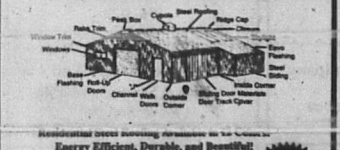
counselors also can provide forms.

The basic fee for the TASP test is \$26. Late registration for the February test is possible, but includes an additional \$20 charge.

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Wednesday, Dec. 13
8:05-9:35: First period exam
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11:20-12:30: Lunch
12:35-2:05: Third period exam
Buses run at 3:17

Thursday, Dec. 14
8:05-9:35: Fourth period exam
9:35-10:45: Passing period
11:20-12:30: Lunch
12:35-2:05: Sixth period exam
Buses run at 2:17

Friday, Dec. 15
8:05-9:35: Seventh period exam
9:35-10:45: Passing period
11:20-12:30: Lunch
12:35-2:05: Eighth period exam
Buses will run at 2:17

Students will have an open campus for the three days of testing. Students who do not have an exam during a testing period do not need to be on campus. If they are on campus, they are to report to the cafeteria, said high school principal Jim Story.

Students will be allowed to go off campus for lunch during the testing days only. All students having an exam after lunch will be expected to be back on campus on time. Failure to do so will result in the student not being allowed to take an exam at this time. They will have to come in on Jan. 2 to make up the exam, Story said.

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Tasting luncheon this Friday...



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church's Annual Tasting Luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15, 1995 at Davenport Hall. Joe Robertson, a retired USAF Colonel, will provide the music at the luncheon. Robertson, who delighted the attendees last year with his wide variety of carols, jazz and pop selection, has been playing piano since he was four years old.

Students



Bandera resident Mary Montgomery was among five Schreiner College students inducted into the Alpha Chi honor scholarship at ceremonies on campus Nov. 16. Montgomery is the daughter of Jane and Henry Post of Bandera, and is a senior education major at Schreiner College. In order to be eligible for membership in Alpha Chi, students must have demonstrated good character and maintain grades ranking them in the upper tenth of their class. From left: Dr. Bill Silva, Dr. Diana Comuzzi, Mary Montgomery and Dr. Ron Zarychta.

Women's Aglow Fellowship of Kerrville will present the singing ministry of Shirley Smith on Dec. 12, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. at Community Church, located at 2300 Memorial Blvd. in Kerrville.

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Outreach opens here

The Southwest Family Life Centers has reopened the Bandera Outreach office. The hours of operation are Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday mornings are available for meeting potential or new clients. Thursday afternoons will feature free counseling for women by Ms. Barbara Womack. For more information, call 796-3448.

Volkssport to walk through and around Johnson City

The Selma Pathfinders, a volkspost club promoting physical fitness and fun in historic and nature settings, is sponsoring a 10 K walk, one in the daytime and one at night. The walk, called "Lights Spectacular," will begin in the second floor courtroom of the Blanco County Courthouse in Johnson City, Texas. The courthouse is located one block north of HWY 290 on Nugent Street. On Saturday, arts and crafts will be shown around the town square after 4 p.m. and throughout the evening. Also adding to the festive mood will be horse-drawn carriage rides and hay rides, church choirs and Christmas carolers. "Lights Spectacular" will be from 6 p.m. until midnight. The day walk will begin on Saturday and Sunday between 8 a.m. and 12 noon. Finish time will be 3 p.m. The evening walk will begin on Saturday between 6:30 and 8 p.m., finish by 9 p.m. Please bring a flashlight for the evening walk. The award will be a cast pewee cane shield depicting Christmas in Texas and Blanco County/The "A" award will be \$5 before Dec. 3, 1995. After that date the fee will be \$6. For TVT credit only, the fee is \$2.

Living Christmas scenes to delight all ages again

To commemorate the eighth anniversary of the Living Christmas Scenes, members of Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church are planning an expanded version of this tradition and adding some new ones. The community is invited to the outdoor event which takes place on Saturday, Dec. 9 on the church grounds with performances at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30. In direct contrast to the biblical scenes, a new cowboy scene will be based on the cowboy poem "The Book" by Waddie Mitchell. A cowboy poet will

Births



Shelly Lynne Gunther was born on November 21, 1995 and weighed eight pounds and 3 ounces. Shelly was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are John and Rita Barhouse of San Manuel, Ariz., and Gerhard and Margrit Gunther of Pipe Creek.

Fire fighters clean up...



On Sunday, Nov. 26, Bandera police officer Will Honeycutt and members of the Bandera Volunteer Fire Department helped clean up the Silver Spur.

4th-grader teaches class about adoption



Christine Stratton, an Alkoo 4th grader in Mrs. Butcher's class, recently gave an oral report in Mrs. Payne's English class. Since the class has been reading about adoption, Christine reported all about her adoption 10 years ago. She explained the adoption process to the class and showed pictures and mementoes of her adoption.

December brings us Short days and long nights. Rainbows of sunlight through mist. Wrapping paper everywhere. A feel of holidays in the air. Time for reflection. Time for anticipation. Time for giving. A thought for peaceful living. A feeling of passage.

The Christmas lights are up and Santa will come by far pictures and cookies in town tonight. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas—ho, ho, ho. And the ladybugs are hatching out in full force. Poor things must think it's spring with all this warm mild weather we're having. There was a good turn out for the UMW bazaar sale as usual. And the birthday parties for two nice ladies were a success.

On Dec. 14 Person Home Health Care is sponsoring a blood pressure screening and blood sugar count at the Garden Center from 8-11 a.m. They are hoping to get enough response to be able to do other types of screenings in the future.

Wes Sawyer is currently in Austin for a week taking a class from the Department of Public Safety to qualify him as an instructor for the concealed handgun classes. He will be giving classes on weekends for a fee.

Medina PFA Farm Skills Team got first place at district and third place at area. The win-

ning team consisted of Misti Wells, David Derry and Jennifer Reed. As a team they did a roofing demonstration. Don't forget our high school basketball tournament this Thursday through Saturday. Social Notes Natalie and Jim Justice are here visiting E.J. Keese for a spell. They miss our community. Speaking of community, we welcome John R. and Brenda S. to our area. They purchased the old Valentine place up Carpenter Creek. He drove around and is remodeling the house and grounds. They return this week after spending a two-week holiday in Africa.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Keiser in the birth of their new little boy weighing in at over eight pounds. The grandparents and great grandparents made a quick trip to Denton to greet the little fellow. W.O. Hatfield was taken by ambulance to the hospital this past Monday morning.

Birthdays Dec. 8: Phillip Jackson, Casey Garrison, Omar Dell Birch, Dec. 9: Copie Davis, Dec. 11: Doreen Wheeler, Donald Nesting, Olga Schmidt, Dec. 12: Donald Sutherland, Rhett Harrison, Dec. 13: David Brownell, Lola Moseley, Evelyn Johnson, Ned Farris, Shane Keese. Meet your neighbors: There is a couple in the area who'd they should have lived "way back when." She likes to spin and raise and get back to basics. They shear New Zealand

White rabbits in an insulated barn with a water cooler. Under all the cages they raise earthworms to control odor. They use the castings for fertilizer. Currently they have 18 does, but have plans to expand to as many as 64. They sell some for Easter bunnies as well as fryers and show stock. Robert and Dixie Cohn live down Farris Ranch Road. Don't forget to call with any events that can be put in the paper!

Class of '46 gathers after 50 years



The Medina Class of 1946 gathered Oct. 28 to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Pictured are Gerald Hay, Honcho; Johnie "Sonny" Schmidt, Madeline; Raymond Kinsey, Dallas; Jack Jackson, La Porte; Loretta Taylor Helme, Loring; Ora Nell Norton Horadam, Louise Grubbs Williams, John A. Smith, and Norma Sides Cole, all of San Antonio and Jack Graham, Midlothian.

Medina Elementary students raise \$300+ for state capitol statue

Students at Medina Elementary School raised over \$300 for the Tribute to Texas Children fund raised last week during American Education Week. Each grade challenged the others to see who could raise the most pennies. Students paid 25 cents for the privilege of wearing their hat or cap all day at school. Fourth graders sold pickles after school and they reported that sold all they had.

The fourth graders raised the most money with \$82.35. They will be rewarded with a party. First graders came in second with \$56.10. Many parents visited school during American Education Week. Mrs. Payne's third grade class had the most visitors and the importance of children to the state of Texas.

BMS earns first over-all title at math and science meet

Bandera Middle School came in first over-all at Saturday's MSCA/UIL math and science meet held at the school. Carrizo Springs came in second overall. Among the winners were the following BMS students: In 8th grade number sense, Ginger Foster placed second and Stephanie Sells placed seventh. In 7th grade number sense, Kate Murphy captured a first and Travis Lara placed second. In 6th grade number sense, Kelly Cotcher came in sixth and Daniel Leibold placed seventh. In 8th grade science Corey Johnson earned a seventh place while Erin Esparza came in eighth. In 7th grade science Kate Murphy placed fourth, Nicolas Leonard placed fifth, Kenny Mazurek placed sixth and Justin Terry placed eighth. In 6th grade science, Dustin Kniefel placed fourth. Kate Murphy earned a first place in 7th grade math and Travis Lara placed second.

In 8th grade math Kelly Cotcher ranked second and Megan Kincaid came in fifth. In calculator, eighth grader Stephanie Sells placed eighth, seventh grader Geoff Zickler placed sixth and sixth grader Kelly Cotcher and Kacey Deters placed eighth and tenth, respectively. In team placements in the small school division, Carrizo Springs and Ingram placed first and second at the sixth grade level; Bandera and Carrizo Springs placed first and second at the seventh grade level; Carrizo Springs and LaVeria placed first and second at the eighth grade level. In the large school division San Antonio Gamers captured firsts in all three grade levels and the over-all win. San Antonio Jackson earned the second place position at 6th grade. San Antonio Bradley came in second for 7th grade and Frederickburg came in second at the 8th grade level and second in the over-all large school category.

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Health care clinic comes to Utopia



Dr. James Womack and Allan Boutwell, Physician's Assistant, on the porch center, cut the ribbon officially opening the Utopia Medical Clinic at a celebration held Wednesday, Nov. 29. Assisting with the official opening were representatives of the Methodist HCA, Southwest Regional Hospital, Utopia High School, the Methodist Church, and donor Colleen Bowdye, project manager Sid Mauldin and citizens of the Utopia area. Among the special guests were Margaret Odonovic, the Rev. Alice Underwood, Richard Arnold, Gary Woodard, and Steve Gualtieri.

Utopia Semester Exam Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 14
8:10-8:15: Homeroom
8:20-9:45: Second period exam
9:55-11:25: Fourth period exam
11:30-12:15: Lunch
12:20-1:50: Sixth period exam
2:00-3:30: Seventh period exam

Friday, Dec. 15
8:10-8:15: Homeroom
8:20-9:45: First period exam
9:55-11:25: Third period exam
11:30-12:15: Lunch
12:20-1:50: Fifth period exam
2:00-3:30: Christmas parties and cleanup

FFA chapter earns second at district radio meet in Hondo

The Utopia FFA chapter participated in the District Radio Team competition on Nov. 21 in Hondo. The topic of the presentation was oak wilt disease with a radio show format between commentators Toni Clark, Laura Lesing and Jennifer Gutierrez. The team placed second at the contest and advanced to the area meet in San Antonio Dec. 2. The San Antonio team was composed of Clark, Gutierrez and Dara Richarz.

Utopia school announces holiday calendar

Utopia School Christmas parties will be held from 2-3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15. Clean-up will be from 3-3:30, when decorations will be taken down, coats and gym bags will be picked up and whatever else might need to be straightened up. School will be dismissed at the regular time, 3:35. Basketball practice is scheduled for Dec. 15, 18-21, 27-29. Teacher workday will be Monday, Dec. 18 from 8-3:30. Report cards will be mailed on Dec. 19. The gym will be closed to all use from Dec. 22-26 in accordance with UIL policy. There is a high school basketball tournament Dec. 30 at Rocksprings. School resumes Jan. 3.



Clint Hewitt, (R) pictured with Kevin Kinsey shot his first Texas buck, and 8-pointer, on Friday, Nov. 24. Hewitt is the assistant golf pro at the Flying L Guest Ranch.

Santa questions answered...

How does Santa get in your house? Through the door. It's not locked. And he gives me presents when he gets in there, all around the tree. Then he eats the cookies and everything. And then he goes out my house through the door. And then he goes to another house and so on.

Benjamin Travis Halloran

—He comes in my fireplace. I don't know how he gets through it, 'cause I have something on my chimney. Maybe he goes through the door. I know, 'cause he left a note two times. One for my brother and one for me.

Kristy Scales

—My grandma, her has a little tiny chimney. He just sucks through and then when he's done it's a big chimney. He leaves presents. When he leaves, I follow him. I looked through the door and saw him. Guess what? I snuck in his sleigh and he said, "Hey, you! Get back in the house!"

Matthew Wheeler

—With his reindeers, up on the roof. I touched the reindeers—they were real! He comes from the chimney. The bag goes with him.

Johnny Enriquez

Chimney. Door. Window. The end.

Blake

It's too hard to get out of the chimney. It has a top on it. He sticks his foot out and he gets his hands and fingers on that thing that closes the chimney.

Kahlab

He came through the pole that goes down the pipe to our house.

Amanda

Tax workshop for small businesses at UTSA

The IRS will hold a Small Business Income Tax Workshop in San Antonio, co-sponsored by the Small Business Development Center. The workshop will be held Dec. 14, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at UTSA Downtown, 1222 N. Main. Topics include record keeping, self-employment taxes, selecting a business structure and IRS procedures. No reservations are required but seating is limited and admission is on a first-come, first-served basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. For further information, call 548-4444.

San Antonio plans Texas birthday party

San Antonio will honor the Lone Star State with a 28-gun salute, hot chocolate and birthday cake as Texas celebrates its 150th birthday on Dec. 29. The free festivities run from 2-4 p.m. at the entrance to the Institute of Texan Cultures in HemisFair Park. A 28-gun salute will mark the occasion in 1845 when the Republic of Texas traded its Lone Star flag for Old Glory to become the 28th state in the union. For more information about San Antonio's celebration, contact State Rep. Letitia Van de Putte at 733-6604 or San Antonio businesswoman Brigitte Saidi at 653-3749.

The public is cordially invited to attend a reception honoring Bandera ISD Superintendent Jim Stewart at the Bandera High School Cafeteria Wednesday, December 13, 1995 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Stop by to say farewell to Mr. Stewart, enjoy some refreshments and see the latest renovation to the High School campus: the expanded cafeteria facilities. Hosted by Bandera ISD Board of Trustees

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Years Ago in Bandera County

Among destinations for visitors in the 1950s was Stokes Courts in Medina which a publication described as "picturesque field cottages having 2-4 rooms with bath, electricity, running water, and gas for cooking." Rates were \$8 weekly.

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Thought for the Week

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County attempts to put a leash on loose dogs

by Cyndi Wright
Staff Writer

Dog owners in Bandera County should prepare to keep their animals under control or face stiff fines, if plans being made by the county law enforcement and judicial systems take place.

In a meeting Friday morning in County Judge Roger Raser's office, representatives of local law enforcement and concerned ranchers discussed ways to make owners of errant dogs adhere to county laws concerning dogs.

Representing law enforcement was Sheriff James MacMillan, Bandera City Police Chief Lynn Holt and Constable of Precinct 1 Ernie Reich. Precinct 3 JP Steve Forrest was also present, along with Commissioners Dan Alanis (Pct. 1) and Bud Thompson (Pct. 3). Animal Control Officer Mark Mayfield sat in, as did local ranchers Gilbert Scheele and Emmitt Schmidt.

"This is not in any way, shape or form designed to harass the public," Raser said. "Unfortunately, we have a lot of people out there who don't care. We have to get a handle on this."

Currently in Bandera County, there are two state codes that have been adopted in part by the county to enforce the laws pertaining to loose dogs.

One is the Health and Safety of Animals Code, of which the county adopted

ed subchapters in 1950 that allow any person witnessing a dog attacking, about to attack, or who has recently attacked livestock to kill that dog. This subchapter also provides that the person who killed the dog is not liable to the owner of the dog, may hold the dog until restitution has been made, and allows law enforcement officials to enter the property of the dog's owner and kill the dog, if the owner fails to do so.

"This means we can still shoot, shovel and shut-up, I presume," asked Emmitt Schmidt.

The judge allowed that it did, as long as the dog had been observed engaging in behavior destructive to livestock.

The other state code is the rabies law. Under this code, the county in 1990 defined a stray as an animal roaming with no physical restraint beyond the premises of the animal's owner or keeper.

"According to Raser, this is applicable whether the dog has tags or not."

"You might be interested to know that voice command is not a physical restraint," Raser said.

Other provisions under the code call for all dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies by the age of four months, each dog and cat to be registered and each dog or cat to be restrained by its owner.

Stray dogs and cats can be declared

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Water district hires and fires new general manager

by Carolyn B. Edwards
Bulletin Editor

The Springhills Water Management District board voted to terminate the employment of its new managing director, Henry (Hank) Peters, after only 13 days of employment.

Peters was offered the top job at the district's board meeting on Oct. 12, 1995.

The board voted to terminate Peters at an called meeting held Nov. 30.

On that same day, Peters had called board member Ralph Dresser

and told him that he did not feel he could fulfill his duties and was turning in his resignation, effective Nov. 30.

Board president Ronnie Basinger announced at the board's meeting held last Thursday evening, Dec. 7 that ending Peters' employment was by mutual agreement on the part of both parties.

John Mohar was once again appointed by the board to act as temporary general manager until the position is filled. Mohar has been the temporary

general manager since the resignation of Ray Buck in May of this year.

Following an executive session, the board voted to extend an offer for the position of permanent general manager to Jeff Patterson of Katy.

In other business, the board heard an information report from the district's technician, John Jones. Jones presented the board with maps indicating the location of water wells which are monitored by the district, the loca-

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Fires keep volunteers busy



Fires at Riverbend Estates sales office and Bandera Mini Mart kept the Bandera Volunteer Fire Department hopping this week.

A fire in the sales office at Riverbend Estates (top photo) Dec. 6 has been ruled arson by the State Fire Marshall, according to Sheriff James MacMillan. "It appears to have been intentionally set," MacMillan said. "There is evidence of gasoline having been used to start the fire."

According to MacMillan, there is a question of ownership of the building, with both Susan and Curtis Hooker and the Day family claiming to own at least have an interest in the building. The damage to the building is still undetermined. "The investigation is

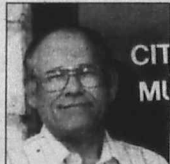
continuing," MacMillan said.

The second fire call was to the Mini Mart on Hwy. 16, (bottom photo) where an electrical short caused a breaker box to start smoking on Dec. 8. "It pretty well smoked up the place and singed the wall above the breaker box," City Chief of Police Lynn Holt said. Adding tension to the situation was a 10,000 gallon tanker truck out in front about to start unloading gasoline. "The way the fire department responded and the things they did allowed the situation to stabilize quickly," Holt said.

New chief begins work

Bandera City Police Chief Lynn Holt said the satisfaction he gets out of helping people is one reason he has committed himself to police work.

"I enjoy the philosophy of 'protect and serve,'" Holt said. "It has a lot to do with my mak-



Lynn Holt

house in Tarpley, and the couple own a restaurant, The Tarpley General Store, that is open on weekends.

"Both of my children have gone all the way through the Bandera schools," Holt said. "He plans to come up with new ideas for the police department."

"I realize we are limited by funds, but as police chief I must above all find new and innovative ways to get the job done with no additional burden on the taxpayers," Holt said. "Get the level up and keep the cost down."

City council approves department changes for its new police chief

by Cyndi Wright
Staff Writer

In the absence of both the mayor and the mayor pro tem, council member Dorothy Darden was appointed chairman pro tem and conducted the regular meeting of the Bandera City Council on Dec. 11, 1995.

New Bandera Police Chief Lynn Holt made a four-point presentation to the council which included:

- Changing the night shifts from 12 hours to 11 1/2 hours;
- Promoting Officer Will Honeycutt to a full-time position with the appropriate raise in pay;
- Hiring a new officer at a salary of approximately \$18,000 a year; and
- Giving Officer Rick Sweet a raise in pay.

Holt said that these changes would not increase the police department 1995-96 budget, since he would be cutting back in areas such as the reduction of 12-hour shifts, and the money already saved by not paying a police chief in the interim between the time he was hired and Walter Welch resigned.

His projected budget for 1996-97 is a six percent increase over this year's budget.

Holt said the new officer will be a five-year police veteran, possess some college, and be a CLEOSE certified as an advanced peace officer.

"He will be experienced and be able to make decisions in place of the chief," Holt said. Sweet is at an intermediate level, while Honeycutt is con-

sidered at the beginning level.

"We just gave raises to all of our employees, including our police," Darden said.

Holt acknowledged this, but said his goal was to do what needed to be done and stay under budget.

"I make a motion we approve these changes and let the police chief take the police department and make it what it is," Kirkendall said.

Griffin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Several citizens voiced their concern over the return of the Bandera Regulars for Memorial Day weekend.

"The majority of people I know who live on Cypress street are mainly opposed to the Bandera Regulars using the Bandera Park," Bill Bryce said. "If it hadn't rained the day after the fire, we would have been knee-deep in you-know-what."

Bryce said the Regulars posted a \$250 bond, but the city paid over \$700 to clean up after them.

Another citizen, Laree Wilson said she is still finding trash, such as beer bottles and cans, left behind at the camping sites used by the group.

In other business:

The council heard a preliminary audit for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1995 from Wayne Beever of Beever Associates. Beaver said the city is "real healthy."

Tommy Adams, Bandera VFD chief and president, reported to the council that the fire fighters

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Bandera City Council
2nd Monday.....City Building.....7 p.m.
Bandera ISD Board
2nd Tuesday.....HS Library.....7 p.m.
County Commissioners Court
2nd & 4th Wed.....Courthouse.....10 a.m.

Recollections of the Past...

Montague brothers to perform...
The Montague brothers, Frank, Charlie, Bruce and George, would be home from school in time to have a part on the program at the Old Settlers' Jubilee held in Bandera June 7, 1941, reported The Museum Bulletin, published "occasionally" by J. Marvin Hunter.

"These boys are splendid musicians and rope twirling artists and have appeared on programs in many of the large cities, where they won admiration and praise."

"Their many Bandera friends rejoice that they will be here to perform for the Old Settlers."

—from The Museum Bulletin, May 28, 1941, copy provided by Calvin Carstett

Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Let's stop the shooting in residential areas

Dear Editor:
For years I have asked for help from Bandera (County) about people firing weapons in a residential area. I am not talking about the big ranchers who allow people to hunt. I don't care if they have five acres or 1,000. My subject is about shooting in areas where people live.

Last Thursday about 4:30 p.m. some loud big game hunter fired across two or three lots at a black Labrador and sent two or three shots across the same side of the lake where families with children go to find recreation every day in good weather.

The sheriff's department was called and the first thing this person was told was that there is a leash law and asked her how old she was...which had nothing to do with this big hunter shooting in a residential area. There was no interest at all about this.

This has come up many number of times to the judge, county sheriff and county commissioners, and anybody that has anything to do with this subject. All they talk about is about how many acres you need to have a fire weapon.

I am going to ask one more time. What are you going to do to stop this shooting? And make up your mind, don't be talking to the real estate people and ranchers and let them away you away from residential areas. I would hate to think that I spent all the money county officials spend to learn something about the law and yet no one knows how to stop this.

This is not the first time we have had shooting here in Lakehills. To me this is a serious complaint and so far is the one serious fault that I have since moving to Lakehills.

Jack Williams
Lakehills

Thankful for fire departments

Dear Editor:
The Medina Fire Department's quick response to extinguish a fire in our house located between Medina and Kerrville prevented the loss of our house.

After making a 911 call there were six to eight firemen on the scene within 20 minutes. Had it not been for their quick response and expertise, our house would have been in ashes.

We hope you will never have the necessity to call the Medina Fire Department for their help, but rest assured they will be there when you need them.

Most of their budget is through donations and we urge everyone to support the Fire Department with donations and also support their annual barbecue on the opening weekend of deer season.

Roy and Jeannette Spears
Aransas Pass

Cold riders helped

Horse Bowl Teams

Dear Editor:
We would like to thank all the riders who turned out for our Horse Bowl Trail Ride last Saturday. Thirty-two riders braved 30 degree temperatures with a wind chill factor in the teens.

We would also like to thank our sponsors and those who came out and helped set up and serve lunch. We could not have done it without you.

Thanks to all of you, our county will be able to purchase the equipment the Horse Bowl team needs.

We will be hosting a practice ride on Jan. 14 at 5 p.m. The public is invited to watch and support our local teams. For more information, contact Corey the Horse Bowl Coach, at 795-4343.

The Bandera County Horse Bowl Teams

Have a safe holiday

Dear Editor:
Last year, 16,000 Americans lost their lives as a result of alcohol-involved crashes. That's one about every 30 minutes. This

is totally unacceptable, as impaired driving deaths and injuries are 100 percent preventable.

This holiday season, hundreds of government agencies, law enforcement officials, community groups, local businesses and major U.S. corporations are banding together to recognize National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month and "Take a Stand Against Impaired Driving."

I encourage you to join this national movement by taking your own stand against impaired driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has set a national goal of reducing DWI fatalities to 11,000 annually by the year 2005. That's almost 6,000 fewer than last year. This is an ambitious goal, one that will require all of us doing our part.

There are a lot of ways to take a stand. First of all, don't drink and drive. Never serve alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21. If you drink, always plan ahead and designate a non-driving driver.

If you are having a party this holiday season, be a responsible host. Serve a wide variety of beverages, including some that are non-alcoholic. Control the amount of alcoholic beverages served—no open bar. Ask alcohol-impaired guests to stay overnight or call a cab to assure them a safe ride home.

Together, we can reach our goal of decreasing DWI-related fatalities and injuries. These are tragedies that don't need to happen.

Roger Raber
Bandera County Judge

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It makes a certain amount of sense. But I say we should all rise up, yes, fellow shoppers, rebel, strike, mutiny, whatever—when the clerk answers the phone and doesn't immediately say, "Please hold for a moment" and attend to you, say your purchases down, or heck, drop them on the floor (non-breakables that is), and leave.

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Driller's lawsuit against Springhills dismissed

A lawsuit brought by Lakehills well driller Murry Walker against the water district's attorney John Houshins was dismissed by the court.

The case was dismissed on the basis of jurisdiction, said Houshins.

Walker's drilling license had been revoked by the state earlier this year and Walker's lawyer asked Springhills to help Walker get his license back, reported Houshins.

Springhills had nothing to do with revoking his license, Houshins told a meeting of the water district's board Thursday night. "Walker has to apply to the state to get the license renewed."

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Bob Turner

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Wednesday, Dec. 13
Sunrise 7:20 Sunset 5:36

Story time, Bandera County Library, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Commodities issue, American Legion Hall, Lakehills, 1:30 p.m.
Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.
Genealogy Workshop, Bandera County Library, 1 p.m.
Medina Rose Garden Club, Garden Center, 2 p.m.
Bandera County Chamber of Commerce, General Membership Meeting, 2 p.m.
Bandera Bank Community Room, 7 p.m.
Bingo, Lakeshore VFD, Wharton's Dock Road, 7 p.m.
Bandera Volunteer Fire Department, Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Lakehills, 29th Street, 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon & 8 p.m.
Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Farm Bureau Office, Bandera, 7 p.m.
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Heritage Class, 10 a.m.; Crocheting, 1 p.m.; Movies, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Thursday, Dec. 14

Sunrise 7:20 Sunset 5:37
Dance Regatta, Ma. Rhetta's Dancers, Alkek School, 6:30 p.m.
Castle Lake Volunteer Fire Department meeting, firehouse, 7:30 p.m.
Western Dance or Practice, Utopia Sr. Center, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.
Native Plant Society, Bandera County, Davenport Hall, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 7 p.m.
Medina School Board meeting, School Offices, 7 p.m.
Bandera Ranch Area Club, 7:30 p.m.
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9176, General Meeting, Post Home, 7:30 p.m.
Medina Lake Betterment Association Membership Meeting, Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.
Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department, General Meeting, Pipe Creek Firehouse, 8 p.m.
Conversational Spanish, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish History & Culture, 11 a.m.; Crafts, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Friday, Dec. 15

Sunrise 7:21 Sunset 5:37
Gift Wrapping, Spirits of Christmas Presents, St. Joseph's School.
Grocery sorting, Spirits of Christmas Presents, Mansfield Park.
Tasting Luncheon, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 11:30-1:30.
Medina Jolly Elders, Medina Baptist Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Blood Drive, Clark House, Bandera, 1-4 p.m.
Medina Lake Shrine Club, American Legion Hall Lakehills, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon & 8 p.m.
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Bridge, 9 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Saturday, Dec. 16

Sunrise 7:22 Sunset 5:37
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17
Sunrise 6:35 Sunset 8:33
Open for games, Silver Sage Corral, 3-5 p.m.
Bingo, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, 6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18
Sunrise 7:23 Sunset 5:38
Bandera Veterans of Foreign Wars #9176 Ladies Auxiliary, Post Home, 2 p.m.
Al-anon, 1301 Mulberry, 6 p.m.
Hill Country 4-H Club, Medina Youth Center, 7 p.m.
Bandera County Artists, Community Room, Bandera Bank, Meeting, 7 p.m.
Line Dancing, All ages, Silver Sage Corral, 7 p.m.
Bingo, Utopia Senior Center, 7:30 p.m.
Woodmen of the World Lodge Meeting, WOW Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Bandera Optimist Club, Harvey's Breakfast Room, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
Medina Masonic Lodge #1319, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon & 8 p.m.
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Low Impact Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Oil Painting, 9:30 a.m.; Ceramics, 1 p.m.; German, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Sunrise 7:23 Sunset 5:39
Flying L Ladies Golf Assoc. 9 a.m.
Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, free confidential assessments for substance abuse, 1207 Cottonwood, 1-800-626-5436.
St. Christopher's Episcopal Women of the Church, Parish Hall, 10 a.m.
Bingo, Lakeshore American Legion, Post 410, 6 p.m.
Pipe Creek 4-H Club, PC VFD, 7 p.m.
Bandera Jr. 4-H, Alkek Cafeteria, 7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.
Bandera County Chamber of Commerce, General Membership Meeting, First State Bank, 7:00 p.m.
Bingo, Utopia Sr. Center, 7:30 p.m.
Medina Lake Players, Lakehills United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Quilting, 9 a.m.; Weaving, 9 a.m.; Melodiers, 10 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Sunrise 7:24 Sunset 5:39
CCSCT-WIC Women, Infant, Children Nutritional Program, 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m., 1 p.m.
Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.
Genealogy Workshop, Bandera County Library, 1 p.m.
Medina United Methodist Women, Youth Center, Medina 9 p.m.
Baptist Women of Medina, 6 p.m.
Bingo, Lakeshore VFD, Wharton's Dock Road, 7 p.m.
Medina Lake VFD training session, Central Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Lakehills, 29th Street, 8 p.m.

Reception honors Stewart

The Bandera Independent School District Board of Trustees will host a reception honoring departing superintendent James Stewart Wednesday, Dec. 13.
Refreshments will be served in the high school cafeteria from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Stewart will be leaving the district to take over the superintendent's position in Marble Falls in January.

Chamber nominees named

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Awards Gala at Lost Valley Resort Ranch on Friday, Jan. 12. The Gala is a time to honor Chamber members to honor those who made exceptional efforts to improve the quality of life and business in Bandera County.

The request for nominees for the Cowboy Capital, Citizen of the Year and Business Community Service Awards was so tremendous it was necessary to form a committee to vote on who to place on the ballot for these awards. Each nominee in every category is very deserving of recognition and it is to be thanked for all they have done to promote Bandera County.

The nominees for the Cowboy Capital Award chosen to be placed on the ballot are Ray Wharton, Bruce Montague, and Rudy Robbins and the Spirit of Texas Band.

Other nominees for the award included Ben Nolen, Kay Welch, Host Gibson, Linda Angelo, Pax Irvine, Bo Chesson, Sean French, Sybil Bruney, Fred Collins, Clay Billings, Conrad Nightangle, Lou Culburn, John Necker and Sybil Broyles.

The nominees for Citizen of the Year chosen to be placed on the ballot were Martin Smith,

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The middle of the day, before neighborhood deer hunters might be out in their blinds, was the best time to head out the gate into The Thirty Acres. We still made a point of hallooing and shouting when we were not down to the corner next to Edna, just in case somebody might be across the fence.

The first time we ever saw The Thirty Acres, we were walking down the slope toward Miller Creek with Mr. Charles D. Lovelace. That was in late fall in 1946. One hundred acres of the historical Paul Moravia place, which had already changed hands once, was for sale again by an absentee owner from Corpus Christi. There were also about 70 acres around the horseshoe bend of the river included in the parcel. We did not realize it at the time, but when the Moravia family was selling off part of their land to settle an estate, they gladly gave up the river pasture. Periodic flooding made keeping up fences and gaps a constant worry and pain, worry and pain we innocently took on at the time (We learned a lot later).

Today we remembered Mr. Lovelace in his old hat and lace-up boots as we kicked through the heavy growth of the coveflower now called Mexican Hat. Nothin'! I eat this wily plant, flavored by greenies because of its distinctive flower but loathed by ranchers. We should have mowed it last summer, not that that would have helped much. It grows on our place in what Mr. Lovelace kept calling a sub-tropical valley. Miller Creek, which disappears underground in several places as it meanders from above Lost Valley to the river, sends noise, rattle sleeping across flat low places here and there.

The creek was running that fall of '46. Little did we know it would dry and how long the years would be before the coming drought would end and good water would seep and ripples coursing once again over the gravel. Farther down the way, the only two horses left on our place came nickering up, hoping for handfuls of oats. Dusty and Blue are geldings not quite long in the tooth, newcomers to the family. All the old horses the kids once rode are long gone to the Big Pasture in the Sky. A few

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Eastern star reaches 75th anniversary

Bandera Chapter No. 643, Charter members were Pearl

Worthy Matron, and Paul Kirk, Worthy Patron, celebrated their 75th Anniversary on Nov. 28. The celebration began with a banquet at Lost Valley Resort Ranch, Dec. 10. The chapter, one of the chapter, gave a brief history of the group.

The festivities continued at the Bandera Masonic Lodge with a fraternal visit by Rosemary Sweetland, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas.

Other distinguished guests were Rennie Oton, Right Worthy Grand Trustee of General Grand Chapter and Paul Grand Matron of Texas, Effie Mae Davis, Member Appeals and Grievances Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas, as well as many friends and members.

The local chapter was organized and made application for a charter on August 16, 1920 and was constituted on Oct. 20, 1920.

Fine Arts group enjoy holiday fest

The Fine Arts Club held their Christmas party in the home of Dennis and Ruth Juren with marvelous views of the Texas Hill Country on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The Bandera High School choral directed by Jerry Neuschwander provided lovely carols.

Fellowship and a gift exchange were followed by a short business meeting.

The Jan. 9 meeting will feature the Heart of Texas Cooking School.

Members are reminded to notify Carmen Boyington, president, before Jan. 1 on the number of guests you plan to invite," said publicity chairman Marjorie Sullivan. "It is impor-

tant that we have the exact number of people who will be attending."

Boyington's phone number is 796-4653.

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Neil Smith, Worthy Matron; Rosemary Sweetland, Worthy Grand Matron and Paul Kirk, Worthy Patron celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 643 in Bandera.

1978, a devastating flood destroyed the lodge hall along with many other buildings in Bandera.

The Masons soon built another lodge hall on Hwy. 173 south and on June 16, 1979 this building became the new home for the chapter.

Those participating in the program for the anniversary celebration included Susan Neuschwander, master of ceremonies; Meleese Rugh, welcome; Kermit Schelle, response; Jerry Neuschwander, invocation; Karen Kennedy, introductions; Dorine Wheeler, history; Rosemary Sweetland, greetings and Paul Kirk, benediction.

Chapter meetings were held on the second floor of the First National Bank on Main Street (now Harvey's Steakhouse).

In September, 1941, the Masons rented the space above the new Langford's Hardware on Cypress Street and the chapter meetings were held there for the next 23 years. The chapter flourished in the years between 1943 and 1947, growing from 54 to 101 members.

In 1964 the Masons built a new lodge hall on Hwy. 16 east of town that was home to the Eastern Star for the next 15 years.

On the morning of August 2,

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---JV Girls tough group to beat...



The Bandera JV Lady Bulldogs get some tips from Coach Stephanie Coates. Breanne Hicks and Kelli Knutson have been the top scorers in the last few games.

Joe Smith's huge deer

When Joe Smith pulled the trigger on the opening day of deer season, he knew it was a nice deer, but he didn't realize he had just killed what could be the largest white-tailed deer ever taken in Texas.

The 12-pointer had impressive antlers with a net score of 143 4/8 Boone and Crockett points, but the body size of this deer was almost beyond belief.

"It took three of us to load the deer in the back of the pickup and we couldn't close the tailgate afterward," said Joe, who lives in Roscoe and works as the service manager at the Ford dealership in Sweetwater.

Joe reported his deer story to an astonished Bill Del Monte, a field wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, who immediately sent a memo to the Austin headquarters, where word of Joe's big deer went ricocheting around the wildlife division.

Back at camp on their Eastland County deer lease, Joe and his hunting buddies attempted to weigh the animal, but it overloaded the capacity of their 160-pound scales.

At the insistence of Joe's friends, he decided to weigh the deer on certified scales at Thornton Feed Mill in Cisco. The large deer drew a crowd of witnesses as it was unloaded and placed on the scales.

"When the lady said 220 pounds, I couldn't believe it and asked if she was sure," Joe said. The woman working the scales, Feed Mill office manager Mossell Phillips, assured him that she was reading the scales correctly and had 38 years of experience to back her claim.

Joe returned home to Roscoe and called Del Monte to have the antlers officially scored for TPWD's Big Game Awards Program, which recognizes hunters and landowners for proper habitat management. Good land management benefits a variety of wildlife species and helps produce bigger deer.

After scoring the antlers, Del Monte verified Joe's story about

the 220-pound, field-dressed weight of the deer by calling the Feed Mill in Cisco and talking with three witnesses. Mr. Thornton said the scales were accurate to plus or minus five pounds as certified by the State of Texas on an annual basis.

According to Del Monte, the peanut and winter grain fields on the sandy land around Joe's Eastland County deer lease, along with abundant rainfall, combined to produce what could be the largest white-tailed deer ever harvested in Texas.

Fishing report:
Water clear; 19 1/2 foot low; black bass to 3 pounds are slow on topwaters and spinner baits fished in shallow water; striped bass are slow; white bass are slow; crappie are slow on minnows; catfish to 5 pounds are slow on cheese-bait.

Lady 'Dogs 7-4

The Lady Bulldogs conquered yet another opponent when they crushed Kennedy 60-38. April Koehler, Abby Nightingale and Heidi Hicks were the top scorers with each girl racking up 11 points.

"Everybody got to play, and everybody scored," Coach Pam Owens said. "It was a good game."

On Monday, Dec. 11, the Lady Dogs smashed Jourdanton in overtime 55-48.

"I thought the kids played well down the stretch when it really counted," Owens said. "They really took care of the ball when it really counted."

Travis Rogers hit the bucket for the Bulldogs to put the team into overtime.

Adrianna Blow was the top scorer with 20 points, and Koehler came in with 12.

The girls record stands at 7-4.

Bandera JV girls beat Jourdanton

The Bandera JV Girls won over Jourdanton on Dec. 11 47-23.

Kelli Knutson was the top scorer with 14 points, 7 rebounds and 2 steals. Carlee Robbins had 9 points, while Breanne Hicks came in with 7 rebounds.

In the Medina Tournament, Bandera JV came out with the consolation win in the 3rd round, beating Natalia's varsity girls 43-39.

In the first round, the Lady Dogs lost to Harper's varsity 34-40. In the second round, the Bandera girls scored over Blanco's varsity.

Susie Roscoe came in with 13 points, 10 rebounds, Breanne Hicks had 12 points, 9 rebounds, and Carlee Robbins had 10 points.

#30 Breanne Hicks was chosen to the All-Tournament team.

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by John M. Grimes

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Medina Bobcats winning some, losing few

The girls...

On Thursday, Dec. 5 the Medina girls hosted Blanco. The JV girls played first, winning 22-20.

For Medina, Joanna Harvey scored 8, Cassie Rice 8, Shelby White added 5, Shanna Schmidt added 3 and Choco Langel and Tiffany Huiar each added 1.

The varsity girls took the court next and won 20-15. Jennifer Reed scored 5, Sherry Lautzenheiser 4, Jana Craddock 3 and scoring 2 points each were Misti Wells, Alicia Mims, Megan Mills and Nikki Rainey. Mills had 20 rebounds.

On Thursday, Dec. 7, the Medina Basketball tournament started.

The girls played Natalia in the first round and won 43-25. Mills had 12 points, Jana Craddock had 10 points, Jennifer Reed 9, Lautzenheiser 6, Mims added 2 and Rainey added 4.

Later in the day, the girls met Kerrville Tivy JV for a very close game all the way through. At half time the game was tied at 14. Medina finally came away with a win of 30-25. Reed had 12 points, Lautzenheiser 5, Mims 4, craddock and Mills

each added 3 and Rainey and Joanna Harvey each added 1.

Saturday found the girls in the championship round against Harper. The first half was a close match ending 15-21, however Harper pulled away and won 29-51, which put the Medina girls as the 2nd place winners in the tournament.

The boys...

Scoring for Medina were Mills 12, Reed 8, Craddock, Mims, Lautzenheiser and Harvey all with 2 points each and Rainey added 1.

The Medina varsity boys met Natalia for first round action at the Medina tournament on Thursday, Dec. 7 and came away winning 57-52. For Medina Bill Simons had 15 points and 11 rebounds. Jordan Vannatter had 15 points and 4 assists. Robert Uribe had 14 points, Cully Doyle had 6 points with 3 steals, Ryan Pipes added 5 points and Rudy Rodriguez 2.

The varsity boys met Sabinal next, who proved to be a tough opponent. Sabinal took the win 48-71. For Medina, Doyle had 19 points, 4 assists and 10 rebounds, Simons had 9 points and 12 rebounds, Vannatter had 8 points and 3 assists. Uribe added 5 points, Pipes 4, and

Nate Shropshire added 4 with 3 steals.

The varsity boys found themselves playing for the 3rd place title against Harper on Saturday. Medina won 48-42. Simons had 13 points and 16 rebounds, Vannatter had 10 points, 10 rebounds and 3 assists, Doyle had 13 points, 11 rebounds and 4 assists. Uribe had 2 points and 3 assists, Bo Evans had 4 points and 3 assists, Pipes added 4 points and Shropshire added 2.

The Medina JV boys played in the Medina tournament on Friday, Dec. 8, where they played San Antonio Christian School first and lost, for Medina Luke Hubble scored 4, and those scoring 2 each were Mic Hubble, Eric Morrison, Ryan Doyle, Jared Simons and Matt Johnson.

Later in the day the JV boys met Hixley-Murphy and lost 52-62. For Medina Mic Hubble scored 11 and had 9 rebounds and 4 steals. Johnson had 12 points, Morrison had 8, Luke Hubble had 10 rebounds, scored 6 and had 3 assists. Joe Cooper had 4 points, Curt Jones and Brad Armstrong each added 3, Amaro Villarreal and Doyle each added 2, while Simons added 1.

Bandera boys basketball action heats up

On Tuesday, Dec. 5 the Bulldogs beat St. Anthony's 71-56 with David Broyles leading the scoring with 21 points. B.J. Chafin came in second with 12 points, while Nate Moehring had 10 and Derek Pfeiffer and Eric Lawlis each added 8 points.

James Lico came in with 5 and Tim Gird had 3.

At the Hondo tournament, Bandera beat Hondo in the first round 77-71 with Pfeiffer coming in with 25 points, Broyles

having 22 and Chafin had 12 points.

Bandera lost to Floresville in the second round 65-68. Broyles was the top scorer with 19 and Lawlis with 16 points.

"It was a real good game," Coach Steve Kidd said.

Bandera played Devine for third place, but lost 55-74.

The junior varsity boys came in second place in the Fredericksburg tournament after beating Comfort in the 1st

round 64-46, and Fredericksburg in the 2nd round 54-51.

In the championship game, the JV boys lost to Boerne and came in 2nd place.

Top scorers in the Comfort game were Kevin Ohnheiser with 11 and Wayne John with 10, in the Fredericksburg game Marcus Qualls with 29.

The JV boys beat Jourdanton 68-33 with Nick Johnson the top scorer with 14 points.

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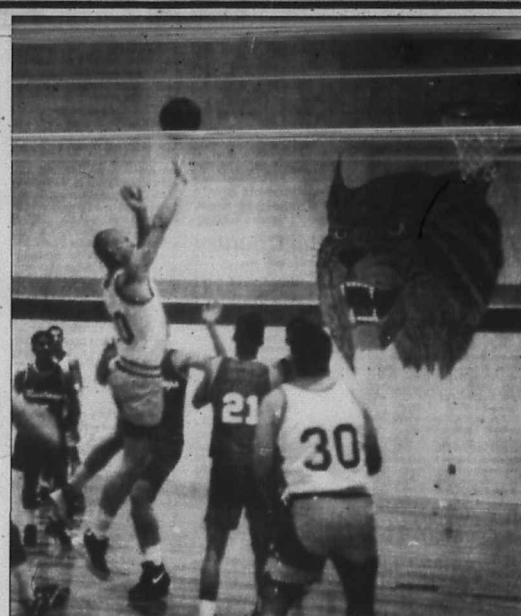
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Medina Bobcat Bill Simons shoots in the Thursday, Dec. 7 Medina win over Natalia as #30 Robert Uribe looks on.

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New animal control officer ready to work

Bandera County's new animal control officer said his background has prepared him for the job.

"I'm a rancher myself," Mark Mayfield said. "I think I can understand and help with the problems."

Mayfield, 27, has lived in Bandera County for 25 years, and worked in Pipe Creek with dogs and one-year-old son Cody.

A graduate of Bandera High School, Mayfield also attended TSTI in Waco where he learned the welding trade.

As animal control officer, Mayfield will deal with all animal problems including livestock, domestic pets and wildlife. He can be reached through the sheriff's office at 796-3771.

Mark Mayfield

Dogs.....cont. from p. 1

public nuisances, according to the code, and once an animal is picked up here, it will spend three days in the pound, and if not claimed, euthanized.

"When we start picking up dogs, it's going to cost the county money," Raser said. "We need to get everybody in harmony."

Raser suggested a warning for the first citation, and an appearance in court and a fine for any following citations.

"If law enforcement is willing to write the citations, the judicial systems must be willing to handle the cases," he said.

"People don't need to be harassed by their neighbor's dog," he said. "People have an obligation to control their dogs, just like they do their children."

Scheele said he had a problem

with the first citation being a warning.

"We've met time and time again and nothing has been done in 15 years," he said.

Raser said it would be a tip to the officer issuing the citation whether or not to make it a warning.

"The idea of a warning is to give people who are concerned the chance to rectify the situation," he said.

Raser said he was asking the people of the county to join this group to alleviate the problem.

"People don't need to be harassed by their neighbor's dog," he said. "People have an obligation to control their dogs, just like they do their children."

Balls of marshmallow flavored dog food will carry the oral rabies vaccine to area gray foxes.

Oral rabies vaccine drop planned for Bandera area Department of Health program should help control fox rabies epizootic

by Carolyn B. Edwards

Local gray foxes can look forward to marshmallow flavored treats, courtesy of the Texas Department of Health and other state and federal agencies in the latter part of January and February.

Tony Hiller with the Department of Health in Uvalde announced this week that the oral rabies vaccine, Rabovax VRG, will be dropped this winter in a large area from the Big Bend region eastward across Central Texas. The vaccine will be inserted into balls made of dog food with marshmallow flavoring.

"It's been discovered that gray foxes have a sweet tooth," said Hiller.

The oral rabies vaccine project is an attempt to stop an epidemic of fox rabies currently spreading across Central Texas. "From January of 1986 to August of 1995, there have been 733 cases of rabies in the region," said Hiller. "Three hundred ninety two of the cases have been foxes."

The region has had 147 cases of rabies recorded this year, up from only 46 last year.

Nearly Ten Green Counties is leading the counties in the region with nearly 100 cases of fox rabies. Uvalde County also has had a large number of cases.

In addition to foxes, other animals diagnosed as having rabies include raccoons, cats, dogs, cows, bobcats, goats and coyotes, as well as llamas and a

rabbit. The administration of the oral rabies vaccine by baiting is relatively new to the U.S., said Hiller, but the procedure has been common in Europe since the 1970s and has been used successfully in Canada.

The vaccine used will be a modified recombinant vaccine, not a live virus. The scientists use a method of coating a non-pathogenic virus with the G-protein from the rabies virus. That tricks the immune system into thinking it has been exposed to the rabies virus and starts the production of antibodies.

Foxes, coyotes and raccoons are effectively vaccinated by ingesting the bait, said Hiller. Other animals may be vaccinated, but that has not been verified. However, said Hiller, it has been determined that the vaccine is safe for cows, dogs and

other animals that may eat the bait. It has been found to be safe on 59 species of animals and birds in extensive tests. The baited vaccine should also be safe for humans, but a health care professional should be contacted in a case of accidental ingestion.

The baits will be dropped from low-flying yellow twin engine Otters. Approximately 70 baits per square mile will be dropped over 16,000 square miles.

Hiller compared the oral rabies vaccine project to the screw-worm eradication program in the early 60s. "We're trying to create a barrier zone to stop the spread of fox rabies," said Hiller. A similar program in South Texas last year is already seeing a drop in coyote rabies cases in that area.

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Bandera County will celebrate its 140th birthday in 1997 and community leaders are preparing for the festivities.

An organizational meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Lightning Ranch in Pipe Creek on Hwy. 1283.

All parts of the county are expected to participate to celebrate the county's history, tradition and diversity.

Co-chairmen of the event are Paul L. Garrison III and Billy Walker. For more information, call Garrison at 589-2233 or Walker at 796-7741.

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Obituaries

Cody: homemaker

Mrs. Irene Cody, 91, of Medina died Thursday, December 7, 1995 at her home.

She was born December 16, 1904 in St. Louis, Missouri and was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church.

She married James S. Cody on September 15, 1925 in St. Louis. He preceded her in death.

Survivors are: daughter, Mary Lou Hapley of Wimberly, Texas; son, Don Cody of Medina; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

A rosary for Mrs. Cody was recited on Friday, December 8, 1995 at Grimes Funeral Chapel with Father Michael

Dawes: submarine torpedoman

Arthur Prescott Dawes, 81, of Bandera died November 29, 1995. He was born February 17, 1914 in Ceres, California and remained a life-long Californian until he moved to Bandera two years ago. He married his wife Betty 53 years ago in October 1942 in Brisbane, Australia.

Mr. Dawes enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1930 and served on submarines as Chief Torpedoman. He retired after 20 years and three months.

Mr. Dawes attended college after his retirement and graduated on the Dean's List.

He was a member of the Elks Club Chapter 2111 in Chula Vista, California for 33 years; a member of the Moose Club and the American Legion Post 80345 of Texas; a member of the Texas State Chapter of Submarine Veterans #5574; and a member

of the Nimitz Silver Dolphin of Submarine Veterans of San Antonio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Ernest and a sister, Helen.

Survivors include: wife, Betty R. Dawes; children, Trina Sandridge and husband Butch of Bandera, Donna Marker of San Diego, California and Richard Dawes and wife Sheryl of San Francisco; grandchildren, Shaun Kingman and husband Frank of Bandera and Geoffrey Merkin of Chula Vista; great-grandchildren, Frank and Andrew Kingman of Bandera; sister, Mary Erikson; nephews, Harold Erickson, Bob Wiley and Brian Parker and niece Beverly Parker, all of California.

Interment with military honors will be held at Fort Rosecrans in San Diego, California at a later date.

Henningsen: dental assistant

Ma. Irene Henningsen, 43, of Bandera died Wednesday, December 6, 1995 in a Kerville hospital. She was born March 8, 1952 in Los Angeles, California and had been a Bandera resident for many years, formerly residing in Hays, Texas. She was a dental assistant and a member of the Catholic church. She was preceded in death by her

husband Michael Henningsen in 1980.

Survivors are: daughter, Erin Henningsen of Bandera; and son, Ryan Henningsen of Bandera.

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

Sligh: U.S.A.F. MSgt (Ret.)

Mr. Gordon G. Sligh, MSgt, U.S.A.F. (Retired), died Tuesday, December 11, 1995 in San Antonio. He was born February 25, 1936 in San Antonio. Mr. Sligh was a member of the Nells Baptist Church in Alamogordo, N.M. and attended Village Parkway Baptist Church in San Antonio.

He was also a member of the Nells Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite and the Eastern Star.

Survivors include: wife, Irene Sligh; mother, Daisy Knight; sons, William G. Sligh, Sr. and Mark A. Sligh; and grandson,

William G. Sligh, Jr.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 1995 at Sunset Northwest Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors and Masonic graveside rites.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 1995 at Sunset Northwest Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Cancer Therapy and Research Center.

Triemert: infant

Jennifer Haasle of Anoka, Minnesota, brother, Dillon Mapple of Hugo, Minnesota; maternal grandparents, Doris and Rodney Zinner; and paternal grandparents, Shelia Rabey and Joseph Quake.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Wiegat: retired on Medina Lake

Mr. Robert "Bob" Wiegat, 78, of San Antonio, died December 9, 1995. Mr. Wiegat was a Lieutenant in the 124th Cavalry during WWII. He worked as a Caterpillar mechanic most of his life and retired living on Medina Lake.

Survivors include: daughter, Sharon A. Haasle of Austin; son, Terry Wiegat of San Antonio; grandsons, Robert T. Wiegat and wife, Cyndi and Eric J. Wiegat; granddaughters, Tracy M. and Jennifer E. Wiegat; and great-grandson, Matthew J. Wiegat.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 1995 at 1:30 p.m. at the Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with rev. Robert Collins officiating. Interment will follow, with full military honors, at Fort



Bridget visits

Clark House resident Beulah Farris pets Bridget the Pottweiler on one of her visits last week.

Choose senior care carefully

When the time comes to arrange for senior care, what can you do to insure the best possible situation for your folks or yourself? What are your choices, and how can you pick a good nursing home, extended care facility, or home care provider?

We at the Office of the Attorney General have drawn up the following guidelines to help you with this crucial decision.

Any long-term care facility should be safe, clean and affordable. It should also offer a compassionate and competent staff, as well as easy access to emergency medical care. You want the type of care that will best fit your needs and budget. Options include an in-home care provider, adult day care, full-time residency in a nursing home or rest home.

In-Home Caretaker

We have all heard horror stories of home care providers taking advantage of the elderly, stealing their valuables or even abusing people entrusted to their care.

What can you do to minimize your chances of hiring an unscrupulous person? The following tips are a start:

• Don't advertise in the classified section of the newspaper. Instead, look for a bonded and insured professional organization that specializes in home care and has extensive experience in the field.

• Get at least three personal and three business references from each applicant, and check every one out.

• Make the initial contact in a public place and not in the employee's home. A restaurant or your place of work are possible meeting places.

• Ask to see the applicant's drug license. Make a copy and keep it in your files.

• Request that your applicant submit to a background check by the police. Call your local police or sheriff's department for details.

Nursing Home/Adult Day Care

There are several steps you can take when you shop around for a nursing home or adult day care. The best starting point is to ask your doctor, friends and family about local rest homes. Draw up a list, call to find out which have available space, and then visit them.

Trust your senses and ask questions. How does the facility smell? Do you have a good general perception? Are things clean and neat? Do the residents appear to be bathed and well cared for? What are the visiting hours? Is the facility convenient to your work and home? Ask about the results of the facility's last state survey and request copies of the survey reports. The facility is required to provide them to you.

Talk to the residents and visiting family members. Are they satisfied and are their com-

plaints resolved? Ask them if there is enough staff to meet resident needs. Drop by during a meal and see if you like the service and quality. You should also stop by weekends, evenings, or in the middle of the night when staff are not on duty. Is the staff attentive and caring when the boss is not around? Talk to the care providers. Are they cooperative and helpful?

When you have narrowed your choices down to three or four, call the Texas Department of Human Services at (800) 252-8018. Ask about the places you have chosen - the department keeps tabs on all licensed nursing homes, adult day care centers and personal care centers.

Ask TDHS if the places you have picked have had a large number of complaints, and inquire about the "termination history" of the facility. That history will highlight any current or past disciplinary problems. Once again, nearly every nursing facility will receive some complaints, but a home with a large number of repeated complaints may not be a good choice.

Finally, please report any substandard nursing home you find to the Texas Department of Human Services.

Guest Columnist: Olga Bolduc

Our Silver Sage Senior Activity Center is a perfect place for seniors to meet their friends and parties. We are always ready to feel and come. The Heritage Study Group of "quilters" have their meetings here every Wednesday for 10 to 12.

Friday, Dec. 8, the Heritage Study Group had a Christmas party for all the different Study Groups in the county. This included Rio Hondo, Williams Creek and the Bluebonnet Study Groups.

Our program started off by a demonstration of how our weekly meetings are held. These very quiet and serious ladies politely sat and listened to lectures on how to improve their skills at quilting and other crafts. Somehow the meetings got out of hand and became sharing, hugging, loving, shouting matches with everyone talking at once and trying to triumphantly "show and tell" their projects. We had a great time, portraying ourselves.

Ladies played a Christmas Carol game, "Name the Tune." This was followed by a skit.

A delicious turkey dinner, catered by Nancy MacMillan, was enjoyed before the groups presented their "Woman of the Year" awards. Phyllis Coon was the Heritage Group's honoree. Phyllis is our historian and has kept our scrapbook since the group's formation. She is also the "keeper of the blocks." Each time we make a quilt, Phyllis has the job of keeping up with all the blocks until the quilt is ready to assemble.

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On Quicker on Printer, on Deadline...

Because of the holidays, the Bulletin will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25 and New Year's Day, Jan. 1. On those two weeks the Bulletin will be mailed on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

Don't forget to get your advertisements and press releases in early for both of those weeks.

Neighbor's caring keeps roofing con grounded

A neighbor's concern for an invalid senior citizen and his family helped the Bandera County Sheriff's Department expose what could have been a costly experience.

A soliciting roofer, distributing business cards for a San Antonio painting company, stated he was "driving by and happened to notice the roof needed to be repaired" at a Lakehills residence. Leaving his ladders at the residence, the roofer advised the homeowner he would return the next day to finish the job.

No contract for work was signed, and luckily, no money exchanged hands. During the solicitor's inspection of the roof a few nails were hammered, which is what aroused the neighbor's curiosity. Knowing that no one in the family could climb on the roof of the house, he decided to see just what was going on. After hearing the homeowner's story, he advised them to report the encounter to the Sheriff's Department.

Investigation revealed that the City of San Antonio Building Inspections Department had no record of the painting company, or the solicitor, and the address listed on the business card had been registered to a San Antonio Dress store for several years. It was also learned that the phone number was not an office but an

answering service taking calls in the solicitor's name.

The roofer was contacted and advised he would be met by Sheriff's Deputies upon his return to the Lakehills residence. At last contact with the homeowner, the solicitor had not returned.

Thanks to a neighbor's curiosity the exploitation of one of Bandera County's senior residents was prevented. The Bandera County Sheriff's Department urges everyone to take part in community policing and prevent crime against our senior and disabled population. Become aware of older citizens in your area. Find out what you can do to make their lives more comfortable and secure.

Sometimes assistance from neighbors and friends can keep an abusive situation from happening.

When you discover older or disabled adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation of any kind, report it to the Bandera County Sheriff's Department at 796-3771 or call the Adult Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Marion Heider
612-22009

Over the Back Fence

Hi, y'all! Brrrr! This weekend was a mite on the chilly side. The ashes in the wood heater are about to flow out the door. Hopefully the weather will warm up enough to get all the coals consumed and we can clean out the ashes.

Sunday we went to the Pipe Creek Christmas Tree Farm and selected a tree. You never saw the like of "This one. No, this one..." and after all were surveyed, we went back to the first one we had picked!

Then the fun started. You can dig your own tree or you can cut one.

Our first tree, which we dug, has done so good it is now too large for the house. We plan to dig, decorate, and plant all our trees in the future. Maybe we will have a Christmas tree forest for our grandkids.

If you decide to dig your own, be sure to take shovels and plenty of elbow grease!

We hear John Cavazos was pretty surprised Sunday, Dec. 3 when his friends threw a surprise birthday party for him. They had Johnny convinced the party was for Bill Angell. He showed up with a card for Bill only to find the celebration was for him. About 75 friends and relatives were on hand. Apparently no one had a hand strong enough to take the stress of a birthday spanking, so Johnny was spared. We hope he has many more surprise parties during the line.

The Christmas party at the Civic Center was a big success. Everyone had a great time. Unfortunately we sat and watched TV at home because we thought it was next weekend.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 the EMS Support Team will have a Christmas get-together for everyone at the Lakehills EMS Barn beginning at 7 p.m.

There will be finger foods and cookies and such. We hope to see you there! This party is for all who are in the EMS Support Team. This means all of you since the community is the support team, right?

Don't forget the Christmas Eve dinner at the American Legion Post 410. They will have turkey and dressing and the works. If you know of someone who would be shut-in and would enjoy a Christmas meal, please contact the people at Post 410 so arrangements can be made.

Our whole family would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All of the comments we have received while writing this column are greatly appreciated. We still cannot believe we are actually writing a column. All my past English and lit teachers probably cannot believe it either!

Keep the notes and calls coming and we will keep looking for you over the back fence!

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Youth center taking shape in Bandera



Tony Kruse, center left, from Bandera American Legion Post 157 presents a pool table to Dennis Thompson, center right, for use in the Ryan Youth Center. Looking on are volunteers who helped unload the table. Below, the crew from D'Spain's Sales and Service puts in the air and heat system.



If the preacher at Bandera United Methodist Church, the American Legion and several other community members and churches have their way, the youth of Bandera County will soon have a nice, safe place to congregate and have fun.

The church has been busily readying the Ryan Youth Center at 1103 Cedar for the past couple

of months. On Thursday, American Legion Post #157 delivered a regulation-size pool table, complete with pool cues, balls and chalk. Spokesperson Tony Kruse said this Legion could have sold the table, and actually got an offer, but decided this was a better use for it.

"We figured the kids of Bandera County were worth

"...the kids of Bandera County were worth more than a handful of dollars..."
Tony Kruse

more than a handful of dollars," Kruse said.

Along with the billiards table, the Post also donated a game table and 12 chairs.

Pastor Dennis Thompson said there have been other contributors as well.

"We also have an anonymous donor who is paying to heat and air-condition the building," Thompson said. "D'Spain Air Conditioning is also donating a considerable amount of labor."

Two ping-pong tables are also in the building, and a volleyball court is in the backyard.

The building is already being used to host after-school parties, and after the first of the year, Thompson plans to open it up for youth-centered activities, Friday evening parties for junior- and high-school students, support groups and other events.

"It will be open for everybody," Thompson said.

Thompson said that all of the churches in the area have been working together on the project. The center can still use some items, including a stove, board games and others. If anyone wishes to donate anything, including money or time, call Dennis Thompson at 796-3849.

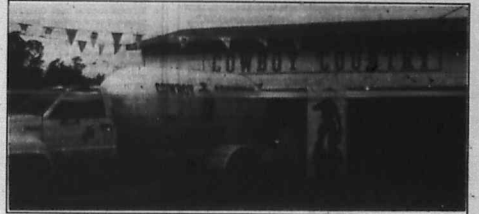
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Bulletin holiday closings

On Dealer, on Printer, on Deadline...
Because of the holidays, the Bulletin will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25 and New Year's Day, Jan. 1. On those two weeks the Bulletin will be mailed on Thursday instead of Wednesday.
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Neighbor's caring keeps roofing con grounded

A neighbor's concern for an invalid senior citizen and his family helped the Bandera County Sheriff's Department expose what could have been a costly experience.
A soliciting roofer, distributing business cards for a San Antonio painting company, stated he was "driving by and happened to notice the roof needed to be repaired" at a Lakehills residence. Leaving his ladder at the residence, the roofer advised the homeowner he would return the next day to finish the job.

No contract for work was signed, and luckily, no money exchanged hands. During the solicitor's inspection of the roof a few nails were hammered, which is what aroused the neighbor's curiosity. Knowing that no one in the family could climb on the roof of the house, he decided to see just what was going on. After hearing the homeowner's story, he advised them to report the encounter to the Sheriff's Department.

Investigation revealed that the City of San Antonio Building Inspections Department had no record of the painting company, or the solicitor, and the address listed on the business card had been registered to a San Antonio Dress store for several years. It was also learned that the phone number was not an office but an

answering service taking calls in the solicitor's name.

The roofer was contacted and advised he would be met by Sheriff's Deputies upon his return to the Lakehills residence. At last contact with the homeowner, the solicitor had not returned.

Thanks to a neighbor's curiosity the exploitation of one of Bandera County's senior residents was prevented. The Bandera County Sheriff's Department urges everyone to take part in community policing and prevent crime against our senior and disabled population. Become aware of adult citizens in your area. Find out what you can do to make their lives more comfortable and secure.

Sometimes assistance from neighbors and friends can keep an abusive situation from happening.

When you discover elder or disabled adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation of any kind, report it to the Bandera County Sheriff's Department at 796-3771 or call the Adult Abuse Hotline at 1-800-292-5400, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Youth center taking shape in Bandera



Tony Kruse, center left, from Bandera American Legion Post 157 presents a pool table to Dennis Thompson, center right, for use in the Ryan Youth Center. Looking on are volunteers who helped unload the table. Below, the crew from D'Spain's Sales and Service puts in the air and heat system.



If the preacher at Bandera United Methodist Church, the American Legion and several other community members and churches have their way, the youth of Bandera County will soon have a nice, safe place to congregate and have fun.

The church has been busily readying the Ryan Youth Center at 1103 Cedar for the past couple

of months. On Thursday, American Legion Post #157 delivered a regulation-size pool table, complete with pool cues, balls and chalk. Spokesperson Tony Kruse said the Legion could have sold the table, but decided this was a better use for it.

"We figured the kids of Bandera County were worth

"...the kids of Bandera County were worth more than a handful of dollars."

-Tony Kruse

more than a handful of dollars," Kruse said.

Along with the billiards table, the Post also donated a game table and 12 chairs.

Pastor Dennis Thompson said there have been other contributors as well.

"We also have an anonymous donor who is paying to heat and air-condition the building," Thompson said. "D'Spain Air Conditioning is also donating a considerable amount of labor."

Two ping-pong tables are also in the building, and a volleyball court is in the backyard.

The building is already being used to host after-game parties, and after the first of the year, Thompson plans to open it up for youth-centered activities. Friday evening parties for junior- and high-school students, support groups and other events.

"It will be open for everybody," Thompson said.

Thompson said that all of the churches in the area have been working together on the project.

The Center can still use some items, including a stove, board games and others. If anyone wishes to donate anything, including money or time, call Dennis Thompson at 796-3849.

Over the Back Fence

Marion Reister
612-2509

Hi, y'all! Brrrr! This weekend was a mite on the chilly side. The ashes in the wood heater are about to flow out the door. Hopefully the weather will warm up enough to get all the coals consumed and we can clean out the ashes.

Sunday we went to the Pipe Creek Christmas Tree Farm and selected a tree. You never saw the like of "This one... No, this one..." and after all were surveyed, we went back to the first one we had picked!

Then the fun started. You can dig your own tree or you can cut one.

Our first tree, which we dug, has done so good it is now too large for the house. We plan to dig, decorate, and plant all our trees in the future. Maybe we will have a Christmas tree forest for our grandkids.

If you decide to dig your own, be sure to take shovels and plenty of elbow grease!

• We hear John Cavazos was pretty surprised Sunday, Dec. 3 when his friends threw a surprise birthday party for him. They had Johnny convinced the party was for Bill Angell. He showed up with a card for Bill only to find the celebration was for him. About 75 friends and relatives were on hand. Apparently no one had a hand strong enough to take the stress of a birthday spanking, so Johnny was spared. We hope he has many more surprise parties down the line.

• The Christmas party at the Civic Center was a big success. Everyone had a great time. Unfortunately we sat and watched TV at home because we thought it was next weekend.

• Tuesday, Dec. 19 the EMS Support Team will have a Christmas get-together for everyone at the Lakehills EMS Barn beginning at 7 p.m.

There will be finger foods and cookies and such. We hope to see you there! This party is for all who are in the EMS Support Team. This means all of you since the community is the support team, right?

• Don't forget the Christmas Eve dinner at the American Legion Post 410. They will have turkey and dressing and the works. If you know of someone who would be shut-in and would enjoy a Christmas meal, please contact the people at Post 410 so arrangements can be made.

• Our whole family would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All of the comments we have received while writing this column are greatly appreciated. We still cannot believe we are actually writing a column. All my past English and lit teachers probably cannot believe it either!

Keep the notes and call coming in and we will keep looking for you over the back fence!

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Dec. 16

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Our 51st Year, No. 25

Home of Jerry Stratton

Two Sections, 22 pages

Christmas Concert

in Bandera
See p. 10

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec. 20: Renee Schulze.
Dec. 23: Ruby Richards;
Johnny & Pearl Schmidt (70
years); Tommy Laskowski.
Dec. 24: Rick Sanders. Dec.
25: Freddie E. Blackstock;
Jesus.

This Week in Bandera County

Today: Dusty's annual ben-
efit party, p. 5.
Sunday: Christmas Dinner
at Post 410, p. 16
Monday: Christmas Day.
Have a good one!

Lake Level

1052.76 feet, 19.24 feet
below spillway level of 1072.
.01feet lower than last
week.

Thought for the Week

If there's a job to be done, I
always ask the busiest man
in my parish to take it on
and it gets done.
—Henry Ward Beecher

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Live Nativity

in Medina
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Classifieds WORK!

To place an ad in the
classifieds, call Terri at
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advertising is 5 p.m. Monday.

Courthouse closed Tuesday, Dec. 26

by Carolyn B. Edwards
Bulletin Editor

While every other government
agency and most private busi-
nesses return to work on
Tuesday, Dec. 26, the Bandera
County Courthouse will be
closed.

Commissioners voted
Wednesday, Dec. 13 to grant
county employees a holiday on
the day following Christmas.
The day had been on the origi-
nal holiday schedule set by
commissioners at the beginning
of the fiscal year, but had been
exchanged with July 5 to give
county employees a four-day
weekend in mid-summer.

Last month the question of re-
instating the Dec. 26 holiday
was on the court agenda, but no
employees spoke up in court for
the change. According to County
Judge Roger Raser, "they were
afraid they might lose their
jobs." If they came to
Commissioners Court about the
matter, The court took no action

on the question at last month's
session.

This time, county computer
whiz Mae Vin Meyer asked the
court to grant the holiday.
Meyer said she had polled the
courthouse employees and most
of them were in favor of it. She
said she had not polled the coun-
ty road and bridge crews.

Meyer said the county employ-
ees were willing to trade a holi-
day on the 1996 calendar for the
extra day.

County employees currently
are entitled to 12 paid holidays,
a minimum of 10 paid vacation
days, and three paid personal
leave days, according to
Commissioner Dan Alanis.

"I think we are more than gen-
erous to our employees," said
Alanis, who opposed the last-
minute change along with
Commissioner Ralph Chaney.

Voting for the move were
Commissioners Barker and
Thompson and Judge Raser.



Over a half ton of food...

Alkek Elementary School
students collected 1,183
pounds of food for the
Spirits of Christmas
resents. The measuring
candy can only
reached the top, but began
dripping to keep track of
all the goodies coming in.
Among the many generous
donors were students
Buck Harfield, Quincy
Schaefer, James Graves
and Stacey Diggs.

School board eyes changes for 1996

After school care at elementary schools being considered

Latchkey children and
the children of teachers
working at Alkek and Hill
Country Elementary may
soon have an opportunity
for supervised after-school
child care.

Michelle Dentinger of
Children's World Learning
Centers presented her
company's program to the
BISD board at their regu-
lar meeting Tuesday, Dec.
12.

Children's World is a
subsidiary of Aramark, the
company that provides
food services for the school
district.

After hearing the pre-

sentation, the board
authorized the administra-
tion to review a contractu-
al agreement with the firm
for further consideration
at the January board
meeting.

Andy Kline, Hill
Country principal, said,
"There is a definite need
for after school child care
at Hill Country School."

Dentinger explained
that the Children's World
program is an educational
enrichment program for
school age children after
school.

The program is set up in

See DAY CARE, p. 16

Pfeiffer accepts top BISD job



Gus "Skip" Pfeiffer

by Carolyn B. Edwards
Bulletin Editor

"TAAS scores will continue to improve and the
Bandera Middle School campus will see needed
renovations and new construction if Gus "Skip"
Pfeiffer has his way as superintendent of the rapidly
growing Bandera Independent School District.
These are the top priorities for the district for
Pfeiffer.

"We do a good job on the TAAS," said Pfeiffer.
"We haven't gotten any warnings from the state,
but I want to see us reach recognized or exemplary
status."
The new Top Dog at BISD pointed out that facility
needs at the elementary have been successfully
addressed and the addition of the Winnie Hicks
Wing and the expansion of the cafeteria at the high
school have eased problems there.

"We need to start doing something at the middle
school," Pfeiffer said. "It's crowded and the build-
ings are old."

Pfeiffer, 51, has

See PFEIFFER, p. 5

Juniors denied downtown prom site

To the disappointment of rep-
resentatives of the junior class,
the Bandera Independent
School District voted to approve
the Wyndham Hotel in the
Colonnades in San Antonio as
the site for the Junior Senior
Prom. The vote followed a
presentation by Junior Class Prom
Committee representative
Regina Montague at the board's
regularly scheduled meeting
held Tuesday night at Hill
Country Elementary School.
The prom committee's recom-
mendation to the board was for
the event to be held at the
Marriott River Center Hotel in
downtown San Antonio.

Board members cited traffic

See BOARD, p. 16

National symbol shot near Utopia

A bald eagle is recovering in San
Antonio after being found with a gunshot
wound on a rural road near Utopia last
Thursday.

State and federal wildlife agencies and
a nonprofit bird of prey organization are
offering more than \$10,000 in reward
money for information leading to the
arrest and conviction of those responsible
for the shooting. All callers may remain
anonymous.

Anyone with information in the case
may call Operation Game Thief hotline at
800-792-GAME. Operation Game Thief is
a program of the Texas Parks and
Wildlife Department that provides a toll-
free, 24-hour phone hotline and offers
rewards of up to \$1,000 to callers whose
information leads to the conviction of fish
and wildlife law violators.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is also
offering a reward of up to \$10,000, which

is half of the amount of the fine for the
offense. The shooting is a violation of the
federal Endangered Species Act, a misde-
meanor punishable by up to one year in
prison.

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both of those weeks.

Jamie Sierra, Jennifer David and Andres Briseno put the finishing touches on their gingerbread houses in Annette Nowell's class at Alkek Elementary School.

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Wednesday, Dec. 20
Sunrise 7:24 Sunset 5:39
CCSCT-WIC Women, Infant, Children Nutritional Program, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.
Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.
Medina United Methodist Women, Youth Center, Medina, 2 p.m.
Live Nativity Scene, Main Street, Medina, 6-8 p.m.
Baptist Women of Medina, 6 p.m.
Bingo, Lakeshore VFD, Wharton's Dock Road, 7 p.m.
Medina Lake VFD training session, Central Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Lakehills, 29th Street, 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon & 8 p.m.
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Heritage Class, 10 a.m.; Crocheting, 1 p.m.; Movies, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Thursday, Dec. 21
Sunrise 7:24 Sunset 5:39
Rio Hondo Extension Homemakers Club Study Group, 2 p.m.
Western Dance or Practice, Utopia St. Center, 7:30 p.m.
Bandera American Legion Post 157 & Aux. Pot Luck Dinner, 6:30 p.m., General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Bandera.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.
Bandera County Helping Hand, Helping Hand Center, 7 p.m.
Medina Volunteer Fire Department, Practice, 7-7:30 p.m.; Business meeting to follow, Youth Center, 7:30 p.m.
Conversational Spanish, 9 a.m.; Spanish History & Culture, 11 a.m.; Crafts, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Friday, Dec. 22
Sunrise 7:25 Sunset 5:40
Medina Jolly Elders, Medina Baptist Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Medina Lake Shrine Club, American Legion Hall Lakehills, 8:30 p.m.
Bingo, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon & 8 p.m.
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Bridge, 9 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Saturday, Dec. 23
Sunrise 7:25 Sunset 5:41
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Sunrise 7:26 Sunset 5:41
Christmas Eve.
Attend the church of your choice!
Open for games, Silver Sage Corral, 3-5 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25
Sunrise 7:26 Sunset 5:42
Christmas Day
Tuesday, Dec. 26
Sunrise 7:27 Sunset 5:42
Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, free confidential assessments for substance abuse, 1207 Cottonwood, 1-800-826-5436.
Flying L Ladies Golf Assoc. 9 a.m.
Bingo, Utopia St. Center, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.
Bandera Volunteer Fire Department, Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.
Hill Country VFW, Pipe Creek Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
Quilting, 9 a.m.; Weaving, 9 a.m.; Melodiers, 10 a.m.; Birthday Luncheon, Noon; Silver Sage Corral.

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Sunrise 7:27 Sunset 5:43
Bandera County Commissioners Court, Courthouse, 10 a.m.
Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.
AARP Bingo Party, Bandera Nursing Home, 2:30 p.m.
Bingo, Lakeshore VFD, Wharton's Dock Road, 7 p.m.
Bandera Volunteer Fire Department, Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Lakehills, 29th Street, 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon & 8 p.m.
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Heritage Class, 10 a.m.; Crocheting, 1 p.m.; Movies, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

ACROSS

- 1 Down cross the line on this (2 wds.)
- 2 Taxman's "largest man" (4 wds.)
- 3 "X" (all square)
- 4 "in place"
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DOWN

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- 2 TX "Comptroller" artist Reid (int.)
- 3 TX "down the road" (quite a distance)
- 4 "I'll lay you one it ain't true"
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Amy Thornber and Dottie Hevener sold 1995 Christmas Cookbooks at the St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Tasting Tea Friday, Dec. 15. The cookbooks make excellent stocking stuffers. A large crowd enjoyed the festivities.

Wharton's Dock
The community Christmas party hosted by the Copper Lantern in Wharton's Dock was a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the karaoke by Claudia. Dana Simmons and Karen Byrd furnished the vitals. Andrea Tondre, Dorothy Rucker and Susan Broa also brought snacks.
The Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department hosted their Christmas party for the children Sunday, Dec. 17. Thirty-one children took part. Thanks go out to Bob Rucker for being

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Area schools in attendance were from Bandera, Boerne, Junction, Cherokee, Marble Falls, Kingsland, Mason, Goldthwaite, San Saba, Comfort, Spicewood, Kerrville, Llano and Fredericksburg. Janet Perkins, GTE coordinator for the distance learning

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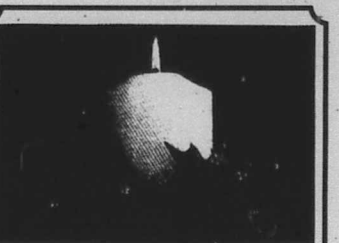
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Pfeiffer.....cont. from p. 1
been associated with the Bandera ISD since 1977 when he came on board as a teacher. He has since served the district as the middle school principal, high school principal and assistant superintendent.
The Bandera ISD board offered Pfeiffer a 3-year contract for \$63,000 per year salary at the December board meeting. As the assistant superintendent he has done a lot of observation at the elementary level. Because of his experience, Pfeiffer says, "I have a good feel for what goes on at all levels of the district."
Pfeiffer sees some of the problems facing public education today arising out of the classroom system. "Let's face it," he said, "the classroom is an unnatural way to learn. The best way for a person to learn is in the presence of God."
He also observed that schools are taking on more and more of the responsibilities once held by families. "As one social unit, such as the family, fails, another social unit takes over."

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Tarpley
Had very light showers Sunday morning, some up to two tenths. Then Sunday night about 9 p.m. there was a blustery electrical storm and a norther but we did not see the hail reported for the Bandera and Tarpley area on Channel 5 News.
Mary Hietalahti reports one and three fourths inches of rain and we had an inch.
Birthdays I missed last week were Olga Schmidt on Dec. 11, Larue Browning on Dec. 18 and Jeanne Shinn on Dec. 17.
In a festive holiday setting, 14 members of the Rio Hondo Extension Study Group enjoyed the annual Christmas salad luncheon at the home of Betty Edwards on Dec. 14.
Following the business and luncheon portions of the meeting, Olivia Richards sang a lullaby, "I see love," Mary's song to her infant child, Jesus.
The group concluded the festivities singing Christmas carols accompanied on the organ by Jan Harton.
A planning meeting for activities for 1996 is scheduled for Jan. 13 at the home of Marie Hood.
Barbara Kosko-Holmes has spent a few weeks at her home near Tarpley, having returned from Sinaloa where she had been on a training program. She had also recently been in South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation working on drug addiction with the Lakota.
Tuesday Barbara leaves for Jacksonville, Florida to visit friends they who are sponsors of her missionary work.
My Christmas wish for everyone: May your Christmas and all your tomorrows be bright with the shining miracles of hope and peace and joy.

Dusty Britches'
8th Annual Christmas Benefit Party at the Silver Dollar **TONIGHT 8-12**
Come join the fun to help the less fortunate of Bandera County this Christmas Season! The music starts at 9pm. Admission is at least 4 canned goods per person, a new toy in it's box or a tax deductible donation. We are expecting many special guest so come out and join the fun!

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Rue: Herman Son's Lodge member

Arthur Street Rue, 57, died Tuesday, December 12, 1995. He was born in Bandera on August 19, 1908 and was a long-time resident of San Antonio.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church and the Herman Son's Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Corinne Rue; son, Roger Rue; grandchildren, Roger S. Rue, Jr., Yvonne Duffin, Cynthia Goodhardt, Brenda Becker and

Carol Rue; 9 great-grandchildren; and a half-sister, Ruth Chaffin.

The Rosary was recited on Thursday, December 14, 1995, at the Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel with Rev. Bernard Meyer as celebrant. Entombment followed in the Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum.

Shanks: retired from civil service

Mr. Dan Shanks, 67, of Bandera died Tuesday, December 12, 1995 in a Kerville hospital. He was born August 5, 1928 in Lima, Ohio and had been a longtime resident of Bandera County. He was a retired procurement officer in the civil service. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era. He was a member of Harlandale Masonic Lodge #1213 in San Antonio and a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge. He married Violet Amatuzo on July 2, 1949 in Columbus, Indiana.

Survivors are wife, Violet Shanks of Bandera; daughters, Suzanne L. Shanks and Sherri R. White, both of Bandera; sister, Rose Eileen Neighbour of Crescent City, Florida; and two grandchildren.

Masonic graveside services for Mr. Shanks were held Monday, December 18, 1995 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery under the auspices of Harlandale Lodge No. 1213, A.F. & A.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the American Diabetes Foundation. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

Stevens: rancher

Mr. Oren Almond Stevens, 79, of Bandera died December 18, 1995 in San Antonio. He was born September 7, 1916 in Bandera and graduated from Bandera High School in 1935. Mr. Stevens was Baptist and had re-dedicated his life to Christ at the age of fifty. He was the youngest son in a family

of eight children, and lived his life as a single man.

He is survived by his sister, Verna Allie Stevens, of Bandera and a host of loving nephews and nieces. Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 19, 1995 at Bandera Cemetery.



Fifth-graders at Alkele Elementary recently graduated from the D.A.R.E. program.



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Clark House resident artist



Clark House resident Joy Gray sits in front of a sample of her artwork.

Vocalist from Pipe Creek participates in competition

Waco -- Tarleton State University student David Rives of Stephenville placed third in the Texoma Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition held recently at Baylor University. Three other Tarleton music students, Ariana Terrell of Longview, Reagan Haynie of Stephenville and April Pringle, also of Stephenville, were chosen by audition to move into the semifinals.

A total of 12 Tarleton students participated in the NATS competition. They included Isaac Chavez, a freshman from Pipe Creek; Dan Collum, a senior from Deedemona; Monica Guerrero, a junior from Graham; Russell Hill, a freshman from Granbury; Justin Hodges, a junior from Killen; Connie Ingram, a senior from Granbury; Robert Quinene, a junior from Killen; and Rebecca Russell, a graduate student from Georgetown.

The Texoma Region of NATS includes Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and some 800 voice students from the high school to graduate levels competed in the 14 divisions. Voice and choir directors who are members of NATS are eligible to recommend students for the

Silver Sage

Guest Columnist: Terry Lockhart

As a new volunteer at the Silver Sage Corral, I have learned a lot about what goes on here every day of the week. Like a lot of people I had the wrong idea of what the Senior Center was all about. Not everything here is geared just for seniors. Everyone is welcomed.

Maybe you would like to volunteer some time and help out. Or stop by and pick up a schedule of all the activities that we offer during the week. You might find something you would like to join.

Also, as a reminder, the Center will be closed Christmas day, but will reopen the 26th. As you already know, there will be no birthday lunch this month, but we do want to wish all of these people a Happy Birthday: Marjorie Sullivan, Bea Bradley, Muriel Munns, Bettie Studstill, Kay Welch, Cecil Ingram, Patricia Walker, Doris Marshall, Taylor Wootton, Ruth Whitehead, Maye Stevens, Mary Garcia, Lila L. Sprott, Gwen McCullough, Helen

Center at the same time. The Tuesday morning quilters are looking for additional quilters (or anyone who would like to learn). Quilting starts at 9 a.m. and ends approximately at noon. These ladies quilt for the public and the proceeds go to the Silver Sage. Come on down and join the fun.

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DARE graduates share thoughts on drug resistance program

I think the most important thing I have learned is to value myself. If people have high self-esteem, they will be less likely to fall victim to drug abuse. Jennifer Wilson

The D.A.R.E. program has taught me to stay off drugs by showing me what they can do to you, how sick they might get you, and how you can hurt not only yourself, but other people if you do drugs. - Kyla Kowalski

I hope I can go through school without even being asked to do drugs, but if I get asked, because of DARE, I will know what to say. NO! My dream is to go to college and be a veterinarian.

but if I do drugs that dream would never come true. - Casey Haver

The only reason I need for staying-away-from drugs and violence is the stories Officer Belton told us. The most important thing I learned is that I should not let others influence what I do. - Jack Marshall

I learned that you don't have to act cool by doing drugs, you are already cool just being nobody but you. I think it is

Time nears to file for city council seats

Election day is May 4, 1996 and the deadline for getting your name in the hat is March 20, 1996. In the last election, 69 citizens turned out to vote. The first day to file an application for a place on the ballot for the city election is Jan. 19, 1996. Up for grabs are the seats belonging to Mayor Robert Skinner, Herb Kuykendall, Jeanette Bridges and an unexpired term currently held by Denise Griffin. Mayor Skinner told The Bulletin that a lack of time was the primary reason behind his decision not to seek re-election. "It's important that whoever runs realizes that the job requires a lot of time," said Skinner.

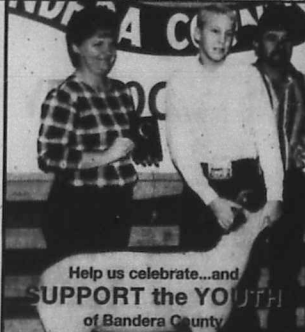
Rodeo finals in Waco this month

The PRCA Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo will come out of the chute Dec. 28-31 in Waco. The top 15 cowboys and cowgirls in Texas compete to qualify for the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo.

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Wedding

Naill-Andrade



Amy Michelle Naill and Anthony Manuel Andrade were united in marriage on September 30, 1998 at The Farm Country Club in Bandera. Justice of the Peace Mike Smith officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Betty Kauffman of Bandera and the late Mr. Kenneth Naill, Jr. of Ft. Morgan, Colo.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Olivia Andrade of Bandera and the late Antonio Andrade.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Melissa Gomez of Bandera. Bridesmaids were Rebecca Lindquist, Andrea Naill and Alisha Naill, all of Colorado. The flower girl was Jordan Heitschmidt, the bride's niece, from Colorado.

Best man was Leroy Brown of Bandera. Groomsman was Eduardo Stein, Jr. of San Antonio, Scott Rogers of Spring Branch, and Johnny Gonzales of Bandera. Ushers were Eric Gnetet of San Antonio and Kenny Naill of Colorado. The ringbearer was Hilda Gonzales, friend of the groom.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Bandera High School. She is currently working at The Main Cut hair salon in Boerne.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Bandera High School. He is currently employed by Rineer Manufacturing in Boerne.

The couple took a short honeymoon and will reside in Pipe Creek.

Bulletin Board

The Teen Challenge Choir will be presenting a Christmas program at Community Assembly of God on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Heidi Klussen at 589-7239 for more information.

The Hamman Ranch will hold a Winter Camp from Dec. 28 through Jan. 1, 1999. The camp is a horsemanship camp for girls only, ages 12-16 and will offer three full days of riding lessons, ground lessons in saddling, care of the horse and grooming. There will also be campfires and sing-a-longs at night and a chance to see old friends and meet new ones.

Call 713-659-2733 for more information.

Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church will have its annual Christmas Eve worship service this Sunday, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. The service will feature children of the congregation enacting the Christmas story as it is read by members of the Dick Westley family. Phineas Washer, the pastor, will present a brief meditation on the Christmas message. Communion will be served followed by a candle lighting. All are welcomed. Call the church at 535-4775 for more information.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and Grace Lutheran Church will be sponsoring weekly meetings on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Christopher's. The meetings are designed as support groups for those who need someone to talk to, and people who are looking for focus and acceptance. "Join us in our weekly effort to support each other," Father Don Lee said.

For more information, call Father Don Lee at 796-4387 or Pastor Glenn Moehring at 796-3091.

Military

Martinez
Navy Airman Michael A. Martinez, son of Robert L. and Elisa V. Duarte of Bandera was recently selected as Bluejacket of the Quarter aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Martinez was chosen as the top performer from among all the Sailors assigned to the command and was cited for outstanding professional accomplishment, proficiency, leadership, initiative and military bearing.

The 1993 graduate of Bandera High School joined the Navy in 1994.

Schmidtke
Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer William L. Schmidtke, son of Leslie W. and Cecilia M. Schmidtke of Bandera, has returned to Gaeta, Italy from a three-week goodwill deployment while serving on the staff of the commander of the U.S. Sixth Fleet embarked aboard the flagship USS La Salle.

Schmidtke is one of nearly 140 Sailors and Marines who serve on the staff of the admiral in charge of U.S. Naval Forces in the Mediterranean Sea. The deployment was an opportunity for senior Sixth Fleet staff members and USS La Salle crew members to meet with their military counterparts in Croatia, Italy and Slovenia. It was also a chance for Schmidtke and fellow Sailors and Marines to see new sights and serve as American ambassadors of goodwill.

The 1975 graduate of Bandera High School joined the Navy in 1975.

Santa Claus will be at El Jacalito's Mexican Restaurant in the Bandera Lodge on Hwy. 16 for pictures with children on Sunday, Dec. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



This sweet little angel probably went pretty fast at The Angel Boutique at the St. Christopher's Annual Tasting Luncheon last Friday.

Business income tax workshop scheduled
For people just starting a business, the IRS announces a free Small Business Income Tax Workshop in San Antonio, co-sponsored by the Small Business Development Center. The workshop runs Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at UTSA Downtown, 1222 N. Main.

Topics include recordkeeping, self-employment taxes, selecting a business structure and IRS procedures.

No reservations are required, but seating is limited and admission is on a first-come, first-served basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance.

For further information, call IRS Volunteer and Education Programs at 512-499-5439.

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News

Live nativity tonight in Medina

Merry Christmas to all and a good night to many. Medina's live nativity scene in front of the MacNaughton's from 6-8 p.m. tonight, Dec. 20.

There are quite a few lights in and around Medina this year. Mr. and Mrs. Eads out on 337 is really pretty.

I'm seeing Mr. and Mrs. Eads place all decorated up in minutes around Medina. It was a real treat for everyone to see. Wouldn't it be nice to have some Christmas scenes all around the apple grounds with lights for all to enjoy?

On Dec. 21 the Post Office will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. serving punch and cookies as a thank you to all the customers.

Hospital Notes
Clara McWilliams recently had gall bladder surgery but is home and doing fine. Her husband, Laverne, fell off a roof but didn't break any bones or hurt anything.

Lynda Coates has returned home after surgery.

W.O. and Duncan Hatfield are both home from their ordeal.

Eva Jean Keesee was admitted to Sid Peterson Hospital over the week end and will undergo testing this week.

Mildred Exum went to Houston this past Tuesday to see her doctors at M.D. Anderson. She will probably be there awhile.

Ariel Klepper from Waco is visiting her dad and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Klepper for the holidays.

Will Hatfield is home for the holidays from San Houston University at Nacadoches where

he is working on his master's thesis. He is a former Medina student, graduated with his master's degree from San Houston this week.

Birthday
Dec. 22: Rose King, Jigge Burch, W.C. Johnson. Dec. 23: Mildred Exum. Dec. 24: Jan Townsend, Ann Hinds. Dec. 25: Elayne Mills, Sue Keesee, Gary Mansfield. Dec. 26: Doug Townsend. Dec. 27: Charles and Medina Goodenough golden anniversary.

Several programs are going on at the churches, one being the adult one class at First Baptist Church. Thirty-two members gathered for their annual Christmas party this year. The room was filled with a brightly lit and decorated tree and beautiful table centerpieces.

After enjoying a turkey dinner with all the trimmings they sang carols and played games.

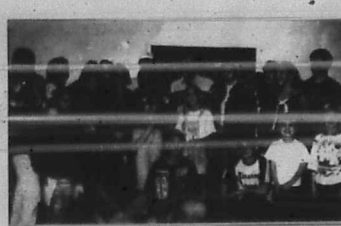
On Dec. 17, the Christmas Story, Through the Eyes of the Friendly Beasts, was presented at First Baptist Church by the children and the church choir directed by Tammy Knepper.

The children wore costumes of the angel, camel, cow, donkey and sheep. The characters made up the traditional scene centered around the stable.

All of the familiar carols were sung and the program closed with Shannon and Tammy Knepper singing O Holy Night and then performed the candle lighting by all those present.

Afterwards, refreshments were served and goodies passed out to the kids.

Kathleen Skeen recently spent a weekend in Fortnites for



The members of the Bandera County 4-H Horse Project presented a plaque of appreciation to Morris Whitney of the Horseman's General Store. Whitney donated a saddle, belt buckles and ribbons to the 4-H Open Horse Show held in September.

Medina Menus
Tuesday, Jan. 2
Teacher in-service day. Student holiday.

Wednesday, Jan. 3
Pizza, french fries, green beans, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday, Jan. 4
Italian spaghetti, spinach, black-eyed peas, applesauce, hot rolls.

Friday, Jan. 5
Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, and pickle, pinto beans, corn chips, sliced apples.

FFA chapter brings home awards
The Medina FFA chapter took four teams to the district leadership contest in Boerne Nov. 29.

The Medina Skills Team did a demonstration on how to apply asphalt shingles and placed first, qualifying for the Area Contest. Team members are Edwin Browning, advisor, David Derry.

The Senior Chapter Conducting Team placed fourth. Members are Shelley White, Tiffany Huizar, Mir Hubble, Zach Joseph, Lucas Hubble,

Erin Keesee, Carl Vestal, Cody Warden.

The Junior Chapter Conducting Team also placed fourth. Members are Brandi Page, Brad Armstrong, Amaro Villareal, Kelly Phillips, Cole Evans, Johnathan Johnson, and Edwin Browning, advisor.

The FFA Quiz Team placed sixth. Team members are Casey Evans, Lucynda Reeves, Misti Garrett and Nikki Rainey.

Shelley White, Medina FFA Reporter

Pre-fab construction should speed Medina school project

A new construction method is being used to speed up the construction building and classroom additions for Medina Independent School District. The method will result in substantial savings without sacrificing quality or appearance, said Frank Callahan, designer.

Callahan of Callahan & Associates, Fourth World, used the Speed Fab-Crete precast concrete building system in designing the new facilities.

The construction method allows site preparation and foundation work to proceed while precast concrete walls for

tured for shipment and erection at the appropriate time.

The Medina projects are a 3,000 square foot administration building, a 10,000 square foot elementary school addition, and renovations/expansions to the high school.

Medina is among six school districts in Texas recently under contract with Callahan & Associates for various new facilities costing less than \$55 per foot.

Spring completion dates proposed to Medina ISD board

Mike Qualls, construction supervisor for the building project at the Medina school, reported to the MISD board that dirt work and base were nearing completion on the project.

Foundation work on the elementary school and business office began on Monday, Dec. 18.

Qualls presented a schedule of building phases which target April 1 as the completion date for the business office and May 1 for the completion of the elementary school.

The board also unanimously approved a change in local policy regarding advanced placement exams. The new policy reads: "Students shall be eligible to take a proficiency examination after their parent/guardian has had a conference with the principal and approval is granted."

Students will be granted approval of credit upon successfully passing a proficiency examination with 70 percent or greater."

In personnel matters, the board approved Stan D. Anderson as a substitute teacher.

The regular board meeting date for January was moved from Jan. 11 to Jan. 18 because of the stock show. The Mar. 14 board meeting was moved to Mar. 7 to avoid meeting during spring break.

Current enrollment in the MISD stands at 362 students.

Board members Randy MacNaughton, Wes Sawyer, Linda Barton, Neal Keiser, Andy Lautenheiser, and Lowanna Sides were present. Keith Keesee was absent.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST AT CAMP BANDERA, Lawrence Ray Smith; Worship, Sunday, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD; 307 11th Street, 796-8456; Sun. School: 9:45 a.m.; Sun. School: 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, Sat. Eve. 7:30 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.

COWBOY CHURCH 903 13th St. Ronnie & Judy Christian; 796-7027. Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.

EXPECT A MIRACLE CHURCH West Main, Angelo & Jan Talbi, 462-4024. Worship, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH; Frank Pullin; 796-4171; Worship: Sun. 10:55 a.m.; 7 p.m.; Sun. School: 9:45 a.m.; Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7 p.m.

GRACE TEMPLE (PCOQ); Hwy. 16 & Polly Pl. Drive, 796-7007; Tim Martin; 460-4213; Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Worship: 11 & 6:30; Weds.: 7:00 p.m.; Thurs.: Youth 7:30 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH; Glenn Moehring; 796-3091; Worship: Sunday 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Day Care Mon-Fri. 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

HILL COUNTRY TRINITY GOSPEL CHURCH; 1 mi. N Hwy. 16; Daryl Kelley; Sunday School: 9:30; Worship: 10:30; Sunday eve. 6 p.m.; Wed. eve. 7 p.m.

Jehovah's Witnesses, Kingdom Hall; 8th & Pecan; Public Talk, Sun., 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower, Sun. 2:20.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS; 14th & Hackberry Linden Wheeler; 796-4313/510; Worship: Sunday 11 a.m.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S; Don Lee; 796-4387/460-4656; Sun. School/Bible Study: 10 a.m.; Worship: Sun. 11 a.m.; Fellowship Dinner, 1st Wed. 7 p.m.

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH; Michael McManus; 460-4712; Mass: Sat. 5 p.m., Sunday 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Catechism: (fall/spring) Sunday 9:30 a.m.

TEMPO CAMINO NUEVO; Joel Garcia; 13th & Hackberry; Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study, Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH; Doris Thompson; 796-3845; Worship: Sunday, 10:45 a.m.; Sun. School: 9:30 a.m.; aft. Fellowship: 10:20.

WALKER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH; Kenneth F. Brown; 460-3237; Sunday Worship: 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.; Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Wed.: 6:30 p.m.

MEDINA
CHURCH OF CHRIST; Derrel McElathery; 569-2468; Sunday:

Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Wed. Bible study & choir practice, 7 p.m.

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BAPTIST CHURCH; Don Spencer; 562-3470; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; Sunday evening: 5 p.m.

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VANDERPOOL
COMMUNITY CHURCH; Jim Boyd; 966-3420; Worship: Sunday, 7 p.m.; Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH; James Dudley; Mass: Sunday, 11 a.m.

LAKEHILLS
FAITH CHURCH; Bob O'Dell; 612-2481/751-2953; Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.; Sun. School: 9:30 a.m.; Women's Bible Study, call for info.

LAKEHILLS BAPTIST CHURCH; Mark Clemons; FM 1283; Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 7 p.m.; Sunday Youth 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Service: 8:30 p.m.

PIPE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH; Phineas Washer; Little Rock Church, Hwy. 16; 535-4775;

Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study & choir practice, 7 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH; Bill Stegmuehl; 751-2404; Worship: Sun., 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Sun. School: 9:20; Wed. Prayer Group, 7 p.m.

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BAPTIST CHURCH; Jimmy Linn; 966-3686; Worship: Sun. 11 a.m.; 7 p.m.; Sun. School: 9:45 a.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.

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LIVING WATERS CHURCH; Hwy. 1050, Robert Richarz, 966-2416/2426; Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Worship: 11:10 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST; Jeff Sweeten; 966-3620/6114; Worship: Sun. 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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Pipe Creek firm gets Utopia school bid

The Utopia school board voted at their meeting Dec. 11 to accept the bid of TCM out of Pipe Creek to build their new school facility.

The approximately 8,000 square foot building will be located South of the present school and will house a new library, science lab, computer lab, tax office and superintendent's office.

Holiday schedule announced

Utopia school administrators announced the following activities for the holidays.

Jurek earns honors at TSTC

Terry Dale Jurek of Utopia is listed on the President's Honor Roll for the summer quarter at Texas State Technical College in Waco.

Basketball practice is scheduled for Utopia players on Dec. 21, 27, 28 and 29.

A teacher workshop was held on Dec. 18 and report cards were mailed on Dec. 19 and should have arrived on Dec. 20.

The gym will be closed from Dec. 22-Dec. 26 in accordance with ULI policy.

There is a basketball tournament scheduled for Dec. 30 at Rocksparks.

School resumes on Jan. 3.

Holiday tournament hosted in Alvin

The Alvin, Texas Neon Lions Club presents the largest high school basketball tournament in Texas Dec. 28-30.

For more information about the Holiday Basketball Classic, call 713-331-8375 or 831-8068.



DARE Officer Mike Bolton congratulates Utopia fifth graders who graduated from the DARE program. The special ceremony was held Dec. 12.

Utopia elementary students complete DARE program

The Utopia fifth graders graduated from the DARE program on Tuesday, Dec. 12. What is DARE? The letters stand for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. The program began in California to inform kids of the dangers of drugs and gangs. It has been expanded to include dealing with stress and other things kids come in contact with today.

Utopia's fifth graders had the opportunity to participate in the program this year with the assistance of the Bandera County Sheriff's office.

Deputy Mike Bolton has been a frequent visitor to the mentor of the program here at the school. For the graduation ceremony, Colby Bomer led the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Bolton did the introductions, Superintendent John McFadin gave a message and the guest speaker was Sheriff James MacMillan.

Eleanor Prest and Travis Sutherland read personal essays the students wrote about the DARE program.

Market Report

Gillette Livestock Inc.
Dec. 13, 1995
Cattle - 1700 hd.

Steers & Heifers choice grades 1.00-2.00 higher. Packer Cows: 22.00 to 34.00 cwt.; Bull: 38.00-47.00 cwt.; Heifer Cows: 30.00-45.00 cwt.; Cow & Calf Pairs: 75.00-640.00 yr.

Medium & Large Frame #1 Steers. Hfrs. 200-500 lbs. 20.00-25.00; 500-600 lbs. 25.00-30.00; 600-700 lbs. 30.00-35.00; 700-800 lbs. 35.00-40.00; 800-900 lbs. 40.00-45.00; 900-1000 lbs. 45.00-50.00; 1000-1100 lbs. 50.00-55.00; 1100-1200 lbs. 55.00-60.00; 1200-1300 lbs. 60.00-65.00; 1300-1400 lbs. 65.00-70.00; 1400-1500 lbs. 70.00-75.00; 1500-1600 lbs. 75.00-80.00; 1600-1700 lbs. 80.00-85.00; 1700-1800 lbs. 85.00-90.00; 1800-1900 lbs. 90.00-95.00; 1900-2000 lbs. 95.00-100.00.

Choice Lamb: 21.00-22.00 cwt. 50-70 lbs. 22.00-23.00 cwt. 70-90 lbs. 23.00-24.00 cwt. 90-110 lbs. 24.00-25.00 cwt. 110-130 lbs. 25.00-26.00 cwt. 130-150 lbs. 26.00-27.00 cwt. 150-170 lbs. 27.00-28.00 cwt. 170-190 lbs. 28.00-29.00 cwt. 190-210 lbs. 29.00-30.00 cwt. 210-230 lbs. 30.00-31.00 cwt. 230-250 lbs. 31.00-32.00 cwt. 250-270 lbs. 32.00-33.00 cwt. 270-290 lbs. 33.00-34.00 cwt. 290-310 lbs. 34.00-35.00 cwt. 310-330 lbs. 35.00-36.00 cwt. 330-350 lbs. 36.00-37.00 cwt. 350-370 lbs. 37.00-38.00 cwt. 370-390 lbs. 38.00-39.00 cwt. 390-410 lbs. 39.00-40.00 cwt. 410-430 lbs. 40.00-41.00 cwt. 430-450 lbs. 41.00-42.00 cwt. 450-470 lbs. 42.00-43.00 cwt. 470-490 lbs. 43.00-44.00 cwt. 490-510 lbs. 44.00-45.00 cwt. 510-530 lbs. 45.00-46.00 cwt. 530-550 lbs. 46.00-47.00 cwt. 550-570 lbs. 47.00-48.00 cwt. 570-590 lbs. 48.00-49.00 cwt. 590-610 lbs. 49.00-50.00 cwt. 610-630 lbs. 50.00-51.00 cwt. 630-650 lbs. 51.00-52.00 cwt. 650-670 lbs. 52.00-53.00 cwt. 670-690 lbs. 53.00-54.00 cwt. 690-710 lbs. 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UPPER MIDDLE CLASS

Hi, y'all! Hey, only five more days until Christmas. Have you gotten all your shopping done yet?

We are going to make the rounds of all of Lakehills the next few days and see all the homes and businesses that are decorated and lighted. We will do a judging and present a section of the old back fence as a reward for all the work and imagination that has been put into the displays.

We hope to do this each year and maybe it can be expanded to the whole county. This would sure light up old Bandera County during the holidays, wouldn't it?

So, if you see us cruising around, be sure the lights are on and you're out there waving.

We want to wish Betty Baxter belated happy day. We don't want to say how young she is but we would have had to have the whole fire company out to control that many candles on one cake! Just kidding, Betty!

Carol Lobert reminded me about the New Year's Eve party at the Civic Center. This event is as much a part of Lakehills as a fire department barbecue, but for you newcomers, the dance will go from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30

a.m. Don't wait too long to make your reservations. Call Silvia Granbury at 612-2818. We will have a designated driver so we can have a quiet New Year's Eve!

There are enough bad drivers out there without some tipsy ones adding to the problem. If you find yourself in this category and don't have a designated driver, give a friend a call and recruit some sober help. We want all our friends to be able to enjoy this whole new year with us!

Don't forget the Christmas Eve dinner at the American Legion Post 410. It will be from 1-4 p.m. If you know of a shut-in who would like a meal delivered or someone who needs transportation to the dinner, call John Cavaas or Liz White and they will make the arrangements.

Time marches on and as usual we are several steps back. We wish all of you a very merry Christmas. Be sure to take some time just to remember the glorious occasion we are celebrating with these holidays.

Till next week, we will be looking for you over the back fence.

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a "club" atmosphere complete with membership cards.

Age appropriate children's take place in a variety of areas including homework supervision, drama, arts and crafts, science and athletics.

Activity centers are set up in the school cafeteria or other suitable area. All the equipment, stored in movable, lockable units, is provided by Children's World.

Dentinger assured the board that aside from the manager, the staff will be hired from the local community. Children's World provides management, staff training, all insurance and supplies.

The child care service would be available from 3:30-6:30 p.m. for approximately \$31 per week. Parents would be charged only

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and safety as concerns justifying opposition to the downtown site.

The motion to approve the Wyndham Hotel, which was the prom committee's second choice, was made by Rand Hicks.

In other business, the board heard a very positive report on the school district's finances and record keeping from the auditor, Don Cormie of Padgett, Stratemann and Company.

"The district's finances are in good shape," said Cormie.

The board awarded the contract to the same firm to serve as auditors for the 95-96 school year following the audit report.

On behalf of the board, president Margaret Parades presented a plaque to outgoing superintendent Jim Stewart in recognition of his accomplishments while heading the administration of the school district.

Stewart responded by saying that the BSD board is one that cares about the kids. "This isn't an easy community to spend money in," said Stewart, "but the board always put the kids first."

Awarded a contract to

for the hours the child is under supervision.

Dentinger said Children's World would not compete with local day care centers because they would serve a different type of child, providing for elementary school age children after school only.

"We need approximately 25 children to cover our costs," said Dentinger. "In an informal survey, we found 50 possible customers already at Hill Country."

The need for the services at Alkek Elementary will be investigated.

Children's World opened their first on-site facility in 1989 and now owns and operates more than 500 child care centers in 23 states throughout America.

—Carolyn B. Edwards

Parmer, Steen, & Young, P.C. to serve as the district's tax attorneys for the 96-97 school year.

After meeting in executive session, the board reconvened in regular session and employed Gus H. Pfeiffer to serve as superintendent. The motion was made by Pat Cleaver, seconded by Scott Parker and the vote was unanimous.

The board accepted the resignations of Jamie J. Frey, instructional aide at Alkek; Carolyn Sanders, special education instructor at Alkek; and Sheri Stewart, Middle School librarian.

The board agreed to hold a special board meeting Monday, Jan. 8 to consider architects who wish to submit conceptual drawings of the Middle School facilities construction and renovation.

The board agreed to hold regular meetings on the second Monday of the month until March. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Middle School.

All board members were present for the meeting.

—Carolyn B. Edwards

Museum board plans to republish history book



The Frontier Times Museum board of directors include (Back row) Bob Perry; G. Ronald Bradley; Annette Kalka-Schulte; Dave Army, vice president; Carmen Hicks; and Johnny Boyle; (Middle Row) Julian Tallichet, treasurer; Billy Walker; Linda Palmer; Patsy Muller, secretary; and Melissa Rugh. (Front) Pat D'Spain, president; Nettie Saul; Helen Edwards. Not pictured, Peter Chapman, Spot Wright and Ruth Risinger.

The Frontier Times Museum board is making plans to republish the book entitled "History of the Frontier Times Museum," written by J. Marvin Hunter Jr. a number of years ago.

The book chronicles the history of the museum and the articles in it.

"This reprint should be very interesting to Bandera County citizens," said board president

Pat D'Spain, "because if you live here, you are one of the owners of the museum."

The book will be available after the first of the year for \$2.

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I want a power ranger and a bike and a drum set and candy canes and a football and a baseball bat and a basketball and some markers and a camera and some BOOKS!

I want, I wish Daddy could get a Christmas tree. I want a baby doll, I want lots of candy for Christmas, that's all. I forgot roller blades.

I would like one of those little pink cars that you can talk to Barbie on the phone. And I would like a dolly that has a pink and blue dress. And lots of healthy snacks to share with my family and some little toy horses that can bend and flex.

I would like some paint. Katy would like some paint, too, some finger paint. I would like some blankets for my whole family. I would like a new choo-choo train. I need some batteries. Bring us some money. That's all!

I want a puppy dog and a bicycle.

Kindergarten students in Mrs. Truxal's, Mrs. Combs and Mrs. Dickinson's classes at Hill Country School may have visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads this time of year, but they also have a clear vision as to how to make proper connection with Santa Claus to make their wishes known. They exercise their writing skills and go right to the source!

Legion hosts free Christmas dinner

The Lakehills American Legion Post 410 will hold their annual Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 24 from 1-4 p.m.

The party features a free turkey dinner and the public is invited to participate, said a post spokesperson.

"We'll have traditional caroling and Santa will arrive around 3 p.m. for the kids," he said.

The Christmas dinner is a public service of the post held every year.

If anyone knows someone who might need transportation to the dinner or who might need the meal delivered to their home, call the post commander John Cavazos at 612-3203 or the auxiliary commander Liz White at 610-4246.



Happy Holidays

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by Bungy

The sun had set, the big rolling chandeliers in the distance turned pink. The Courthouse Christmas lights twinkled on.

Over 200 Banderans gathered to watch as local churches put on "The Nativity Story."

There were five stages set up right in front of the Courthouse on Main St., each depicting a part of Jesus' birth. The scenes began with Mary and Elizabeth's visit and ended with the manger scene, with a greedy sprinkle of angels, shepherds with softly bleating sheep, and three wise men (in flowing robes and cowboy hats, 'cause this is Bandera!) The crowd moved from stage to stage as each read and acted out their scene from the Bible.

Then all were invited up to the lawn where a choir led them in the singing of carols. Song sheets and candles were handed

out and between the sounds of carols drifting up into the oak trees, the candles lighting up the faces, little shepherds and angels sweetly singing, it was quite a sight.

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--provided by Doc Nuanes

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and on earth peace, good will
toward men."

-- Luke 2:14

Christmas blessings to all.

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May your joys be many,
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Joe Russell



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SEASON**

May love and happiness
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wishes to you and yours
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"What does Mrs. Claus do while Santa is delivering gifts on Christmas Eve?"

Kara Quarles - Mrs. Claus is making cookies. I'd have to look, but I'm sure she puts up her Christmas tree and decorates it.

she bakes cookies and bakes food for the elves so that they can eat supper. She is also getting ready for bed so that when Santa

Mrs. Claus is at home making toys for next year.

Amanda Herndon - She is probably cooking dinner for when Santa gets back. Then

John Murphy - Hum, what is she doing?

Harry Hayes - Probably cooking for Santa and probably making another red suit for next year.

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GOOD WISHES ALL SEASON LONG

Enjoy the spirit and warmth of Christmas,
and please accept our profound gratitude
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Happy Holidays!
**BANDERA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**In the
tradition of
Christmas cheer,
we'd like to extend
our sincere thanks for
your friendship this
past year! May your
season abound with love.**

Mayan Dude Ranch



When Christmas approaches, we turn our thoughts to your dear friends and patrons. We send you our heartfelt blessings and our hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations throughout the world. Thank you for your ever-loyal support and friendship.

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What kind of things does Santa do after he has delivered presents?

• He'll turn off the sleigh, turn off the lights and go to sleep.

Butch Jamison.

• He feeds his cat, warms his feet, eats chicken and corn, then goes to bed.

Shannon Goodenough

• He goes back home and takes off his jacket and goes inside his house. He eats cookies and milk and drinks coffee. He tells the elves to wait until next Christmas and he goes and sits in his chair.

Carter Quinn

• After he delivers it, he eats cookies and milk. Maybe that's why he likes them so much. He puts on his pajamas before he goes to bed. He has red pajamas!

Andrew Smith

• He makes more presents!

Cody Scales

How does Santa get into your house while you are sleeping?

• I don't have a chimney. We leave the

Myriam

• Pop in and out the door. He's magic. He gives me presents.

Johnny

• Chimney. He disappears and sucks into the chimney. Then he gets inside the house and puts presents under the tree.

J.D.

• He comes down the chimney. The fire is off. He uses boots to make it not hot.

Stacey

• He flew inside with his bag of toys. He ate the cookies and drank the milk. The elves made the toys. He saw me and smiled at me.

Echelle

• He goes through my door with his reindeer, tip-toeing and then he puts the presents under my tree.

Logan

• He goes down the chimney. He leaves us presents. Then he eats our cookies and milk.

Patrick

• He comes through the door probably 'cause I don't got a chimney. He puts presents under my tree. Santa put two water guns under my tree, one for me and my brother.

Courtney

What does Mrs. Claus do while Santa is out delivering presents?

• Mrs. Claus is going out looking at lights and driving around in the car, and she gets to have a lot of fun. Then she comes to get me to go to the North Pole for a visit. She borrows Santa's sleigh to take me home with.

Matthew Aldridge

The Texas Department of Public Safety is estimating that as many as 35 people will be killed on roads during the Christmas holidays.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS... SAFELY!

To prevent accidents and injuries you should:

- Wear safety belts and use child seats.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Give yourself ample time to reach your destination.
- Don't drink and drive.
- And, of course, never drink and drive.

The DPS wishes everyone a safe trip home for the holidays.

We would like to wish everyone a blessed holiday season, and to thank all of our loyal customers of the past year. We will be looking forward to seeing you again in 1996. We will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 28 through Jan. 1, 1996 and will re-open on Jan. 2.

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GINGERBREAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION—Amber Sarate and Karl Hayes were assisted by volunteer parent Debbie Hayes to build their gingerbread houses for Christmas in Annette Novell's class at Alkek Elementary School. The kindergarten students enjoyed tasting the "mortar" and testing the stress factor of the graham cracker roofs with loads of M&Ms, red hots, mints and licorice ropes.

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May the warmth of the holiday season blossom with each passing day.
Many thanks for growing with us.
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MATCH THE PRINT: For packages that look professional, be sure to match the print at the seam, and avoid splitting large designs—such as Santa's face in half. Small patterns or stripes are easiest to match.

USE TWO-SIDED TAPE: Another professional touch can be achieved by using two-sided adhesive tape to affix the paper. Folding the edges of paper and placing the seam on the edge of the package also creates a neat look.

CHOOSE A GIFT WRAP THEME: Consider selecting a theme or color scheme—such as bright colors if kids will be part of the holiday activities, or gold or metallic wrappings with simple patterns if a more elegant look is desired.

BE CREATIVE WITH RIBBON: Avoid the urge to place a single bow on top of a package. Adding a strand of ribbon around the box eliminates the thrown-together look. Use a ribbon shredder or bow maker to create new styles, or wrap wire ribbon around a pencil to create a spiral to cascade off gifts.

TAKE CARE OF THE GIFT WHEN TRAVELING: When traveling with gifts, wrap the boxes before leaving, but pack ribbons and bows separately to protect them.

—from The Container Store

With Well Wishes
May you enjoy good health and good fortune in the year to come. Happy Holidays and many thanks for putting your trust in us.

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Fireworks at Mansfield Park.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec. 28: Jennifer Reber. Dec. 29: Zachary Schmidt, Brooke Midkiff. Dec. 31: Dawn Reber, Margaret Duff, Stephanie Sheppard. Jan. 1: Diane Whiteley. Jan. 2: Dan Zavorka.

This Week in Bandera County

Don't miss the fireworks at Mansfield Park on Sunday night at 8:00 p.m. Have A Happy New Year!

Lake Level

1052.67 feet, 19.33 feet below spillway level of 1072.09 feet lower than last week.

Thought for the Week

I'd rather lose in a cause that will someday win than win in a cause that will someday lose.

—Woodrow Wilson

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Have A Happy New Year!

Classifieds WORK!

To place an ad in the classifieds, call Terri at 796-3719 today. DEADLINE for ALL advertising is 5 p.m. Monday.

Some county workers to be drug tested soon

by Carolyn B. Edwards
Bulletin Editor

Bandera County Commissioners Court worked its way through a long agenda at their regular December meeting, Dec. 13. All commissioners were present.

• The court heard a request from Patty Adamson, chairman of the Bandera County Historical Commission, for a place to store historical records.

• Commissioners agreed to get started on preparing the base and paving the parking lot on the property of the First Baptist Church adjacent to the Courthouse.

The court has negotiated a five-year contract with two-year extension options with the county to use the parking lot during the week in exchange for the paving.

• County Judge Roger Raser informed the court that the county school fund had received \$206,000 from Ashola Exploration Company as the result of a \$25 per acre bonus paid to buy up oil leases from Albert Alkek. Alkek owned land in Maverick that had been school land, but reserved the mineral leases for the Bandera County School fund.

The funds will be dispersed to the four school districts in Bandera County according to their attendance.

• Commissioners passed a resolution supporting an amicus brief filed by County Attorney Kerry Schneider concerning a law suit involving Elgin Bank vs. Travis County regarding the interpretation of LGC Chapter 232. Schneider told the court that Chapter 232 has to do with subdivision regulations. Her brief supports Travis County in the case, saying, "counties need strong standards for subdivisions. If the law is not clear on regulations, then the law needs to be changed."

• The court approved the new County On-Site Sewage Facilities Order as revised by TNRCC.

• The court tabled a discussion on changes in regulations and fees for the use of facilities at Mansfield Park.

• The court approved the order to the Bandera County Flood Plain Order.

• Executive assistant Doyle Haner explained to the court new procedures and regulations for the drug testing of county employees with commercial drivers licenses.

"Every employee with a CDL driving county vehicles will be tested initially," said Haner. After the initial test, a random sample of 25 percent of the employees will need to be tested annually.

70-year-old roadie remembers working with the country greats

Not many people can say that they have had a song written for them by a famous recording artist, but Ben Dorcy—possibly one of the oldest roadies around—has had that honor bestowed on him by Waylon Jennings.

"Big Ben's a living legend, and he'll outlive us all," goes the song, and "Here's to the good Ben Dorcy, the one who will never fade."

Dorcy got his start working for musicians in San Antonio when he was a young adult.

"I just liked country music and helping out the bands," Dorcy said. He's now 70 and works for Willie Nelson.

"I kind of take care of the bus, see that it's clean," Dorcy said.

The country crooners who Dorcy has worked for reads like a hall-of-fame list. They include Hank Thompson, Faron Young, Ray Price, Patsy Cline, Ernest Tubb, Jim Reeves, Marty Robbins, Web Pierce, Lee Harison, and George Chambers.

Dorcy said he was the first band boy to go on the road with Hank Thompson in the 1950s. Band boys are called roadies now.

After that gig, he traveled to Nashville and while working for Ray Price met Willie Nelson, who was a bass player in the band.

Dorcy has a number of friends in Bandera, including Arkey, Don and Frankie Stewart, and Ken Stroud, who he visits from time to time.

He and Willie Nelson will be at the San Antonio Livestock Show on Feb. 9, 1996.

Bandera County Judge Roger Raser congratulates Sheriff James MacMillan.

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A pie for a principal



Sportingly taking a pie in the face, is Mr. Andy Kline, principal of Hill Country Elementary School. This honor belonged to Kurt Magerle, of Mrs. Workman's 5th-grade class, for being the top seller in one of the school's largest fundraising projects, the catalog sales.

1995 - A look back

1995 was a year of triumphs and defeats in Bandera County.

It is impossible to list all the good things that occurred, just as the not-so-good. But through it all, the residents of our county—both new and old—came through, as usual, with spirits and hopes high.

Bandera County lost a dear and treasured friend when Albert Alkek died, but his legacy lives on—as the school districts recently found out with a monumental windfall resulting from Alkek's farseeing vision.

Bandera Downs closed, and many fine and valued community members were forced to seek employment elsewhere. Some stayed, and have gone onto different and imaginative enterprises, and we wish them well.

Hill Country Elementary opened to the delight of many students, parents and teachers—and the new school is a favorite among those attending.

The city residents passed the Economic Development Tax, which when realized, will help alleviate the water and sewer problems that have plagued the city.

The new Bandera City Park opened, and was used heavily during the summer by many who enjoyed the hard work of all who contributed.

BISD Superintendent

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Sheriff receives compliance on jail

All of the hard work and effort on the part of Sheriff James MacMillan, his jail staff, and county administrators has paid off as the sheriff received a letter of commendation from Jack Crump, the executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

The letter states in part, "I am advised that your jail has received its certification attesting to its compliance with Texas Minimum Jail Standards. Congratulations! This accomplishment demonstrates superior day to day management and interest on your part."

"The citizens of your county should be as proud of you as is the Jail Commission," MacMillan gave most of the credit for the glowing report to his employees.

"The jail staff has been working very hard to insure that we run a safe and secure jail that meets the compliance laws of Texas," he said.

Bandera County Judge Roger Raser said the letter is a welcome change from past communications from the commission.

"I think this is very significant," Raser said. "We had been receiving a lot of flack from them before Sheriff MacMillan's term. He is a good sheriff."

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Meeting Dates

Bandera City Council
2nd Monday City Building 7 p.m.
Bandera ISD Board
2nd Tuesday HS Library 7 p.m.
County Commissioners Court
2nd & 4th Wed Courthouse 10 a.m.

Recollections of the Past...

Haven't I seen these guys in the mall?...

The Lipan Apache men who lived in what is now known as Bandera County sported a strikingly unusual hair style. On the left side the hair was cut off even with the top of the ear. On the right side the hair was allowed to grow as long as it would.

The end of the long side was brought up near the ear and tied off to form a loop.

The men plucked their facial hair, including eyebrows and sometimes their eyelashes.

The women wore their hair long, parted in the middle and single braided in back or left loose.

Both sexes wore earrings and the men often had as many as eight holes in their left ears. Usually only one or two earrings were worn in the right ear.

Feathers and body and face paints were additional enhancements.

—taken from Valley of the Light Moon
a manuscript by Earl S. Hardin Jr.

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Opinion

Questions "unnatural"

Dear Editor:
Was the statement attributed to new school superintendent Pfeiffer in the Dec. 20 Bulletin accurate? I refer to the quote: "Let's face it, the classroom is an unnatural way to learn."

Ignoring the obvious fact that a classroom is a "place," not a "way," all 17 years of my formal schooling took place in classrooms! Not once did I consider that my classroom was an unnatural place (or way).

What better location does he propose?

Should we send the little dears out to sit in lotus position under a mulberry tree and commence with their karmas? Can discipline, order and information be better impacted at The Silver Dollar At Wal-Mart?

If classrooms are an unnatural place (or way) to learn, does Gus plan to sell Alkek Seminary to Garden Ridge Petroco and hold classes under a cedar tree? Does his statement that property owners will soon have no need to reluctantly fork over excessive taxes to support more - ever more - of these classrooms where our children learn in an unnatural way?

Is this a goofy statement, or what? Is this sort of "educational leadership" worth \$63,000 per year?

Yours truly,
Steve Muller
Bandera

Thanks VFW

Dear Editor:
In our previous "Thank You" note concerning our daughter's accident, we failed to mention a very valuable group of people. The VFW Post here in Bandera very graciously let us borrow a wheelchair. We just want to apologize to them. They were not forgotten, just accidentally left out of the printed Thank You, but always thought of fondly for being there when we needed them.

Very sincerely,
Jim Debbies,
Kayla and Travis
Chastain.

Youngster cares

Dear Editor:
Enclosed is a letter my son wrote to President Clinton. I am sending you a copy

Letters should be 300 words or fewer, signed and include the writer's phone number and address. All letters are subject to verification. Letters will be edited for length, taste and legal reasons. The opinions expressed in letters and columns on this page are those of the individual writers.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lynell Williams & Ed Stuebing
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—The Texas Department of Public Safety is estimating more Christmas and New Year's traffic accidents than any other time of the year due to high traffic volume, long trips and the probability of increased accidents because of higher speed limits.

"With this increase in the speed limit, motorists are going to have to drive even more carefully this holiday season," said Lt. Col. Dudley Thomas of the Department of Public Safety.

Based on federal law changes that went into effect Dec. 8, Texas' speed limit rose to 70 mph for daytime driving and 65 mph for nighttime driving.

The DPS estimates as many as 35 people may die on Texas roads during the Christmas holidays, compared with 32 who died during the same period last year. For the New Year's holiday, the death toll estimate is 40, compared with 33 fatalities in 1994.

During both holiday periods, all available DPS troopers will be on the roadway looking for traffic violations and assisting motorists.

of it so the people who read your newspaper will know that there are still some "young" people who still care and want to make a difference.

Please print this so he will know that there will be people who care just as much as he does. We are waiting for a response and as soon as we receive one, we will forward it to you.

Thank you,
Susie Pierce

Dear President Clinton,
Hi, my name is Brad Pierce and I am 10 years old. This is the second time I have written you.

I am writing to you today to ask you a couple of questions about sending our troops to Bosnia.

First, why did you send the troops to Bosnia when we have our own problems? Our government has shut down twice due to a lack of money. Yet you still send the troops to Bosnia which costs a lot of money. I think we should take care of our own problems before we go and help other people.

Second, if we have this money to send the troops then why can't we help our homeless and somehow get them off the streets? I don't want to sound mean, but we need to take care of our own people before we take care of other countries.

Waiting for your response,
Sincerely,
Brad Pierce

Class reunion?

Dear Editor:
I would like to know if there is a class reunion planned for the Bandera High School Class of 1967.

If anyone is planning one, please contact me at 813-521-4031 or write 4720 72nd Ave. N., Pinellas Park, Florida 34665.
Sunny Walker Ely

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Medina, TX 78055
(512-589-2844)
Checks should be made payable to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 161

Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale County, Texas, were in Bandera today to support the program.

Sharp said the program was designed for middle-class Texas who don't have enough money to qualify for needs-based scholarships and other kinds of scholarships.

Kika won't seek re-election. U.S. Rep. Elegio "Kika" de la Garza announced last week that his 18th term in Congress would be his last.

the Mission Democrat, who has represented South Texas since 1965, said he would spend the remainder of his term focusing on policy, not politics, but Austin American-Statesman reported.

Next year will be the most critical until the end of the century. I feel I have to devote all my energies to this (body and a racing) effort and cannot let a campaign distract from it.

But De la Garza, 66, served for 14 years as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

Combs Among Finalists for State Rep. Susan Combs, R-Austin, is one of four finalists for the executive director's post at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

The agency investigates abuse and neglect of children, enforces child support, and places children in foster and adoptive homes and licenses and regulates child-care and day-care centers.

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It's been a pretty hectic week around my house. My lovely sisters came to visit with their wonderful husbands and of course, the best part was the special nephew. I don't get to see them very often and I am depressed over their leaving.

I hope that 1996 proves to be a good year. My wish list is: no more senseless deaths due to drunk drivers. I hope that the rise in speed limits doesn't equal out to a rise in deaths on the roads.

Once again, my main New Year's resolution is to stop smoking.

There is a boy in the Make-A-Wish program who wants to be entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for possessing the most business cards for two days in a row when he has called saying he has nothing to wear. It is growing way too fast. It.

Of course, some things got a little neglected, as my son has reminded me for many days in a row now when he has called saying he has nothing to wear. It is growing way too fast. It.

I have completed my first year as editor of The Bulletin. It can be a high stress job and very exhausting, but on the whole it's a job that I feel comfortable in. I don't even mind the folks who call in to complain about my mistakes—unless of course, they are the third or fourth complainer of the day. Then I tend to get more than a little testy.

So, if you call in 1996 with a complaint, you might ask me first which number you are for the day. If you are #1, feel free to fire away. But if you are #3, you might want to just quietly hang up and call on another day.

Looking back at 1995, I am reminded that we lost some special people here in Bandera County. Among them were Winnie Davis Hicks, who taught generations of Bandera

County students; Albert Alkek, whose generosity often came to our aid; and Kirk Whitehead, a young man who left us too soon.

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Year.....cont. from p. 1

Three local men to the hospital. They were John Eddington of Bandera, and Harold Atkins and Cliff Neville of Lakelilla.

Elementary began a donation drive to help Katy Kidd, a local girl with brain cancer.

Three Bandera County women were recognized as Woman of the Year for their outstanding club work and community service. They were Olga Bolduc, Patsy Christian, and Lorene

The Bandera Banders football team were named the All-Southwest Area Team and Coach Mike Williamson was named the All-Southwest Texas Coach of the Year.

The Chamber of Commerce announced its 1994 awards. They were: Cowboy Capital Award, Mary Anderwald; Citizen of the Year, Peggy Huffman; Business Service Award, Rodeo Chevrolet; Directors Award, Johnny Boyle; Volunteer of the Year, Frances Peterson; Hunter's Bar-B-Que

Following the resignation of Phil Becker.

Glen Cox, 35, of Kerrville was found shot to death in his truck on FM 2828 on Jan. 3.

A major accident on Hwy. 16

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ated for the TASSP Academic Excellence Award.

Jan. 18 - The 1996 Bandera County Junior Livestock Show raised \$100,158.65. Jason Thielen said the grand champion steer for \$3,259.50 to friends of Rhea Mansfield. Stephanie Sells won the Jr. High Point Award, while Abby Nightingale won the Sr. High Point Award. The Hubert Mazurek Award went to Alanna Low. Misti Wells won the Larry Baneck Award and Keith Mitchell was awarded the M.R. Sandage Award. The Bandera Masonic Lodge Award went to Kevin Munn and Sam Walker was the recipient of the All-Reininger Memorial Award.

Jonathan Moore, 19, of Pipe Creek was arrested and charged with capital murder in the slaying of San Antonio Police Officer Fabian Dale Dominguez. Moore was arrested in Bandera County after a high speed chase by SAPD.

Steven Duke, a senior at Utopia High School and James Mansfield, a graduate of Medina High School were nominated by Congressman Lamar Smith to the United States Naval Academy and Merchant Marine Academy. Ryan Gerrens, a senior at Bandera High School was nominated by Smith to the United States Military Academy.

Jan. 25 - A cake drive held for local cancer victim Katy Kidd raised \$5,101.14.

The 26th Annual Cowboy Capital Trail Ride sets out for

the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

Gary Ott comes on board as Medina School's new superintendent.

TNRCC granted BMA's application to amend its certificate of adjudication to authorize the use of up to 65,830 acre-feet of water per year from Medina Lake for multiple uses. About 150 supporters of LAMCOS attended the meeting in Austin to protest the action.

Local vet clinics respond to the rabies threat by holding rabies clinics.

The Sizemore family lost everything when their mobile home was destroyed by fire.

Ernest Bankier won a new pickup truck in a raffle held by Johnny Boyle, Paron Bazrea and Billy Walker to raise funds for a new show barn.

Bandera buried three beloved residents this week: Winnie Davis Hicks, Lita "Sam" Raser, and Charlie Manurek.

The Lakelilla Baptist Church topped their Phase I building with a 15-foot steeple.

Feb. 1 - Record amounts of pollen in the Hill Country air has just about everyone in Bandera County suffering.

Local Bandera County veterinarians sponsor rabies clinics to stem the tide of a rabies epidemic in south Texas.

County Commissioners voted to rescind a hunting ordinance aimed at stopping hunting in subdivisions. The commissioners also

accepted the donation of his new land on FM 1288 to use as a location for a JP office, a police substation and a voting site.

*Fires damaged the home of the Hughes in Hume Beach, near the home of George and Ellen Tipton in Utopia.

Bandera High School sophomore Regina Montague was selected as an Ambassador to the 1996 West Texas Leadership Summit.

Feb. 8 - Kitty and Rugeley were named winners of the football signed by the varsity.

Misti Wells, of Medina, won the Senior Showmanship Award at the Kerrville District Junior Stock Show against 300+ competitors.

Bandera High School senior Jason Hearn signed a 4-year football scholarship to Southwest Texas State University.

Rodger Childs, Carole Goodenough, Shonda Brice, Candace Ponton, and Lawrence Rose, Jr., graduated from Schreiner College's Vocational Nursing Program.

Stephanie Logue picked up her box of candy she won in the Bulletin's Valentine's contest.

Feb. 22 - The Bandera had her essay about "Random Acts of Kindness" Express News.

Feb. 22 - The Bandera Elementary.

Bandera County deputy Sheriff Mike Bolton returned from training to become the

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Sunrise 7:27 Sunset 5:43
Bandera County Commissioners Court, Courthouse 10 a.m.
immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.
ARP Bingo Party, Bandera Nursing Home, 2:30 p.m.
ingo, Lakeshore VFD, Wharton's Dock Road, 7 p.m.
Bandera Volunteer Fire Department, Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Lakelills, 29th Street, 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon & 8 p.m.
alking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Heritage Class, 10 a.m.; Crocheting, 1 p.m.; Movies, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Thursday, Dec. 28

Sunrise 7:28 Sunset 5:43
Foodmen of the World Youth Meeting, WOW Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Creek Volunteer Fire Department Training Meeting, Firehouse, 7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.
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Alcoholics Anonymous, Lakelills, 29th Street, 8 p.m.
alking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Bridge, 9 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Friday, Dec. 29

Sunrise 7:28 Sunset 5:44
edina Jolly Elders, Medina Baptist Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
ingo, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon, 8 p.m.
alking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Bridge, 9 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Sunrise 7:28 Sunset 5:45
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31

Sunrise 7:28 Sunset 5:45
orship with your family today!
pen for games, Silver Sage Corral, 3-5 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, 8 p.m.
ew Year's Eve festivities. Choose a designated driver.

Monday, Jan. 1

Sunrise 7:29 Sunset 5:46
ew Year's Day, Enjoy black-eyed peas and football.
merican Cancer Society, Bandera Unit, First State Bank, 2 m.
ine Dancing, All ages, Silver Sage Corral, 7 p.m.
kanon 1301 Mulberry, 6 p.m.
Bandera Optimist Club, Harvey's Breakfast Room, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 1301 Mulberry, Noon & 8 p.m.
alking, 7:30 a.m.; Low Impact Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Oil painting, 9:30 a.m.; Ceramics, 1 p.m.; German, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Sunrise 7:29 Sunset 5:47
Flying L Ladies Golf Assoc. 9 a.m.
Pipe Creek Extension Homemakers, 1 p.m.
Bingo, Lakelills American Legion, Post 410, 6 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 1301 Mulberry, 7 p.m.
Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, free confidential assessments for substance abuse, 1207 Cottonwood, 1-800-826-5436.
Eighty Eight Club, Utopia Sr. Center, 7:30 p.m.
Tarpley Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.
Auto/Harp Melodist Sing for Bandera Nursing Home, 11 a.m.
Quilting, 9 a.m.; Weaving, 9 a.m.; Melodiers, 10 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Sunrise 7:29 Sunset 5:49
CCSCT-WIC Women, Infant, Children Nutritional Program, 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m., 1 p.m.
Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.
Bandera Electric Co-op Board of Directors.
United Methodist Church Women, Lakelills United Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m.
Baptist Women of Medina, 6 p.m.
Bingo, Lakeshore VFD, Wharton's Dock Road, 7 p.m.
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Smith will seek re-election

Congressman Langer Smith will seek re-election next year. Papers were filed with the Secretary of State of Texas Dec. 19 to have his name placed on the March 1996 primary ballot.
"As we make real progress in returning government to citizens, my privilege continues to be to serve the residents of the 21st Congressional District," Smith said.
In the last three general elections, Smith has received either the most votes or the largest winning-margin percentage among Texas' 30 members of Congress.
This year, Smith was a chief architect of key provisions of the Contract with America. He chaired the working group that developed the balanced budget and line item veto provisions.
As chairman of the House



Ready Teddy, the mascot of the EMS spent time at Alkek and Hill Country Elementary schools last week. Ready Teddy taught the students about safety, health and EMS. Teddy's message to the kids was, "Remember these things in an emergency, kids, stay calm, act fast and get help."

Boerne auditions for "The Butler Did It"

Auditions for "The Butler Did It," a comedy thriller, will be held 7-9 p.m. at the Boerne Community Center, 1207 Cottonwood, 7-9 p.m. The Boerne Community Center, 1207 Cottonwood, 7-9 p.m. The Boerne Community Center, 1207 Cottonwood, 7-9 p.m.

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1996

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Bandera, TX
460-4970

BHS student aid night 1/8

Bandera High School will host a Financial Aid Information Night on Monday, Jan. 8, 7-9 p.m. in the High School Library. The seminar is for any interested student and parent, but is especially pertinent to those parents of juniors and seniors. The featured presenter for the evening will be Pat Jost, financial aid officer of Schreiner College. She will address the financial aid process and stress important calendar dates one must follow in order to receive financial aid.

OLLU grad

Bandera resident Kelli O'Keefe earned her bachelor of arts degree from Our Lady of the Lake University this December. O'Keefe is a graduate of Bandera High School, was one of 312 students earning degrees from the university this December. Patrick H. DeLeon, Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, delivered the commencement address.

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Hope everything comes up roses in the new year and beyond!

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Customers Like You Are Really Something To Crow About

By the time you find this issue of the Bulletin in your mailbox or pick it up at the store, it will be one day after the day after Christmas, or to be precise, the day after St. Stephen's, which was Dec. 26.
That was the day in legend when Good King Wenceslas looked out to see the snow all round about, deep and crisp and true. Then, when the moon light, though the frost was cruel, a poor man came into sight, gathering winter fuel.
The old song, you remember, goes on to tell how the saintly king, the medieval patron of Bohemia, summoned his page to bring him, if we recall rightly, bread and wine and pine logs. Then off went page and monarch through the cold wind's will lament to the house of the poor man, bearing gifts of food and warmth probably never dreamed of by the family which received them.
"Therefore Christian men be sure, wealth and rank possessing, Ye who now shall bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing."

The Feast of Stephen was in old tradition always a day to bless the poor, observed in England as Boxing Day. No, not a day of pugilistic events, but the day when the lords of the manor gathered up all the leftovers from Christmas celebrations, packed the tattered goodies into boxes, and made the rounds of the tenant cottages on the estate. Yummy fragments of plum pudding were no doubt gratefully received by the peasantry.
As England became a nation of shopkeepers, the custom arose to give gifts of money on the legal holiday declared on the first weekday after Christmas. Recipients were employees, door-men, postal carriers, and other lesser beings who had rendered service to Mr. Scrooge through the year. A "Christmas Box," originally of earthenware, was used to collect the money over the preceding period and then broken up Boxing Day to be shared but again the wealthy.
In studying legend and history, we can see where our ideas of Christmas giving to the "less fortunate" have arisen - food baskets, Elf Louise, Blue Santa, Salvation Army kettles, Spirit of Christmas Presents.
And now, thirty years after the Great Society tried to turn that giving into so-called entitlements doled out by the Government, we're faced once again with the question of how to go about sharing food and warmth - and money. Ever-growing welfare demands for help are bankrupting the nation. Rush Limbaugh says to turn everyone a-lose and let them find jobs in this greatest of all lands of opportunity.

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SPORTS



Varsity Lady's Kelly Rigby and Dana Montague fight for the ball in the win against Burbank. The final score was Bandera 50, Burbank 37. Bulldog April Koehler was named "Player of the Week."

The Varsity and Junior Varsity Lady Bulldogs will play Cole here on Jan. 2 at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. The boys will play Cole there.

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A Thought For The Week
by John M. Grimes
HAPPY NEW YEAR! What kind of year will it be? We at the Grimes Funeral Chapels hope that the coming year will be well-endowed with supplies of faith, courage and determination - a sufficient supply for everyone - for private citizens as well as public officials...Without faith, not only in God, but in the abilities of our leaders at all levels and in ourselves, accomplishments will be few.
All of us must develop the type of courage it takes to speak out when a wrong needs righting. Too many sit back and hope that somebody else will make the first move or speak the first word. Too many "don't want to get involved" - a decision that can feed the fires of greed, incompetence and dishonesty...And finally, we must acquire determination to assure that those things which we have become involved through are of our courage reach fruition.
Without these three - faith in the future, the courage of our convictions, and determination in our efforts - the coming year will not be a good year. But with these three, we can do much to shape a better community, state, nation and world.
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Simple guidelines keep hunting safe

An accident in which a boy shot his father while on a hunting trip in November underscores the need for safety and common sense this hunting season.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens Capt. Billy McBride and Sgt. Mike Stinson investigated the accident in Bowie County in which a boy was standing in the open passenger-side door of his father's pickup truck, shooting over the top of the cab at a target several yards away.

The father was sitting inside the truck looking at the target. A bullet accidentally went into the cab through the top of the back of the head and exited through his jaw. The man is recovering after hospitalization.

This incident should emphasize to every hunter the importance of safety. Here are a few basic guidelines:

- **TREAT EVERY GUN AS IF IT WERE LOADED** - Don't assume the firearm you're carrying is empty. Give it the respect you would a loaded gun.
- **WATCH YOUR MUZZLE** - Know the direction of your gun muzzle at all times. Never pull a gun by the muzzle toward you.
- **KNOW YOUR TARGET** - Make sure you identify your target before firing, and know the safe zone of fire. Prepare yourself by studying game features before hunting.
- **DON'T LOAD BEFORE YOU'RE READY** - Take down or have all actions open before traveling. Make sure firearms are unloaded while in their cases.
- **WATCH YOUR STEP** - Never climb fences, jump ditches or make awkward moves while holding a loaded gun.
- **CONTROL YOUR TARGET PRACTICE** - Be aware of your line of sight. Make sure your

backstop is more than adequate. Avoid shooting at hard, flat surfaces or bodies of water, and always wear hearing and eye protection.

• **KEEP IT SERIOUS** - It's okay to have fun, but avoid horseplay with guns, and never point a firearm where you don't want to shoot.

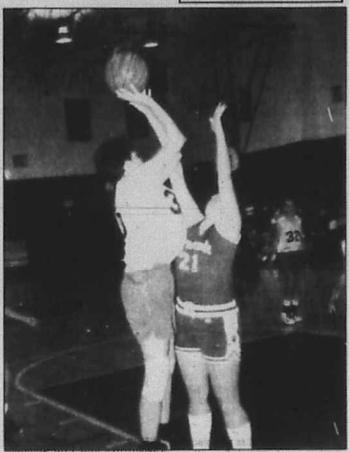
• **INSPECT YOUR FIREARMS** - Before loading, check your barrel for obstructions. Check your ammunition to make sure its specifications match those of your gun.

• **STORE FIREARMS SAFELY** - When not in use, store unloaded firearms separately from ammunition. Keep out of

reach of all children and inexperienced users.

• **NEVER DRINK AND HUNT** - Never consume alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or during hunting.

For more information on hunter education, including schedules of hunter education classes offered regularly across Texas, call TPWD at 800-792-1112. Or check the TPWD internet site at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>.



Lady Bulldog Freshman Crystal Upchurch goes for 2 against Burbank.

SPORTS



The Bandera Pups got some fun-time in during the half-time break against Burbank.

Texas Race Horse Conference Jan. 13

Austin — The horse racing industry cannot survive in Texas without cooperation between all segments of the industry and possibly a checkoff program similar to that used in other agricultural commodities, according to a recent study by Texas A&M University.

That study, by Dr. Lonnice Jones, a resource economics professor at Texas A&M University, will be one of the presentations at the third annual Texas Race Horse Conference Jan. 13 at the Austin Marriott.

The conference is sponsored by the Texas Equine Research Account Advisory Committee. Part of that committee's purpose, as mandated by the Texas Legislature, is to organize conferences such as this to present the latest scientific information from horse researchers.

Jones said that seven years after pari-mutuel racing was approved in Texas, horse racing is suffering. The class 1 parks — the largest — are struggling to survive. Sam Houston Race Park in Houston is operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The newly-opened Botolph Park in San Antonio already has suspended live racing in favor of simulcasts from other parts of the country. Jones predicted that two other parks opening near Dallas will face similar problems.

"A large part of the industry's problem is getting organized in order to provide a unified front in a lot of different areas," he said. "They don't have a program that advertises and promotes racing as a sport against other forms of entertainment."

Texas is big in the terms of numbers — there's about a million head of horses in the state. However, Texas has not had pari-mutuel betting since the 1930s.

"The generation that controls all the money today in Texas knows very little about pari-mutuel wagering and doesn't know how to go to the window to place a pari-mutuel bet. And that creates uncertainty and nervousness when you go and try to do this for the first time," he said.

A generic promotion program could educate the public about the horse racing industry and encourage them to participate, he added.

Texas lottery officials spent \$31 million in advertising in order to encourage people to play.

Beef, cotton, milk, and a number of other agricultural commodities have generic promotion which is supported by checkoff programs, in which producers pay into a fund used for promotion and research to increase their share of the market, he added.

"I think it's time the horse industry considers such a program and tries to increase its share of the entertainment market against the lottery, casinos and other non-wagering sports," he said.

The morning session of the

January conference will include updates on mineral requirements for bone development, musculoskeletal injuries in race horses, management factors associated with colic, factors to consider when selecting broodmares and foals and cover such topics as estrous cycle manipulation in the older mare, caring for mares, foaling and perinatal foal care. Session two will focus on business topics such as tax and farm management, farm business considerations and advertisement.

Speakers are from the equine section of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences department of animal science and from the College of Veterinary Medicine department of large animal medicine and surgery at Texas A&M University. Hall of Fame trainer Jack Vanberg and Ken Carson of Valor Farms in Pilot Point have been invited as keynote speakers.

The conference is dedicated to the late Bob Johnson of Austin. Johnson served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1966 to 1983. From 1984 until 1990, he served as executive director of the Texas Legislative Council and as House parliamentarian. He later founded the legal firm of Johnson and Johnson, and in 1991 was the

Senate parliamentarian. He was also an avid supporter of the Texas race horse industry.

Dr. Barry Thompson, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, will give the luncheon address.

There is no fee for the conference, but the luncheon is \$15 and is limited to the first 200 people requesting tickets.

Further information on the conference is available from Dr. Doug Householder, Extension horse specialist and conference coordinator at (409) 845-1562.

Several other related events being held in conjunction with the conference:

• The Texas Arabian Breeders' Association annual meeting and banquet are being held at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 12. Further information is available from Ken Capelle at (817) 240-3613.

• The Texas Quarter Horse Association reception, awards ceremony and dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 12. Further information is available from the TQHA office at (512) 458-5202.

• The Texas Thoroughbred Breeder's Association will host its annual meeting at 4 p.m. on Jan. 12, its lifetime member reception at 5:30 p.m., and dinner, awards banquet and dance later that evening. For further information, call John Weber at (512) 458-6133.

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Leakey — The HEB Foundation Camp here will play host to an upcoming Becoming an Outdoor-Woman workshop designed for women and anyone 16 years or older who want to learn outdoors skills.

Registration is now being accepted for the course. The cost of the workshop, scheduled for Jan. 26-28, is \$160 and enrollment is limited to the first 25.

Dozens of classes will address such outdoors topics as first aid, canoeing, and kayaking basics, plant identification, firearm safety, outdoor cooking, outdoor photography, hunting and fishing techniques, backpacking, birdwatching and how to clean a fish, said Debbie Bunch, outdoor and special projects coordinator for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Oelma's Sporting Goods.

Upcoming Becoming An Outdoor-Woman workshops are scheduled in the following locations: Trinity, March; and Hunt, April.

For more information or to register, contact Bunch at TPWD at 1-800-792-1112 or 512-328-6035.

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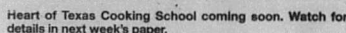
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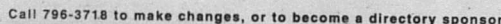
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1995 graduates from Bandera High School.

rians, respectively, for their graduating classes.

Bandera High School senior and football great Jason Hearn was selected to play on the 1995 McDonald's All Star Team.

May 24 - Ray Buck, longtime manager of Springhills Water Management District, resigned.

Bandera youngster Vasana Srisual was selected as a finalist in the 1995 Pre-Teen Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program.

Cath Chapel in Lakehills held a dedication ceremony for their new sanctuary.

Ray Wharton was honored by the members of the Texas Senate for his induction into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

May 31 - Bandera High Schooler Rusty Zickler and Medina High Schooler Kyle Phillips were sent to Boys State by the Bandera American Legion Post 157.

BHS teacher Telvy Robbins received the Community Builder Award from the Bandera

Masson Lodge.

Guy Allen took the all-around title and \$4,846.21 at the 12th Annual Memorial Weekend Rodeo.

Michael Masson, of Bandera, earned his second varsity letter as a member of the United States Merchant Marine Academy's baseball team.

Bandera's Sarah Harris was a member of the 7-8 Kerrville Tribune, the South Texas Youth Soccer Association spring season champions.

Michelle Teich was named a United States National Award winner in cheerleading.

Keith Cress, of Lakehills,



Louis Postert presented Lamar Smith with a weed bouquet.

graduated at the top of his class from the Basic Peace Officers Certification Class.

Bandera artist Norma Anderwald was awarded Artist of the Year by the Kerrville Tribune.

June 7 - BHS voted to name the new addition at the high school the Winnie Hicks Addition, in honor of long-time BHS teacher, Mrs. Winnie Hicks, who died in January.

HEB filmed a commercial at the Dixie Dade Ranch.

June 14 - Vandals damaged six buses and a Suburban at the BHS bus yard.

Artist Karen Halle, of Bandera, designed the winning T-shirt entry for the 8th Annual International Apple Festival.

Clay McDonald was hired as the new golf pro at the Flying I.

Courtney Warden, COBA Rodeo Teen Queen, was chosen to represent Bandera at the Miss Rodeo Texas Teen Pageant.

June 28 - Bandera City Council voted unanimously to donate a fire truck to the Medina Children's Home.

Ben Nolan, of Ocean Graphics, was elected to serve the remainder of the 1996 presidency of the Chamber of Commerce after Faron Bazreaire resigned.

Year in Review will continue next week.

BHS parents to form PTO

Bandera High School will form a Parent Teachers Organization and will hold an organizational meeting on Monday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in the High School library.

All parents of high school age youth are encouraged to attend.

For further information, call the high school principal's office at 796-3753, extension 254.

FSA election results are in

The FSA election Agency committee election ballots were tabulated on Dec. 7.

Robert Mazurek was elected to a 3-year term, Bob Sandridge was elected to a 3-year term and Randy Schott was elected to a 1-year term.

Alternates were Raymond Hickey and Margie Short, announced FSA county executive director Jay Gallagher.

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NOTICE OF CONSTABLE'S SALE (Real Estate)

By virtue of an Execution issued out of the Honorable 216th Judicial District Court of Bandera County, Texas, on the 23rd day of October, 1995, in the cause of KS Financial Group, Inc. versus Enchanted River Estates, Inc. and G.A. Day, No. 6253-95, to me, as Constable, Precinct 4, Bandera County, Texas, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 21st day of November, 1995, and will between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on the first Tuesday of January, 1996, it being the 2nd day of said month, at the Courthouse Door of the Bandera County Courthouse, in the City of Bandera, Texas, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title, and interest which Enchanted River Estates, Inc. had on December 18, 1995, at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to wit:

Lot 91, Block 1, of Enchanted River Estates, Section No. 1, a subdivision in Bandera County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 24 of the Map and Plat Records of Bandera County, Texas;

Lots 3, 7, 9, 17, 24, and 29, Block 1, of Enchanted River Estates, Section No. 2, a subdivision in Bandera County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 24 of the Map and Plat Records of Bandera County, Texas;

Lots 9, 11, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31, 36, 39, 40, 45, and 49, Block 2, of Enchanted River Estates, Section No. 2, a subdivision in Bandera County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 24 of the Map and Plat Records of Bandera County, Texas;

Lots 3, 12, 14, 21, and 30, Block 3, of Enchanted River Estates, Section No. 2, a subdivision in Bandera County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 24 of the Map and Plat Records of Bandera County, Texas;

Said property being levied on as the property of Enchanted River Estates, Inc. and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered on the 26th of May, 1995, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, San Angelo Division, in Cause No. CA-68-43; Styled: G.A. Day, Plaintiff, versus Enchanted River Estates, Inc. Intervenor, versus FDIC, as Receiver for the First Republic Bank-Brownwood, N.A. and NCBN Texas National Bank. Defendants, in the amount of \$181,068.83, including interest thereon at the rate of 9.15 percent per annum from the 26th day of May, 1995 until the date of the sale, in favor of KS Financial Group, Inc. (assignee of the FDIC), plus costs of court in the amount of \$142.00, and the further costs of executing this writ, including sale at public auction.

GIVEN UNDER my hand this 8th day of December, 1995.

Constable, Precinct 4, Bandera County by: Allen G. Hatley

PUBLIC MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation plans to hold a public meeting for the purpose of receiving comments on the 1997-1999 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Project Development Plan (PDP) for Kendall County. The TIP is a planning document indicating the transportation projects to be funded in the next three years and the PDP is a planning document used to develop projects for future inclusion in the TIP. The public meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. at the Bandera Bank Community Room located on Cypress Street, in Bandera.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) TO PROVIDE WATER UTILITY SERVICE AND TO DECEMBER 31, 2000 OF CANN BANDERA COUNTY. Midnight Enterprises Inc. has filed an application for a CCN and to decertify a portion of CCN No. 11533 issued to Bandera Water Company with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to provide water utility service in Bandera County. The proposed utility service area includes the River Bend Estates subdivision, a located approximately 1 mile west of downtown Bandera, Texas and is generally bounded on the north by State Highway 16 and by the Mexican border, on the south and southeast. The total area being requested includes 60 current customers.

A request for a public hearing must be in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number; (2) the applicant's name, application number or another recognizable reference to the application; (3) the statement, "I am requesting a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you or the persons you represent would be adversely affected by the granting of the application for a CCN; and (5) your proposed adjustment to the position or CCN which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing. The Executive Director will issue the CCN unless one or more persons file written protests and/or request a public hearing within 30 days after this notice is provided.

Persons who wish to intervene or comment should file their comments with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Water Utilities Division, Utility Rates and Service Section, MC-153, P.O. Box 12287, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Hearing date: 12/28/95. Hearing time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hearing place: "115.571" 10:30 AM, 17th down + TFL.

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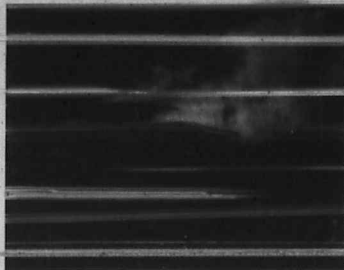
Christmas Day started off on a sad note. I received a telephone call at 6:30 a.m. informing me that my sister Alice had passed away during the night. Alice had been hospitalized for over a month and only able to recognize her husband for a few minutes. About 10 a.m., the Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department was called out for a grass fire along the river bank. Some alert people on the other side of the river saw the fire and started to blow their car horn. Mildred Treister's daughter, Kelly Willborn, went out to see about the horn blowing and saw the fire. They called the sheriff's office and then with Mildred Treister, Patricia Willborn,

Kelly Willborn went and Fidel Munoz started to fight the fire. They connected four garden hoses and had the fire under control by the time the LSVFD arrived. A big Thank You to those alert people who blew their car horn to get attention.

Christmas afternoon, the wife and I enjoyed Christmas dinner turkey and ham with all the trimmings at the Copper Lantern that was prepared by Sister Schaffer, Diana Weisinger and Bea Alexander. The meal

was prepared by Margaret and her

residents. Steve Jones, a resident of Wharton's Dock who has been caring for a dog and a horse for a friend, found Christmas morning that the dog had given birth to a litter of pups out in the cold yard. There appeared to be no life in the ten pups, but Steve bundled them up to get them warm, eight of them started to show life. He then got an eye dropper and some warm milk and started to feed them. In about two hours they were strong enough to start nursing. Last report the eight pups are doing fine.



This truck fire was caused by parking on grass and having the catalytic converter catching on fire.

First Ladies in Uvalde

For a holiday outing, more than 100 Bandera First Ladies and their guests traveled to Uvalde on Saturday, Dec. 16, for "Dinner With Mark Twain."

They had dinner at the Uvalde Country Club, after which they listened to Donald King Cowan portraying Mark Twain. His make-up was excellent, as were his credentials

which included playing in the television series "Dallas" and the Oliver Stone film "JFK."

The group enjoyed being together and appreciated the beautiful Christmas decorations in the Uvalde Square.

"First Ladies is an exclusive program of the First State Bank of Bandera and Lakehills."

reported by Brenda Smith

New police chief has many roots in Bandera County

by Cyndi Wright
Bulletin Staff Writer

The new police chief in town says the most influential person in his life has been his wife. Lynn and Louetta Holt have been married for 27 years. They live in Tarpley in a home that Holt built right down to the last nail and attend Tarpley Baptist Church.

"My wife is a very special person," Holt said. "She's an extremely patient, thoughtful and sensitive person. I feel very fortunate to have spent most of my life with her."

Holt said that in his younger days, he was quick-tempered. "She has taught me to slow down, think things through and be more rational," he said, "also, to keep your head when others are losing theirs."



New Bandera Police Chief Lynn Holt

Omaha Central High School and then attended the University of Nebraska. Due to financial concerns, he left after one semester. "I made a personal promise that someday I would go back," he said.

Holt kept that promise, graduating from Wayland University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice.

After leaving school in 1967, Holt signed up with the U.S. Army and spent 5 1/2 years serving as a helicopter pilot. He saw action in Korea during the Vietnam War and got shot down twice.

"Neither time was the copter damaged or anyone hurt," he said.

He received an Army Commendation Medal for the first shootdown. He says his tour of duty taught him a lot about himself and people.

"I don't realize the conveniences they have," he said. "It made me appreciate the freedoms we have in this country."

He left the service as a captain, and says that one of the men he admires most was also a military man.

"I admire the tenacity of General George Patton," Holt said. "As a war-time general, Patton was probably one of the greatest men who ever lived."

He also admires John

Kennedy.

"I didn't agree with some of his political views, but the man was able to unite people and bring them together," he said. "He was a natural leader of men."

But the people Holt says he admires most are the common, everyday people.

"The men and women who go to work everyday and scratch a living for their family," he said. "They are in there fighting every day."

Holt has already accomplished one of his goals by graduating

from college, and other goals include finding his niche.

"I want to settle into one thing. Put all my efforts into one thing and see where it can take me," he said. "This job is a step in the right direction. I have a lot of my life invested in this county and the people of this county have been, extremely good to me."

Holt's philosophy about life is to keep on trying.

"I don't quit trying. If one door closes, another opens," he said, "Sometimes you have to try another approach. When you give up and sit in a rocking chair on the front porch, it's all over."

"His creed is simple: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'"

Some day he would like to visit Alaska and Australia, and he says it's because of his adventurous streak.

"They are the epitome of the open spaces and the wild," he said. "It's unspoiled wilderness. We have very few unexplored frontiers left."

Holt says the best thing about Texas is the people.

"The people are rooted in the fact that there has been six flags over Texas," he said. "People are above all friendly, but staunch individuals. I hope the people never let that go."

"The men and women who go to work everyday and scratch a living for their family...are the people I admire the most."

The Holts have raised two children in Bandera County. Delana is 25 and a mortgage loan closer for World Savings. She graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in business. Her marriage brought two step-granddaughters into the Holt's life.

"We really enjoy seeing them," Holt said.

Son Perry is 20 and lives at home while attending San Antonio College.

"Both of my children have gone all the way through the Bandera Independent School District," Holt said.

Holt himself grew up with two brothers, one of whom is deceased.

"My childhood was adventurous to say the least," he said, "with three boys close to the same age."

Holt graduated in 1966 from

We hope that this old year that is fast slipping away has been good to all of you readers, wherever you are! It's not so easy to find news, but hearing you say how much you look forward to our news - then it gives us an extra incentive to keep trying!

It's been a disagreeable week with very little sunshine - only a shower of rain came. But we are fortunate to not have the terrible cold of the northeast, with all their snow.

Mary Lou and Dale Champion and daughter Cindy and sons of Beaumont have been here a few days visiting her parents Herby and Eunice Myers. Also visiting with Mary Lou's father, who is in the Petersen Memorial Hospital. We hope for him a full recovery.

Ray and Edna Louise Cheatham of Kingland came Saturday to spend a long week-end with her mother Mrs. Earl Hood. They will return home Christmas Day.

Elzie and Nettie Dean spent Christmas Day with their son and family Charles and Marcia Dean and children Jacob and Rachel of New Braunfels and their daughter Marie and Jim Carson off San Antonio and other relatives from out of state of Marcia's.

Tom and Jerry Hall, Elda Margaret Cain and Mary

Hietahl were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Morris and daughter Carol. Other members of the Morris family were also present.

Saturday night was a most special night for the Rio Hondo Bible Study Group who had a great time driving to eight homes in their area to render Christmas carols. Don Eduardo was the very efficient driver of the long trailer carrying the group. The group, when finished, drove to Don and Betty Edwards home where they hosted

the Christmas Eve service. Olivia Richards led the singing carols. Her husband Dick Richards gave a religious parody called "The Night Before Christmas."

Everyone enjoyed a song fest with Elda Margaret Cain playing the organ. A lovely fellowship time was reported by everyone.

Don and Ginger Spencer observed their wedding anniversary Dec. 22. The Tarpley Baptist Church honored them with the anniversary song and a prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson led Sunday to spend Christmas holidays with his daughter and family, Patricia and Kenneth Callaway of Nixon.

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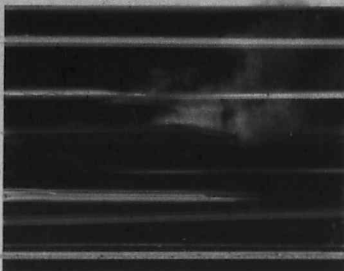
Well, the wife, Betty, and I returned from a very enjoyable week in Las Vegas on Dec. 23. There were five slot machine tournaments, one each day, Monday through Friday, at the Riviera Hotel and Casino, with over 400 taking part. You played for fifteen minutes in the afternoon and the top twenty-five scorers played in a play-off in the evening. Betty qualified twice for the play-offs, and came away with a consolation prize.

Christmas Day started off on a sad note. I received a telephone call at 6:30 a.m. informing me that my sister Alice had passed away during the night. Alice had been hospitalized for over a month and only able to recognize her husband for a few minutes. Then about 10 a.m., the Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department was called out for a grass fire along the river bank. Some alert people living on the other side of the river saw the fire and started to blow their car horn. Mildred Treister's daughter, Kelly Willborn, went out to see about the horn blowing and saw the fire. They called the sheriff's office and then with Mildred Treister, Patricia Willborn,

Kelly Willborn went and Fidel Munoz started to fight the fire. They connected four garden hoses and had the fire under control by the time the LSVDF arrived. A big Thank You to those alert people who blew their car horn to get attention.

Christmas afternoon the wife and I enjoyed Christmas dinner of turkey and ham with all the trimmings at the Copper Lantern that was prepared by Sister Schaffer, Diana Weisinger and Bea Alexander. The meal was enjoyed by all.

Steve Jones, a resident of Wharton's Dock, who has been caring for a dog and a horse for a friend, found Christmas morning that the dog had given birth to a litter of pups out in the cold yard. There appeared to be no life in the ten pups, but Steve bundled them up to get them warm, eight of them started to show life. He then got an eye dropper and some warm milk and started to feed them. In about two hours they were strong enough to start nursing. Last report the eight pups are doing fine.



This truck fire was caused by parking on grass and having the catalytic converter catching on fire.

First Ladies in Uvalde

For a holiday outing, more than 100 Bandera First Ladies and their guests traveled to Uvalde on Saturday, Dec. 16, for "Dinner With Mark Twain."

The group enjoyed being together and appreciated the beautiful Christmas decorations in the Uvalde Square. First Ladies is an exclusive program of the First State Bank of Bandera and Lakelake.

New police chief has many roots in Bandera County

by Cyndi Wright
Bulletin Staff Writer

The new police chief in town says the most influential person in his life has been his wife. Lynn and Louetta Holt have been married for 27 years. They live in Tarpley in a home that Holt built right down to the last nail and attend Tarpley Baptist Church.

"My wife is a very special person," Holt said. "She's an extremely patient, thoughtful and sensitive person. I feel very fortunate to have spent most of my life with her."

Holt said that in his younger days, he was quick-tempered. "She has taught me to slow down, think things through and be more rational," he said, "also, to keep your head when others are losing theirs."



New Bandera Police Chief Lynn Holt

"The men and women who go to work everyday and scratch a living for their family...are the people I admire the most."

The Holts have raised two children in Bandera County. Delana is 25 and a mortgage loan closer for World Savings. She graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in business. Her marriage brought two step-daughters into the Holt's life.

"We really enjoy seeing them," Holt said.

Son Perry is 20 and lives at home while attending San Antonio College.

"Both of my children have gone all the way through the Bandera Independent School District," Holt said.

Holt himself grew up with two brothers, one of whom is deceased.

"My childhood was adventurous to say the least," he said, "with three boys close to the same age."

Holt graduated in 1966 from

Omaha Central High School and then attended the University of Nebraska. Due to financial concerns, he left after one semester. "I made a personal promise that someday I would go back," he said.

Holt kept that promise, graduating from Wayland University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice.

After leaving school in 1967, Holt signed up with the U.S. Army and spent 5 1/2 years serving as a helicopter pilot. He saw action in Korea during the Vietnam War and got shot down twice.

"Neither time was the experiential damage or anyone hurt," he said.

He received an Army Commendation Medal for the first shootdown.

He says his tour of duty taught him a lot about himself and people.

"They don't realize the conveniences they have," he said. "It made me appreciate the freedoms we have in this country."

He left the service as a captain, and says that one of the men he admires most was also a military man.

"I admire the tenacity of General George Patton," Holt said. "As a war-time general, Patton was probably one of the greatest men who ever lived."

He also admires John

Kennedy. "I didn't agree with some of his political views, but the man was able to unite people and bring them together," he said. "He was a natural leader of men."

But the people Holt says he admires most are the common, everyday people.

"The men and women who go to work everyday and scratch a living for their family," he said. "They are in there fighting every day."

Holt has already accomplished one of his goals by graduating

from college, and other goals include finding his niche.

"I want to settle into one thing. Put all my efforts into one thing and see where it can take me," he said. "This job is a step in the right direction. I have a lot of my life invested in this county and the people of this county have been extremely good to me."

Holt's philosophy about life is to keep on trying.

"I don't quit trying. If one door closes, another opens," he said. "Sometimes you have to try another approach. When you give up and sit in a rocking chair on the front porch, it's all over."

"His creed is simple: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'"

Some day he would like to visit Alaska and Australia, and he says it's because of his adventurous streak.

"They are the epitome of the open spaces and the wild," he said. "It's unspoiled wilderness. We have very few unexplored frontiers left."

Holt says the best thing about Texas is the people.

"The people are rooted in the fact that there has been six flags over Texas," he said. "People are above all friendly, but staunch individualists. I hope the people never let that go."

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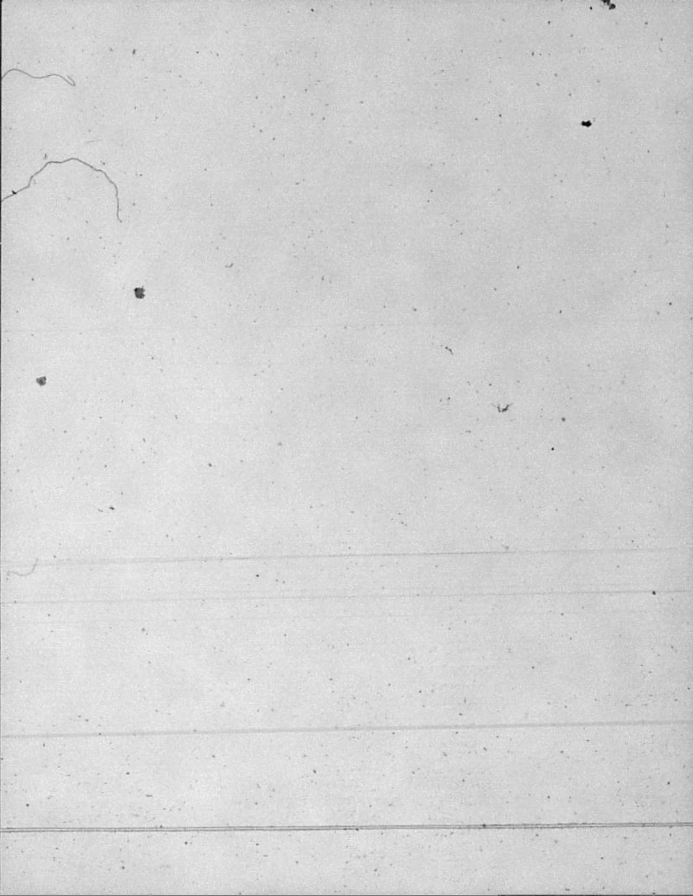
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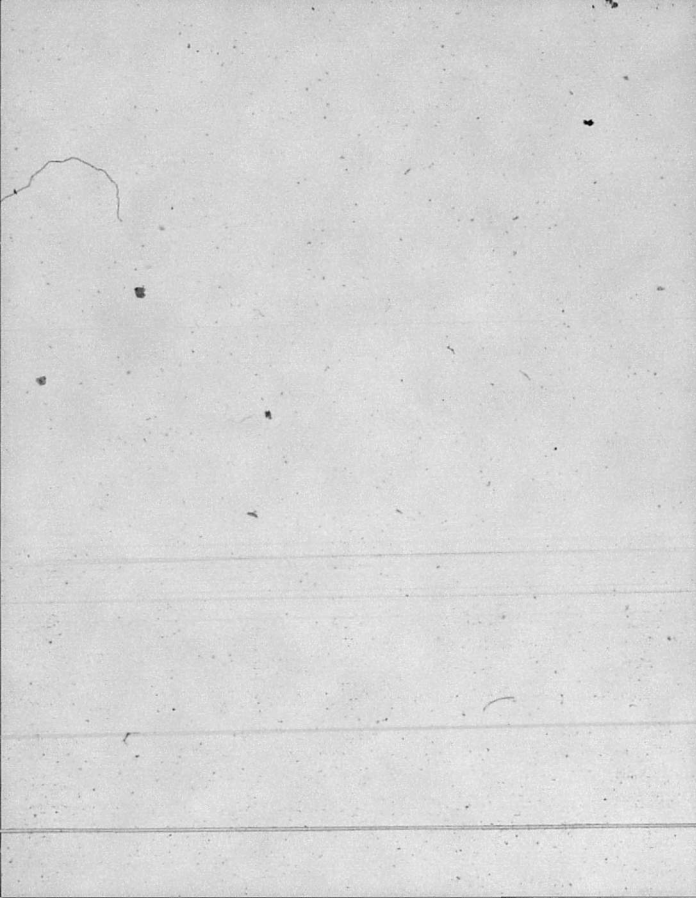
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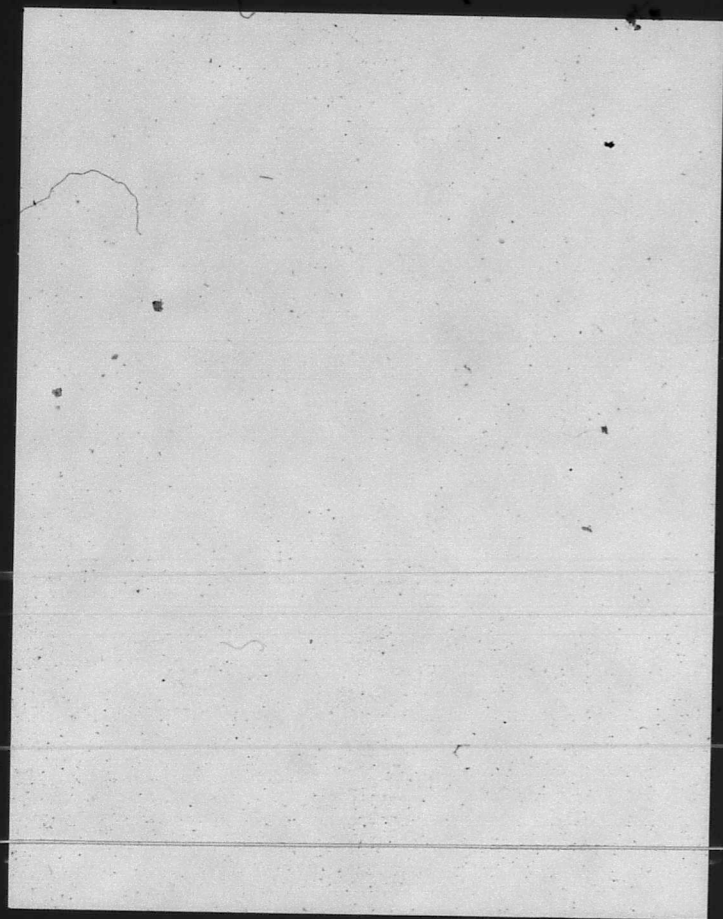
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