





## Blood drive planned to benefit Dexter



Michelle Dexter

**Blood Drive.** Friday, Feb. 7 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Band Hall. The drive is being held as a replacement blood drive for classmate Michelle Dexter, a recent burn victim. Michelle is Junior Class President for Bandera High School.

Students, faculty, staff, administration and the entire community are invited to participate in the blood drive. Donors must be 17 to 72 years of age.

reference. The South Texas Blood Tissue Center (STBTC) must collect 300 units of blood each day to supply more than 80 hospitals. Did you know that your donation has the potential to save four lives? The unit of blood that you donate may be separated into four components. Red cells are used for surgical patients, while plasma is used to treat shock and burn patients. Platelets are vital to leukemia and other cancer patients whose own bone marrow does not produce enough platelets to help the blood clot properly. The final component, cryoprecipitate, is used to treat hemophiliacs—people whose blood lacks this

To provide a better service to donors, the STBTC requires all donors must show proper identification before beginning the donation process. Proper identification should include the donor's name, birth, Social Security number, or photo identification. It is recommended that donors eat plenty of iron-rich food such as fresh fruits and vegetables and low-fat dairy products. This will help ensure that the donor's blood iron level is at an acceptable donation level. Also, plenty of non-alcoholic liquids should be consumed following donating blood. For more information or to sign up for the drive please contact Bandera High School at 796-3753.



BISD band students Billy Lamb and Candace Borchers (back) and Stephen Slaboda and Saralyn Howell (front) recently performed in Honor Band concert.

## You, the principal

by Leticia Wise  
written in honor of Principal Renee Schulze

There is nothing that we can say  
To tell you just how we feel  
You, the principal, of us the school  
Have made this an excellent year

You will do anything in your power.  
To reward us for our deeds.  
Even if that should mean  
Rolling a football on your knees

There have been ups, there have been downs.  
There have been goals not reached.  
But you, the principal, have helped us, the school.  
To learn and to teach.

You try to mold us into students.  
That will bring pride.  
But even when we don't do so well,  
You are always by our side.

You go to each and every grade.  
You attend any event at all.  
No matter what it may be,  
U.I.L. Crisis Country, or Basketball.

There have also been disappointments  
And we haven't all yet touched our dreams.  
But you always try to encourage us.  
Even if curlers in your hair, is what that means.

We know you love and support us.  
And you're never afraid to hide.  
That each and every day.  
You are filled with Bulldog pride.

We give you love, and we give you respect.  
But we would also like to say,  
That we, the school, love you, the principal.  
More and more each day.

We've had some laughs, and some serious times.  
But now is the time to say  
That we love you and your effort  
In each and every way.

We wanted to tell you how we felt  
And we wanted it to be very clear.  
So you, the principal, from us the school,  
Have been voted "Principal of the Year."

## Top musicians play

Bandera Middle School and High School Bands had several students perform in Honor Band concerts recently. Saturday, Jan. 11, Saralyn Howell, a member of the All-region Band, performed in concert at Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio as part of the Texas Music Educators Middle School All-Region Band. Saralyn, a 7th grader at Bandera Middle School, was chosen to be one of 183 members of the two All-Region Bands from over 636 students from the San Antonio area. She was the only member of the Honor Band from a CC size middle school. The rest of the participants were all from larger schools. The concert band was conducted by Jim Cain, director of bands at Stinson Middle School in San Antonio.

The Association of Texas Small School Bands held their All-Region Band Concert at Dave Moore Auditorium in Karnes City. The Bulldog Band had three students in this honor band who survived some tough tryouts. Members were Candace Borchers, senior trumpet; Stephen Slaboda, sophomore clarinet; and Bill Lamb, freshman bassoon.

The All-Region Band was conducted by Linda McDavitt, who is on the staff at Madison High School in San Antonio. In addition, on Saturday, Jan. 11, Lamb attended tryouts in Banquette, TX. He became a member of the All-Region Band. Directors of the Bandera Bands are Tim Howell, Jerry Neuenchwander and Toni Batto.

## BMS PTO meets Tuesday

The Bandera Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Students who have participated in UIL meets during December and January will be recognized and awarded.

from these competitions. In addition, the final plans for the Valentine's Dance, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14, 1997 will be announced as well as activities for the remainder of the year. All PTO members are urged to attend and support our students and teachers.



BHS senior Regina Montague and a friend enjoyed all the festivities for the inauguration of President Bill Clinton.

## Wharton's Dock & Lake Medina Shores

John Clario, AKA "The Copper Lantern" on Jan. 22. They had a great time and a lot of fun. Twelve women of the area had company coming in.

Andre, Mary Bird, Mary Bickson, Sharon Bickson, Ekhart, Punkie Ekhart, Ellen Garver, Delaine McMullen, Marietta Overholser, Charlene Ransell, Diana Haley and Dorothy Rucker.

This group will have their next lunch at the Dragon Garden in Bandera on Feb. 19. If you can join this fine group and catch up on the gossip, call Dorothy Rucker at 460-4161.

The Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department will have two of their young volunteers, Kim Wood and Mike Avallone attending Fire Fighter 1 training at Refugio, Texas on Feb. 1-2. They will return in March for another weekend of training and to receive their certificate.

There will also be fire training at the fire house on Feb. 1 starting at 10 a.m.

On Monday mornings, Avallone, Wood and Buddy Tryon join fire chief Bob Rucker to give the fire trucks a good checking out.

A few of our military vets met at the Copper Lantern Friday, Jan. 24 to discuss forming a vets club in the area. They will meet again on Jan. 31 at the Lantern from 1-2 p.m.

The Super Bowl Party at the Copper Lantern was a big success with a nice crowd, most of which were unhappy the Cowboys were not in it. The place was decorated with banners and balloons for the Packers and the Patriots and once the game started the enthusiasm took over.

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Simmons come and check it for me. He replaced it and we were with water again. These problems always seem to come up when we have company coming in.

in from Austin Saturday morning. They are like bar children. We know them many years in Panama before coming to the states. After checking on health, we started out with a favorite pastime, a trip down memory lane. We enjoyed remembering our many years through out South and Central America.

They returned Sunday afternoon to Austin where Dave is a forensic expert with the Austin city police.

## Local students participating in Houston junior stock show

Several Bandera County young people will be participating in the 1997 Houston Livestock Show, Feb. 14 through March 2 in Houston, Texas.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors showcase their animal projects during the second week of the livestock competition, the junior show.

Representing 930 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show is expected to exceed 15,000 entries this year.

Bo Evans of Medina will have four entries in the sheep and goat division and one in market barbers.

Tiffany Huizar of Medina will have one entry in market barbers.

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Edna L. Cheatham of Kingland was a weekend guest of her mother Marie Hood. She was a visitor Sunday at Tarpley Baptist Church and also Carol Morris.

Bill and Lurie Basker are happy for a new grandson that arrived Jan. 23, 1997. Cody Lee arrived at the Seaton Hospital in Austin, weighing at 7 lb. 6 oz. and all of 20 inches in length. His proud parents are Lisa and Lee Redford. Lurie is spending two weeks to assist with mother Cody Lee. Warm congratulations to all.

Elzie and Nettie Dean visited Mary Ann and Paul Lutz in Hondo Friday and Marvin and Mary Jo Dean in D'Hanis Saturday.

"All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action!"

—Janice Russell Lovell

Nettie Dean 562-3461

Well, folks this past week surely has a hint of spring, after all our winter time.

We've had lots of foggy mornings until late morning, even a tad of mist along. Makes most of us think about gardening. Since Easter comes a bit early March 30, What is the old saying, "Early Easter, Late Spring" or vice versa?

Guess who has her 90th birthday on Jan. 29? Our dear gracious lady living in Tarpley—Clay Elizabeth Taylor. She says she's not ashamed of her age and we all can appreciate her many talents and her wonderful memory. Though her hands are ailing from arthritis she can still play the piano and enjoys her music very much. The love of her life is her three children and all her grandchildren, her loved ones and friends. So what more can you or I say? Except we wish you a fun birthday, dear Clay and many more.

Bob and Joyce Storrs of Bandera are spending this week at their place which is at Fern Springs Ranch above Tarpley on Hondo Creek and their guests are Dr. William Storrs and I.V. Garrison of Ft. Worth.

There's no pony I can't tame! Now that I'm 29! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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## Market Report

Gillespie Livestock Inc. Jan. 22, 1997

Cows & Bulls: 2.00-4.00 higher. Steers & Heifers: 4.00-6.00 higher. Stocker Cows: 22.00 to 39.00 cwt. Bulls: 35.00-45.00 cwt. Bred Cows: 30.00-48.00 cwt. Cow & Calf Pairs: 350.00-600.00 pr.

Medium & Large Frame #1 Steers: 200-300 lb. 60.00-80.00 cwt. 42.00-50.00 cwt. 200-400 lb. 50.00-60.00 cwt. 40.00-50.00 cwt. 400-500 lb. 70.00-80.00 cwt. 42.00-50.00 cwt. 500-600 lb. 60.00-70.00 cwt. 40.00-50.00 cwt. 600-700 lb. 65.00-75.00 cwt. 45.00-55.00 cwt. Replacement Heifers: 65.00-75.00 cwt. Lower Quality Steers: 40.00-55.00 cwt. Lower Quality Heifers: 40.00-55.00 cwt. Sheep & Goats: 25-21 Spring Lambs: 10.00 higher. New crop spring lambs: 20-70# 125.00-132.00 cwt. 70-90# 115.00-125.00 cwt. Old crop lambs: 40-60# 110.00-120.00 cwt. 60-80# 105.00-110.00 cwt. Fat Lambs: 95.00-109.00 cwt. Lower Quality Lambs: 90.00-100.00 cwt. Stocker Ewes: 50.00-65.00 lb. Packer Ewes: 40.00-54.00 cwt. Sp. Kids (under 50#): 80.00-100.00 cwt. Sp. Kids (over 50#): 80.00-95.00 cwt. Sp. Nannies: 40.00-50.00 lb. Sp. Muttons & Bixies: 85.00-115.00 lb. Ang. Muttons: 45.00-55.00 cwt. Ang. Nannies: 41.00-48.00 cwt. Angora Kids: 85.00-93.00 cwt.

1 char str: 480# @ 83.50 cwt.; 1 char str: 615# @ 71.50 cwt.; 1 blk str: 700# @ 69.00 cwt.; 1 blk str: 610# @ 67.50 cwt.; 1 blk hfr: 480# @ 75.00 cwt.; 1 blk w str: 445# @ 86.00 cwt.; 10 char str: 319# @ 90.00 cwt.

Logan Wheeler of Bandera will have one entry in beef heifers and one in the beef turkeys.

Samantha Hoggett of Pipe Creek will have one entry in market lambs.

Brandi Pantel and Wade Pantel of Bandera will each have one entry in beef heifers.

Jackie Shedd and Jenny Shedd of Pipe Creek will each have one entry in market turkeys.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will mark its 120th year of service to the cattle industry in 1997. To celebrate, the annual convention and trade show will be held at the home of association headquarters—Fort Worth, a city famous for its cowboy influence and Old West heritage. About 3,000 cattle raisers and their families are expected to attend.

The 120th Anniversary Convention and 22nd Annual Trade Show, March 23-26, will offer the best in education and entertainment and provide an excellent forum for policy planning and information-sharing.

call TSCRA's Marketing and Membership Services Department at (817) 332-7054.

"Business meetings, the trade show, a silent auction and various entertainment events will be held at the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Convention Center."

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## Federal disaster loans available for drought-affected businesses

Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of the disaster.

Drought which occurred during the period of September 15, 1995 through September 10, 1996 and continuing caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these products.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-368-6303 or TDD 817-4688 for the hearing impaired.

It's not news until it's in the Bandera Bulletin

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LORDY! LORDY! LOOK WHO'S 40 Happy Birthday Vonda Love...David, Tracey & D.J.

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## Letters to the Editor



WHY ARE THEY?—This photo of two duck hunters was found in the Bandera County Library files. Can anyone identify the young men?

## Volunteers make county work

Dear Editor:  
It is a wonderful thing when people in our community give of their way to help our children. Erik and Terri Springer are two such people.  
Even though they both work full time jobs in San Antonio, they are the leaders for the Brownie Troop #794 in Pipe Creek. Without even a chance to eat dinner, they rush from work to the meeting to teach and guide 20 little girls.  
It makes me feel good and have hope for the future of our children, when we have such dedicated people as Erik and Terri to help lead our children.  
—Beth Clement  
Pipe Creek

## Where's Murry's sock?

Dear Editor:  
I don't know where Murry Walker got so pious as to say something about somebody's ethics.  
If he voted for the draft dodger that's taking up space in the White House, we all know about his ethics or lack of.  
I've known Murry all his life, so I feel I can tell him: "Put a sock in it."  
—Pauline Robertson  
Medina

## Opinion

### Cub Scouts in the 50s

According to about records, the following Cub Scout Dens were active in Bandera from 1955-1957.  
Den 2 included Richard Evans, Pat Wootton, Royce Sprott, Billy Small, Hal Watts, Louis Reiningier, Jim Evans, Harold Brooks, Russell Zickler Jr. and Howard Hicks. Den Mother was Margaret Evans.  
Den 3 included Tommy Callahan, Robert Alanis, Glen Clark, Jas. Humphries, Bubba Montague and Charlie Fellows. Den Mother was Frances Alanis.  
Den 5 included Ronnie Goodenough, Mike Wootton, George Hamilton, Robert Johnson, Jimmy Chism, Jr. Heinen, Johnny Heinen and Eugene Johnson. Den Mother was Norma Hamilton.  
Adult leaders on the Pack Committee were: W.L. Stevens, chm, Richard Kendrick, Alton Reiningier, Raymond Hicks, Joe Goodenough, A.B. Small, Allen Lovercheck and Mrs. A.A. Reed.  
Cubmaster for 1955-56 was W.W. Browne, and Russell Zickler served as Cubmaster from 1956-57, assisted by Pete Reed.

### January Moments

Thanks to those of you who gave me feedback on my last column. It is always heartening to hear that people are not always easy to put forth your innermost thoughts or view for everybody.  
Everybody who responded to my column did so positively. And when I wrote it, I have to admit I was angry. I try not to let anger interfere, but sometimes I just get so tired of all the naysaying and backstabbing that goes on. Not just here in beautiful Bandera County, but everywhere.  
One man said that maybe anger was my creative muse, or words to that effect. Now that is a terrible thought. I like to think that other emotions, as well as anger, motivate my big mouth! Anyway, thanks to Kerrville reader Christine Fleming, who



Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn B. Edwards, Editor  
We have already published what will probably be the best "good news" story of 1997. The fact that the long-dreamed of youth center will become a reality.  
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And someone would gather together and try to get a project going. But, there seemed to be so many insurmountable obstacles, no one plan ever came to fruition.  
Until now.  
But of course the work is not really complete. Matching funds for grants approved will need to be raised. We have been informed that many generous local citizens and businesses have already indicated their support of the project with their checkbooks. Perhaps you, too, might want to consider a donation of funds to help out the cause.  
As building plans are finalized, the committee will need in kind donations of materials, labor and time.  
In a project this large, there will surely be a job that you can do, so give it some thought and a generous member know that you are willing and able to pitch in to get the job done.  
And don't forget to thank them for sticking with it when faced with disappointment and frustration, determined to accomplish the goal.  
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## Fine Arts Club

celebrates its 50th birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 26

The Bandera County Fine Arts Club will celebrate its 50th birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. at the home of Mrs. D. Walton Hicks.

The program entitled "Along Memory Lane" will feature several past presidents of the organization. The club's first president in 1947 was Carmen Hicks.  
"This is a party you will want to attend," invited publicity chairman, Marjorie Sullivan.  
The club was organized in 1947 with the motto "Let our hands never falter when the dream is in our hearts."

According to the club's first annual program booklet, charter officers were president Mrs. D. Walton Hicks, vice president Mrs. W.W. Cardwell, secretary Mrs. Robert Haley, reporter Mrs. John Saul, parliamentary Mrs. Lucius Hicks, treasurer Mrs. John MacNaughton and historian Mrs. H.F. Schlemmer.  
The first program committee consisted of Mrs. Melvin L. Roseman, Mrs. John Saul, Mrs. Raymond Hicks, and Mrs. Eugene Gorski.

Membership and courtesy committee members were Mrs. John Saul, Mrs. Johnny Langford, Mrs. John MacNaughton, Mrs. Robert P. Haley and Mrs. A.N. Sewall.  
The general hostess chairman was Mrs. Ashley M. Rugh.

Members of the Fine Arts Club gathered at the home of Melesse Rugh after a play performed by the group in 1954. Pictured are Dorothy Roberts, Judy Pae, Louise Rugh, Othel Ryan, Melesse Rugh, an unidentified woman, Lila Thalmann, Carmen Hicks and Bobbie Cummings. The Fine Arts Club is celebrating its 50th Birthday this week.

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## Basic Bandera

Our very welcome columnist, Raleigh Moses of Springfield, Virginia, has reported in with another of his wonderful letters, which should be compiled.

"The Christmas rush is over, and we are far enough into the New Year for many of our bold resolutions, like many of the children's toys, to have been broken.  
"I followed with interest the cowboy events of the Cowboy Christmas in the Cowboy Capital of the World. And I wondered what the real old-time cowboys would have thought of this "ginger-m" if they could have looked down from the Great Roundup in the Sky. Two stories kept running through my mind.  
"When I was in high school in Goliad, I worked before and after school and on Saturdays in a dry goods store owned by James H. Ewell. Mr. Ewell liked to talk of the early days when he ran a general store handling all types of merchandise, from liquor. One day he was unpacking a box of good quality glass

goblets when an old cow man came in to replenish his supplies. When Mr. Ewell had filled the man's order, he picked up a goblet, showed it, and said, "How about some nice goblets?"  
"The old cow man gave him a hard stare and said, young man, old oyster cans is too good for us."  
"A welcome visitor to our home in Goliad was an old preacher named Coltrin. At an age when most men were retired, he held down two jobs—pastor of a Baptist church and editor of a local weekly newspaper. He was a fluent speaker who began his ministry riding horseback to the widely scattered ranches (as my Dad did later). He would visit and preach wherever he could gather an audience in a home, a country store, a one-room school. In the vast stretches outside the few towns between Austin and the Rio Grande, churches were almost as scarce as hen's teeth. Youths brought up on the ranches received almost no religious training. The nearest thing to a sermon that some ever heard was the admonishment to "ride hard, shoot straight, and tell the truth." Some of these young men

married town girls who had received "some raising." Once after Brother Coltrin had preached at a one-room school, he was invited to dinner with such a couple.  
"The wife prepared the food, set the table and called the men to eat. As soon as they sat down, the young husband picked up his knife and fork and started to dig in. His wife kicked his shins and looked at him and then at the preacher.  
"His face clouded in a puzzled frown. After a time he again picked up his knife and fork. Again his wife kicked his shins and darker as he looked at her and then the preacher. Finally his frown disappeared into a big smile, and he said, 'Aw hell! Preacher say grace!'"  
"Bob wishes for 1997. Luck to you-all in your efforts to make Highway 16 a bit safer. But don't expect too much sympathy from Austin drivers on Highway 183. They used to have a bumper sticker that read, "Pray for me I drive 183!"  
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## Tourism Talks

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enough money to pay rent, the utilities and to keep the secretary's salary just above minimum wage. At that time, there were no horseback riding facilities (other than dude ranches) no B&B's, very limited R.V. facilities and limited motel space. Bandera County had no avenues to promote the area or attract new businesses. The initial bed tax money, \$57,000 collected in 1989, was instrumental in turning the spotlight on the little corner of the Hill Country. Since that time we've had four horseback riding operations open in the county (not counting two dude ranches). Now that we have the funds, we've been able to let all those Winter Texans know that "we're on their way" and to from the Valley or they can just stop here and enjoy the Hill Country. Our RV facilities have jumped from almost zero to six quality parks in locations from Medina to Medina Lake. Unique Bed and Breakfasts are now thriving from end of the county to the other.

All of this and more... much more can be attributed to our C.V.B.'s continued use of bed tax in advertising and promotion. Our print media advertising goes all over the world. In Britain it's "Essentially American" which covers all of England and a small portion of Europe. The U.S.A. Journal has 240,000 German readers. Here in the states we are represented in "Texas Parks & Wildlife," "Southern Living," "Travel" the Dallas Morning News travel section, "1997 See Texas First" which includes 15 Texas newspapers and one in Oklahoma, the "Brochure Travel Pages" from the Houston Chronicle, "Texas Monthly," "Discover the Hill Country," and the official "Texas State Travel Guide" published by the Texas Department of Transportation. In fact, Kevin Fitzpatrick, our local truck rep, now internationally famous, will be on the cover of the next "Texas State Travel Guide" all one million seven hundred thousand copies.

Yes, our C.V.B. is really doing a great job to promote Bandera and Bandera County. And as I said last week, not one penny of this is coming out of my pockets. It's the C.V.B.'s job to promote Bandera and bring the tourist here. It is our job—of us—to make them welcome. We have the enviable reputation of being some of the friendliest folks in the friendliest state. This is one of our major attributes which causes them to return that second and third time. To quote an article by and English visitor in

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## County

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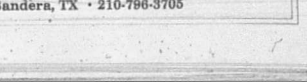
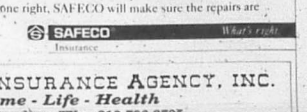
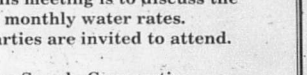
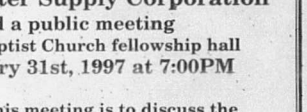
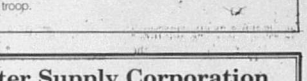
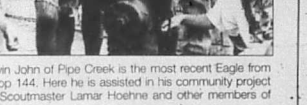
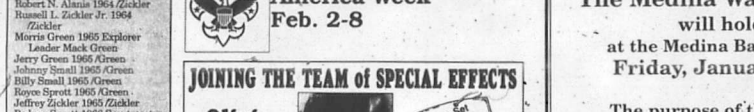
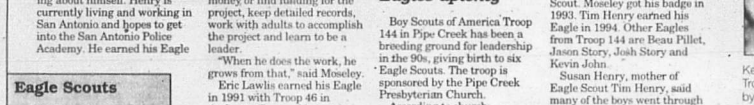
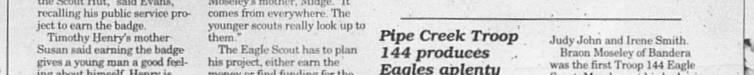
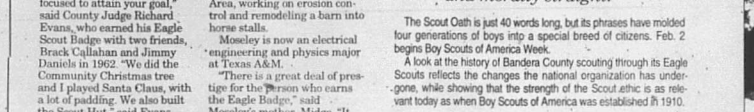
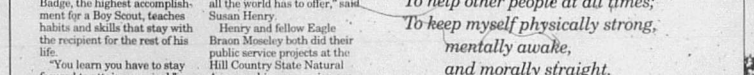
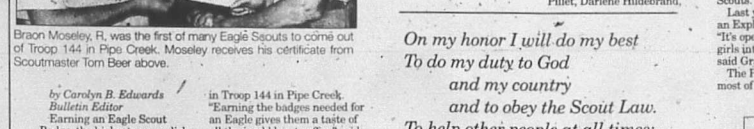
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To do my duty to God  
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To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake,  
and morally straight.

The Scout Oath is just 40 words long, but its phrases have molded four generations of boys into a special breed of citizens. Feb. 2 begins Boy Scouts of America Week.

A look at the history of Bandera County scouting through its Eagle Scouts reflects the changes the national organization has undergone, while showing that the strength of the Scout ethic is as relevant today as when Boy Scouts of America was established in 1910.

Pipe Creek Troop 144 produces Eagles aplenty

Boy Scouts of America Troop 144 in Pipe Creek has been a breeding ground for leadership in the 90s, giving birth to six Eagle Scouts. The troop is sponsored by the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church.

According to church

Judy John and Irene Smith. Braum Moseley of Bandera was the first Troop 144 Eagle Scout. Moseley got his badge in 1993. Tim Henry earned his Eagle in 1994. Other Eagles from Troop 144 are Beau Pillet, Jason Story, Josh Story and Kevin John.

Susan Henry, mother of Eagle Scout Tim Henry, said many of the boys went through Cub Scouts and Webelos.

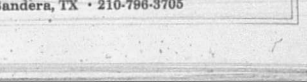
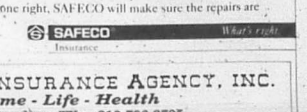
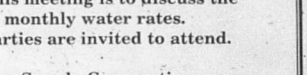
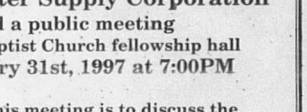
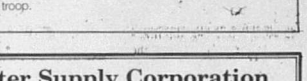
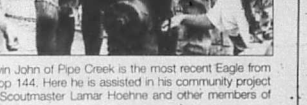
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## The Medina Water Supply Corporation will hold a public meeting

at the Medina Baptist Church fellowship hall  
Friday, January 31st, 1997 at 7:00PM

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the increase in monthly water rates. All interested parties are invited to attend.

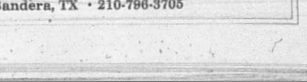
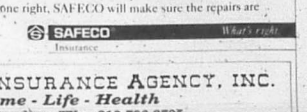
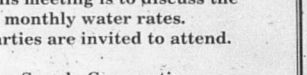
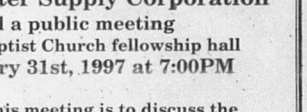
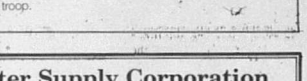
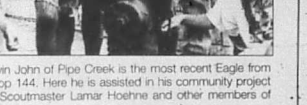
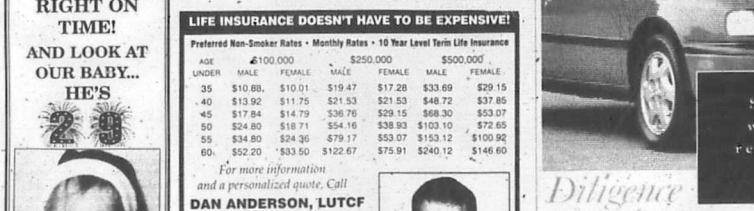
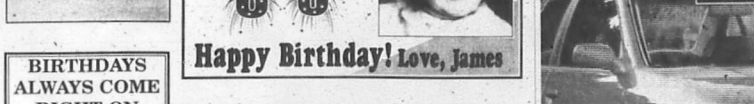
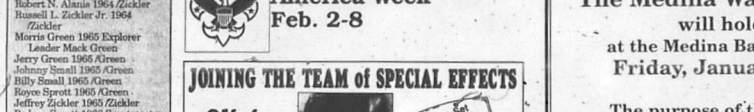
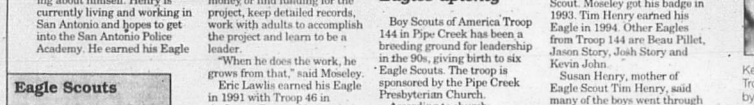
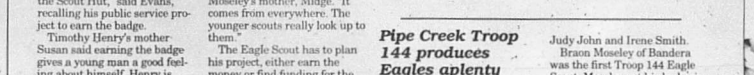
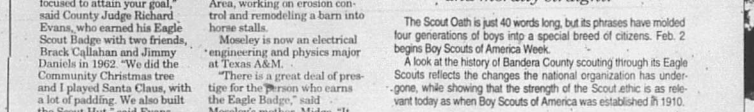
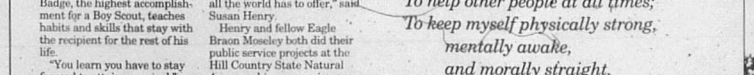
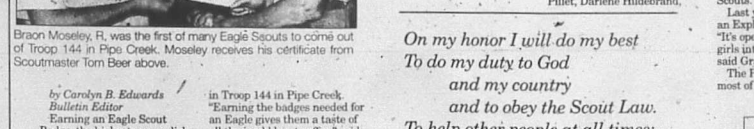
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Lone Star BEER \$6.39  
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See the Boyle's Market insert in today's paper!

**Hole-in-one**  
for Dresser.  
See p. 1B

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jan. 21: Matt Dugoh (88).  
Jan. 29: Dawn Lockhart, Gloria Blank, Zuma Mary Skinner, Willie Schmidt, Evelyn Habenicht, Jan. 30: Vonda Reed, Cheryl Boher, Jan. 31: Heather Heisler, Feb. 1: Larry Sheppard, Ken Scheiber, Feb. 2: Shannon Moore, Edith Applegate, Margaret Brock, Heidi Klassen, Feb. 3: Adeline Herbst, Feb. 4: Don Fitzgerald.

## This Week in Bandera County

Saturday: Barbecue in Medina, see pg. 6A.  
Saturday: Cowboy Jamboree, 4B.  
Tuesday: BMS PTO meeting, see pg. 8A.

## Medina Lake Level

1023.65 feet—48.35 feet below spillway level of 1072; and .28 feet lower than last week.

## Thought for the Week

Nightclub: a place where they take the rest out of restaurant and put the din in dinner.  
—anonymous

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**MOST POPULAR PRINCIPAL** — Bandera Middle School principal Renee Schulze takes possession of a free computer from Steven Carse of Corbey Computers. Schulze was awarded the computer after being named Principal of the Year in a Y-100 Radio contest.

## Students rate Schulze #1

By Cyndi Wright  
Staff Writer  
Bandera Middle School principal Renee Schulze won a free Pentium 133 Multimedia computer with monitor after being named Principal of the Year in a contest co-sponsored by Y-100 Radio and McGregor Medical Group.  
The computer was presented in a ceremony at the Bandera High School auditorium attended by the students from BMS, Y-100 Morning Talk Show hosts Scott Drake and Pam Tyler, McGregor Medical Group representative Richard Penly, and Corbey Computer representatives Monique and Steven Carse.  
According to Tyler over 177 schools participated in the contest, which consisted of mailing in postcards with the name of their principal. The school which submitted the most postcards won.  
"There were over 4,000 votes from middle schools, and Bandera Middle School sent in over half of those," Tyler told the excited students, who gave Schulze four standing ovations during the presentation. "Renee has set a wonderful example and you have learned a lot from her."  
"It was exciting to me to learn that Bandera won this award," said Penly, who told the students he was also from a small town.  
During the presentation, which included students presenting their principal with a banner, a flower and an original poem written by 8th-grader Leticia Wise, Schulze told the students with tears in her eyes that she credited them with her accomplishment.  
"I thank you from the bottom of my heart," Schulze said. "The reason I'm up here is because of the students and the teachers. You make me look good."  
"We're so proud to recognize these principals who are making a difference in our kids' lives," said McGregor's Medical Director, Dr. Harvey J. Balchaser.  
For Wise's poem, see pg. 8A.

## Where to put it? County moves to put records storage at Mansfield Park Rec Center site

By Carolyn B. Edwards  
Bulletin Editor  
Bandera County Commissioners took the first step in a process to provide permanent record storage space for county offices during their regular session Jan. 22.  
Commissioners voted to begin remodeling the back room of the county-owned Recreation Center at Mansfield Park to provide a 60x24 foot room with temperature and humidity control for record storage.  
"Every department has a need for records storage," said County Judge Richard Evans. "The back of the Rec Center is used maybe twice a year."  
County Clerk Bernice Bates told commissioners that county records are now stored in various places. "We have things so scattered that it's hard for some research to be done," said Bates.  
Bates told commissioners that she had stored records in the jail in the past, but as that facility became crowded, she was asked to move her materials out by former sheriff Steve Forest. The records were then stored in an attic space above the judge's chambers in the courthouse. When structural weaknesses were discovered in the courthouse trusses, Bates had to once again move her records this time to a rental facility. Bates told commissioners that she was having a problem with insect damage at that location. Some older county records are stored in a tin roofed uninsulated shed behind the Old Jail, where insects and water have damaged the materials.  
The remodeling of the Rec Center will be financed from funds collected by the County Clerk's office. "Every" by the County Clerk's office. "Every" by Bates.  
—See COUNTY, p. 2A



Members of BSA Troop 146, Bandera, set up camp at Indian Creek Scout Camp in Ingram in 1971. Attending the camp were Joe Goodenough, Troy Fries, Howard L. James, Arkey C. Jenke, Jimmy Goodenough, Gary J. Schmeltz, Tony Fries, Billy Branton, David Davenport, Mark Clendenen, Robert L. Clark Jr., Sherwin Schaefer, Dean Adkins, Clint Loflin, Jesse Reyna and Rudy Grimaldo. The campers earned their Polar Bear Patch when temperatures went below freezing. For more on Boy Scout Week, see pg. 3A.  
Photo courtesy Bandera County Library

## Chamber names Todd Citizen of the Year



Top winners announced at the Chamber of Commerce's annual Gala were The Bandera Bulletin, Business Award winner, accepted by publisher Sean French; Citizen of the Year, Mazie Todd; and Cowboy Capital Award winner Linda Allen.

A large crowd of enthusiastic Chamber of Commerce members and guests enjoyed the annual Chamber Gala held Thursday, Jan. 23 at Lost Valley Resort Ranch.  
The Chamber recognizes its volunteers and participants at the annual event.  
Mazie Todd, winner of this year's Citizen of the Year Award, was saluted for her year-long contribution to the work of the Cowboy Christmas Committee.  
Under Todd's direction, the committee expanded the event from one weekend to a full month of activities that brought visitors into Bandera prior to the holiday.  
Todd's committee sponsored a mounted western fashion show, a Road-E-O, and a Christmas parade, among other events.  
Winner of the Cowboy Capital Award was musician Linda Allen. Along with her band, the Roadrunners, offer their services to provide musical entertainment for many Chamber activities. Allen also does charitable work throughout the year.  
The Bandera Bulletin was the recipient of the Business Community Service Award.  
For more, see pg. 10A.

## Water hearing set for February 5

The TNRC will consider a motion from Bexar Medina Atascosa Water Control District on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in Austin.  
BMA is again requesting a change in their water use permit. The water district will request that approximately 20,000 acre feet of Medina Lake water be available for municipal use.  
Both Bandera County and LAMCOS oppose the change in the permit.

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## Graduates



John Stroud and Erin McGarry

John Stroud and Erin McGarry, 1992 graduates of the University of Texas at San Antonio, received their Master of Science degree in accounting while McGarry, who is currently employed as the Controller for Mission City Container in San Antonio.

Barbara Stroud of Lakehills, McGarry is the daughter of Lorinda and the late Dean McGarry, formerly of Lakehills, now of San Antonio.



Kevin Ray Wedgworth

## Utopia students celebrate homecoming, crown Hall

The Utopia Homecoming was held during half-time in the game against the Comstock Panthers.

Misses of ceremony was Heather Clark who introduced the Queen's Court to the standing-room-only crowd.

The court consisted of Landia Sweeten and Jay Jones, freshmen Duchess and Duke, Angeline Omdrovik and Ben Taylor, sophomore Duchess and Duke, and Jaime Nack and Arthur Quinn, junior Duchess and Duke.

Candidates for the 1997 Homecoming Queen were Jennifer Nelson, senior class favorite, Robin Hall, Elizabeth Dunn, Caryn Moore, Jessica Omdrovik, and Tricia Watkins. Robin Hall was selected as queen by the student body of Utopia High School. Senior class favorite Travis Johnson presented her with a bouquet of red and yellow roses, while 1996 Homecoming Queen Laura Lesing placed the crown on her head.

## Spring semester syllabus for Student Aid: A 1197 financial aid calendar

Students looking for help should start their search now

Getting into the college of your choice may be step one, but finding the money to pay for it is probably the next challenge. For this fall's college freshmen facing tuition and fees averaging close to \$20,000 for private colleges, and about \$8,000 for public schools,

which college to attend, you as student aid is often awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and you don't want to miss out.

February about four weeks after admission, the FAFSA is due.

accepted send out financial aid packages. The packages may include grants, loans, and federal student loans. You'll want to compare the packages from each of the colleges to find which one best meets your needs.

education is near the top of everyone's to-do list. According to Sallie Mae, the nation's leading provider of education financing, January is a critical month to begin your search. The following six-month syllabus for student aid shows you what you need to do to help keep those resolutions.

January: If you haven't submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), get one immediately from your high school guidance counselor. Apply by February 15.

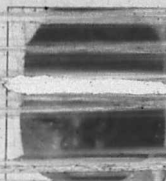
your Expected Family Contribution (the amount your family is expected to pay toward college), which will determine your eligibility for federal student aid programs. Make sure the SAR is accurate, and if not, make changes promptly, and mail the corrected report to the aid provider.

March: While awaiting word on your financial aid "packages," look into alternative funding sources, such as scholarships. Apply by Region 1 in April, colleges where you have been

June: Congratulations on your graduation, but your homework doesn't stop yet. If you haven't done so already, you will need to put together the rest of your financing package, which for half of all college students today includes federal loans.

While the federal government sets uniform interest rates and terms within each loan program, not all student loans are the same. Borrowers should shop around and compare the benefits and service offered by different lenders.

## Births



Shay Elizabeth Shy

Kirk and Patricia McMullan of Bandera announced the birth of Shay Elizabeth Shy was born Dec. 18, 1996 at San Methodist Hospital. She weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 22 1/2" long.

Proud grandparents are Joe and Cindy McMullan of Bandera, and Kenneth and Mary Pat Huff of Riviera, Texas.

## 6th Annual Winterfest Polish Sausage Luncheon raises funds for youth

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church Youth Group will hold its 6th Annual Winterfest Polish Sausage Luncheon this Sunday, Jan. 26, in their Church Hall.

Serving will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Plates consist of delicious barbecued Dzik sausage, potato salad, beans, and caraway cabbage, and will be sold for \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

Take-outs and sausage by the pound will be available.

A Sweet Tooth booth will sell various desserts.

Winterfest was begun six

years ago, as a means to fund the Youth Groups Spring Break Ski Trip. Today, the funds are still used for this activity. The high school youth group will be traveling to Crested Butte, Colo. for this year's ski trip. Funds raised at this Luncheon will defray the cost of bus transportation.

Youth Group members are selling advance tickets, or they can be purchased at the event.

Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the fellowship, fun and great food," a spokesperson said.

## Military

Air Force Airman Kimberly M. Themis has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San

Antonio.

Themis is the daughter of A. John and Linda Jo Themis of Bandera. She is a 1996 graduate of Cushing High School.

## Student Honors

Angelo State University

Two Bandera area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's List for the fall semester at the university.

Those listed include Charles L. Kneuper, an Animal Science major, and Kyle Phillips, an Accounting major. Both are from

Medina.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and have at least a 3.25 GPA.

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST AT CAMP BANDINA**, Lawrence Ray Smith; Worship: Sunday, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.

**COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD**; Bryan Baden, 307 11th Street, 796-8456; Sun. Worship: 10:45 a.m. winership; Sunday School for children 9:30; fellowship with coffee & donuts for Sunday schoolers.

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### MEDINA

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**; Tim Walthe; 589-2395; Sunday, 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Wed. Prayer meeting: 7 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**; Harold Zirkel; 589-2646; Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m.; Sun. School: 10 a.m.; Healing Service, last Sunday of the month, 7 p.m.

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### TARPLEY

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

### VANDERPOOL

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**; Jeff Sweeten; 966-3629/6114; Worship: Sun. 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**; Alice Underwood, 966-3343; Sun. School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship: 10:45 a.m.; UMW: 2:30 p.m., 3rd Wed.

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## Graduates



John Stroud and Erin McGarry

John Stroud and Erin McGarry, 1992 graduates of the University of Texas at San Antonio, are pictured here. Stroud is currently employed as the Controller for Mission City Contractors in San Antonio.

Barbara Stroud of Lakehills is the daughter of Loretta, and the late Dean McGarry, formerly of Lakehills, now of San Antonio.

Kevin Ray Wedgworth, son of Ray and Hilda Wedgworth of Mission, graduated from the University of Texas Pan American University, El Paso, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering on Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996. He graduated from Sharyland High School in 1991 in the top 10 of his class of 150. He received a scholarship from Sharyland High School and a scholarship from NASA. Wedgworth will be employed by Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Mich. He is the grandson of Mada Fitzgerald and Calvin Wedgworth of Bandera.



Kevin Ray Wedgworth

## Utopia students celebrate homecoming, crown Hall

The Utopia Homecoming was held during half-time in the game against the Comstock Panthers.

Mistress of ceremony was Heather Clark who introduced the Queen's Court to the standing-only crowd.

The court consisted of Linda Sweeten and Jay Jones, freshman Duchess and Duke; Angie Ondrovik and Ben Taylor, sophomore Duchess and Duke; and Jaime Nack and Arthur Quinn, junior Duchess and Duke.

Candidates for the 1997 Homecoming Queen were Jennifer Nelson, senior class favorite, Robin Hall, Elizabeth Dunn, Caryn Moore, Jessica Ondrovik, and Tricia Watkins.

Robin Hall was selected as queen by the student body of Utopia High School. Senior class favorite Travis Johnson presented her with a bouquet of red and yellow roses, while 1996 Homecoming Queen Laura Lessing placed the crown on her head.

## Spring semester syllabus for Student Aid: A 1197 financial aid catalog

Students looking for help should start their search now

Getting into the college of your choice may be only the first step in a student's quest for financial aid. But finding the money to pay for it is probably the next, and often the most difficult, step.

For students looking for help, the following six-month syllabus for student aid shows you what you need to do to help keep those dreams alive.

**January:** If you haven't submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), get one immediately from your high school guidance counselor. Even if you have not decided

which college to attend, you should submit your FAFSA as soon as possible. It is a first-come, first-served basis, and you won't want to miss out.

**February:** About four weeks after submitting your FAFSA, you should receive your SAR.

**March:** While awaiting word on your financial aid "packages," look into alternative funding sources, such as scholarships.

**April/May:** Begin in April, colleges where you have been accepted send out financial aid packages. The packages may include federal student loans. You'll want to compare the packages from each of the colleges to which you have been accepted.

**June:** Congratulations on your graduation, but your homework doesn't stop yet. If you haven't done so already, you will need to put together the rest of your financing package, which for half of all college students today includes federal loans.

While the federal government sets uniform interest rates and terms within each loan program, not all student loans are the same. Borrowers should shop around and compare the benefits and service offered by different lenders.

## 6th Annual Winterfest Polish Sausage Luncheon raises funds for youth

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church Youth Group will hold its 6th Annual Winterfest Polish Sausage Luncheon this Sunday, Jan. 26, in their Church Hall.

Serving will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Plates consist of delicious barbecued Dzik sausage, potato salad, beans, and caraway cabbage, and will be sold for \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

Take-outs and sausage by the pound will be available.

A Sweet Tooth booth will sell various desserts.

Winterfest to begin six

years ago, as a means to fund the Youth Groups Spring Break Ski Trip. Today, the funds are still used for this activity. The high school youth group will be traveling to Crested Butte, Colo. for this year's ski trip. Funds raised at this ski trip will defray the cost of bus transportation.

Youth Group members are selling advance tickets, or they can be purchased at the event.

Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the fellowship, fun and great food," a spokesperson said.

### Military

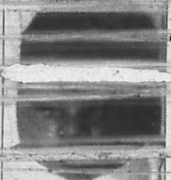
#### Themis

Air Force Airman Kimberly M. Themis has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San

### Antonia

Themis is the daughter of A. John and Linda Jo Themis of Bandera. She is a 1996 graduate of Cushing High School.

## Births



Shay Elizabeth

Kirk and Patricia McMullan of Bandera announced the birth of Shay Elizabeth. Shay was born Dec. 18, 1996 at San Methodist Hospital. She weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 22 1/2" long.

Proud grandparents are Joe and Cindy McMullan of Bandera, and Kenneth and Mary Pat Hurt of Riviera, Texas.

## Student Honors

### Angelo State University

Two Bandera area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's List for the Fall semester at the university.

Those listed include Charles L. Kneuper, an Animal Science major, and Kyle Phillips, an Accounting major. Both are from

### Medina

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# Sports

## Medina boys take win in overtime, ready for district play next week



Medina Bobcats Bo Evans takes the ball past Town East Christian players in the 75-74 overtime win.

### Utopia Lady Buffaloes take loss in first district contest

The Lady Buffaloes suffered a defeat at the hands of Comstock to begin the 1996-97 district play by a score of 48-25 on Friday, Jan. 17.

First half showed a different story with a half-time margin a meager two-point lead by the Panthers. A dismal effort scored in the second half helped Comstock pull away.

District play began with a real downer for the boys. Comstock came on the floor with an overpowering offense that the Buffaloes found hard to control. Final score Comstock 69, Utopia 30.

Jay Jones put in nine points to be the high point for Utopia. Jeffrey Moore had eight, Glen Timpke and Ben Taylor each contributed four, with Thomas Mauldin three and Wes Sutherland two.

Saturday, Jan. 18, found the junior high basketball teams headed over the hill to Leaky for an invitational tournament.

Playing with lots of hustle and determination, the girls won the first game against Knappa 34-22, even though they played the last few minutes of

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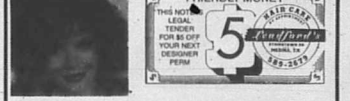
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# Sports

## Medina boys take win in overtime, ready for district play next week



Medina Bobcat Bo Evans takes the ball past Town East Christian players in the 75-74 overtime win.

### Utopia Lady Buffaloes take loss in first district contest

The Lady Buffaloes suffered a defeat at the hands of Comstock to begin the 1996-97 district play by a score of 48-25 on Friday, Jan. 17. First half showed a different story with a half-time margin a meager two-point lead by the Panthers. A dismal eight points scored in the second half helped Comstock pull away. District play began with a real-downer for the boys. Comstock came on the floor with an overpowering offense that the Buffaloes found hard to control. Final score Comstock 69, Utopia 30. Jay Jones put in nine points to be the high point for Utopia. Jeffrey Moore had eight, Glen Tampke and Ben Taylor each contributed four, with Thomas Mauldin three and Wes Sutherland two. Saturday, Jan. 18, found the junior high basketball teams headed over the hill to Leakey for an invitational tournament. Playing with lots of hustle and determination, the girls won the first game against Knappa 34-22, even though they played the last few minutes of

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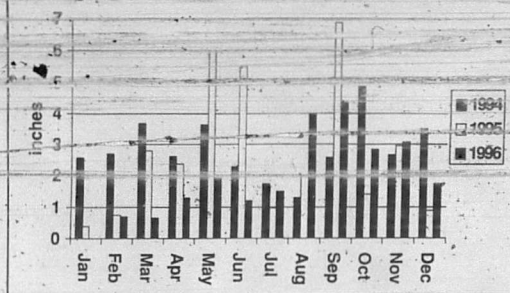
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The promotion of Bandera and Bandera County through the use of bed tax dollars helps us all. The more folks who come to Bandera, the more dollars we have to spend. Directly, or by "trickle down," we all benefit from these outside dollars.

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## Sports Shorts

### Kinderclassics coming in March

The second annual Alsatian Kinderclassics Golf Tournament, benefiting Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, will be played in Castroville on Friday, March 21.

Some 250 golfers are expected to participate in this affair sponsored by KKKY Radio and Allen & Allen Hardware and Lumber Co.

The tournament features two Florida scrambles with shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entry fee is a donation of \$50 (\$80 after March 14) to the hospital.

That amount will include entry, green and cart fees, an Allen-flavored lunch and a chance to win both skill and attendance prizes.

Although Allen & Allen has been a major sponsor of many Santa Rosa tournaments in past years, this is the first title sponsorship for the firm headed by former professional football player and NFL official Pat Knight.

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## Lady 'Dogs' move into 2nd place after two wins



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The Bandera Lady Bulldogs are riding a four-game winning streak as they move deeper into the second round of their district schedule. With the current streak, the Lady Dogs have moved into a three-way tie for second place in the district.

The two latest victims were the Ingram Lady Indians and the Lytle Lady Pirates this past week, with both games played in Bandera on back-to-back nights due to rescheduling forced by last week's freezing weather.

On Thursday night, the Lady Dogs wrapped up the first round with a 61-41 victory over Ingram. Leading the way for Bandera was sophomore point guard Carrie Pease, who scored 10 of her 13 free throw attempts on her way to 15 points and handed out five assists.

Also scoring in the double figures for the Lady Bulldogs was junior point player April Koehler with 12 points and sophomore wing Katie Jennings with 11 points and five assists.

"Ingram was a very big game for us," Coach Pam Owens said. "The girls came through."

Then, on Friday, Bandera completed a season sweep of the Lytle Pirates 71-49.

Pease again led the charge for the Lady Dogs with 15 points. Senior post player Heidi Hicks turned in an outstanding performance with 15 points and 16 rebounds. Koehler chipped in with 12 points and Jennings added 11 with eight rebounds for the victory in the opener of the second round.

The two wins placed Bandera in a three-way tie for second place with Medina Valley and Ingram. Devine is in first place. The varsity team played Honda last night and will come home Friday for a crucial contest against Medina Valley.

"It'll be a different story when we play them this time," Owens predicted.

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Hondo	2-3	6-14
Bandera	1-4	4-16
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Team	Dist.	Overall
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Medina Canyon	0-0	11-7
Rockgroves	0-0	10-9
Harper	0-0	10-11

### Girls - District 64-A

Team	Dist.
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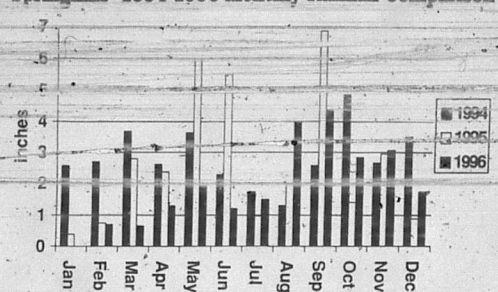
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## Over the Back Fence

**Marion Heiser 612-2509**  
Hi, y'all! Love this warm weather. This is, as they call it, Chamber of Commerce weather! We can go back out and work without being so bundled up we can't move. Hopefully, we won't have too many more Arctic spells like the one we just survived. • We are sorry to report that Mary Biederman is still in the hospital. She has been in very bad shape and as of the last report they did not know exactly what the problem was other than a respiratory infection. Anyway, we hope to hear her giving us a hard time back out here real soon. • The Medina Lake VFD treasurer Gus Limon reports the checks are coming in at a slow but steady pace for the fee system. Our computer data base program had a bug that has set us back on sending out our 4-5 names and addresses, things can get a little difficult. Those who send their checks now will go on a list and when the letters do go out we can know who has already sent in their yearly fee. The general opinion toward our fee system has been very good. There is still some misinformation going around, but we are trying to get out the right word to everyone about our program. • Well, as we write this, the President is preparing for his inauguration and everyone in D.C. is going like crazy. We probably will never witness something like this other than on TV. The birthday celebration for Martin Luther King is also going great guns. Lots of going on for one little Monday. • We have noticed that the winter Texans are back in great numbers. The RV parks have been full of TT rigs on their out week. We see all kinds of "foreign" license plates on the road. These people offer us a chance to learn of life in the rest of the nation. Strike up a conversation with these winter Texans and a lasting friendship might result. Our kids always say we never meet a stranger while we are out and about. This does bring some interesting acquaintances. We still run into people we met at Thousand Trails while we worked there. • Well, duty calls (along with Bill and Tax Collectors) so we better go to work. We are going to enjoy this spring-like weather as we work. Nothing like a dose of cold to make you appreciate warm weather. We will continue to look for you over the back fence.

## Tourism Talks

What if the Bandera C.V.B. does for you? Spend a little money and you could get a lot more. The C.V.B. KGB? Maybe with some political overtones with dark goings-on concerning the thousands of dollars paid to the County each year via bed tax. Well, folks, it just isn't that way. C.V.B. is just a name. The Convention and Visitors Bureau. Even though few of us are aware of it, these tax dollars benefit each and everyone of us in Bandera County. First, let me explain what the bed tax is, what determines the amount, who receives it, who spends it and what you get out of it. Back in 1989 Senator Bill Stinner introduced a bill, at the request of the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce, to allow a room tax for all of Bandera County. Just to be sure it covered only Bandera County, the bill was worded as per Section 352.002 of the Tax Code: "a county that has a population of 15,000 or less in which there is located a horse racing track licensed as a Class I or Class II race track under the Texas good until the track closed in 1996, at which time the tax collected for the county was in the amount of \$100,000." The track closing, officers of our C.V.B. saw the handwriting on the wall and set things in motion to continue to receive the "bed tax." The "bed tax" would "close" a new bill, House Bill 303 was passed just prior to the track closing. The bill stated that "any county in Texas that is contiguous to two counties (Medina and Bexar) that lie wholly inside the Edwards Aquifer Region can keep their portion of the bed tax." Bandera is the only county in Texas to qualify under Bill 303. What is bed tax? It's the tax paid by any guest staying overnight in a hotel, motel, B&B or any other type of commercial guest lodging facility in the county. What makes this tax so great for us locals is that we don't have to pay a cent of it. The bottom line is that without the bed tax the average Bandera County household would pay an additional \$638.00 in property tax for the same promotional services. Our total bed tax is 12 percent of the overnight charge. Outside state gets 6 percent and Bandera County gets 6 percent. Inside the city limits, the City of Bandera gets 6 percent. Bandera County comes up with 6 percent and the state still gets its 6 percent. Bandera County's portion of the tax all goes to the C.V.B. By law, it can only be used to promote tourism, convention, trade and trade-related promotional projects which include the salaries, facilities, supplies, utilities and office maintenance. This tag, in its first fiscal year, 1990, was \$57,000. The projected revenue for 1997 is a whopping \$143,000. Fifty-five percent, almost \$79,000, will be spent on promoting Bandera County. The promotion of Bandera and Bandera County through the use of bed tax dollars helps us all. The more folks who come to Bandera, the more dollars we have to spend. Directly, or by "trickle down," we all benefit from these outside dollars. This is a sweet circle. The more people come and pay in bed tax, the more dollars the C.V.B. has to promote Bandera County and the more the county is promoted, the more folks come to stay overnight in the county. Great, isn't it?

## New business opens in Lakehills area

**PDC Enterprises**  
Paul Chevalier, owner of PDC Enterprises in Lakehills offers tax return preparation and desktop publishing services. For more about the new business, see story on page 7A.

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## Sports Shorts

### Kinderclassic coming in March

The second annual Alsatian Kinderclassic Golf Tournament, benefiting Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, will be played in Castrovilla on Friday, March 21. Some 250 golfers are expected to participate in this affair sponsored by KKYX Radio and Allen & Allen Hardware and Lumber Co. The tournament features two Florida scrambles with shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entry fee is a donation of \$50 (\$60 after March 14) to the hospital. That amount will include entry, green and cart fees, an Alsatian-flavored lunch and a chance to win both skill and attendance prizes. Although Allen & Allen has been a major sponsor of many Santa Rosa tournaments in past years, this is the first title sponsorship for the firm headed by former professional football player and NFL official Pat Knight. Allen & Allen is making a donation of \$5,000 to the hospital for title sponsorship.

### Over 50 news

The Over 50 Golf Association will play its next Florida scramble tournament at the Alsatian course in Castrovilla starting at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29.

## STANDINGS

Boys - District 26-3A			
Team	Dist.	Overall	
Ingram	6-0	18-1	
Devine	4-1	14-6	
Lytle	3-2	4-16	
Somerset	2-3	9-12	
Hondo	2-3	6-14	
Bandera	1-4	4-16	
Medina Valley	0-5	3-13	

Girls - District 26-3A			
Team	Dist.	Overall	
Devine	6-1	16-8	
Bandera	5-2	14-10	
Medina Valley	5-2	12-10	
Ingram	4-2	9-13	
Hondo	2-5	10-11	
Somerset	1-6	9-12	
Lytle	1-6	7-14	

Boys - District 64-A			
Team	Dist.	Overall	
Nueces Canyon	0-0	12-7	
Medina	0-0	11-7	
Rockspings	0-0	10-9	
Harper	0-0	10-11	

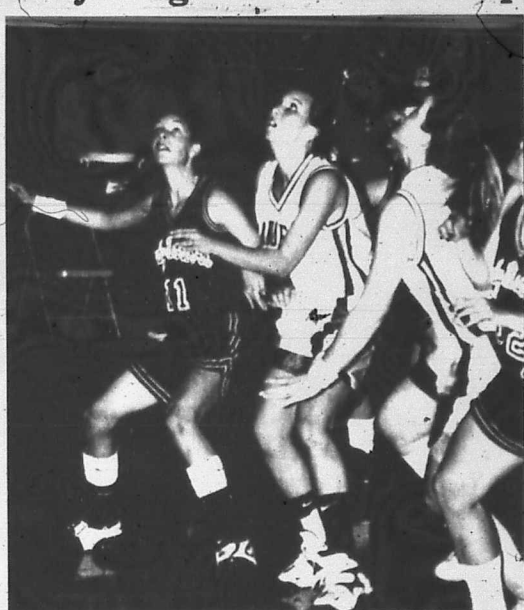
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Team	Dist.	Overall	
Rockspings	0-0	18-1	
Lytle	0-0	13-4	
Nueces Canyon	0-0	8-13	
Harper	0-0	6-12	

## Sports Schedule

Bandera		Medina	
1/24	Bandera Valley	away: FB, JV, VB	5:30/8
1/24	Medina Valley	home: FG, JV, VG	5:30/8
1/25	Ingram Tourney	BMS	TBA
1/27	Notre Dame (A)	BMS: boys/away girls/home	4/5/6/7
1/27	Centerpoint (B)	BMS: boys/away girls/away	4/30/6
1/28	Devine	home: FB, JV, VB	5:30/8
1/28	Devine	away: FG, JV, VG	5:30/8
Utopia		Medina	
1/24	Harper	Medina: JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
1/25	Harper Jr. High Tourney	away: Medina Jr. High	TBA
1/27	Utopia	Medina: Medina Jr. High	5:00
1/28	Nueces Canyon	away: VG, VB	6:30
Basketball		Utopia	
1/27	Medina	away: Utopia Jr. High	5:00
1/28	Leaky	Utopia: JV, VG, VB	5:00

# Sports

## Lady 'Dogs move into 2nd place after two wins



Lady Bulldogs Heidi Hicks and April Koehler wait for the rebound in the win against Ingram. Both Koehler and Hicks are in the top 20 in the Greater San Antonio area for rebounds.

The Bandera Lady Bulldogs are riding a four-game winning streak as they move deeper into the second round of their district schedule. With the current streak, the Lady 'Dogs have moved into a three-way tie for second place in the district. The two latest victims were the Ingram Lady Indians and the Lytle Lady Pirates this past week, with both games played in Bandera on back-to-back nights due to rescheduling forced by last week's freezing weather. On Thursday night, the Lady 'Dogs wrapped up the first round with a 61-48 victory over Ingram. Leading the way for Bandera was sophomore point guard Carrie Pease, who scored 10 of her 13 free throw attempts on her way to 15 points and handed out five assists. Also scoring in the double figures for the Lady Bulldogs was junior post player April Koehler with 13 points and sophomore wing Katie Jennings with 11 points and five assists. "Ingram was a very big game for us," Coach Pam Owens said. "The girls came through with a win. Then, on Friday, Bandera completed a season sweep of the Lytle Pirates 71-49. "Pease again led the charge in a three-way tie for second place with Medina Valley and Ingram. Devine is in first place. The varsity team played Hondo last night and will come home Friday for a crucial contest against Medina Valley. "It'll be a different story when we play them this time," Owens predicted. The Medina Valley Lady Panthers beat the Lady 'Dogs the first round. "Carrie Pease has really come through and is playing fabulous for us now," Owens said. "Everyone is continuing the good play and we are really starting to get on a roll. We really can't afford to stumble again if we want to reach our goal of winning the district championship. Every night we have had a superior effort from everyone."

## A fine day for golfing



Jeff McClendon and Steve Hodges joined 23 other golfers in the Flying L Low Net Tournament. See page 2B for story.

## Bulldog foul trouble leads to loss in 4th

The Bandera Bulldogs lost a key game to Ingram on Jan. 16 when starter Nate Moehring fouled out in the fourth quarter allowing Ingram's post Cullen Loefler to score 11 points. The Bulldogs led in every quarter, but lost 67-58. Ingram took their first lead of the game with only 5:10 left on the clock. Bandera's Moehring gave the Bulldogs their biggest lead of the game with just two minutes left in the first half after making one 2-pointer and getting a free throw in on a foul. Upcoming Kevin Ohnheiser broke a Warrior 9-1 run with a jumper from the free throw line as the buzzer sounded, giving the 'Dogs a 42-35 lead at halftime. "We played very well until the fourth quarter when we lost Nate Moehring to foul trouble," Coach Steve Kidd said. Moehring still led the team in scoring with 16 points, followed by Ohnheiser with 16, and Ohnheiser led in rebounds with 12 and eight respectively. Leland each coming in with points. Jason Garcia and Stimmel led the team in steals with three each. Ohnheiser and Moehring also racked up the most rebounds, with nine and eight respectively. "Dogs led 14-9, in the second 35 and in the third 51-45. On Friday, Jan. 17, the Bulldogs again lost to the Lytle Pirates 58-48, in a close game where the 'Dogs led in the first 16-14, fell behind by one point 32-31 in the second, and tied the third 44-44. "We played a very flat, unemotional game," Kidd said. "I believe we were still mentally down from the fourth-quarter loss to Ingram the night before." "We played very well until the fourth quarter when we lost Nate Moehring to foul trouble," Coach Steve Kidd said. Moehring still led the team in scoring with 16 points, followed by Ohnheiser with 16, and Ohnheiser led in rebounds with 12 and eight respectively.







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## Four Medina ranches in heritage program honored

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced today that four Medina ranches have been honored as part of the state's Heritage Program. The ranches are the David Burl Reed Ranch, the James Bonaparte Reed Ranch, the Elmer Reed Ranch, and the Elmer Reed Ranch.

The David Burl Reed Ranch, owned by Mrs. Allie Byron Reed of Medina, the James Bonaparte Reed Ranch established in 1896 and owned by James Reed, the Elmer Reed Ranch established in 1896 and owned by Elmer Reed, and the Elmer Reed Ranch established in 1896 and owned by Elmer Reed.

## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, Jan. 22**  
Sunrise 7:28 Sunset 6:03  
Bandera County Commissioners Court, Courthouse, 10 a.m.  
Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-3 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, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.  
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Heritage Study Group, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

**Thursday, Jan. 23**  
Sunrise 7:28 Sunset 6:04  
Story time, Bandera County Library 4-5 year olds, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon & 7:30 p.m.  
TOPS Tx 1614, Silver Sage Corral, 2:30 p.m.  
Woodmen of the World Youth Meeting, WOW Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department Training Meeting, Firehouse, 7 p.m.  
Lakehills American Legion Post 410 and Auxiliary, Lakehills, 7 p.m.  
Western Dance or Practice, Utopia Sr. Center, 7:30 p.m.  
Crochet, 9 a.m.; Spanish, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

**Friday, Jan. 24**  
Sunrise 7:27 Sunset 6:05  
San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) (Disability Issues), 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Medina Jolly Elders, Medina Baptist Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Bingo, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.  
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Bridge, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

**Saturday, Jan. 25**  
Sunrise 7:27 Sunset 6:06  
Wild Game Dinner, Grace Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.  
Las Vegas Night, Lakehills American Legion Hall, 7 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon & 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 26**  
Sunrise 7:27 Sunset 6:07  
Attend the church of your choice!  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 27**  
Sunrise 7:26 Sunset 6:07  
San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) (Disability Issues), 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Board Meeting, Utopia Senior Center, 9 a.m.  
Good Old Boys Golf, Flying L Ranch, Bandera, 9 a.m.  
Medina Lake AARP at Lakehills American Legion Hall, Executive Meeting, 11:30 a.m.; Covered Dish, Noon; and Business Meeting, 1 p.m.  
Al-anon, 7th & Cypress, 6:30 p.m.  
GED and English as Second Language classes, Bandera County Library, 6-8 p.m.  
Line Dancing, All ages, Silver Sage Corral, 7 p.m.  
Bandera Optimist Club, Billy Gene's, noon.  
Bandera Masonic Lodge #1123 AF & AM, Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.  
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Low Impact Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Oil Painting, 9 a.m.; Ceramics, 1 p.m.; Line dancing, 7 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

**Tuesday, Jan. 28**  
Sunrise 7:25 Sunset 6:07  
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.  
GED and English as Second Language classes, Bandera County Library, 6-8 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon & 7:30 p.m.  
Bingo, Utopia Sr. Center, 7:30 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-noon; Molders, 10 a.m.; Birthday Luncheon, noon; Silver Sage Corral.

**Wednesday, Jan. 29**  
Sunrise 7:25 Sunset 6:09  
Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-3 p.m.  
Bingo, Lakeshore VFD, Wharton's Dock Road, 7 p.m.  
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## Medina "A" Honor Roll students named

Ahmad, Jessica Burger, Robin Gallagher, Mari Catherine Hagan, Geneva Haynes, Courtney Hurley, Raymond Merrill, Mayla...

Second Grade: David Clark, Peter Clark, Tyler Eads, Aubrey LeSturgeon, The Family Land Heritage Program, sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, honors families whose farms and ranches have been in continuous production for 100 years or more.

Third Grade: Candice Boyesen, Casey Cohn, Rebecca Faglie, Jennifer Feasel, Hilary Hanger, Carly Haycraft, Daniel Hudson, Hunter McLaughlin, Rebecca Rice, Mark Stephens, Diana Synt...

Fourth Grade: Amanda Carpenter, Cinco Coates, Codi Craddock, Taylor Dabney, Megan Hayes, Rachel Ingram, Scott MacNaughton, Angelina Mullins, Zachary Pond, Susanna Sawyer, Bailey Wong...

Fifth Grade: Megan Eads, Wyatt Lautenheiser, Daniel Feasel, Chance LeMellier, Clint Neal, Paige Leifson, Sixth Grade: Sabrina Clark, Elizabeth Dabney, Barton, McLaughlin, Matthew Williams, Aaron Seymour, Brad Shearhart, Seventh Grade: Charles Cohn, Tiffany Cohn, Ben Fudge...

Eighth Grade: Suzanne Coates, Laci Faglie, Angela Johnson, Ninth Grade: Levi Hubble, Tenth Grade: Casey Evans, Super Sub, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Fritos, Fruit Cocktail.

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## Wharton's Dock Lake Medina Shores

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## DUNN.....cont. from p. 1

Two days before the world's largest shooting competition, the 12-gauge Red Label Range gun broke.

Dunn's father, John, called the gun a "piece of junk." But, for the money his parents put out this year, his winnings more than covered the cost.

Dunn said it cost close to \$1,000 to participate in the World Shoot, but he won at least \$2,000.

And he is hoping that he will see further rewards down the road.

"I want to try and get a scholarship out of it for college," he said.

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## Cowboy artists on display

From Jan. 21 through March 31 the Cowboy Artists of America will display "Canvas-ing the West: Gary Carter and Howard Terpning." A reception to mark the opening and honor the artists will be held on Friday, Jan. 24 at 5:30 and the public is invited.

Two of the finest talents on the scene today, Carter and Terpning are each renowned in the world of Western art. Each paints a decidedly different aspect of Western life, and because of this, the exhibit will deliver a diverse and wide-ranging perspective of life on the American frontier.

This exhibit offers an outstanding combination of talent plus a broad range of subject matter to interest visitors. The museum is open Monday-Saturday from 9-5 and Sunday from 1-5. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors and \$1 for children. Museum members attend free.

Bill Bryce, Commander O.J. Clark Memorial VFW Post 9176 and Marlene T. Bryce, Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer, attended the State of Texas VFW Mid-Winter Round-up in Austin Jan. 16-19.

Marlene Bryce accepted a 100 percent membership plaque from national Auxiliary President Eileen Tanner and Texas VFW Auxiliary President Eva Baldwin at the membership luncheon. Auxiliary 9176 received an autographed picture of the national president during the event. The Auxiliary will receive other awards at the next 23rd District Meeting in Comfort on Feb. 2.

The Auxiliary conducted a POW/MIA Candlelight Ceremony during the Round-up. Commander Bryce attended many work shops on VFW programs and was very impressed by a briefing on the POW/MIA situation by members of the US Dept. of Defense Team for POW/MIA's from Washington. "Many questions were answered and myths dispelled," said Bryce.

Dr. Vernon Chong, Director for the Northern, Central and South Texas Veterans Health Care System spoke on the revised regulation on veterans benefits. "Veterans from the Bandera area who receive VA health care come under Dr. Chong's area of responsibility," said Bryce.

Commander Bryce is the Post 9176 Service Officer for veterans' benefits and advises all veterans in Bandera County to contact her for assistance.

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## Computer classes offered

Hill Country Elementary School will be conducting beginning and intermediate level computer classes for adults during February.

The first session is Understanding Windows '95 which will be on Feb. 3, 5, and 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Hill Country Elementary. The cost will be \$30 per person. Topics will include the following: Computer terminology, using the mouse, Windows '95 desktop, opening programs, using accessories, word processing features, and more.

Intermediate Windows '95 will be on Feb. 19, 24 and 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Hill Country Elementary. The cost will be \$30 per person. Topics will include: Using keyboard shortcuts, creating new folders and file copies, installing sound and video, installing new software and hardware, changing screen saver and wallpaper, copying files to disks, customizing your computer, other Windows tools and more.

For more information about the classes, contact Brad Donatovich at Hill Country Elementary at 535-5108 or 510-9585.

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## Basic Bandera

Please for the love of the land, try to read a rough outline of a piece of the land to develop a minor-major essay book fun at the thesis of a publication we enjoy reading because the articles are presented in plain standard English, not academic jargon.

The magazine is "Geotimes," Dec. 1996, and the main article deals with foreshadowing attempts of developer and homeowners along hurricane-prone beaches on the eastern seaboard to control storm erosion. Expensive houses and other buildings are constantly being swept away by the ruling forces of nature, even though private and public money is constantly being thrown away building ineffective berms and seawalls. At some point, the author says, humankind will have to learn to cooperate with Nature and give up trying to exert total control.

In other words, beach residents—build your "manifold inland and walk to the beach on nice days!"

We stray from the point we wish to develop. "Land is still 'lovely property' wrote pioneer conservationist Aldo Leopold. "The land-relation is still strictly economic, entailing privileges but not obligations." OK, ready for this?

According to the story in Geotimes, in 1974, Christopher Stone published an essay entitled "Should trees have standing? Toward legal rights for natural objects." He argued that mountains, forests, rivers, beaches—all natural resources—should be granted the same legal rights as copyrighted works and patented inventions. These natural objects cannot speak for themselves...so it is imperative that courts begin to deal with natural

resources as a "jurist-person," the same way they treat corporations, estates, and infants.

What? While we agree that it is a wasteful and losing battle to keep a house on the water's edge—on the beach in North Carolina or the flood-plain of the Medina river—the idea that natural objects should have legal rights as persons leads us to think along these implications:

Equal rights under the law being the sacred standard for our land, if trees were regarded as persons, where would be the justice, given our bias, for instance FOR live oak trees and against hackberries and ashle junipers?

As you know, we spend tons of money trying to preserve the privileged oaks and tons of money killing out junipers. Don't junipers need love too? After all, they are natural objects worthy of standing equal with all the other manifestations of God's Creation!

If Christopher Stone had his way and natural objects became persons, would we not have to organize an Ashe Juniper Legal Defense Fund to fight the long-held prejudice and injustices wrought against these persons?

After all, the oaks have to be cuddled and petted and pruned and sprayed, while the junipers do very well on their own. There must be some kind of hateful cultural bias working here.

It is true that oaks do make useful duff with their falling leaves and provide acorns for wildlife. That is their job. But it is the job, isn't it, of ashle junipers to hold erosion back on steep hillsides, add fractions of inches of topsoil to caliche slopes with their falling needles, and hose golden-check warblers. If we let them live long enough! Ashe junipers of the world...You're nothing to lose but your heartwood!

## Senior class BBQ

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## Tank Top.

Before your top priority becomes thawing out the children or the family pet, make sure you call your propane dealer and have your tank topped off for the winter. If you call now and place your order, you might just be at the top of the list. And you know what? You'll be on top of your tank too. There's nothing like a warm house on a cold Texas morning to make you feel top top. Prepare. The clean choice. The clear choice. It's no wonder it's the top choice.

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## Letters to the Editor

### SSI payments to addicts now stopped

Dear Editor:

I have just read "Overseas" regarding one of our nation's ...  
of Supplemental Security ...  
Income (SSI) payments ad- ...  
ministered by the Social Security ...  
administration to drug addicts ...  
and alcoholics based solely on ...  
their substance abuse. Providing ...  
help to addicts is not an offset ...  
of the Social Security program ...  
What these people need is treat- ...  
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into the best ways to help them, ...  
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tions.

These individuals, in effect ...  
were guaranteed an entitlement ...  
because of their addiction. But ...  
no longer. Had Congress not ...  
changed the law, and estimated ...  
250,000 addicts and alcoholics ...  
would have continued to receive ...  
disability benefits at a cost of

### Meeting Dates

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

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## Opinion

### Letters to the Editor

by Cynal Wright, staff writer

The chief of police for Bandera has ...  
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Of course, when anybody has ...  
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Recollections of the Past ...  
The sheriff of Bandera ...  
County, who has a huge job of ...  
any standards, has spent a lot of ...  
time and effort building that ...  
department up to one that is ...  
comparable with, and better ...  
than some other counties.

Poles lose their priest ...  
One of the tragedies of the Civil War for ...  
Bandera County's Polish settlers was the ...  
death of their only Polish priest, Fr. ...  
Julian Przysiecki. ...  
Przysiecki served the religious needs in ...  
Bandera and Martinez.

Boxer reunion ...  
Dear Editor:

The USS Boxer Veterans Association of Texas ...  
Louisiana will hold its fifth annual ...  
mini-reunion at the Remada Kings Inn, ...  
Clear Lake, Texas, Feb. 28 and March 1, ...  
1997. Ship's company, air groups, ...  
Marines, etc. are welcome. For details, ...  
contact Roy Mullins, 1106 E. 7th St., ...  
Sweeney, TX 77480, or call 409/548-2931 ...  
or Arthur Kohn, 15610 Hwy. #6, Santa Fe, ...  
TX 77517, or call 409/925-3105.

Setting it Straight ...  
In last week's Bandera Bulletin, the price for the new compact pickup for the Bandera street and utilities department was incorrect. The price is actually \$10,483.

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 ...  
Most major news about 120 total credit hours to receive an undergraduate degree. Complaint Backlog to '89

Nursing Home Reforms ...  
Nursing home administrators will be held accountable for all problems in a nursing home, under a set of tough new standards adopted last week by the Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators.

Other Capital Highlights ...  
Texas population increased to over 19 million in 1996, making it the fastest-growing state in the fourth consecutive year. A high birth rate and migration from other countries boosted the state's population by 326,900 people in the past year, according to an annual population estimate by the U.S. Census Bureau.

State workers want raises ...  
When the Legislature convenes later this month, state employees want pay raises, and they want their salaries to be a high priority with lawmakers.

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## Obituaries

### Announcements, Births, Deaths

recently employed by the Flying ...  
in Bandera, he was preceded in ...  
death by a brother, Terry Lee in ...  
1989.

Survivors include: daughter ...  
and Jeanne of San Antonio; ...  
Atwood, brothers, Leonard ...  
Atwood, Jr. of Hobbs, New ...  
Mexico, and Robert Atwood of ...  
Carlsbad, New Mexico; sister, ...  
Ginger Holland of Athens, ...  
Texas; grandchildren, Cody and ...  
Brittini Atwood; and several ...  
niece and nephews.

Funeral services were held ...  
Friday, January 17, 1997 at ...  
South Semole Baptist Church in ...  
Plainview, Texas. Mr. Atwood ...  
was a jockey and horse trainer

Mr. Cary Lynn Atwood, 46, of ...  
Bandera, died on Sunday, ...  
January 15, 1997. He was born ...  
on July 17, 1950 in Beaumont, ...  
Texas to L.D. and Jeannine ...  
Atwood. He belonged to ...  
Parkview Baptist Church in ...  
Plainview, Texas. Mr. Atwood ...  
was a jockey and horse trainer

Barry homemaker ...  
Palmer of Manchester, New ...  
Hampshire; brothers, George ...  
Tullgren of Deer Park, Texas, ...  
Tom Tullgren of Weare, New ...  
Hampshire, and Mark Tullgren ...  
of Keene, New Hampshire, nine ...  
grandchildren and one great- ...  
grandchild.

Services for Mrs. Barry are ...  
scheduled for Wednesday, ...  
January 22, 1997 at 10 a.m. at ...  
Grimes Funeral Chapel of ...  
Bandera with Mr. Martin Smith ...  
officiating. Interment will follow ...  
at Grandview Memorial Park ...  
Cemetery in Pasadena, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family ...  
requests memorials be sent to ...  
the American Lung Association ...  
of Texas, Central Region, P.O. ...  
Box 26566, Austin, Texas 78765- ...  
0566.

Funeral arrangements are ...  
under the direction of Grimes ...  
Funeral Chapels of Bandera.

Hamilton: born in Bandera ...  
Mary Hamilton, 83, of ...  
Bandera County, died Friday, ...  
January 17, 1997 in a Boerne ...  
care center. She was born ...  
October 12, 1913 to Peter P. and ...  
Catherine Lewis Pyka in ...  
Bandera. She was married to ...  
Leonard Hamilton on July 2, ...  
1931 in Bandera.

Survivors include: husband, ...  
Leonard of Mico; daughters, ...  
Shirley Schaefer of San Antonio, ...  
and Martha Hamilton of Mico; ...  
son, Donald E. Hamilton of ...  
Lakeville; brothers, Tommy ...  
Pyka of Bandera, and Charlie

Pyka of Pipe Creek; nine grand- ...  
children; and 21 great-grand- ...  
children.

Vigil services were held on ...  
Monday, January 20, 1997 at ...  
Grimes Funeral Chapel with ...  
Father Michael McManus officiat- ...  
ing. Funeral mass was con- ...  
ducted on Tuesday, January 21, ...  
1997 at St. Stanislaus Catholic ...  
Church with Father Michael ...  
McManus officiating. Interment ...  
followed at Bandera Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were ...  
under the direction of Grimes ...  
Funeral Chapels of Bandera.

Make plans on ...  
Tuesday, Jan. 28 ...  
to attend the ...  
Silver Sage ...  
Birthday ...  
Luncheon at ...  
11:45 a.m.

"Bring a dish and ...  
help us celebrate," ...  
said Director ...  
Betty Lebo.

Harnett: Purple Heart recipient ...  
Mr. John H. Harnett, 66, of ...  
Lakelands, died January 14, ...  
1997. He was born June 1, 1930 ...  
in Atlanta, New York to Anna ...  
and John Harnett. He was a res- ...  
ident of Lakelands for the past 11 ...  
years. Mr. Harnett was retired ...  
from the U.S. Air Force as a ...  
CMSGT, and was a recipient of ...  
the Purple Heart, Meritorious ...  
Service Award, and various ...  
other commendations. He was ...  
preceded in death by wife ...  
Pauline, and a grandson, Allen ...  
Grubb.

Survivors include: daughter, ...  
Linda Ann Born of Center Point; ...  
sons, Steven J. Harnett of ...  
Austin, Daniel P. Harnett of ...  
Dallas, John J. Harnett, III, of ...  
Universal City, and Bryce Long ...  
of San Antonio; 10 grandchil- ...  
dren; and numerous nieces and ...  
nephews.

Services were held January ...  
20, 1997 at Fort Sam Houston ...  
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tary honors. Father Thomas ...  
Olczyk officiated.

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TEXAS CROSSWORD ...  
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## Computer classes for seniors

### beginning in Kerrville

Scholar College in Kerrville ...  
will conduct computer classes ...  
for seniors beginning March 7. ...  
The classes will be held in the ...  
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Academic Building on the cam- ...  
pus of Kerrville College.

Three sessions will be held ...  
Session 1 classes, from Feb. 7 ...  
through Feb. 28, will cover begin- ...  
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Quicken/Turbo Tax. Session 2, ...  
beginning March 7, will cover ...  
beginning computing and word ...  
processing. Session 3, will cover ...  
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cessing, and databases and ...  
spreadsheet and will cover in- ...  
termediate and advanced topics.

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### National Glaucoma Week Jan. 19-25

Prevent Blindness San ...  
Antonio is making an effort dur- ...  
ing National Glaucoma Week, ...  
Jan. 19-25, 1997 to alert every- ...  
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## Sheriff's Report

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ANNEALINE LANE, 32, of San Antonio, was arrested by J.P. Cret. Pct. 3, on an eight charges of burglary of a habitation.

On Friday, Jan. 17, 1997, deputies of the Sheriff's Department arrested Christopher Daniel Culberson for burglary of a habitation.

from a concerned citizen, Bandera County Reserve Deputies and other officers of the Sheriff's Department established surveillance on a residence in the Wharton's Dock area. The 17-year-old was apprehended after officers observed him enter the house and take money from a desk in the house. Bond was set at \$10,000 dollars and the man was released Saturday after posting the bond.

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## Chief's Blotter

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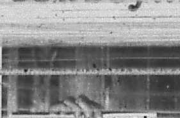
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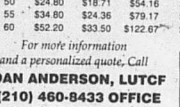
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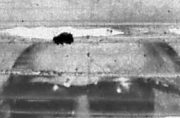
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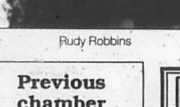


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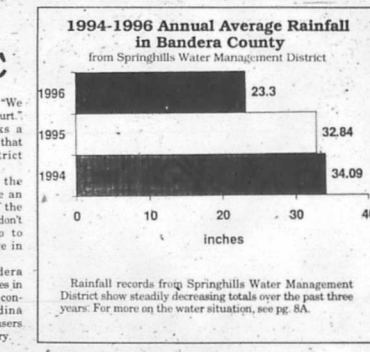
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The motion from BMA to be considered by the TNRCC in February is in response to a decision in a Travis County District Court in September 1996 to remand to the TNRCC the application from BMA to amend BMA's water rights.  
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The BMA motion seeks a revised Commission order that complies with the District Court's directives.  
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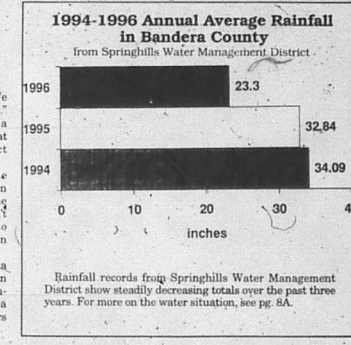


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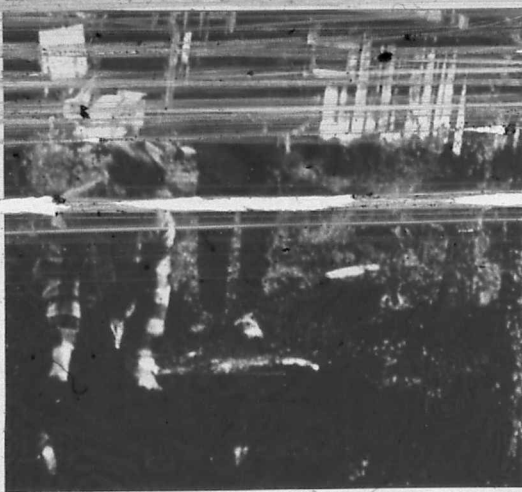


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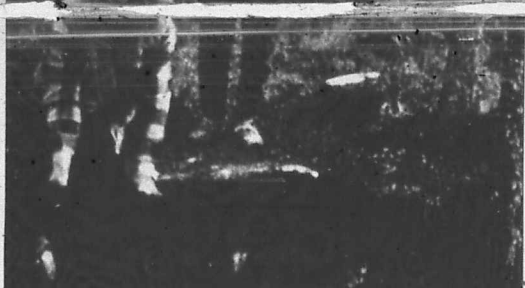
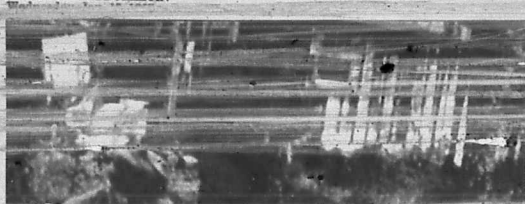
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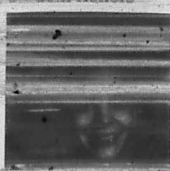
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# Sports

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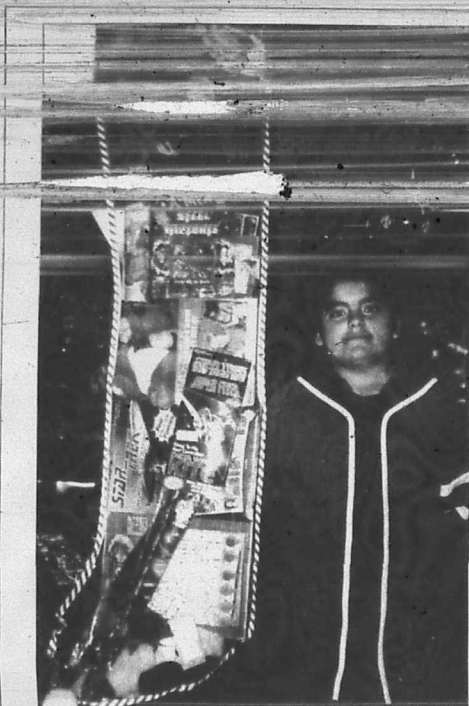
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HAPPY WINNER - Joel Quintero, 10, was the winner of the giant stocking full of Christmas goodies from the Main Street Pico in Bandera. Quintero is a student at Alkeig Elementary.

## School board honored by students

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our society.

The Bandera Independent School District is joining with other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions trustees make to their communities.

BISD Board members are Scott Parker (President), Patricia Cleaver (Vice President), Scott Middleton (Secretary), Rand M. Hicks (Assistant Secretary), Thomas H. Kease, Dave Koehler, and Margaret Erasale.

"Texans benefit every day from the energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 70,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local constituents and receive no compensation for their efforts. These men and women are the local school

board members of Texas," noted BISD superintendent, Gus Pfeiffer.

The board will receive student-prepared items of recognition at their board meeting which will be held Monday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.

## Over the Back Fence

Keep warm, but remember safety comes first.

Hi, we'll about 65 degrees. We just talked to Helen Temple. She is back home after a stay in the hospital. She spent several days in the hospital while they tried to locate the cause of her illness. Helen says she'll look for you over a hopefully

Key just left on, and an EMS call and it was snowing!

A little bird just flew in and informed us that we had missed Dot McCracken's birthday on Jan. 9. We weren't able to squeeze that birdie enough to find out how young this mopey Dot. You know how women are about such things.

The volunteer fire departments of the county have been very quiet for this cold system and the last. We hope everyone continues to be fire safe. We have seen many well houses and other pipe locations with lights and heat lamps to keep the water from freezing. We all should keep a close watch to assure that these lamps don't slip and get too close to something flammable. A common light bulb can generate enough heat to set a board on fire. We all need to try to stay a step

## AARP meeting in Lakehills

The Medina Lake AARP Chapter will hold their first meeting of the new year on Monday, Jan. 20 at the Lakehills American Legion Hall. The covered dish luncheon starts at 12 p.m., followed by a business meeting at 1 p.m.

"This month we are happy to welcome as our guest speaker, Bobbie Jo Basinger, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 in Lakehills. Mrs. Basinger will acquaint us with the operation of the new Courthouse Annex on FM 1283," announced Marjorie Mayer, AARP Public Relations.

All seniors in the Medina Lake area are welcome to attend this informative meeting and get acquainted.

"Bring a friend and a covered dish," said Mayer. "We'll see you there."

## OLD MAN WINTER

When the weatherman predicts that Old Man Winter might be sending us some frozen precipitation, we encounter varied reactions.

Children as well as some adults react with excitement at the thought that it might snow, or that they might receive an unexpected holiday from school or work. Many ranchers have very different but mixed feelings as they face the chore of providing special care and nourishment for their livestock, but look forward to the additional moisture that might result. No need to dwell on the feelings of the few weather folks, or those that hail from the Old Man's home who have joined us for the season. We know their feelings.

Then there are those public servants who will be called upon in emergencies and those who, if possible, are expected to keep our roads safely passable and utilities operable. For them, preparations and plans must be activated to deal with the most adverse conditions which may or may not develop. In most cases these folks, which include the crews and management personnel of your electric cooperative, apprehensively keep their eyes on the sky and thermometer.

With the latter, there is little excitement, some hope and much dread of what might come to pass. The hope being that if there is, it will fall from the sky in solid form and thus not build up on the lines and trees. When freezing precipitation, sent by the Old Man, does begin to form on lines and trees, some expressions shared by the electric cooperative personnel are, "Thank goodness we've had an ongoing program of clearing our rights-of-way..." "Wish we had every foot cleared..." "Sure would be a bad time for our members to be without electricity..." "Looks like it might be a long night."

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## Sports Shorts

### Over 50 frozen out

Frozen out for the past couple of weeks, members of the Over 50 Golf Association hope for better weather when they gather at the Flying L Guest Ranch golf course in Bandera for their next outing at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Jack Kempf, president, asks that all participants be registered or telephoned reserved at least one hour prior to tee-off.

Kempf also reminds that annual dues of \$10 per member are payable. The membership fee includes a barbecue lunch in October.

Both men and women over 50 are eligible to join the association, which sponsors tournaments on the first Wednesday of each month at Devine, the second Tuesday at Bandera's Lost Valley course, the third Tuesday at Bandera Flying L and the fourth Wednesday at Castrovilla's Alsatian course.

Cost per tournament is \$20 and includes entry, green and cart fee.

Please note new game dates in the Sports Schedule for the varsity Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs v Ingram.

## STANDINGS

Boys - District 26-3A		
Team	Dist.	Overall
Devine	4-0	16-5
Ingram	3-1	10-5
Lyle	2-1	3-15
Somerset	1-2	8-11
Hondo	1-2	5-13
Bandera	1-2	4-14
Medina Valley	0-4	3-11

Girls - District 26-3A		
Team	Dist.	Overall
Medina Valley	5-1	12-9
Devine	4-1	14-8
Ingram	4-1	9-12
Bandera	3-2	12-10
Hondo	1-4	9-10
Somerset	1-4	9-10
Lyle	0-5	6-13

Boys - District 64-A		
Team	Dist.	Overall
Nueces Canyon	0-0	12-7
Medina	0-0	11-7
Rockings	0-0	10-9
Harper	0-0	9-10

Girls - District 64-A		
Team	Dist.	Overall
Rockings	0-0	18-1
Medina	0-0	13-4
Nueces Canyon	0-0	7-11
Harper	0-0	5-6

## Sports Schedule

Bandera		
1/16	Ingram	away: FB/VB/VB 5:30/3:30
1/16	Ingram	home: FG/VG/VG 5:30/3:30
1/17	Lyle	home: FG/VG/VG 5:30/3:30
1/17	Lyle	away: FB/VB/VB 5:30/3:30
1/21	Hondo	away: FG/VG/VG 5:30/3:30
1/21	Hondo	home: FB/VB/VB 5:30/3:30
1/21	Somerset	BMS: boys/home girls/away 5:30/3:30

## Medina

Basketball		
1/17	Town East Christian	home: VB 6:30
1/18	Medina Jr. High Tour.	Medina: THA
1/21	Rockings	away: JV/VG/VB 5:00

## Utopia

Basketball		
1/17	Comstock	home: VG/VB 6:30
1/18	Leaky Tourney	away: Jr. High THA
1/20	Sabinal	away: Jr. High 5:00
1/21	Knappa	away: VG/VB 6:30

# Sports

## Lady Bulldogs cage Somerset Bulldogs



Lady Bulldog Carrie Pease blocks a Somerset ball player in the 48-37 win Jan. 7. Pease was the high scorer in the game.

## Bulldogs need pushoff start in first quarter, says coach

The Bandera varsity Bulldogs have been on a two-game losing streak this past week, but hope to soon turn it around.

On Jan. 9, the "Dogs" met up with Somerset and lost 69-52.

"We were 1-1 in district going into the game," Coach Steve Kidd said. "It was a disappointing loss to me and the team."

Nate Moehring was the leading scorer with 21 points, followed by Jimmy Stimmel with eight, Tim Gard with seven, Kevin Ohnheiser with seven and Jeremy Leland with five.

Moehring also led the team in rebounds with eight, and Jason Garcia added four assists.

"We played better in the second half, but had already dug so deep a hole we couldn't get out," Kidd said.

The "Dogs" were behind in every quarter.

"I think we are having a hard time right now," starter Moehring said. "We still have a good shot of going to the playoffs. I'll be disappointed if we don't."

Moehring chalked the team's bad luck up to a variety of factors.

"We are inexperienced in playing with each other, and we went straight from football to basketball," he said.

Also, the loss of starter Robert Wagner to a shoulder injury was mentioned.

"Robert could have added a lot," Moehring said. "It's a shame he can't play."

On Jan. 10, the Bulldogs met up with Comfort in a non-district contest and came away with a loss of 52-46.

And although the team had a small lead in the fourth quarter, it wasn't enough to swing the tide.

"We fell behind again the first," Kidd said. "We took the lead in the fourth, but they hit some key shots and took it away."

The team will face off against Ingram on Thursday, Ingram is picked to come out second in district this year.

"We need to get off to a faster start in the first," Kidd said. "Ingram will be a big game."

Kidd also chalked up some of the team's losses to inexperience, but said that should be changing.

"We might have been inexperienced at first, but they've got some games under their belts now," he explained. "They are a hardworking team and we will continue to work and get better."

One young man has stepped up to the challenge, and is emerging as a key shooter for the team.

"Kevin Ohnheiser has really improved markedly," Kidd said. "He has earned himself a starting position."

Kidd also cited newcomer Kurt Law, 6'4", 185 lbs., who has moved up to a starting position as post.

The Bandera Lady Bulldogs have turned their losing streak around and taken two victories in the last week.

Coach Pam Owens believes the girls are recovering from the shock of having fellow teammate Michelle Dexter seriously injured in a fire.

"We are over the fact that we are not going to have her," Owens said. "We can't use that as an excuse. We are moving on."

And the player who has stepped into Dexter's shoes, has proved a boost to the team.

Carrie Pease was the high scorer in both of the last two games.

"We told Carrie she would have to step up," Owens said. "She has responded very well and is doing exactly what she needs to do."

On Jan. 7, the Ladies met up with Somerset and took the victory 48-37.

Pease was high scorer with 15 points, three assists and four steals.

April Koehler came in second with nine points and 11 rebounds.

"We took the lead from the beginning and kept it," Owens said. "We just played really well."

Team captain Heidi Hicks said the team needed the win.

"It was a good win for us," she said. "It was the first win since we've been gone."

Hicks said the team's problems stemmed from foul trouble, and the loss of Dexter, but that morale was getting better.

"Everybody was real upset at first," she said. "It's been hard, trying to get used to playing without her. We've been trying to play good for her sake."

The team also lost starter Mary Domine due to a knee injury in November.

"For a 3A school to lose two starters makes it very difficult," Hicks said.

On Jan. 11, the team played a non-district game against Castle Hills and came from behind in the second half to win 58-56.

"We had a great third quarter," Coach Owens said.

Pease again led the team in scoring with 25 points. She shot four three-pointers to help the team win.

Pease accumulated 10 of her 25 points in the third quarter.

Koehler came in with 14, and Breanne Hicks and Crystal Upchurch each added 10 points.

"Crystal came around and is playing like she is capable of doing," Owens said. "We took over in the third."

On Thursday, the ladies will face Ingram. Ingram is presently in a three-way tie for first place with Medina Valley and Devine.

"If we can beat Ingram, we will be tied for second place with them," Owens said. "It's a really big game for us."

On Friday, the girls will face Lyle.



Bulldog Tim Gard goes up for two in the game against Somerset.

## Cowboy Capital 5K Walk/Run

The "Cowboy Capital Classic" 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 1997 at the Bandera Football Stadium.

The entry fee is \$15 and awards will be presented to winners in different age groups. A t-shirt will also be part of the package.

For more information, call Carol Teich at 796-6203, or mail your entry fee to: Cowboy Capital Classic, Bandera I.S.D. Business Office, Box 727, Bandera, Texas 78003.

## City of Vision Run and Walk

The 14th Annual City of Vision Run and Walk is slated for Saturday, Feb. 8 at Pavilion 2 in McAllister Park in San Antonio.

All of the proceeds go to vision research and free vision and glaucoma screening programs for all ages.

The registration begins at 8 a.m.; the race starts at 9 a.m. and awards and prizes will happen at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$13 in advance for adults and \$10 for children.

On the day of the race, adults are \$15 and children \$13.







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## TROA meeting

The Texas Rural  
County Association will meet Jan. 16 at  
the Sheraton Hotel in San Antonio.  
Social hour begins at 5 p.m.

Entertainment for the evening  
will feature the musical group  
"Three Bases" and great food  
prizes, according to a spokesper-

son. Tickets, \$100, are available  
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## Obituaries

### Arizola: Bandera resident

Mr. Domingo M. Arizola, 67,  
died January 10, 1997.  
Survivors include: sons,  
Alfredo, Arturo and Domingo  
Arizola, Jr.; daughter, Rosa  
Linda Malinar; mother, Mrs.  
Damasia Arizola; brothers,  
Luciano, Jose, Pedro, Humberto,  
Gilberto, Richard and Eulalia  
Arizola; sisters, Agapita  
Becerra, Patrocinia Mendoza  
and Natalia Salas; 10 grandchil-

dren, and two great-grandchil-  
 dren.  
Funeral services were held on  
Tuesday, January 14, 1997 at  
St. Stanislaus Catholic Church  
in Bandera. Interment will fol-  
 low at New Catholic Cemetery  
 in Bandera.

Arrangements are with Ortiz  
 Mortuary in San Antonio. Local  
 arrangements are under the  
 direction of Grimes Funeral  
 Chapels of Bandera.

### Kindla: born on Indian Creek

Francis Mazurek Kindla, 91,  
died Sunday morning, January  
12, 1997 in a Fredericksburg  
 care center. She was born April  
 1, 1905 on Indian Creek to  
 Philip and Rose Kalka  
 Mazurek, and was the last sur-  
 vivor of this Polish emigrant  
 family of 15 children, including  
 her twin brother, Frank. She  
 was a member of St. Stanislaus  
 Catholic Church. In 1925, she  
 married John Theodore Kindla,  
 who preceded her in death a few  
 days short of his 90th birthday.  
 Survivors include: daughters,  
 Lois Frances Smith of Miami,  
 Lois Kindla and Rose Mary  
 Muenkner of Bandera; sons,  
 John Kindla and wife Sarah of

### Nicholas: Clark House resident

Mrs. Doris Nicholas, 64, of  
Bandera, died Monday, January  
13, 1997 at her residence.  
Funeral arrangements are pend-  
 ing.

### Russell: services pending

Francis Louis Russell, 87, of  
Bandera, died Monday, January  
13, 1997 at her residence.  
Funeral arrangements are pend-  
 ing.

### Whitehead: Houston resident

Connie Lee Callahan  
Whitehead died Sunday,  
January 12, 1997 in Houston.  
Mrs. Whitehead was a member  
of Waller Baptist Church and  
the Country Pallete Art League  
of Hempstead.

Survivors include: sons, Roy  
Whitehead, Ronnie Whitehead  
and wife, Teri, and Randy  
Whitehead and wife DeVonne;  
brother, Stanley Callahan; sis-  
ter, Helen Callahan Edwards;  
grandchildren, Mike Cope, Les-  
lie Feld, Alisha Whitehead,  
Brack Whitehead, Karie  
Whitehead, Kendall Whitehead,

and when complete will be  
 announced by Grimes Funeral  
 Chapels of Bandera.

Jake Whitehead, and Tyler  
Whitehead; and great-grandchil-  
 dren, Miranda Cope and  
 Victoria Cope.

Funeral services will be held  
on Wednesday, January 15,  
1997 at 2 p.m. at Canon Funeral  
 Home Chapel. Interment will  
 follow at Waller Cemetery with  
 Pastor Louis Ray Melton and  
 Forrest Wood officiating.

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## Doctor advises seniors to get out and get some exercise

Many grandparents are trading in their  
rocking chairs for walking shoes, and it is  
paying off by improving their health.  
"As people age they can maintain a better  
quality of life if they are active," said Dr.  
Elizabeth Protas, a physical therapy associ-  
ate with Baylor College of Medicine's  
Huffington Center on Aging in Houston.  
"Exercise has also been shown to help  
reduce the risk for developing disease as we  
age, including heart disease and osteopor-  
osis."  
Exercise maintains muscle strength and  
bone density, which helps prevent falls, the

number-one cause of injury-related death for  
people 65 and older.  
While many people over 60 are competing  
in road races, bowling tournaments and ten-  
nis matches, it is not necessary to work out  
that vigorously to benefit.  
"Throw out the word 'exercise' and concen-  
trate on activity," Protas said. "Many people  
are intimidated by exercise. Concentrating  
on being active is the key."  
Walking around the neighborhood, gar-  
dening or playing a game of horseshoes can  
all improve fitness level. Doing some activity  
that you enjoy for 20 to 30 minutes three  
times a week can make a healthy difference.  
According to Protas, it is never too late to  
start.

"I work with people in their 80s and 90s  
who have not been very active, and they  
benefit from beginning activity,"  
Protas said. "With a doctor's clearance, starting may be  
as simple as walking around the block once a  
day. Protas says to choose an enjoyable  
activity, begin slowly, set modest goals, and  
gradually increase the time and intensity of  
the workout."

Anyone whose health or diet  
will not allow to take part in the

Meet new friends -  
be a volunteer!

The Clark House Mada Fitzgerald

David and Kathy Brownell of  
Medina came on Sunday Jan. 29  
and entertained the residents  
with gospel music. On Jan. 5,  
George and Betty Schultz from the  
Grace Lutheran Church had the  
church service.  
We welcome Beulah Faris home  
from the hospital feeling much better.  
Monday mornings finds Mary  
Fitzpatrick, Fannie Caffall,  
Dorothy Callahan, and Annette  
Kalka-Schulte from St.  
Stanislaus Catholic Church visit-  
ing, praying and singing with  
residents Brenda Adam,  
Jeanetta Adamietz, Beulah  
Faris and other friends.  
Ann Stackhouse comes every  
Monday morning to play Bingo  
with a group of residents. They  
have a wonderful time and look  
forward to her visit.  
Thanks to Erna Koenig for  
bringing the lovely flowers from  
Grace Lutheran Church. The  
flowers were from Lois Love.  
The residents enjoyed the flow-  
ers.

Martin Smith from the  
Church of Christ had Bible read-  
ing Wednesday morning.  
The residents always look for-  
ward to the Melodians when they  
come for their monthly visit.  
Their program this month  
was folk songs.  
Thursdays finds Vera Nichols,  
Ann Stackhouse, and Olga  
Baldou from St. Stanislaus pass-  
ing out treats and flowers to the

residents. The flowers are com-  
plimentary from a local flower  
shop.  
The second Thursday finds  
Harvey Rogers and on the  
fourth Thursday Laura Jo  
Pipkin of Boerne entertains the  
residents with music and song.  
We welcome Rex Oberg to our  
home and hope he enjoys his  
stay with us.  
Bryan Moore and Dick Brown  
from St. Stanislaus came on  
Fridays to serve communion to  
members of the Catholic church.  
Saturday mornings finds  
Jerry Moyer from Montana  
singing and playing his guitar.  
He and his wife Jean are spend-  
ing the winter here. The resi-  
dents will get to enjoy his music  
and song while they are here.  
We're sorry to report Doris  
Nicholas passed away. Our sym-  
pathy to her family and all her  
friends.

We invite everyone out to our  
resident party on Saturday, Jan.  
18 at 3 p.m. Celebrating birth-  
days this month are Eva  
Freeman, Leilah Horton, Joe  
Talk, and Opal Martin.  
Celebrating their 54th wedding  
anniversary are Brenda and  
Herb Adam on Jan. 29.

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see you after the "Spring Thaw."

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## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, Jan. 14**  
Sunrise 7:50 Sunset 5:57  
1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m., 1 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.

Baptist Women of Medina, 6 a.m.  
Lago, Lakeshore VFD, wharrior station, Central Fire Station, Medina Lake VFD training session, Central Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Lakehills, 29th Street, 8 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.  
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 9:30 a.m.; Heritage Study Group, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

**Thursday, Jan. 16**  
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:58  
Story time, Bandera County Library 4-5 year olds, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon & 7:30 p.m.  
TOPS Tx 1614, Silver Sage Corral, 2:30 p.m.  
Rio Hondo Extension Homemakers Club Study Group, 1:30 p.m.  
Guys & Dads Mixed League, Flying L Golf Course, 5:45 p.m.  
Western Dance or Practice, Utopia Sr. 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, 7 p.m.  
Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Farm Bureau Office, Bandera, 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.  
Crochet, 9 a.m.; Spanish, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

**Friday, Jan. 17**  
Sunrise 7:29 Sunset 5:59  
San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) (Disability Issues), 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Medina Jolly Elders, Medina Baptist Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.-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, 700Cypress, 7:30 p.m.  
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Bridge, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

**Saturday, Jan. 18**  
Sunrise 7:29 Sunset 6:00  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon & 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 19**  
Sunrise 7:29 Sunset 6:01  
Bingo, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, 6:30 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 20**  
Sunrise 7:29 Sunset 6:01  
BISD student holiday.  
San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) (Disability Issues), 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Good Old Boys Golf, Flying L Ranch, Bandera, 9 a.m.  
Bandera Veterans of Foreign Wars #9176 Ladies Auxiliary, Post Home, 1 p.m.  
GED and English as Second Language classes, Bandera County Library, 6-8 p.m.  
Al-banon 7th & Cypress, 6:30 p.m.  
Hill Country 4-H Club, Medina Youth Center, 7 p.m.  
Bandera County Artists, Community Room, Bandera, Meeting 1 p.m.  
Line Dancing, All ages, Silver Sage Corral, 7 p.m.  
Bunco, Utopia Senior Center, 7:30 p.m.  
Woodmen of the World Lodge Meeting, WOW Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Bandera Optimist Club, Billy Gene's, noon.  
Medina Masonic Lodge #1319, 7:30 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.  
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Low Impact Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Oil Painting, 9 a.m.; Ceramics, 1 p.m.; Line Dancing, 7 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

**Tuesday, Jan. 21**  
Sunrise 7:28 Sunset 6:02  
Flying L Ladies Golf Assoc. 9 a.m.  
Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, free confidential assessments for substance abuse, 1207 Cottonwood, 8-802-5436.  
St. Christopher's Episcopal Women of the Church, Parish Hall, 10 a.m.  
GED and English as Second Language classes, Bandera County Library, 6-8 p.m.  
Bingo, Lakehills American Legion, Post 410, 6:30 p.m.  
Family Communication Workshop, 1207 Cottonwood, 6:30 p.m.  
Pipe Creek 4-H Club, Hill Country Elementary, 7 p.m.  
Bandera Jr. 4-H, Alkek Cafeteria, 7 p.m.  
Bandera Senior 4-H Club, Bandera Bank, 7 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon & 7:30 p.m.  
Bandera County Chamber of Commerce, General Membership Meeting, First State Bank, 7:00 p.m.  
Bunco, Utopia Sr. Center, 7:30 p.m.  
Quilting, 9 a.m.; Weaving, 9-noon; Melodiers, 10 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

**Wednesday, Jan. 22**  
Sunrise 7:28 Sunset 6:03  
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, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.  
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Heritage Study Group, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

## Medina ISD board extends Ott's contract to 2000

The Medina Independent School District Board extended Superintendent Gary Ott's contract to 2000.

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TOTAL LOSS — Last Friday morning, fire fighters from Medina and Bandera battled to save the mountaintop home of Peter Coyne, located on Medina Verde Road. Unfortunately, the house was burned to the ground, despite the efforts of the volunteers. Above, Medina firefighters apply water to the fire.

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## Commissioners commit to matching grant

Constable Ernie Reich asked Bandera County Commissioners to give the go ahead to apply for a COPES grant to fund an additional law enforcement officer at the county's new substation.

Reich cited explosive growth in Pct. 2 as one reason to go after the grant. "The court approved two new subdivisions in Reich's precinct today," said Reich. "When the lake fills again, we'll be looking at even more people coming in." The grant would put another officer on the street to serve the growing Medina Lake, Pipe Creek area of the county.

Like many grants, the COPES grant expects an increasing match from the county each year, reaching full funding from county funds at the end of the third year.

County Judge Richard Evans reminded commissioners that agreeing to seek the grant would

eliminate the percolation test as the sole factor for determining whether an OSSF is feasible for a particular site, establishing, instead, a site evaluation process based on soils analysis to ensure that the proper types of OSSF will be installed. The rules also reduce certain setback requirements to allow greater flexibility in selecting among OSSF options.

In addition, the revisions implement a legislatively mandated certification program for designated representatives, who oversee OSSF installations for local governments delegated this responsibility by the TNRCC. The revised rules establish a certification program for site evaluators and enhance existing certification of installers by requiring additional training to handle complex OSSF sites.

Bandera County designated representative, or septic tank inspector, is Mark Green. Green operates under contract with the county.

"There have been training schools for the county septic tank inspector in the past,"

## TNRCC adopts revised septic tank rules

New standards will require certification of county inspector

County Bandera exposed raw or inadequately treated effluent—pose significant threats to both human health and the environment. In revising the OSSF rules, our aim has been to protect Texas while ensuring that the septic system remains a viable option for a growing population of Texans.

The TNRCC recently adopted broad revisions to rules regulating technical standards for and installation of new on-site sewage facilities (OSSF), or "septic systems." Households in suburban or rural communities typically use these systems as alternatives to centralized wastewater treatment facilities, which are common to urban areas.

"Increasing residential development in non-urban areas all across the state means that more and more Texans are turning to on-site sewage facilities as a convenient and affordable means of treating household wastewater," said TNRCC Commissioner John Baker.

"Past experience, however, shows that systems can develop serious problems when the technology used is inappropriate for the soil conditions or inadequate for the lot size or when the system has been installed incorrectly. These problems—like leaking tanks or flooded drain fields that

explained executive assistant Doyle Haner, with the County Judge's office. "But now there will be a test that must be passed for certification."

In 1990, the state issued 18,000 permits for new OSSFs. In 1995, some 38,000 permits were issued; for 1996, about 45,000 new on-site sewage facilities will be permitted.

According to County Treasurer Kay Welch, approximately 370 OSSF permits were issued in Bandera County last year.

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ICE STORM — Ice covered the trees as freezing temperatures caused road and school closings this week.

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to the First Baptist Church and all the people of Bandera for their help in raising funds for our trip to the family reunion. After 44 years we were finally reunited and had a wonderful time.

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## Remember to thank a school board member this month

**Dear Editor:**  
The month of January has been designated by Texas Governor George W. Bush as School Board Recognition Month.  
Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students.  
Representing the district staff as Superintendent of the Medina ISD, I would like to salute the positive efforts made by our board members. Additionally, I wish to encour-

age parents and the public of Medina ISD to contact board members and tell them how much their efforts to improve the schools are appreciated.  
During the past year, our school board has been extensive in its involvement in school district construction and physical improvement projects totaling \$1.5 million. The students and staff are extremely proud of our district's physical plant improvements.  
In addition to routine annual projects, other board involvement has included policy making.  
As a result of policies which have enhanced the curriculum at Medina ISD, the board members can take pride in the fact that they aided in the creation of

## Opinion

### Log church replaced with stone

In 1870, Father Felix Zwiardowski described the Polish colony in Bandera as "small, only 17 families, mostly poor."  
After waiting for several more years, during which time the old log cabin, church erected in 1858 deteriorated to such a point that it threatened to fall, Father Felix in spring 1876 initiated efforts to replace it with a new structure.  
The parishioners worked on the project for a year and a half, finally completing the fresh white-stone building on one of the green hillsides at Bandera in Nov. 1877.  
The structure served as the parish church of St. Stanislaus and houses the second-oldest Polish Catholic parish in the United States.  
—from The First Polish Americans, T. Lindsay Baker

### January Moments

by Cyndi Wright, Staff Writer

Last week I wrote about

tips that may help prevent accidents on our fast-paced highways.  
This week I want to grip about some things other drivers do that really perplex me. And I want to invite you to call me or send your pet peeves about lousy driving habits you have had to deal with.

This is one that really upsets me. Courteous drivers are supposed to move over into the left lane if possible to allow drivers entering the freeway from the on-ramp to merge. So, I do.  
Then I get some jerk who won't let me back into the right lane I can exit at my turnoff, or so I can let the guy who's driving on my, well, you know, room to pass me. This jerk, who I was nice enough to get over for, drives the exact speed as me, speeding up when I do, and

slowing down when I do, and I don't think that most of these drivers are aware of it.

Unconscious. It really makes me think twice about being a nice guy at these entrances.  
Twice. In the past two months I have had to get over into the left lane to let some tail-gater pass me.  
Yes, you read it right. There is no traffic in the left lane, and this bumper-obessed maniac "refuses to pass on the left. And believe it or not, in these two cases, I just kind of thought, well I wonder what will happen if I get in the left lane, and zoom away the fender-feeder special in the right lane!"

So, if you have any similar horror stories to relate, please call or write, and I will include yours, in one of my future columns.  
Okay, here is my attempt at Ebonics. We be reportin' de happenings of Bandera over to you!

### Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn B. Edwards, Editor

Did you spend a little time out at the Junior Livestock Show this year? If you didn't, you missed a great opportunity to see one of the finest sights in Bandera County.

Right there in our convenient location were many of the finest young people who call our little piece of God's Country home.

There were lots and lots of good-looking, healthy, decent youngsters busily working at showing off the results of months of their hard work to the discerning eyes of the judges.

And talk about your family values. Moms and dads were everywhere, helping with the show and racing over to encourage their son or daughter when it was time for them to get into the ring. It was touching to watch the tense faces of the parents in the stands as the judges in the arena went down the line of animals, lifting, poking, prodding. For the kids whose animal didn't end up at the honor stand, bedecked with a blue ribbon, there was always a consolation hug and a pat on the back, and a gentle, "Maybe next year."

Volunteers by the score worked long, cold and dusty hours making sure everything went on schedule. What a crew of good folks. Just in case no one thought to say it. "Thank you—it wouldn't get done without you!"  
If you of these volunteers are parents of show participants, of course. But many of them haven't had a child in 4-H in many years. They do it because they think the kids of Bandera County are worth it. They do it because they believe that learning to raise and show an animal teaches a kid some lessons that will come in handy on more occasions than livestock shows.  
And the kids? If these kids are ever out at 3 a.m., it isn't to deface someone else's property or knock down mailboxes. These kids would be out in the cold and rain taking care of a sick lamb or trying to find a rabbit that got out of its cage. These kids are too busy being good to get into any kind of serious trouble.  
In the newspaper business, we have a tendency to print the stories about the bad news, because "that sells newspapers." Junior Livestock reminds us that stories about the good news still paper, too. And they are so much more pleasant to write.  
We hope to feature our photos of some of the best kids in Bandera County! Give 'em a hug!

### Meeting Dates

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

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## Remember to thank a school board member this month

Dear Editor:  
The month of January has been designated by Texas Governor George W. Bush as School Board Recognition Month.  
Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students.  
Representing the district staff as Superintendent of the Medina ISD, I would like to salute the positive efforts made by our board members. Additionally, I wish to encourage

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

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## Opinion

### January Moments

Last week I wrote about slowing down when I do, and I don't think that most of them do.

tips that may help prevent accidents on our fast-paced highways.

This week I want to grip about some things other drivers do that really perplex me. And I want to invite you to call me or send your pet peeves about lousy driving habits you have had to deal with.

This is one that really upsets me. Courteous drivers are supposed to move over into the left lane if possible to allow drivers entering the freeway ramp to get on in the right lane. So, I do.

Then I get some jerk who won't let me back into the right lane. I can exit at my turnoff, or so I can let the guy who's driving on my pet peeves in one of my future columns.

Okay, here is my attempt at Ebonics. We be reportin' de happenings of Bandera over to you!

### Log church replaced with stone

In 1870, Father Felix Zwardowski described the Polish colony in Bandera as "small, only 17 families, mostly poor."

After waiting for several more years, during which time the old log cabin, church erected in 1858 deteriorated to such a point that it threatened to fall, Father Felix in spring 1876 initiated efforts to replace it with a new structure.

The parishioners worked on the project for a year and a half, finally completing the fresh white-stone building on one of the green hillsides at Bandera in Nov. 1877.

The structure serves today as the parish church of St. Stanislaus and houses the second-oldest Polish Catholic parish in the United States.

—from The First Polish Americans, T. Lindsay Baker

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.

## Bullock supports scrutiny of Robin Hood system

Bullock had said it would be hard to lower school taxes while opening the debate on how education dollars are spent and thus endanger the school finance system's delicate balance.

Last week, in a meeting with reporters, he said the system may be repealed because a number of senators and House members have been extremely critical of the school finance system we have today, specifically Robin Hood, and this will be the opportunity.

Bullock, a Democrat who presides over the Senate, said that if the new (16-14) Republican majority in the Senate wants to change the system, "they're going to have the opportunity to do it with no roadblock, certainly, from me."

Senate rules require a two-thirds vote to pass legislation.

**Lottery Director Is Fired**

The Texas Lottery Commission last week fired Nora Linares, who has been director of the Texas Lottery since its founding in 1991.

The commission voted 3-0 to dismiss Linares, without stating an official reason, after an ethics investigation revealed that she had a close friend, Mike Moeller, earned \$30,000 in 1992-93 from a contract with GTECH Corp., the company that runs the lottery.

Moeller's serving a federal prison sentence on bribery allegations that accused him of trading state and federal contracts for campaign contributions while he was a deputy commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Last spring the lottery commission voted to renew GTECH's contract to run the lottery for five years without taking bids.

After the vote, Linares said, "I've done nothing that justifies the actions taken by this commission today. When the dust settles and the air is cleared and everything comes out in the open, I will be cleared."

Linares' lawyer, Buck Wood, said there is no evidence that Linares ever gave GTECH any favorable treatment or benefits because of Moeller's contract.

Wood also accused Texas Lottery Commission Chairman Harriet Myers, a Republican, of stirring up the ethics controversy to get rid of Linares, a Democratic activist, the Chronicle reported.

The commission named Zann Attwood, the lottery's deputy director since 1992, to serve as interim acting director.

Attwood is former director of the Montana Lottery.

**Special Elections To Fill Seats**

Two vacancies in the Texas Legislature will be filled by special elections to be held Jan. 28, two weeks after the 75th Texas Legislature convenes.

One vacancy was created when state Sen. Jim Turner, D-

### Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn B. Edwards, Editor

Did you spend a little time out at the Junior Livestock Show this year? If you didn't, you missed a great opportunity to see one of the finest sights in Bandera County.

Right there in one convenient location were many of the finest young people who call our little piece of God's Country home.

There were lots and lots of good-looking, healthy, decent youngsters busily working at showing off the results of months of their hard work to the discerning eyes of the judges.

And talk about your family values. Moms and dads were everywhere, helping with the show and racing over to encourage their son or daughter when it was time for them to get into the ring. It was touching to watch the tense faces of the parents in the stands as the judges in the arena went down the list of animals, lifting, poking, prodding. For the kid whose animal didn't end up at the head of the line, belted with a blue ribbon, there was always a consoling hug and a pat on the back, and a gentle, "Maybe next year."

Volunteers by the score worked long, cold and dusty hours making sure everything went on schedule. What a crew of good folks. Just in case no one thought to say it: "Thank you—it wouldn't be done without you!"

A lot of these volunteers are parents of show participants, of course. But many of them haven't had a child in 4-H in many years. They do it because they think the kids of Bandera County are worth it. They do it because they believe that starting to raise and show an animal teaches a kid some lessons that will come in handy on more occasions than livestock shows.

And the kids? If these kids are ever out at 3 a.m., it isn't to deface someone else's property or knock down mailboxes. These kids would be out in the cold and rain taking care of a sick lamb or trying to find a rabbit that got out of his cage. They would be out there good to get into any kind of serious trouble.

In the newspaper business, we have a tendency to print the stories about the bad news, because "that sells newspapers." Junior stock shows remind us that stories about the good news sell papers, too. And they are so much more pleasant to write.

We hope you enjoy our photos of some of the best kids in Bandera County! Give 'em a hug!

## Basic Bandera

Last year, when we had a cold spell of icy weather, some RV guests who had been so indignant not to have found warm spots in the desert to stay on the side of the road in freezing weather, they added the only spots of color to the drab scene other than those of the snow.

Incidentally, we have heard that the Powers That Be in the world of television have changed the name of our town to "spotted towhee." What? Is it really too hard to spell?

If we can't make it up the frozen county road later in the week, we won't be able to haul more sacks of wild bird feed from the Ranch Store to meet the current demand. The birds will have to learn to like the cat food those four fat racoons gobble up every night after Miz Kitty has retired to her box.

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### Roman art at SAM

L. Claudia: Women in Ancient Rome" opened at the San Antonio Museum of Art Jan. 3. The exhibit recreates the lives of Roman women and their families during the first centuries of the common era. The exhibit is open through March 2.

### American Legion Post 410 Lakehills, TX Presents

**Las Vegas Night on January 25**  
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### DANCE WHERE THE LEGENDS HAVE PERFORMED

**THIS WEEK FEATURING:**  
**Friday, Jan. 17**  
**Ken Ryan**  
**Saturday, Jan. 18, 9-1**  
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**Sunday, JAN. 12**  
**No Karaoke**

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## Special of the Week!

**Fryer Breast** \$1.09 lb.  
Family Pak  
**Big Red** 2/8 5 15  
See the Boyde's Market insert  
in today's paper!

## Stock Show Winners

Inside!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jan. 13: Kelly Alquist  
Jan. 15: Dee Mazurek  
Jan. 18: Kilee Morris  
Jan. 17: Lawrence Lindner  
Jan. 19: Wayne Cummings  
Jan. 20: Alyssa Lee, Brianna Pokrant

## This Week in Bandera County

**Sunday:** Horsemanship Show, Mansfield Park. See pg. 3A.  
**Monday:** BISS board meeting, re-scheduled from last week.

## Medina Lake Level

1024.06 feet, 47.94 feet below spillway level of 1072.08 feet higher than last week.

## Thought for the Week

Hard work gives life meaning. Everyone needs to feel good at something to feel good about themselves.  
—Oscella McCarty

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## Grand Champion Steer

Wade Pantel's grand champion steer, a European breed, brought \$3,350 at auction. The steer was purchased by Rodeo Chevrolet and Cavendar Auto.

## Stock show auctions top \$132,000

The number of entries in this year's Bandera County Junior Livestock Show did not set any records, but show organizers were very pleased with the amount of money brought in at auction. With \$125,000 raised in the livestock auction, and \$7,400 in the bake show sale, the county's youngsters went home with \$132,400 at the end of the 61st annual show.

While the temperatures turned a bit cold, the enthusiasm of the buyers stayed hot during Saturday's show finale. There were 831 total entries in this year's show, which was down from the previous year's 886 entries. The bake show had 76 entries, down from 102 entries last year. The largest division was once again market swine with 170 entries. That was down from 190 entries in

the division last year. Top money winner was Wade Pantel's grand champion steer, the European breed champion, which brought in \$3,350 from purchasers Rodeo Chevrolet and Cavendar Auto.

Amanda Sorrell's reserve grand champion steer brought in \$2700 from buyer Flak, Electric. Sorrell had both the British breed and the American breed champion.

The British reserve breed champion was shown by Tiffany Sorrell; the American reserve breed champion was shown by Scottie Jurecki and the European reserve breed champion was shown by Brandi Pantel.

In the swine division, Heather Broomall raised the grand champion winner which was purchased by the Friends of

See STOCK SHOW, p. 3A

## Council approves grant for officers

Three-year federal COPS grant provides for one full-time, one part-time city officer

by Cindi Wright  
Staff Writer

The Bandera City Council voted Monday night to implement a federal grant that will allow for an additional full-time and part-time officer to be added to the city's police force.

Chief of police Lynn Holt applied for the Community Oriented Policing Services, or COPS, grant in August, and found out last month that the department received approval. Under the grant, the U.S. Department of Justice will pay 75 percent of the two officer's salaries and benefits for the first year. The government will pay a slightly decreasing percentage for the next two years, with the city taking over the full amount in the year 2000.

Holt said that in applying for the grant, he furnished a needs assessment study that showed the city would need those two officers by that time.

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The new chief deputy at the Bandera County Sheriff's Department has accumulated over 16 years of experience in the law enforcement field.

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**This Week in Bandera County**

Sunday: 4-H Horsemanship Show, Mansfield Park. See pg. 3A.  
Monday: BISD board meeting, re-scheduled from last week.

**Medina Lake Level**

1024.06 feet, 47.94 feet below spillway level of 1072.06 feet higher than last week.

**Thought for the Week**

"Hard work gives life meaning. Everyone needs to work hard at something to feel good about themselves."  
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## Grand Champion Steer

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# Sports

## New TPWD boss takes reins from Colonel Hensley

Jim Robertson entered the Texas Game Warden Academy 25 years ago last December. He can look toward that silver anniversary as the state's highest ranking warden after being named to replace retiring Col. Charles Hensley as Director of Law Enforcement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Robertson will assume his new responsibilities effective Sept. 1.

"I'm really excited and enthusiastic about this," said TPWD Executive Director Andrew Sanson in announcing Robertson's appointment. "I think he has a perfect blend of having worked here in Austin combined with his direct experience in the field. It's been a particularly difficult job to fill for a couple of reasons. First, because I'm having a hard time accepting the fact that Charlie Hensley is leaving. He's been one of the finest professional colleagues I've had the pleasure to work with and I'm going to miss him. And, second, I had an outstanding selection of finalists, any one of whom was qualified to fill the job and that in itself speaks well of our law enforcement division."

Other finalists for the position included

Royce Wells, Jerry McRae and Butch Shoop. McRae and Shoop were considered as potential successors.

Robertson has served as chief of headquarters in the Law Enforcement Division for the last 25 years and has an extensive and varied background with the agency. After graduating from the Game Warden Academy in May 1972, Robertson spent 15 years as a field warden based in Aransas Pass and Corpus Christi. During his tenure at the coast, Robertson was honored as Shikar Safari International Club's Texas Wildlife Officer of the Year in 1988, and the Gulf Coast Conservation Association's Region Coastal Warden of the Year in 1982.

Robertson spent three years as an instructor at the Game Warden Academy from 1972 to 1975. In 1987, Robertson assumed duties at the agency's Austin headquarters as the supervisor of coastal law enforcement, a position he held for five years prior to being named chief of headquarters staff.

"When I went to work for this agency, I wanted to be the best warden I could be," said Robertson. "My attitude hasn't

changed. Historically, game wardens in Texas have been a tradition of professionalism in conservation law enforcement and water safety and I want to see that continue into the 21st century."

A Baytown native, Robertson grew up fishing, boating and hunting along the coast. He received a bachelor's degree in wildlife sciences from Texas A&M University.

"I think it's significant that he brings a broader perspective with a degree in resource management," noted Sanson. "Many of the challenges facing law enforcement in the years ahead will deal with what warden of deployment in the field and what level of doing is sufficient to protect the resources of the state. He's the person, in my view, to help me find the answers to those serious questions."

Robertson believes the challenge facing game wardens in Texas in the future will be in meeting the demands of a changing landscape.

"The demographics of Texas are changing, we have a broader constituency, and we're going to see even more demands being made on our officers in areas such as water safety and

environmental issues. We have to find ways to put our field wardens in areas where they're needed most."

Robertson will be taking the reins from Col. Hensley, #34 veteran with the agency who announced his retirement earlier this year. Hensley has held the position of Law Enforcement Division Director since May 1992.

"Jim's intelligent and talented," Hensley offered. "I think he's a qualified choice to carry this division forward. His experience will be an asset."

During Hensley's tenure as director, the agency made strides in advancements and upgrades both in equipment and personnel qualifications. He has been responsible for implementation of proficiency testing as a requirement for promotion within the warden ranks, a standardized testing policy and a college degree requirement for prospective wardens. Field wardens have seen upgrades in equipment, such as Glock semiautomatic pistols and Remington Model 870 shotguns, the ASP baton and four-wheel-drive extended cab vehicles.

"We've been operating under extremely tight budgets in recent years

### Bandera County Emergency Medical Service "When Seconds Count"

by: Mićol L. Kovick, EMT #34

The Bandera County Emergency Medical Service (EMT) has a new volunteer EMT class beginning in 1997. During 1996, I have mentioned many of the activities the EMTs have been involved with over the year.

The volunteer EMTs have approximately 2,500 hours helping their friends, neighbors and families during 1996. Above that, the EMTs have each spent between 36 to over 100 hours in continuing education to better the skills they use when they respond to emergency calls.

All of the EMTs in Bandera County hope to make the county a better place to live.

EMTs also spend time educating the public and the children of the area. They sponsor CPR classes and go into the schools and other organizations to teach children about EMS so they won't be afraid if they must use the emergency system to call for help.

### Auditions for Renaissance Fest opening up in Dallas, Ft. Worth

Scarborough Faire will be holding auditions for its 37th Annual Renaissance Festival productions at theaters in Ft. Worth and Dallas. Salaried positions are available.

"We are auditioning for many character types," a spokesperson said. "Roles are available for men and women as well as singers, dancers and musicians."

Auditions will be held in Ft. Worth on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Sunday, Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The auditions will be held at Stage West Theatre at 3113 S. University Drive, near F.C.U.

Auditions will be held in Dallas on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Dallas Theatre Center on 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. at Kalla Humphreys Theatre.

A prepared monologue of at least two minutes is required as is a resume with an attached headshot photo.

Auditions are by appointment. For further information and appointments call Ron Boudien at (972) 938-3247, ext. 54.

### G.E.D., E.S.L. resuming

G.E.D. and E.S.L. classes will resume for the spring semester on Monday, Jan. 13, 1997 at 6 p.m. in the Bandera County Library, according to Neil Dalton, director of the program.

The G.E.D. testing program will continue with the next tests on Saturday, Jan. 18 from 8:30 to 12 noon at Bandera High School.

Please call the county library at 796-4213 for more information.

### Golden anniversary



**Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mazurek**

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mazurek, Sr. were honored on their golden wedding anniversary with a breakfast and dinner at the Leon Springs Villa-Party Room on Saturday, Dec. 28.

Hosting the celebration were their children including Ron and Lela Roseberry, Linda Miller, Barbara Wilson, and Ernest and Ellen Mazurek.

Grandchildren assisting were Ruth and Luke Roseberry, Azure and Claire Miller, Keith, Mary and Kelly Wilson, and Amanda and Ernest Mazurek.

Father Petch of Comfort gave the blessing before the meal.

### Student Johnston



Denise Johnston graduated from Texas A&M University on Dec. 20, 1996 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting. She is employed by Board Harris and Co., a public accounting firm in Dallas.

Johnston is a 1992 graduate of Bandera High School. She is the daughter of Michael and Leah Southard of Pipe Creek and David and Kathy Johnston of Morganton, N.C.

### La Villita Starving Artist show

The Little Church of La Villita staff is now preparing for their 35th Annual Starving Artist Show to be held April 5-6, 1997. Artists and patrons who wish to participate must send a request by mail, together with a self-addressed manila business size envelope to the Starving Artist Show Office, 508 Paseo de La Villita, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

The Starving Artist Show will be held in La Villita and part of the River Walk. In celebration of our 35th anniversary some prominent artists will be exhibiting their art work, together with approximately 675 other artists and craftsmen.

Someone who will be beginning and others who may be accomplished artists.

Artist of the Year, is donating one of his paintings valued at \$8,000. This painting will be raffled off during the show. All monies derived from this raffle will benefit the Little Church and its ministry of social service for the area.

Tickets for the raffle will be available in advance as well during the Art Show weekend. Gutierrez, who took part in the first Starving Artist Show in 1963, will not be in the show.

### Staggs to portray Bonhoeffer

Dr. Al Staggs, of San Antonio, will be Schreiner College's 1997 Cooper Lecturer. A Baptist minister for 24 years, Staggs gave up the pulpit for the stage in recent years, but his message has changed very little.

Now a full-time performance artist, Staggs is the author of and line actor in a play entitled "A View From The Underneath: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer," which he will perform at Schreiner at 11 a.m. on Jan. 29 in the Dietrich Chapel Auditorium. The performance is open to the public and there is no charge for admission.

Bonhoeffer, considered one of the great heroes of the 20th century, was a member of the movement against the Nazi Germans during World War II. His actions resulted in his imprisonment by the Nazis and finally his death by hanging on April 9, 1945.

Staggs' plays tell the story of the influence on Bonhoeffer by fellow student of theology Frank Fisher, an African-American pastor who introduced Bonhoeffer to the blight of racism in America and Bonhoeffer's view on God, the church, evil, injustice and the wages of racism. The story is told as Bonhoeffer struggles the final hours before his execution.

### Births

Kerville - Niket welcomed by big brother Sebastian, of Kerville.

### Deanery Council to meet in Lakehills

The next meeting of the Deanery Council of Lakehills will be on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. at St. Victor's Chapel in Lakehills.

All women of the Deanery are invited to attend.

For more information and carpooling, contact your local parish ladies' society president.



**SOFTBALL STAR**—The 1996 fast-pitch softball U.S. Olympic gold medalist Lisa Fernandez will appear at the Academy Sports & Outdoors Store at 7555 N.W. Loop 410 at Military Drive on Saturday, Jan. 11. Fernandez will greet and treat fans with tales of her Olympic experience from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

### Olympic winner to visit San Antonio

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### Weiner race loads of fun as 65 entrants try to take champion title away from "Bean Boy"

La Marque, Texas — He's back! The two-time defending champ, "Bean Boy," will go for his third victory in the 4th Annual Weiner Dog Nationals on Saturday, Jan. 18 at Gulf Greyhound Park, presented by the Houston Chronicle, Weiner's Stores and LAMS.

Bean Boy, owned by Bland Procter of Victoria, earned his first victory in 1995 when he defeated local athlete "Hurricane Hannah" of Texas City. Loaded with confidence, Bean Boy returned to Gulf Greyhound Park in 1996 to win back-to-back Weiner Dog Nationals, going box-to-wire and smoking the inexperienced field.

And now, he's back! Going for an unprecedented third win in a row, Bean Boy's owner vows to earn the coveted "three-peat" victory.

In a random drawing, 68 weiner dogs have all made it and exercise a part of their daily routine as they will have the opportunity to strip Bean Boy of his title. Prior to post time of the defending champ, Bean Boy, and exercise a part of their daily routine as they will have the opportunity to strip Bean Boy of his title. Prior to post time of the defending champ, Bean Boy, and exercise a part of their daily routine as they will have the opportunity to strip Bean Boy of his title.

The races will begin at the starting box and end approximately 40 yards down the track. Dog owners will play a key role in the races, as it will be their job to get the dogs to the finish line. Previous races proved that not only did the racers need to be in shape, the owner found himself running alongside their dog just making it to the finish line.

Doors will open early for each performance. For the matinee performance, doors open at 1:30 a.m., the "Weiner Dog Nationals" begin at noon and post time for greyhound racing is 1:30 p.m. For the evening performance, doors will also open early at 5:30 p.m., the "Weiner Dog Nationals" will begin at 6 p.m. The final is slated for 7 p.m., and post time for greyhound racing is 7:30 p.m.

Gulf Greyhound Park is located at 1-45 South at Exit 15. Families are welcome. For general information call 1-800-ASK-2WIN.

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**COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD**; Bryan Basden; 307 11th Street, 796-8456; Sun. Worship: 10:45 a.m. w/mw/eu; Sun. School: 10:45 a.m. w/mw/eu; Fellowship with coffee & donuts for Sunday schoolers.

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## Sports

### New TPWD boss takes reins from Colonel Hensley

Jim Robertson entered the Texas Game Warden Academy 25 years ago this past December. He can look forward to his highest ranking position as the state's highest ranking warden after being named to replace retiring Col. Charles Hensley as Director of Law Enforcement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Robertson will assume his new responsibilities effective Sept. 1.

"I'm really excited and enthusiastic about this," said TPWD Executive Director Andrew Sanson in announcing Robertson's appointment. "I think he has a great blend of having worked here in Austin, combined with his direct experience in the field. It's been a particularly difficult job to fill for a couple of years. First, because I'm having a hard time accepting the fact that Charlie Hensley is leaving. He's been one of the finest professional colleagues I've had the pleasure to work with and I'm going to miss him. And, second, I had an outstanding selection of finalists, any one of whom was qualified to fill the job and that in itself speaks well of our law enforcement division."

Other finalists for the position included

Royce Wells, Jerry McRae and Butch Shoop. McRae will continue to serve as the state's highest ranking warden.

Robertson has served as chief of headquarters in the Law Enforcement Division for the last 25 years and has an extensive and varied background with the agency. After graduating from the Game Warden Academy in May 1972, Robertson spent 13 years as a field warden based in Aransas Pass and Corpus Christi. During his tenure on the coast, Robertson was honored as Shikar Safari International Club's Texas Wildlife Officer of the Year in 1988, and the Gulf Coast Conservation Association's Region Coastal Warden of the Year in 1982.

Robertson spent three years as an instructor at the Game Warden Academy from 1972 to 1975. In 1987, Robertson assumed duties at the agency's Austin headquarters as the supervisor of coastal law enforcement, a position he held for five years prior to being named chief of headquarters staff.

"When I went to work for this agency, I wanted to be the best warden I could be," said Robertson. "My attitude hasn't

changed. Historically, game wardens in Texas have been a tradition of professionalism in conservation law enforcement and water safety and I want to see that continue into the 21st century."

A Baytown native, Robertson grew up fishing, boating and hunting along the coast. He received a bachelor's degree in wildlife sciences from Texas A&M University.

"I think it's significant that he brings a broader perspective with a degree in resource management," noted Sanson. "Many of the challenges facing law enforcement in the years ahead will deal with what wardens are doing in the field and what level of deployment is sufficient to protect the resources of the state. He's the person, in my view, to help me find the answers to those serious questions."

Robertson believes the challenge facing game wardens in Texas in the future will be in meeting the demands of a changing landscape.

"The demographics of Texas are changing, we have a broader constituency, and we're going to see even more demands being made on our officers in areas such as water safety and

environmental issues. We have to find ways to put our field wardens in areas where they're needed most."

Robertson will be taking the reins from Col. Hensley, a 34-year veteran with the agency who announced his retirement earlier this year. Hensley has held the position of Law Enforcement Division Director since May 1992.

"He's intelligent and talented," Hensley offered. "I think he's a qualified choice to carry this division forward. His experience will be an asset."

During Hensley's tenure as director, the agency made strides in equipment and personnel qualifications. He has been responsible for implementation of proficiency testing as a requirement for promotion within the warden ranks, a standardized transfer policy and a college degree requirement for prospective wardens. Field wardens have seen upgrades in equipment, such as Glock semiautomatic pistols and Remington Model 870 shotguns, the ASP baton and four-wheel-drive extended cab vehicles. "We've been operating under extremely tight budgets in recent years

### Weiner race loads of fun as 65 entrants try to take champion title away from "Bean Boy"

La Marque, Texas — He's back! The two-time defending champ, "Bean Boy," will go for his third victory in the 4th Annual Weiner Dog Nationals on Saturday, Jan. 18 at Gulf Greyhound Park, presented by the Houston Chronicle, Weiner's Stores and JAMS.

Bean Boy, owned by Bland Proctor of Victoria, earned his first victory in 1995 when he defeated local athlete "Hurricane Hannah" of Texas City. Loaded with confidence, Bean Boy returned to Gulf Greyhound Park in 1996 to win back-to-back Weiner Dog Nationals, going box-to-wire and smoking the inexperienced field.

And now, he's back! Going for an unprecedented third win in a row, Bean Boy's owner vows to earn the coveted "three-peat" victory.

In a random drawing, 68 weiner dogs have all made diets and exercise a part of their daily routine as they will have the opportunity to strip Bean Boy of his title. Prior to post time of each performance, weiner dogs will compete in one of four eight-dog qualifying races that will determine the field for the semi-final races. The top two finishers from the four races will advance to the semi-final race for that performance. In addition, a two-dog "Life is Good" race will be held.

The grand finale will take place during the evening performance. The winner of the matinee races and the winner of the evening races will take on the defending champ, Bean Boy.

The races will begin at the starting box and end approximately 40 yards down the track. Dog owners will play a key role in the races, as it will be their job to get the dogs to the finish line first. Previous races proved that not only did the racers need to be in shape, the owner found himself running alongside their dog just making it to the finish line.

Doors will open early for each

performance. For the matinee performance, doors open at 11:30 a.m.; for the evening performance, doors open at 7:30 p.m.

The "Weiner Dog Nationals" begin at noon and post time for greyhound racing is 1:30 p.m. For the evening performance, doors will also open early at 6:30 p.m.; the "Weiner Dog Nationals" will begin at 8 p.m. The final is slated for 7 p.m., and post-time for greyhound racing is 7:30 p.m. Gulf Greyhound Park is located at I-45 South at Exit 15. Admission is welcome. For general information call 1-800-ASK-2WIN.

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### BASKETBALL LOVERS

It's registration time for the Medina Jr. Basketball League. All Bandera County 3rd through 6th graders are invited to play. Registration forms are in your school office. Deadline is Jan. 15, 1997.

### Bandera County Emergency Medical Service "When Seconds Count"

by: Micol L. Kovacka, EMT #34

The Bandera County Emergency Medical Service (EMT) is a volunteer organization that provides emergency medical services to the community. The EMTs are trained to provide first aid, CPR, and other emergency medical services. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The EMTs are trained by the Bandera County Health Department. The EMTs are a vital part of the community's emergency medical services. They are trained to provide first aid, CPR, and other emergency medical services. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The EMTs are trained by the Bandera County Health Department. The EMTs are a vital part of the community's emergency medical services.

### Auditions for Renaissance Fest opening up in Dallas, Ft. Worth

Scarborough Faire will be holding auditions for its 17th Annual Renaissance Festival productions at theaters in Ft. Worth and Dallas. Salaried positions are available. "We are auditioning for many character types," a spokesperson said. "Roles are available for men and women as well as singers, dancers and musicians." Auditions will be held in Ft. Worth on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and in Dallas on Sunday, Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The auditions will be held at Stage West Theatre at 3113

### G.E.D., E.S.L. resuming

G.E.D. and E.S.L. classes will resume for the spring semester on Monday, Jan. 13, 1997 at 8-9 p.m. in the Bandera County Library, according to Neal Dalton, director of the program. The G.E.D. testing program

### Golden anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mazurek

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mazurek, Sr. were honored on their golden wedding anniversary with a reception and dinner at the Leon Springs Villa Party Room on Saturday, Dec. 28. Hosting the celebration were their children including Ron and Lela Roseberry, Linda Miller, Barbara Wilson, and Ernest and Ellen Mazurek. Grandchildren assisting were Ruth and Luke Roseberry, and Claire Miller, Keith, Mary and Kelly Wilson, and Amanda and Ernest Mazurek. Father Peter Comfort gave the blessing before the meal.

### Student Johnston



Denise Johnston graduated from Texas A&M University on Dec. 20, 1996 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting. She is employed by Beard Harris and Co., a public accounting firm in Dallas. Johnston is a 1992 graduate of Bandera High School. She is the daughter of Michael and Leah Southard of Pipe Creek and was 20 inches long. Her grandfather is Jose Gutierrez of Morganton, N.C.

### La Villita Starring Artist show

The Little Church of La Villita staff is now preparing for their 35th Annual Starring Artist Show to be held April 12-14, 1997. Artists and craftsmen who wish to participate should send a request by mail, together with a self-addressed business size envelope to the Starring Artist Art Show Office, 505 Fausch de La Villita, San Antonio, Texas 78205. The Starring Artist Art Show will be held in La Villita and part of the River Walk. In celebration of our 35th anniversary some prominent artists will be exhibiting their art work, together with approximately 675 other artists and craftsmen.

### Staggs to portray Bonhoeffer

Dr. Al Staggs, of San Antonio, will be Schreiner College's 1997 Cooper Lecturer. A Baptist minister for 24 years, Staggs gave up the pulpit for the stage in recent years, but his message has changed very little. Now a full-time performance artist, Staggs is the author of and lone actor in a play entitled "A View From the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer," which he will perform at Schreiner at 11 a.m. on Jan. 29 in the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Auditorium. The performance is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. Bonhoeffer, considered one of the great heroes of the 20th century, was a member of the movement against the Nazi Germans during World War II. His actions resulted in his imprisonment by the Nazis and finally his death by hanging on April 9, 1945. Staggs plays the story of the influence on Bonhoeffer by the theologian and philosopher, Karl Barth, an African-American friend who introduced Bonhoeffer to the plight of racism in America and Bonhoeffer's view on God, the church, evil, injustice and the wages of racism. The story is told as Bonhoeffer struggles the final hours before his execution.

### Births

Kerrville. Niklet is welcomed by big brother Sebastian, of Kerrville. Deanery Council to meet in Lakehills. The next meeting of the Fredericksburg Deaneary Council of Catholic Women will be on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. at St. Victor's Chapel in Lakehills. Ivan and Gladys Arce, of Bandera are proud to announce the birth of Niklet. Niklet was born Jan. 1, 1997 at St. Peter's Hospital in Kerrville. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her grandfather is Jose Gutierrez of Morganton, N.C.

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COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD; Bryan Badden; 307 11th Street, 796-8456; Sun. Worship: 10:45 a.m. worship; Sunday School for children: 9:30; fellowship with coffee & donuts for Sunday schoolers.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH; Frank Pullin; 796-4771; Worship: Sun. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Sun. School: 9:45 a.m.; Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7 p.m.

GRACE TEMPLE, Hwy. 16 & Polky Pl. Drive, 460-4213; Tim Martin; Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.; 8 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.; Mid-week rally, Missionettes, Pathfinders, G.T. Christian Academy (M.F.)

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Glen Moehring; 796-3091; Worship: Sunday, 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Day Care: Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; youth minister, Jennifer Sagebiel; 796-7687.

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Jehovah's Witnesses, Kingdom Hall; 8th & Pecan; Public Talk, Sun. 10 a.m.; Watchtower Study, Sun. 10:30 a.m.; Book Study, Tues. 7:30 p.m.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS; 14th & Hackberry Linden Wheeler; 4331/3510; Worship: Sunday 11 a.m.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH; Don Lee; 796-4367/460-4656; Sun. School/Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.; Worship: Sun. 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Wed. 9 a.m. worship; Bible study: men 7:30 a.m., women 9:45 a.m.; youth minister Jennifer Sagebiel; 796-7687.

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TEMPLO CAMINO NUEVO; Joel Garcia; 13th & Hackberry; Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.; Sunday School

#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Denise Thompson; 796-3940; Worship: Sunday, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; Sun. School: 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship: 10:20; Sun. eve. UMYF: 5:30 p.m. & Sunday Night Fever, 6:30 p.m.

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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST; Derral McGlathery; 589-2468; Sunday: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Wed. Prayer: 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH; Tim Waishe; 589-2395; Sunday, 11 a.m.; 6 p.m.; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; Wed. Prayer meeting: 7 p.m.

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#### WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

9:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.; CCQ classes: Wed., 8:30-7:30 p.m.; Discipleship training, Sunday, 9 a.m.

HILL COUNTRY CHAPEL; Albert Marks; 510-4268; Worship: Sun. 10:35 a.m.; Bible School, 9:45 a.m.; Youth Activities: 4-6 p.m.; Family Activities, Sun. 6 p.m.

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

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GOSPEL TABERNACLE; Jackson & Main St. Robert Goff; 966-2440; Sun. 10:30 & 6; Wed. 7.

LIVING WATERS CHURCH; Hwy. 1050; Robert Richard; 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; 966-3629/6114; Worship: Sun. 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH; Alice Underwood; 966-3343; Sun. School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship: 10:45 a.m.; UMW: 2:30 p.m.; 3rd Wed.

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## The right holiday note...



Flute section musicians Dawn Reber, Rebecca Shankles and Jeanie Royall provided beautiful music at a recent holiday concert presented by the Bandera High School Band.

## What's Rustlin'?

by Bungy

Howdy doody! And what a root-toot-tooty Christmas month it is. Bandera has been it was just chock-a-block full of happy events, with everyone running hither, thither and yon, taking them all in. Maize Tod was the guiding hand in all the Cowboy Christmas events and what a tremendous job she did of directing a million volunteers. Well, maybe it was only 12,000 or so.

The final even right before Christmas was call "The Celebration" and the churches put on the Christmas story in a "stand-still" parade. Each "float" depicted a scene, from Mary and Joseph heading to Bethlehem to the manger setting. What a production. Then, the crowd was given candles and they stood on the Courthouse lawn under the huge spreading oak that was filled with twinkling lights. It looked like a blanket of stars covering the pilgrims with their candles. Darling little angels fitted here and there. Everyone began to sing carols and then as they sang the benediction, "Silent Night," the singing crowd strolled off to their homes. It was really quite impressive. But, of course, not everything that Bandera does outstanding. The Chamber of Commerce has started a publicity file and would appreciate copies of any articles from newspapers or

## TARPLEY

Nettie Dean 562-3464

Seems the weather is really playing tricks on us with 84 degrees Saturday and with Ol' Man Winter coming in Sunday with 44 degrees Sunday night. Warm foggy mornings most all week.

Herbert and Peggy Ball observed their 21st wedding anniversary Jan. 1.

In last week's column, it should have read Mrs. Earl Hood's grandson Adalia Taha of East Brunswick, N.J. called her on Christmas Day.

Don and Ginger Spencer left Sunday 76 m. for Wichita, Kansas to be with their daughter Janet who is undergoing major surgery on Monday.

Harold and Viola Jackson's guests were old friends-Billy and Topay Darbeaux and son and wife Lynn and Ancoise of Corpus Christi. Others were Tom Callaway and three-year-old daughter Sherran of Seguin.

Bill and Edna Lea Coffey

## Loans available for ag producers hit by drought

Applications for emergency farm or ranch loans for losses which occurred in 1995 or 1996 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

Credit Manager Sara Webb said today.

The loans are for physical and production losses caused by drought, freeze, freezing temperatures, sleet, snow, light hail and high winds, which occurred from Oct. 1 through May 29, 1996 and continuing or for losses caused by drought which occurred from Sept. 15, 1995 through Aug. 20, 1996 and continuing.

Bandera County is one of 12 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from drought, freeze, freezing temperatures, sleet, snow, light hail, and high winds which occurred in 1995 and 1996.

Webb said farmers and ranchers up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers or ranchers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

Applications will be accepted until July 14, 1997, but producers should apply as soon as possible.

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**A Thought For The Week**

By John M. Grimes

It has been said that curiosity is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous mind. It has also been said that one of the secrets of life is to keep our intellectual curiosity acute.

The key to knowledge is curiosity. The curious child learns. The curious adult, likewise, improves his mind and expands his knowledge.

Without curiosity the urge to know why-there's little incentive to investigate, study and solve the mysteries of life.

The famous discoveries have often been stimulated by simple occurrences...the way a plant grows, the odd color of a flower, etc.

Though some dismiss the curious as eccentric or "nuts", the intelligent are curious about all the mysteries which surround him.

To a considerable degree, then, curiosity is the basis and motivation of much of the world's knowledge.

We welcome your comments about the thoughts you read here. They are most appreciated...

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# The Bandera Bulletin

## Sports

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997

### Sports Shorts

#### Over 50 start new season

The second tournament of the new year to be sponsored by the Over 50 Golf Association will be at Bandera's Lost Valley course starting at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14.

"Dues for 1997 members are now due," Jack Kempf, president reminds. "Dues are \$10 annually and include a barbecue lunch in October."

In the association's tournament at Castrovilla on Dec. 27, three teams finished with scores of five-under-par 67. They were broken by scorecard playoffs.

Emerging first was the team of Aubrey Freeman, Scotty Sleigh, Phil Rodriguez, and Delfino Saeudo.

Second money went to M. White, Al Tek, T.L. Proctor, and Dutch Ura. Third place was taken by Terry Hedrick, Hooter Clayton, Lee Kindia, and Horace Fincher.

Forty-eight players participated.

"This will be a good time for new members to join the association which sponsors scrambles at 9:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Devine, the second Tuesday at Bandera Lost Valley, the third Tuesday at Bandera's Flying L course, and on the fourth Wednesday at Castrovilla's Atascadero layout," Kempf remarked.

Prospective members, both men and women over the age of 50, may join by showing up an hour prior to tee-off.

### Bulldogs take first district win

The Bandera varsity Bulldogs started their district season off with a heart-stopping win over Medina Valley 44-43 on Dec. 30.

Although Bandera trailed the Panthers in every quarter, a last-second throw by senior Nate Moehring gave the 'Dogs the point they needed to claim the victory.

Gard led the team in rebounds with seven, while Stimml added six, and DuBoise contributed five.

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## The right holiday note...

Flute section musicians Dawn Reber, Rebecca Shankles and Jeanie Royall provided beautiful music at a recent holiday concert presented by the Bandera High School Band.



## What's Rustlin'

Howdy doody! And what a root-foot-tooty Christmas month of it was. Bandera had it was just chock-a-block full of happy events, with everyone running hither, thither and yon, taking them all in. Maize Todd was the guiding hand in all the Cowboy Christmas events and what a tremendous job she did of directing a million volunteers. Well, maybe it was only 12,000. The final event right before Christmas was called "The Celebration" and the churches put on the Christmas story in a "stand-still" parade. Each "flat" depicted a scene, from Mary and Joseph heading to Bethlehem to the manger setting. What a production. Then, the crowd was given candles and then as they sang the benediction, "Silent Night," the singing crowd strolled off to their homes. It was really quite impressive. But of course, isn't everything that Bandera does outstanding? The Chamber of Commerce has started a publicity file and would appreciate copies of any articles from newspapers or



## A Thought For The Week

It has been said that curiosity is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous mind. It has also been said that one of the secrets of life is to keep our intellectual curiosity acute. The key to knowledge is curiosity. The curious child learns. The curious adult, likewise, improves his mind and expands his knowledge. Without curiosity—the urge to know why—there's little incentive to investigate, study and solve the mysteries of life. The famous discoverers have often been stimulated by simple occurrences—the way a plant grows, the odd color of a flower, etc. Though some dismiss the curious as eccentric or "nuts," the intelligent are curious about all the mysteries which surround him. To a considerable degree, then, curiosity is the basis and motivation of much of the world's knowledge. We welcome your comments about the thoughts you read here. They are most appreciated.

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## TARPLEY

Seems the weather is really playing tricks on us with 84 degrees Saturday and with Ol' Man Winter coming in Sunday with 44 degrees Sunday night. Warm foggy mornings most all week. • Herbert and Peggy Ball observed their 21st wedding anniversary Jan. 1. • In last week's column, it should have read Ms. Earl Hodi's grandson Adalia Taha of East Brunswick, N.J. called her on Christmas Day. • Don and Ginger Spencer left Sunday p.m. for Wichita, Kansas to be with their daughter Janet who is undergoing major surgery on Monday. • Harold and Viola Jackson's guests were old friends Billy and Topsy Jarbeaux and son and wife Lynn and Annecoe of Corpus Christi. Others were Tom Callaway and three-year-old daughter Sherran of Seguin. • Bill and Edna Lea Coffey

had a belated holiday dinner with their families Saturday. Their daughters and families were as follows: Donna and Walter Keller and boys Shane and Lance Wernette of Houston, Jody and Kenneth Clary and children Emily and Kyle of Sabinal.

• Recent visitors of William "Bill" and Loris Basken were Elaine and John Linton and children, James, Jennifer and Jason of Katy, Allen and Becky Basken and son, Jason of Hutto. • Visiting at the Storm Ranch last week were a large group of holiday-makers who are all related and gather in the Tarpley area on a regular basis at Rio Vista. They were Dr. and Mrs. Richard File, with twins Leslie and Brian, of Omaha, Neb.; Dr. William Stores, of Ft. Worth; Dr. Robert Thalmann, of Houston; Dr. and Mrs. James Wood and family, from Temple; Mr. and Mrs. George File, of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Ira V. Garrison, of Ft. Worth; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor, and son, Garrison, also of Ft. Worth.

## Loans available for ag producers hit by drought

Applications for emergency farm or ranch loans for losses which occurred in 1995 or 1996 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office

Credit Manager Sara Webb said today. The loans are for physical and production losses caused by drought, freeze, freezing temperatures, sleet, snow, light hail and high winds, which occurred from Oct. 1 through May 29, 1996 and continuing or for losses caused by drought which occurred from Sept. 15, 1995 through Aug. 20, 1996 and continuing. Bandera County is one of 12 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from drought.

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## Sports Shorts

### Over 50 start new season

The second tournament of the new year to be sponsored by the Over 50 Golf Association will be at Bandera's Lost Valley course starting at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14.

"Dues for 1997 members are now due," Jack Kempf, president reminds. "Dues are \$10 annually and include a barbecue lunch in October."

In the association's tournament at Castrovilla on Dec. 27, three teams finished with scores of five-under-par 67. Ties were broken by sudden-death play-offs.

Emerging first was the team of Aubrey Freeman, Scotty Sleeth, Phil Rodriguez, and Delfino Saucedo.

Second money went to Mel White, Al Tek, T.L. Proctor, and Dutch Uran. Third place was taken by Terry Hedrick, Hooter Clayton, Lee Kinda, and Horace Fincher.

Forty-eight players participated. "This will be a good time for new members to join the association which sponsors scrambles at 9:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Devine, the second Tuesday at Bandera Lost Valley, the third Tuesday at Bandera's Flying L course, and on the fourth Wednesday at Castrovilla's Atrahini Teyout." Kempf remarked.

Prospective members, both men and women over the age of 50, may join by showing up an hour prior to tee-off.

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Nueces Canyon	0-0	12-6
Medina	0-0	5-7
Harper	0-0	9-7
Rockport	0-0	8-9

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Rockport	0-0	15-1
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### Bandera Basketball

1/11	Comfit	away: FB, JVB, VB	5:30-308
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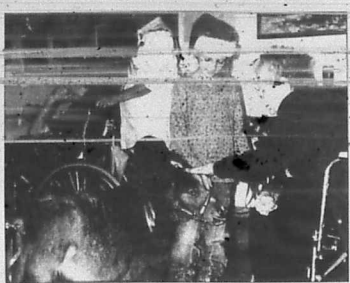
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Sarah Kline, of the Bandera 4-H Horse Project, introduces the dwarf Zoe to Jeanetta Adamietz at the Clark House. The Horse Project took several miniature horses to visit on Dec. 23. Two mini-palominos were brought for the visit by Mr. and Mrs. Birdsong of Tarpley, and Zoe was brought by the Camps from Medina.



Horse Project members and horse who visited the Clark House were Candice Boyesen, J.T. Tripp, Magic, Chrystal Tripp, Zoe, Sarah Kline, Arnes and Bobby Tripp.

## Over the Back Fence

Hi y'all! Did you enjoy our little summer within the winter? When this comes out we will again be finding out just how cold a well drilled behind really is! We did enjoy the warm days though and they give us something to look forward to a month down the road.

Right now we are hunkered around the wood heater discussing how to get all our jobs done from here! Somehow we don't think they will get finished that way!

We had a little slip of the tongue by a young gal the other day. It seems that she celebrated her 10th anniversary of her twentieth birthday on Sunday, Jan. 5. She is Pam, the vet lady, Joseph and Matthew's Mom, and Mark Burke's wife. She kind of threatened bad things to our health if we printed this so don't tell her where you heard it. It doesn't seem that long ago that they were so very young newly weds!

The Lakehills EMS Helopad was inaugurated this past Friday night. We had to air-evac a patient. So AirLife came and landed, picked up our patient and departed with a blast of rotor wash was gone! We never get to entertain the air life crews for very long unless they come in for a seminar. Ernie and the support team crew have to paint the red cross and build a fence and the pad will be totally complete. We had a pretty good crowd watching the landing and departure. We appreciate everyone staying back out of harm's way during this action. This aircraft landing and departing is an awesome sight but the area can be dangerous.

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## Mini horses a big hit at Clark House



Sarah Kline, of the Bandera 4-H Horse Project, introduces the dwarf Zee to Jeanette Adamez at the Clark House. The Horse Project took several miniature horses to visit on Dec. 23. Two mini-palominos were brought for the visit by Mr. and Mrs. Birdsong of Tarpley, and Zee was brought by the Camps from Medina.



Horse Project members and those who visited the Clark House were Candice Boyesen, J.T. Tripp, Magic, Chrystal Tripp, Zoe, Sarah Kline, Aris and Bobby Tripp.

## Over the Back Fence

Hi y'all! Did you enjoy our little summer within the winter? When this comes out we will gain

being found out just how cold a well drilled really is! We did enjoy the warm days though and they give us something to look forward to a few months down the road.

Right now we are hunkered around the wood heater discussing how to get all our jobs done from here! Somehow we don't think we will get finished that way!

We had a little slip of the tongue by a young gal the other day. It seems that she celebrated her 10th anniversary of her twentieth birthday on Sunday, Jan. 5. She is Pam, the vet lady, Joseph and Matthew's Mom, and Mark Burkes wife. She kind of threatened bad things to our health if we printed this so don't tell her where you heard it. It doesn't seem that long ago that they were so very young newly weds!

The Lakehills EMS Helopad was inaugurated this past Friday night. We had to air-evac a patient. So Airline came and landed, picked up our patient and with a blast of rotor wash was gone! We never get to entertain the air life crews for very long unless they come in for a seminar. Ernie and the support team crew have to paint the red cross and build a fence and the pad will be totally complete. We had a pretty good crowd watching the landing and departure. We appreciate everyone staying back out of harm's way during this action. This aircraft landing and departing is an awesome sight but the area can be dan-

gerous if someone were to get too close.

The MLVFD Junior Firefighters had a kickoff meeting last Thursday night. They had an official meeting, discussed their objectives for the coming year, then adjourned for hot dogs, marshmallows and some football and basketball. This group is open to kids from 7 to 17 years—boys and girls—and will help familiarize them with serving their community in different ways. They will meet the first Thursday of each month at the Main Fire House at 7:30 p.m.

Let's support those young citizens as they learn about our fire department and serving their community.

We noticed the Civic Center was getting a new roof. This is some of the proceeds of the Cajon Festival showing up. Another sign is the new sign being erected by the Blair boys with stonework by Willis and Co. If you want to help keep the Civic Center shining make the regular Betterment Assoc. meeting and they will be glad to accept your help.

The MLVFD Crew is still working on the database for all the addresses for all our property owners. This list will allow us to send the letters about our voluntary fire system. Lots of people have been asking where to send their checks. They need to go to: MLVFD, P.O. Box 451, Lakehills, Texas 78063. Renters are welcomed to participate also!

Well, the wood pile is showing low, so we had better crank up the cord saw and help keep the situation! We will be shivering as we look for you over the back fence.

### Wharton's Dock

The New  
Copper Lantern  
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The new Copper Lantern drew a large crowd came with smiling faces and a happy mood, and it was a very happy mood.

Dana Simons of the Copper Lantern announced that the lantern will be opened seven days a week. They had been closed since Sunday and Monday.

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### Market Report

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### Free trees from arbor foundation

Ten free river birch trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during Jan. 1997.

"This year is the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day, and the free river birch trees are part of The National Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign to plant 10 million trees in 1997," John Rosenow, said.

"River birches" cinnamon-colored, exfoliating bark and informal appearance give a natural look to a garden or planted area," Rosenow said.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to ten free river birches, National Arbor Day Foundation, 3000 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31, 1997.

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### Registration in progress for after school care at Hill Country Elementary

Hill Country Elementary School, announced this week the opening of its "Adventure Club" after school program located at the elementary school. Opening Jan. 6, the program will be managed by Children's World and will serve kindergarten through 12-year-olds.

The "Adventure Club" is a "club" that allows children to explore their own creativity, imagination, and self-expression.

Adventure Club to its students and parents, said Diana Hinch, district manager for Children's World. "The opening of this program exemplifies Children's World's commitment to providing quality elementary schools to tailor programs to the needs of the children. In addition, by providing a program on the premises, we are assured that their children are receiving the highest quality of care in a safe environment after school."

Students may register for the Adventure Club at the elementary school. To register by telephone, or for additional information, parents are invited to call the Adventure Club at (512) 327-5885.

Children's World Learning Centers is a leading provider of quality infant, toddler, preschool, pre-kindergarten and school-age learning programs in the United States.

### Exit level TAAS registration due Bandera HS will serve as test site

Bandera High School will serve as a test site for the administration of the EXIT Level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test which will be given in the last week of February.

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously passed all sections of the TAAS, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary sections.

UTSA seeking young female math and science students

The registration deadline for the 11th annual "Expanding Your Horizons Conference" for young women interested in mathematics and the sciences is Jan. 31.

The conference, open to sixth through 12th graders will be Feb. 22 on the campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio.

"Expanding Your Horizons" is meant to motivate girls to take math and science courses to prepare for careers requiring these subjects by bringing them together with women who currently work in those fields, according to conference coordinator and UTSA Microbiology Professor Helen Ouejue.

More than 30 workshops will be conducted by professional women in science and math-related careers. There also will be adult workshops for teachers, counselors and parents.

Registration forms are available from high school math and science teachers, school counselors and Ouejue's office at the UTSA Alliance for Education, located in Suite 1416 of the Tower Life Building, 310 S. St. Mary's. A \$7 registration fee covers lunch and materials. Space is limited, and workshops will be assigned as a first-come, first-served basis.

### Stockshow is final grade for youth

Shannon Montemayor, a 15-year-old sophomore at Bandera High School, has been involved in FFA and in 4-H for the last seven years. Montemayor, along with hundreds of other 4-H, FFA and FFA members from all over Bandera County, invite everyone to attend the annual Bandera County Junior Livestock Show this week at Mansfield Park.

Montemayor has been working hard on two projects: market lambs and rabbits.

"In doing animal projects, there are many things we need to do," said Montemayor. "After we have our animals, we need to learn what and how much to feed them and how to control their weight."

The stock show is like a final grade, reports Montemayor. "It tells us just how much we have learned. Some of us do well, and some don't, but believe me, we all worked hard and learned from trying."

Montemayor and all the competitors in this year's show encourage everyone to support their hard work by attending the show and participating in the auction of the winning entries on Saturday, Jan. 11.

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### Montague to inaugurate

Regina Montague of Bandera has been selected to inaugurate the National Young Leaders Conference. The Inaugural Conference provides the unique opportunity to witness firsthand the excitement surrounding the inauguration of the President.

Regina, a senior at Bandera High School, will be among 380 Alumni attending the Inaugural Conference from across America.

Highlights of the program include the performance at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, attendance at the swearing in of the President of the United States, as well as witnessing the Inaugural Parade as the President and First Lady proceed from the Capitol to the White House. Students will also have a "behind the scenes" look at the presidential campaign and inauguration. The Conference concludes with a gala black tie ball.

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Participants commit to an eight-week intensive curriculum of math and sciences taught at one of eight college campuses throughout the city, including the University of Texas at San Antonio, where the program was developed in 1979.

Dates for the 1997 program will be June 2 through July 25. Complete information about eligibility requirements and applications are available from school counselors and math teachers.

Application packets must be postmarked no later than Jan. 15 for second- and third-year applicants and Feb. 3 for first-year applicants.

For more information, call the PREP office at (210) 458-4496 or 458-4497.

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### We talk?

Dear friends and family:

You have been a great source of comfort and strength in this time of great sorrow. The outpouring of love, help, concern, the cards, memorials, beautiful flowers and the food brought to our home and to the church supper are greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Bandera EMS for their dedication and expertise.

Thank you to the Grimes personnel for their services, compassion and guidance.

To my cousin, the Rev. Tom McGee, who conducted Wayne's service—you are a special blessing!

Thank you, Randy McNaughton and fellow Masons for presiding at the gravesite.

• God bless each of you.

With grateful hearts,  
Betty Ruede and family

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## Obituaries

**Baker: President for 58 years**  
Mrs. Duda Wells Baker, 97, of Bandera, died Saturday, January 4, 1997, at her home. She was born May 27, 1909 in Livingston, Texas to Henrietta Cullum Wells and Henry Riley Wells. Her father's ancestors came to America from Scotland prior to 1650 and

eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 8, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapel in Bandera with Mr. Martin Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Bandera Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be sent to Family Hospice, 6800 Park Ten Blvd., Suite 110 North, San Antonio, Texas 78213-4201. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

**De Merritt: homemaker**  
Mrs. Maurine Hudson De Merritt, 83, of Hondo, died December 27, 1996 in a Bandera care center. She was born on October 15, 1913 in Abilene, Texas to Joe M. and Leila Hudson. They preceded her in death. She was a homemaker. Survivors include sons, Robert D. Trapp, Louis E. Trapp, Jr., of Houston; sister, Tommy Dean of Austin; brothers, Billy Dale Hudson of Corpus Christi, and Derwood Hudson of Odessa.

**Freeman: born in Kerr County**  
Angie Lois Hubble Freeman, 83, died Monday, December 16, 1996. She was born in Kerr County, Texas as a teenager she moved to Hemphill County from Bandera. She married Ralph Freeman in 1929 in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. She sold Avon products for 23 years and was a former member of a Hemphill County Home Demonstration Club. She was a member of United Methodist Church and the Hemphill County Library Foundation. Survivors include: husband, Ralph; daughter, Lois Bussell of Ringwood, Oklahoma; son, Roger Freeman of Dickinson; brothers, Buddy Hubble of

Bandera, Texas; and sister, Linda Alberry Gore of Ft. Worth, Texas. Burial will be in the Grimes Funeral Home in Bandera, Texas. The family requests memorials be to the Grimes Funeral Home in Bandera, Texas.

**Maltsberger: former Bandera resident**

Mr. Robin Malsberger Lumpkin. Survivors include: fiancée, Linda Alberry Gore of Ft. Worth, Texas; sisters, Pamela Lee of Pipe Creek and Kathryn Andrews of Bandera; brothers, David Lee Malsberger of West Virginia, Dennis Ray and Dean Allen, both of Pipe Creek, and Daniel Keith and John Charles, both of Waco; best friends, Buford and Leah West of Hewitt; and all the employees of Genie Car Wash.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, January 4, 1997 at Bandera Cemetery with Mr. Martin Smith officiating. The family requests memorials be to the Grimes Funeral Home in Bandera, Texas. The family requests memorials be to the Grimes Funeral Home in Bandera, Texas.

**Mattson: gun instructor**

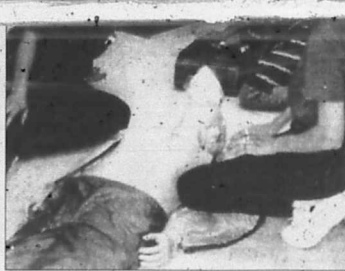
Erik Robert Mattson, 38, of San Antonio, died Sunday, January 5, 1997 at his residence. He was born January 6, 1958 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Bob and Lois Mattson. Mattson was married to Toni Mattson in 1983 in Harper, Texas. He had been employed as a gun instructor for a consulting and construction company, and was a member of Concordian Lutheran Church in San Antonio. He was preceded in death by his father, Bob Mattson.

Survivors include: wife, Toni LeeAnn of San Antonio; mother, Lois Mattson of San Antonio; daughter and son, Michelle and Mattson of San Antonio; and sister, Trindy

Judith "Judy" Kay Shudde, 59, of San Antonio, died Sunday, December 27, 1996 in San Antonio. She was born August 12, 1937 in Topeka, Kansas. She is survived by: son, Rusty Shudde of Corpus Christi; daughter-in-law, Douglas and Margie Shudde of San Antonio; granddaughters, Megan, Amanda and Karla

## CPR classes beneficial to everyone, and available throughout county

Don't have to be a nurse to join our classes, but seniors have priority to classes we offer. We would like to welcome new Board of Directors members Peggy Ariza, Lois Love, Roger Raser, and Kay Welch. Other board members are Jack Buckley, Jack Clark, Mary Garcia, Joella Ingram, Jack Mackey, Roy Mauer, Judy Rodriguez, and Sylvia Saffell. These folks not only volunteer their time to sit on the board, but are also very involved with the center, actively participating in fund-raising, delivering meals on wheels,



Pipe Creek paramedic Monica Wilson instructs high schoolers in CPR classes last spring. According to EMT columnist Micol, Knoxville, the county can expect more such benefits from the EMS system in Bandera County. See Micol's column on page 3B.

**Seniors are especially vulnerable to influenza**

As influenza season approaches, the American Lung Association reminds Texans that influenza is a potentially life-threatening contagious lung disease that can be prevented with an annual vaccination.

"An ounce of prevention is definitely worth a pound of cure when it comes to getting your annual flu shot," says Dr. Robert Thorne, M.D., president of the American Lung Association. "Influenza vaccination is about 70 percent effective in preventing influenza and reducing its severity, and it's safe. Together, influenza and pneumonia are the fifth leading cause of death among Americans, over 65 the sixth leading cause of death among all Americans."

Anyone can be a flu victim, however, high-risk groups are the most vulnerable. High-risk groups include anyone over the age of 65, or anyone suffering from a chronic health condition such as asthma, emphysema or chronic bronchitis. Also included in the high-risk category is anyone that wishes to avoid taking sick time off from work, school or home. In addition, members of the health-care profession are included in the high-risk category because of the volume of flu patients trafficking through their offices.

The prime time to get a flu shot is between October 1 and November 15, before the flu season begins. In Texas, some

physicians begin providing shots in early September and may continue offering the service through mid-December. Flu shots are available at doctors' offices, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO), most other healthcare facilities. In addition, flu shots are covered by Medicare and Medicaid. Most people experience little or no reaction to the vaccine. However, one in four people might have a swollen, red, tender area where the shot was delivered.

A person can easily contract the flu because the virus that causes it may belong to different strains of flu families. This is why the Lung Association encourages everyone to get an annual flu shot to protect your self against the current year's flu virus.

The American Lung Association is an advocate of the prevention, control and cure of lung disease, the third leading cause of death in Texas. The association fights lung disease and promotes lung health through state-wide programs, involving research, health education, advocacy and community service. Its life-saving programs are made possible by public contributions and community volunteers. For more information about influenza, flu shots or lung disease, please contact the American Lung Association of Texas at (800) 252-2864.

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## Silver Sage Corral

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around the dance floor, sing along, or all of the above. Last Friday, we celebrated Minnie Hayes 96th birthday. Betty Bucalo brought a delicious big cake and we all sang "Happy Birthday." We decided not to attempt to get 96 candles on the cake, but believe me, if we had, Minnie could have easily blown them all out! She has more energy than most of us out together. I'd like anyone to try to keep up with her. Minnie is one of the original founders of the Center, and is still benefiting from the fruits of her labors.

## New competition added to Senior Olympic games

Kerrville 1997 Senior Games will feature a new category of competition - creative writing.

Hill Country writers are untangling their pens, pencils, computers and going through stashed away writings for entries in the April 24, 25, 26 event. Formerly open to persons over 50 in numerous categories including golf, tennis, volleyball, table tennis, cycling, bowling, softball, basketball free throw, pool, washers, racquetball, 42, swimming, track and field, horseshoes, dance, bridge, and creative writing - being added at the local level this year for the first time.

There will be three more categories: short story, essay, and poetry, for men and women of age, 50 and above. The entries will be judged in categories with age groups: 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69. On Jan. 21, there will be a meeting in Kerrville at 2 p.m. in the Rio Cruz Office Building at 333 Earl Garrett, for anyone interested who would like information.

It's a great opportunity for those who do not skip so fast nor jump so high as they once did to be participants and to be involved in something that you do well, would like to do, or are always wanted to do, but never had a real chance, a spokesperson said.

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Two problems that affect family operations—planning for inflation and growth of the business will be discussed. Another topic, how to be fair among all children when one child is interested in the family business and others are not will be addressed. The registration fee is \$100.00. Call Carol Sabo, Christine Eubank or Wayne Hayenga for registration information at (409) 845-2226.

## Sea World camps encourage budding zoologists

Face-to-face encounters with beluga whales, dolphins, sharks, penguins, killer whales and other fascinating animals is a dream for most people. But for students enrolled in Sea World Adventure Camps, such encounters become reality for an entire week or more at Sea World of Texas in San Antonio.

The distinct Adventure Camp experiences—Careers Camp, Advanced Careers Camp and Expedition Camp—await students with a keen interest in animals and the environment. Campers live in dormitories at the world's largest marine life park and learn about the marine sciences from Sea World staff members.

"Careers Camp and Advanced Careers Camp give high school students an unforgettable, behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to care for and study marine animals," said Mary Alice Ramirez, Sea World of Texas' director of education. "In 1997, we're offering our new Expedition Camp in response to requests from middle school students for an in-residence camp."

Careers Camp is for students in 9th, 10th, 11th grades. An application is required for enrollment in Careers Camp, as well as a high school transcript, phone interview, applicant essay, and a teacher/counselor recommendation. A complete curriculum of staff members from the Zoological, Animal Training and Education departments reviews applications and makes final camper selections.

One spring break session of "Careers Camp" is scheduled, March 15-22, plus two spring sessions, April 12-19 and May 3-10, and seven summer sessions beginning June 7. Also, three sessions of Advanced Careers Camp are available for teacher and student groups, clubs or classes: April 19-26, May 10-17, and Oct. 4-11.

High school students who have successfully completed Careers Camp can apply for Advanced Careers Camp, in which campers become apprentices in more-detailed studies of Sea World animals and careers. Students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades can participate in the new Sea World Expedition Camp. Campers visit Sea World's state-of-the-art animal habitats, discover ways to protect animals in the wild and participate in a field trip adventure.

Expedition Camp offers two summer sessions, July 12-19 and July 19-26. Adventure Camp tuition, which varies among sessions, covers the student's room, board, meals, transportation to and from the airport, field trips, supplies and educational materials. A \$25 discount is available for

administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to

account from the good old days in the Jan/Feb. issue of the popular nostalgia magazine.

"The men were always fed first so they could return to work. The women of the family waited the table and made sure the men were treated royally,"

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A sample copy of the magazine is \$2, available by writing Reminiscence, P.O. Box 890, Suite 3667, Greendale, WI 53129-0990.

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## Small Business Tips

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The USDA Small Business Development Center is part of the largest management and technical assistance network in the United States. The SBDC has been serving Bandera County for several years, making monthly visits to meet with local business owners. Services include assistance with startup business, business planning, preparation of loan proposals and application for government loans. The center for this area is Bob Terry, former bank loan officer with state and retail banks, who has been with the SBDC since 1994. He can be reached at (210) 798-4545. The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce at 798-0435 to schedule an appointment. Terry visits Bandera on the first Thursday of each month. All information is held in strict confidence and there is no charge for the counseling.

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Sabinal Canyon Senior Center at Utopia will hold its monthly covered dish luncheon and program, beginning at 11 a.m. on Jan. 10.

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"Please come and join us," invites spokesperson, Betty Leighton. January activities at the Senior Center in Utopia will include playing "88" on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Jan. 7.

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Doug Maltsberger, 33, of Waco, formerly of Bandera, died Wednesday, January 1, 1997 in Robinson, Texas from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born June 18, 1963 in San Antonio to Jerry D. and Evelyn Smith Maltsberger. He was the Assistant Manager of Genie Car Wash and Lube in Hewitt, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents Jerry and Evelyn Maltsberger, and

**Shudde**  
Shudde, all of San Antonio, and uncle, Ben Glusung of Kingsville. Graveside services were held in Sabinal Cemetery on December 30, 1996 with Rev. Joan Abrams officiating. Memorials may be made to VNA and Hospice of South Texas, 8721 Botts Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78217.

# Small Business Tips

Guest columnist: Betty Lebo



## Opinion

### Letters to the Editor

## Yardage markers good use for fools

Dear Editor:

Recent blast of tropical weather, I made a run to your town for the purpose of attempting golf. Now, Lost Valley isn't a picture postcard scene by any stretch of the imagination, but these guys are really trying to improve things. I can support that.

What I have a big problem with is the idiots who completely destroyed the links green by cutting a bunch of "donuts" at relatively high speed with a pickup, judging by the size and depth of the ruts. The folks at Lost Valley have enough problems on their hands trying to care for the land out of shallow, rocky Hill Country soil without a pickup full of morons tearing up their hard work for lack of anything better to do.

Now, I'm going way out on a limb here and assuming that you folks did this can be actually read, and make an appeal to you. Grow Up! Get a life. Get a girlfriend or... whatever. But knock it off.

I grew up in a small town myself and I helped write the book on juvenile delinquency. However, I guess we had some-

thing of a code of honor among-

destruction got you in more trouble from your own gang than from anyone else. If you had a serious beef with someone, you had to have enough guts to take care of it one-on-one or forget it.

Good luck to the guys at Lost Valley. If you ever find out who did it, I suggest that you stake them down for yardage markers on a driving range. Then call me. I can always make time to hit a couple of buckets of balls.

Ken Schmidt  
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Kerrville Daily Times

### Stein responds

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It's time to set the record straight in your newspaper. I was not in control of three councilmen.

For example, the past city inspector asked the council to reinstate the Planning and Zoning Commission in September of 1995. When (the re-instatement) was brought up to the new council in August of 1996, the Mayor asked to table the item until October. In October, I again had to sit on the agenda. The council

decided to wait for the next city council meeting.

Then when the council hired the new city attorney, only two citizens were present. Mrs. Curtis Wilson and I both spoke against that attorney. The council hired him anyway.

How am I controlling them? Secondly, I do research for Councilman Wilson, finding data and phone numbers. Curtis always verifies everything I give him. He does not take my word for it. Curtis has never shown me one piece of correspondence that the City or the Council has received.

Thirdly, I recall that in 1989 comp time for the city secretary was stopped. Ms. Dunn has continued to take comp time. She received a raise and then after a large raise in approximately 1989-90 was told her salary was capped. She received three raises since the capping.

Dunn, hand-wrote a resignation effective Dec. 27, 1996 because of "emotional stress."

The mayor notified council on Friday to meet Monday to hear her resignation. At that meeting former mayor Raymond Adamietz and Killa Stephens wanted Dunn to get another 5 percent raise on her \$1616 per four weeks salary (as secretary).

The motion was made three times and seconded three times before the mayor would call for the vote.

Dunn worked one day after the Dec. 16 meeting. She took more comp time and was paid for three and a half days of holidays. The mayor OK'd three weeks (which Dunn had accumulated) of vacation pay.

Linda Stein  
Bandera

### Our pleasure

On behalf of the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department, I just want to say thank you.

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## Mayor's Memo....

by Bandera Mayor Bob Cowan

### Codes, ordinances and permits

Is my imagination playing tricks on me? There couldn't possibly be this many more rules and regulations placed into effect since I last held this office. I have often said that each time legislature (whether it be national, state or local) makes a law, regulation or rule, it must remove a minimum of two laws, regulations, or rules from the book before the new one can become legal. I suspect that we could all get along much better without so many laws.

I would be the first to admit that we have far too many local ordinances and regulations, especially to run a city of approximately 1000 folks. And yet there some that we need for our safety, our security, our protection and our peace of mind.

SAFETY is top priority in the writing of any code, or ordinance. For instance, an unvented gas water heater could be very dangerous to our health, thus a code requiring ventilation of gas water heater. One of the areas that I think the code writers have overlooked is the requirement that all balusters (verticals) on stairs and guard rails have a

space no more than 4" between them. Some were person some were accidentally got it through the "C" space that used to be allowed and now all balusters must be approximately 4" apart.

SECURITY is another important area. Much like some of the regulations coming out of OSHA, if a cowboy were to ride from the book before OSHA has, he would require a huge crane just to lift him and his "protective gear" up on the horse. On the other hand, I think we all are happy to have many of the laws that require our law officers to apprehend criminals. These laws provide us with a feeling of security as we go about our daily living.

PROTECTION, similar to safety and security, is also very important. These laws provide us with protection of our property. For example, our zoning restrictions do not allow a factory that makes glue from dead horses to be placed in the center of our residential areas. Nor can a neighbor build a porch that encroaches on your property. A business can't put up a sign that would endanger people walking under it, nor cars passing by it.

PERMITS. To assure safety, security and protection, the city needs a way to carry out such assurances. This is done by permits. Many of you complain about having to get a permit for one thing or another. Believe me, it's not to make any profit off of permit fees. Your fees cover the cost involved in checking and inspecting the various projects that are being built in our city. Please think of your building inspector as a friend. He is not out to cause you an extravagant amount of expense, but to help you build a safe and structurally sound building.

There are some "fly by nighters" that prey on unsuspecting folks. I just finished a paving job and have quite a bit of material left over. I see you need some paving for your driveway. I can make you a "real good price." All I need is a check for \$700 dollars and I can have it done by the end of the week. End of week arrives, no paver. You start to wonder—the guy sounded and looked honest enough. Oops—didn't even get a telephone number or address.

Not that the city can stop such scams all the time, but

with your help, we can certainly slow them down.

So keep in mind, when you call to get a permit to do or renovate, come on down to city hall and pull a permit. You might not even need one. You might avoid being taken in by a scam. You could save hundreds of dollars in rebuilding because of a structural flaw that can be avoided. Yes, the few dollars for a permit is a good buy.

It would be my hope that we could work steadily on simplifying our local ordinances and regulations. I really think we are all just a little on the lazy side and would rather put on a tire patch instead of replacing the worn-out tube with a new one.

It would be my hope that we could make the simplification of our rules and regulations one of our prime goals for 1997. May 1997 be a year of health, happiness and prosperity for all and everyone of you!

Our next City Council meeting is Monday night, Jan. 13, 1997 at Bandera Municipal Building starting at 7 p.m. Come and join us.

### from The Bulletin, Sept. 6, 1963

Ads in this week's issue included Steve Reeves as the son of Spartacus in "The Slave" along with Brian Keith in Walt Disney's "Savage Sam" playing at the Bantex Theatre.

Isabel Stokes at the Ranch House Cafe invited all to enjoy her fried chicken and a merchant's lunch for 75 cents.

Ryan's Grocery and Market featured Folger's coffee, one pound can for 49 cents. Bananas were 25 cents for two pounds and tomatoes were 19 cents a pound.

In the classifieds, the Ice House offered a dove season special of 12 ga. 7 1/2 shot shot gun shells for \$2.70 a box, while Joe Munsch offered a J.C. Higgins pump shot gun, 12 ga. adjustable choke, ventilated rib, in good condition, for \$35.

P.P. Bradshaw over in Medina offered a 12 ga. Winchester shot gun for \$50.

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and mop up.

It's nice to know that you can slip old socks on the legs of heavy furniture to slide it across the linoleum, but what I need to know now is how to open the door when the inside knob comes off in my hand.

Speaking of linoleum, I read recently that that old floor covering is making a comeback. Those of you of my generation probably remember having a linoleum covered floor in the kitchen or bathroom when you were a child.

Its easy care beat scrubbing wood floors.

Around the mid-1950s linoleum's popularity declined with the advent of vinyl.

The old linoleum was made of linseed oil, gum and cork on a burlap backing. Today's product, being manufactured in Europe, is made of linseed oil, cork, pine resin and limestone on a jute backing.

It is more sun resistant than the old product and is more brightly colored.

Lino, as the Europeans are called it, appeals to those who are allergic to the chemicals found in vinyl and is also being used in hospitals because it prevents staph germs from spreading.

I love it when something as old as I am turns out to be still good after all these years.

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## Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Bandera County Commissioners Court, Courthouse, 10 a.m.  
Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9:31 a.m.-1:30-4 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.

Bandera Volunteer Fire Department, Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Lakelake, 29th Street, 8 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, 7 p.m.  
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Heritage Study Group, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Thursday, Jan. 9  
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:52  
Story time, Bandera County Library 4-5 year olds, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Springhills Water Management District Quarterly Meeting, 202 Twelfth St., Bandera, 7 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Episcopal Church, 7 p.m.  
TOPS Tx 1614, Silver Sage Corral, 2:30 p.m.  
Guys & Dolls Mixed League, Flying L Golf Course, 5:45 p.m.  
Castle Lake Volunteer Fire Department meeting, firehouse, 7:30 p.m.

Western Dance or Practice, Utopia Sr. Center, 7:30 p.m.  
Native Plant Society, Bandera County, Davenport Hall, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Bandera, 7 p.m.  
Medina School Board meeting, School Office, 7 p.m.  
Bandera Ranch Acres Club, 7:30 p.m.  
Veterans of Foreign War, 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.  
Croch'n 9 a.m.; Spanish, 9:30 a.m.; TRIAD, 2 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Friday, Jan. 10  
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:53  
San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) (Disability Issues), 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Covered Dish Luncheon, Utopia Senior Center, 11 a.m.  
Medina Jolly Elders, Medina Baptist Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bandera County Republican Women's Club, Harvey's Old Bank, 11:30 a.m.  
Madrona Garden Club, St. Christopher's Church, Bandera, 2 p.m.  
Jam Session, Medina Garden Center, 7 p.m.  
Bingo, Alcoholic Legion Hall, Bandera, 7 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.  
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Bridge, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Saturday, Jan. 11  
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:54  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon & 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 12  
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:55  
Sunday Social with Doc Meador Combo, Silver Sage Corral, 2-4 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 13  
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:56  
San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) (Disability Issues), 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Good Old Boys Golf, Flying L Ranch, Bandera, 9 a.m.  
Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, New Central

Firehouse, 10 a.m.  
Bandera Extension Homemakers, 2 p.m.  
Al-anon, 7th & Cypress, 6:30 p.m.  
GED and English as Second Language classes, Bandera County Library, 6-8 p.m.  
Bandera ISD Board Meeting, High School, 7 p.m.  
Line Dancing, All ages, Silver Sage Corral, 7 p.m.  
Bandera Optimist Club, Billy Gene's, noon.  
Bandera Masonic Lodge #1123 AF & AM, Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.  
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Low Impact Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Oil Painting, 9 a.m.; Ceramics, 1 p.m.; Line dancing, 7 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Tuesday, Jan. 14  
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:56  
Flying L Ladies Golf Assoc. 9 a.m.  
Williams Creek Extension Homemakers, 2 p.m.  
Grief Support Group, Silver Sage Corral, 2-4 p.m.  
Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, free confidential assessments for substance abuse, 1207 Cottonwood, 1-800-826-5436.

GED and English as Second Language classes, Bandera County Library, 6-8 p.m.  
Bingo, Utopia Sr. Center, 7:30 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon, 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, 9:30 a.m.; Melodians, 10 a.m.; Grief Support Group, 2-4 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Wednesday, Jan. 15  
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:57  
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.  
Medina United Methodist Women, Youth Center, Medina, 2 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, Lakelake, 29th Street, 8 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.

## SA rodeo rens due

## Dollar Friday

Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to help them give the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Ambassadors as they complete their tour of the Hill Country on Friday, Jan. 10 at the Silver Dollar.

The Ambassadors are scheduled to arrive at approximately 4 p.m. and depart Bandera around 5:30 p.m.

"Each year the Ambassadors choose Bandera to end their Hill Country tour because of the warm hospitality and fun-filled pranks that await them," said Chamber director Patricia Moore.

This year the Silver Dollar will provide dance music and line dance demonstrations and the Ambassadors will entertain Bandera residents with a fashion show.

There is no charge for the event.

## Signature quilts on next week's guild program

The Bandera County Quilt Guild will meet Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the Silver Sage Corral.

The program will be presented

## Basic Bandera

## Peggy Tobin

upon a place to which he mysteriously feels that he belongs. Here's the usual, and he

has never seen before, among him he has never known, as though they were familiar to him from his birth. Here at last, he finds rest. "W. Somerset Maugham. The Moon and Sixpence, 1919.

From the looks of the constant, traffic surging up and down once quiet Main Street at Bandera, it appears that many folks have hit upon Bandera County as the place they feel they mysteriously belong. And so far it seems there is always room for one more dreamer, one more entrepreneur, one more rodeo fan, one more family fleeing with the kids to the safety of country life.

But the problem is rapidly becoming the entire community is new people in a way that makes sure their dreams come true while preserving the

And will they be willing to pay the taxes necessary to pay the bills to live, first in the style to which they were accustomed back in the Frozen North or Houston, at least in the style they would like to become used to here in their new County?

Our new County Judge Judge Boyd Evans is acutely aware of all the challenges facing

up on his family ranch on the North Plains to work on meeting those challenges.

Judge Evans rightly sees the basic need for increased revenue to fund the schools, both in

first place. And which holds old timers here despite wrenching change.

Can distant views of purple hills be kept intact or are we going to see the usual, and he

scape near these times and "barrier" of South America? Can a dependable supply of fresh produce be guaranteed for every household, new or old?

Can a dependable law enforcement and emergency medical care be provided and paid for up and down all the new roads?

Can the crazy trash of modern-day consumption—all those plastic jugs and wrappings and big glass jars and bottles—be disposed of in a neat and cost-effective manner? Despite efforts of volunteers adopt-a-highway groups, Bandera County roadways are the trashiest we know of this side of Mexico City or Caracas!

Can folks genuinely get acquainted with the scenes and structures which they have never known and bond into a real community?

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## Wine tasting in Tow

The release of 1995 red wines are celebrated in Tow, Texas during the month of January. Vineyard tours and wine tastings are scheduled at the Fall Creek Vineyards. Call 512-476-4477 for more information.

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

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Medina ISD Board	
2nd Thursday.....Medina School.....	7 p.m.
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2nd & 4th Wed.....Courthouse.....	10 a.m.

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## Opinion

### from The Bulletin, Sept. 6, 1993

Ads in this week's issue included Steve Reeves as the son of Spartacus in "The Slave" along with Brian Keith in Walt Disney's "Savage Sam" playing at the Bantex Theatre.

Isabel Stokes at the Ranch House Cafe invited all to enjoy her fried chicken and a merchant's lunch for 75 cents.

Ryan's Grocery and Market featured Folger's coffee, one pound can for 49 cents. Bananas were 25 cents for two pounds and lemons were 19 cents a pound.

In the classifieds, the Ice House offered a dove season special of 12 ga. 7 1/2 shot shot gun shells for \$2.70 a box, while Joe Munsch offered a J.C. Higgins pump shot gun, 12 ga. adjustable choke, in good condition, for \$35.

P.P. Bradshaw over in Medina offered a 12 ga. Winchester shot gun for \$80.

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### Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn B. Edwards, Editor

Are you like me who read those helpful hints?

Some of them sound so great, but they very seldom apply to the disaster I'm having at the moment.

I mean it would have been nice to know that when I ring jewelry under a faucet, to place the smaller items in a tea strainer. Yes, if I had known that yesterday, I would have been here under the sink today taking the pipes apart!

And then I always forget, do you soak something in vinegar to get the rust off or does vinegar make something rust?

Lots of helpful hints involve the use of carbonated beverages in ways that don't include drinking them. In fact, once you are familiar with what these products can do, you may not ever want to put them in your stomach again.

You can clean your dishwasher with Coke, you know. I think it may work in your washing machine, too. It will dissolve that horrible hard water crust that nothing else will get rid of.

And if you have a grease spot on your concrete garage floor, put kitty litter on it overnight, then remove the litter and pour a carbonated beverage over the spot. Then scrub with a small amount of detergent

and mop up.

It's nice to know that you can slip old socks on the legs of heavy furniture to slide it across the linoleum, but what I need to know is how to open the door when the inside knob comes off in my hand.

Speaking of linoleum, I read recently that old floor covering is making a comeback. Those of you of my generation probably remember having a linoleum covered floor in the kitchen or bathroom when you were a child.

Its easy care sure beat scrubbing wood floors.

Around the mid-1950s linoleum's popularity declined with the advent of vinyl.

The old linoleum was made of linseed oil, gum and cork on a burlap backing. Today's product, being manufactured in Europe, is made of linseed oil, cork, pine resin and limestone on a jute backing.

It is more sun resistant than the old product and is more brightly colored.

Lino, as the Europeans are calling it, appeals to those who are allergic to the chemicals found in vinyl and is also being used in hospitals because it prevents staph germs from spreading.

I love it when something as old as I am turns out to be still good after all these years.

PERMITS. To assure safety, security and protection, the city needs a way to carry out such assurances. This is done by permits. Many of you complain about having to get a permit for one thing or another. Believe me, the city does not make any profit off of permit fees. Your fees cover the cost involved in checking out and inspecting the various projects that are being built in our city. Please think of your building inspector as a firefighter. He is not out to cause you an extravagant amount of expense, but to help you build a safe and structurally sound building.

There are some "fly by nighters" that prey on unsuspecting folks. I just finished a nasty job and have quite a bit of material left over. I see you need some paving in your driveway. I can make you a "real good price." All I need is \$700 dollars and I can have it done by the end of the week! End of week arrives, no paver. You start to wonder...the guy sounded and looked honest enough. Oops...didn't even get a telephone number or address.

Not that the city can stop such scams all the time, but

with your help, we can certainly slow them down.

So keep in mind, when you start to build, add on or renovate, come on down to city hall and pull a permit. You might not even need one. You might avoid being taken in by a scam. You could save hundreds of dollars in rebuilding because of a structural flaw that can be avoided. Yes, the few dollars for a permit is a good buy.

It would be my desire for us to work steadily on simplifying our local ordinances and regulations. I really think we are all just a little on the lazy side and would rather put on a tire patch instead of replacing the worn-out tube with a new one.

It would be my hope that we can make the simplification of our rules and regulations one of our prime goals for 1997. May 1997 be a year of health, happiness and prosperity for each and every one of you.

Our next City Council meeting is Monday night, Jan. 13, address 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building starting at 7 p.m. Come and join us.

## Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Jan. 8	
Bandera County Commissioners Court, Courthouse, 10 a.m.	Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-4 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.
Thursday, Jan. 9	
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:52	
Story time, Bandera County Library 4-5 year olds, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	
Springhills Water Management District Quarterly Meeting, 202 Twelfth St., Bandera, 7 p.m.	
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon & 7:30 p.m.	
TOPS Tx 1614, Silver Sage Corral, 2:30 p.m.	
Guys & Dolls Mixed League, Flying L Golf Course, 5:45 p.m.	
Castle Lake Volunteer Fire Department meeting, firehouse, 7:30 p.m.	
Western Diner & Practice, Utopia St. Center, 7:30 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 Acres Club, 7:30 p.m.	
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9176, General Meeting, Post House, 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.	
Crochet, 9 a.m.; Spanish, 9:30 a.m.; TRIAD, 2 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.	
Friday, Jan. 10	
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:53	
San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) (Disability Issues), 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.	
Covered Dish Luncheon, Utopia Senior Center, 11 a.m.	
Medina Jolly Elders, Medina Baptist Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.	
Bandera County Republican Women's Club, Harvey's Old Bank, 11:30 a.m.	
Madrona Garden Club, St. Christopher's Church, Bandera, 2 p.m.	
Jam Session, Medina Garden Center, 7 p.m.	
Bingo, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7 p.m.	
Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m. Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Bridge, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.	
Saturday, Jan. 11	
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:54	
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon & 7:30 p.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 12	
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:55	
Sunday Social with Doc Meador Combo, Silver Sage Corral, 2-4 p.m.	
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.	
Monday, Jan. 13	
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:56	
San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) (Disability Issues), 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.	
Good Old Boys Golf, Flying L Ranch, Bandera, 9 a.m.	
Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, New Central Firehouse, 10 a.m.	
Bandera Extension Homemakers, 2 p.m.	
Al-anon, 7th & Cypress, 6:30 p.m.	
GED and English as Second Language classes, Bandera County Library, 6-8 p.m.	
Bandera ISD Board Meeting, High School, 7 p.m.	
Bandera City Council, Municipal Building, 7 p.m.	
Line Dancing, All ages, Silver Sage Corral, 7 p.m.	
Bandera Optimist Club, Billy Gene's, noon.	
Bandera Masonic Lodge #1123 AF & AM, Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.	
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.	
Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Low Impact Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Oil Painting, 9 a.m.; Ceramics, 1 p.m.; Line dancing, 7 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.	
Tuesday, Jan. 14	
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:56	
Flying L Ladies Golf Assoc. 9 a.m.	
Williams Creek Extension Homemakers, 2 p.m.	
Grief Support Group, Silver Sage Corral, 2-4 p.m.	
Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, free confidential assessments for substance abuse, 1207 Cottonwood. 1-800-826-5436.	
GED and English as Second Language classes, Bandera County Library, 6-8 p.m.	
Bingo, Utopia St. Center, 7:30 p.m.	
Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon, 7 p.m.	
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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-noon; Melodiers, 10 a.m.; Grief Support Group, 2-4 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.	
Wednesday, Jan. 15	
Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:57	
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.	
Medina United Methodist Women, Youth Center, Medina, 2 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, Lakelille, 29th Street, 8 p.m.	
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## SA rodeo

### rears due

### Dollar Friday

Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to help them greet the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Ambassadors as they complete their tour of the Hill Country on Friday, Jan. 10 at the Silver Dollar.

The Ambassadors are scheduled to arrive at approximately once-quiet Main Street at 4 p.m. and depart Bandera around 5:30 p.m.

"Each year the Ambassadors choose Bandera to end their Hill Country tour because of the warm hospitality and fun-filled pranks that await them," said Chamber director Patricia Moore.

This year the Silver Dollar will provide dance music and line dance demonstrations and the Ambassadors will entertain Bandera residents with a fashion show.

There is no charge for the event.

### Signature quilts on next week's guild program

The Bandera County Quilt Guild will meet Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the Silver Sage Corral.

The program will be presented by Linda Carlson on signature quilts.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our new County Judge Richard Evans is acutely aware of all the challenges facing

## Basic Bandera

### Peggy Tobin 460-4420

up on a place to the mysteriously feels that he belongs. Here is the book he's written, and he's never seen before, among men he has never known, as though they were familiar to him from his birth. Here at last, he finds rest. —W. Somerset Maugham, *The Moon and Sixpence*, 1919.

From the looks of the constant traffic surging up and down Main Street at Bandera, it appears that many folks have hit upon Bandera County as the place they feel they mysteriously belong. And so far it seems there is always room for one more dreamer, one more entrepreneur, one more rodeo fan, one more family fleeing with their kids to the safety of country life.

But the problem is rapidly becoming the same as it has been as to how to manage the stream of new people in a way that makes sure their dreams come true while preserving the

### Wine tasting in Tow

The release of 1996 red wines are celebrated in Tow, Texas during the month of January. Vineyard tours and win tastings are scheduled at the Fall Creek Vineyards. Call 512-476-4477 for more information.

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Crystal Stutes, daughter of Paula and Columbus Stutes of Pipe Creek, said she got into breeding rabbits in the third grade.

"It was a short and simple project to get started on," she said. "It gets harder because at first you just throw your rabbits in the show. Later you try for perfection. You learn what the judges are looking for."

Currently Stutes has 11 white New Zealand rabbits, two bucks and nine does, and she shows. Her sister Ashley raises Californians.

One of her original four rabbits, Mouse, has earned a life-time place in Stutes' heart, even though she no longer breeds.

"She has a home for life," Crystal explained. "She gave me a reserve grand champion two years ago."

Handling a schedule that would drop an adult, Stutes admits that sometimes it is hard to find time for everything.

She plays basketball, and other sports, consistently earns a spot on the "A" honor roll, is involved in church activities and is active in at least five other 4-H projects including horticulture, veterinary science, public speaking and others.

She also finds time to hold workshops for kids who are new to 4-H, and says it gives her a special feeling to be able to help.

"You know things other people don't," she said. "You try to teach them in a way they will understand."

Like the Sells children, Stutes

realizes a small profit in prize money and selling offspring, but she also says the real rewards cannot be measured in money.

"It's helping me learn that not everything is going to be easy and you have to take care of your responsibilities - if you don't, it will just get worse. You have to be in control."

She works with the animals sometimes for an hour or two a day.

"It gets difficult sometimes," she admitted. "You don't have any time for yourself."

But making time for her rabbits has taught her maturity, according to her mother.

"I have watched her mature," Paula Stutes said. "It's not age, it's knowing that these things depend on you. She takes them into her heart, each one is special."

## Safety entries sought

Students between the ages of 12 and 15 are encouraged to enter a safety contest with prizes of up to \$500 for each category.

GRICO's 1996 Safety Bell Poster Contest.

The poster contest is open to public and private school students who are ages 12 to 15 as of Sept. 1, 1996. The theme must be safety.

A complete set of rules and an entry form can be found on GRICO's home page.

For more information, call 1-800-824-5404, ext. 2993.

During the week of Dec. 30, 1996 through Jan. 5, 1997, the Bandera County Sheriff's Department answered 99 calls for service.

Among these were: five welfare concerns; seven thefts; 17 suspicious circumstances; one fire; four shots fired; four animal calls; one burglary of a habitation; one loud music and two burglaries of a building.

Also two criminal mischief; one keep the peace; one burglary of motor vehicle; two assault; two public alarm; three phone harassment; 12 alarm calls; five reckless driving; three civil matter; five assist EMS and seven suspicious vehicles.

Also seven minor 10-50; four assist other police agency; three

family disturbance; three illegal dumping; two missing juvenile; three traffic hazard; one found property; and one natural death.

Arrested was: Melissa Cardenas, 27, of Bandera for DWI, 1st and failure to stop; Oscar Flores, 46, of Bandera for public intoxication; Paul Ecke, 35, of Bandera for warrants; Jerry Jackson, 34, of San Antonio for warrants; and Jake Babbitt, 30, of Pipe Creek for DWI, 2nd.

The jail log is presented as a public service by area 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 at a crime scene, or is identified as a suspect in any pending report in no way indicates that person is guilty of a criminal offense. Guilt or innocence must be determined by a court of law.

— **Sheriff's Report**

Chief's Blotter

The Bandera Police Department answered 29 calls for service, issued nine citations, and arrested four persons for the week of Dec. 30, 1996 through Jan. 5, 1997. Calls for service included seven assist other agency, four public assists, seven suspicious circumstances, one gas drive off, one accident, two reckless drivers, one suspicious person, two criminal trespass, one alarm, one loud music, and two criminal mis-

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## YOUTH CENTER

rated in 1994. President of the Bandera Foundation contacted the youth center project.

The RC&D got involved in the project about three years ago, said Lee.

The corporation searched for the RC&D Resource Center.

Committee and wrote a lot of grants, most of which were turned down for one reason or another, said Lee. But the assistance of the RC&D turned out to be invaluable.

A long-time Bandera County philanthropist also came to the rescue. "Margaret Alkek gave us a commitment for a \$75,000 matching grant," said Lee. "That gave us the spark we needed to proceed."

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## Wild and wooly western benefit planned for little local cowboy

Jan. 12 event will feature roping exhibition by national rodeo champions Billings and Whitewood

Friends and family of Charles Owen Weaver plan a benefit to raise funds to help with medical bills resulting from an injury due to a fall from a horse. The event will be held Sunday, Jan. 12 at Mansfield Park in Bandera. Highlight of the day will be a match call roping exhibition between two of Bandera County's national rodeo champions Todd Whitewood and Jack Billings.

The C.O.W. Benefit will feature an exhibition barrel race at 5 p.m. beginning at 8 a.m. Other events include an open 3-D barrel race, added money at \$20 per run with \$5 of that donated to the benefit, a team rope with a two cap \$50 per man and open roping for \$100 per man.

There will also be a barbecue chicken-plate lunch from noon until the food runs out, along with a quilt raffle and a wall hanging auction.

The day will end with a dance with a live band beginning at 7 p.m. at the Rec Center at Mansfield Park.

Books open at 9 a.m. for the team roping.

The call roping exhibition is sponsored by MiMi Mart and Cooper Stone. In the team roping, Coors, Budlight and one-half USTRC numbers will be used.

Prize buckles have been donated by many local sponsors.

Weaver, 5, a life-long horseman, suffered a critical injury on Nov. 16 while dismounting. He is the son of Trish Montague and Owen Weaver.

For more information about the benefit, contact Frank Montague at 210-796-8391.

Weaver is at home and recovering, reports his mother. "He's just doing wonderfully," she said.

At left, Weaver strikes a pose typical of the young man who was practically on a horse from the day he was born, according to family members.

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"There is no tendon damage," she reported. "It looks like she will be okay. She'll probably be able to do as much as she could before."

In fact, doctors are predicting a 100 percent recovery, although a two-month hospital stay will be needed to accomplish that.

Michelle's spirits are good, her mother says.

"She's hanging in there," she said. "She knows it's going to be a long road."

Pipe Creek Fire Chief Phil Martin said that many people who get in a hurry make the same mistake as Michelle and burn.

"The vapor will go into the air and ignite," he said. "It's not the gas you have to worry about, it's the vapor."

Martin advised that a combustible should never be put on a fire already burning.

"If they are going to start a fire with fuel, use diesel," he advised. "Pour it on, let it sit for 20 minutes, then start it."

Diesel, or kerosene, is safer because it does not have as high a flashpoint, Martin said.

"They won't explode or vaporize as quickly," he said.

An account has been established at Northwest Bank of Bandera to help the family with the expenses of Michelle's recovery.

And a benefit dinner to help the family with expenses has been planned for Feb. 10 at the Bandera High School cafeteria. Sponsor of the event is Grace Lutheran Church in Bandera. Anyone who wants to help with food or anything else, should contact Pastor Glenn Meehring at 796-3091.

"Any help that you can give will be appreciated," Meehring said.

The family's insurance will cover only a limited portion of

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Crystal Stutes, daughter of Paula and Columbus Stutes of Pipe Creek, said she got into breeding rabbits in the third grade.

"It was a short and simple project to get started on," she said. "It gets harder because at first you just throw your rabbits in the show. Later you try for perfection. You learn what the judges are looking for."

Currently Stutes has 11 white New Zealand rabbits, two bucks and nine does, that she shows. Her sister Ashley raises Californians.

One of her original four rabbits, Mouse, has earned a life-long place in Stutes' heart, even though she no longer breeds.

"She has a home for life," Crystal explained. "She gave me a reserve grand champion two years ago."

Handling a schedule that would drop an adult, Stutes admits that sometimes it's hard to find time for everything.

She plays basketball, and other sports, consistently earns a spot on the "A" honor roll, is involved in church activities, and is active in at least five other 4-H projects including horticulture, veterinary science, public speaking and others.

She also finds time to hold workshops for kids who are new to 4-H, and says it gives her a special feeling to be able to help.

"You know things other people don't," she said. "You try to teach them in a way they will understand."

Like the Sells children, Stutes

realizes a small profit in prize money and selling offspring, but she also says the real rewards cannot be measured in money.

"It's helping me learn that not everything is going to be easy and you have to take care of your responsibilities," she explained. "If you don't, it will just get worse. You have to be in control."

She works with the animals sometimes for an hour or two a day.

"It gets difficult sometimes," she admitted. "You don't have any time for yourself."

But making time for her rabbits has taught her maturity, according to her mother.

"I have watched her mature," Paula Stutes said. "It's not age, it's knowing that these things depend on you. She takes them into her heart, each one is special."

For Crystal, it is something she admits she likes and wants to continue.

"This helps you learn to take care of things," she says. "They depend on you."



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The poster contest is open to public and private school students who are ages 12 to 15 as of Sept. 1, 1996. The theme must be "Safety."

Entries should be submitted by Jan. 18, 1997.

First, second and third place prizes are \$125, \$75, and \$50 respectively.

Encourage young people and their families and friends to buckle up, says GEICO Chairman Tony Nicol.

A complete set of rules and an entry form can be found on GEICO's home page at [www.geico.com](http://www.geico.com) or call 1-800-824-5404, ext. 2993.

## Sheriff's Report

During the week of Dec. 30, 1996 through Jan. 5, 1997, the Bandera County Sheriff's Department answered 99 calls for service.

Among them were: five welfare concerns; seven thefts; 17 suspicious circumstances; one fire, four shots fired; four animal calls; one burglary of a habitation; one loud music and two burglaries of a building.

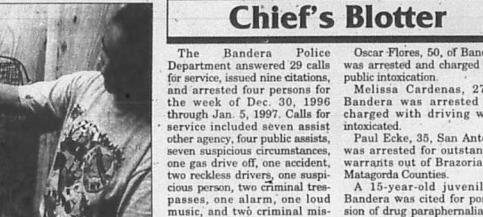
Also two criminal mischief; one of the peace, one burglary of motor vehicle; two assault; two public assist; three phone harassment; 12 alarm calls; five reckless driving; three civil matter; five assist EMS and seven suspicious vehicle.

Also seven minor 10-50; four assist other police agency; three family disturbance; three illegal dumping; two missing juvenile; three traffic hazard; one found property; and one natural death.

Arrested was: Melissa Cardenas, 27, of Bandera for DWI, 1st and failure to stop; Oscar Flores, 46, of Bandera for public intoxication; Paul Ecke, 35, of Bandera for warrants; Jerry Jackson, 34, of San Antonio for warrants; and Jake Babbitt, 30, of Pipe Creek for DWI, 2nd.

The jail log is presented as a public service by area 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 at a crime scene, or is identified as a suspect in any criminal case, it does not indicate that person is guilty of a criminal offense. Guilt or innocence must be determined by a court of law.

**Chief's Blotter**



Oscar Flores, 50, of Bandera, was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

Melissa Cardenas, 27, of Bandera was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Paul Ecke, 35, San Antonio, was arrested for outstanding warrants out of Brazoria and Matagorda Counties.

A 15-year-old juvenile of Bandera was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and was released to his mother.

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The foundation. Remaining funds will need to be raised locally either in cash or in kind.

Four lots of land have been donated by St. Stanislaus Catholic Church for the building overlooking Bandera City Park.

The youth center association has some funds that have come from various sources over the years, including the DJ Group, which was formed following the death of teenagers Dustin Brown and Jason Holden in 1994.

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Committee and wrote a letter. Grants, most of which were turned down for one reason or another, said Lee. But the assistance of the RC&D turned out to be invaluable.

"The RC&D has just been fantastic," said Smith, crediting the organization with excellent assistance in setting up the corporation, writing grants and successfully submitting them.

A long-time Bandera County philanthropist also came to the rescue. "Margaret Alkek gave us a commitment for a \$75,000 matching grant," said Lee. "That gave us the spark we needed to proceed."

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reservoirs and ground water replenishment and to building new reservoirs.

The water district has a draft copy of a proposed legislative act that would require developers to prove that sufficient supplies of underground water exist before subdividing property. The legislation proposes giving county government the authority to regulate lot sizes based on water availability. In support of that, Springhills, along with Bandera County commissioners, has endorsed a resolution that asks the Texas Legislature to grant limited powers to counties to control subdivision platting relative to water availability.

Springhills also has approved a resolution supporting the current "right of capture" laws governing ground water in Texas. The resolution will be submitted to the Legislature.

The TNRCC (Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission) recommends changing the right of capture laws. "By establishing a more real, permanent, vested ownership right in the water that lies beneath the land, we can bring certainty to our use of this water supply," said Barry McBe, TNRCC chairman.

Springhills director James Chastain said, "They changed the rule in California and Arizona and it's meant nothing but trouble."

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Jan. 12 event will feature roping exhibition by national rodeo champions Billings and Whitewood

Friends and family of Charles Owen Weaver plan a benefit to raise funds to help with medical bills resulting from an injury due to a fall from a horse. The event will be held Sunday, Jan. 12 at Mansfield Park in Bandera. Highlight of the day will be a match calf roping exhibition between two of Bandera County's national rodeo champions Todd Whitewood and Clay Billings.

The C.O.W. Benefit will feature an exhibition barrel race at \$5 per run beginning at 8 a.m. Other events include an open 3-D barrel race, added money at \$20 per run with \$5 of that donated to the benefit, a team rope with a two cap \$50 per man and open roping for \$100 per man.

There will also be a barbecue chicken plate lunch from noon until the food runs out, along with a quilt raffle and a wall hanging auction.

The day will end with a dance with a live band beginning at 7 p.m. at the RC&D Center at Mansfield Park.

Books open at 9 a.m. for the team roping. The calf roping exhibition is sponsored by Miñ Mart and Cooper Stone. In the team roping, Coors, Bullight and one-half USTRC numbers will be used.

Prize buckles have been donated by many local sponsors.

Weaver, 5, a life-long horseman, suffered a critical injury on Nov. 16 while dismounting. He is the son of Trish Montague and Owen Weaver.

For more information about the benefit, contact Frank Montague at 210-796-8391.

Weaver is at home and recovering, reports his mother. "He's just doing wonderfully," she said.

At left, Weaver strikes a pose typical of the young man who was practically on a horse from the day he was born, according to family members.

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On 10 acres with 6 ft. fence, shop  
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**SHADY OAKS** around spectacular  
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**BANDERA** **SOLD** beautiful creek  
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**COMMERCIAL 5 acres** on Hwy 16  
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**15 ACRES** just off Hwy 46. Big  
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**73 ACRES** **SOLD** small lake.  
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**3 ACRES** near Bandera. Trees &  
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**10 ACRES** off Hwy 16. Big trees.  
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**ACRES FRONTING** Hwy 16 in  
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land, front, lovely lake. Mobiles OK.  
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**MUSTANG CROSSING** 5 acres of  
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**10 ACRES** off PR 37. Trees, view,  
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## Obituaries

### Blotto: homemaker

Ms. Alice K. Word Blotto, 96, of Bandera, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1996, at a nursing home in Orange, Texas. She was born in Bandera County on May 24, 1900 to James and Lucy Word. She was married to Leo S. Blotto in 1940 at Hondo. He preceded her in death on May 24, 1955. Mrs. Blotto was a member of the Bandera Church of Christ.

Services were held on December 28, 1996 at

Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera. Mrs. Blotto was preceded in death by her husband, Leo S. Blotto, who died on May 24, 1955. She was married to Leo S. Blotto in 1940 at Hondo. He preceded her in death on May 24, 1955. Mrs. Blotto was a member of the Bandera Church of Christ.

### Emerson: Bandera resident

Mrs. Kathryn Emerson, 91, of Bandera, died on December 23, 1996. She was born on October 19, 1905 in Wildcat, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, David Eugene and Amanda Pennington, husband, Alvin Emerson; daughters, Annie Crossland, Helen Snyder, and Maggie Emmons; sister, Ruby; and brothers, Eugene

and Ralph. Survivors include: 13 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held on December 26, 1996 at Sabinal Cemetery with William Kinda officiating.

### Kievit: retired physician's assistant

Mr. Ronald Kievit, 64, of Pipe Creek, died Saturday, December 21, 1996 in a San Antonio hospital. He was born May 27, 1932 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Isaac and Gertrude Weston. He was married to Dolores Grimes on October 25, 1955.

Mr. Kievit was retired from the U.S. Army, where he worked as a physician's assistant, was a member of the Lakelands American Legion Post #410, and a member of the Pipe Creek V.F.W. Post #2120. Survivors include: wife, Dolores of Pipe Creek; daughters, Anna Creel of Enid, Oklahoma, Lorraine Mica of Pipe Creek, and Wendy Hopkins of Bandera; sons, Ronald Kievit, Jr., of Rockport, Michael Kievit of Pipe Creek, and Richard Kievit of Rockport; foster son, Darryl Havard of San Antonio; sisters, Anna Windsor of Cedarville, Michigan, Mae Brotherton of California, Michigan, Gloria Shenoskey of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Stella Reid of Wyoming, Michigan; brothers, Robert J. Kievit of Rapid City, Michigan, and Stanley Stenopleski of Michigan; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Services were held on Tuesday, December 24, 1996 at Grimes Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dennis Thompson officiating. A private family interment will be held at a later date.

Palbearers were Richard Kievit, Michael Kievit, Darryl Havard, Jim Creel, John Minica, and Tim Creel.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Pipe Creek EMS. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

### Smith: granddaughter of Amasa Clark

Mrs. Letha "Dea" Smith, 87, of Bandera, died Wednesday, December 25, 1996 in a San Antonio hospital. She was born in Bandera on March 25, 1909 to Edward and Emma Walker Clark. She was married to Sidney Raymond Smith on January 12, 1926 in Bandera. He survives. Mrs. Smith was a member of Bandera United Methodist Church, and was a member of Bandera Chapter O.E.S. #643, and was a granddaughter of Amasa Clark, Bandera County's first permanent settler.

Other survivors include: daughter, Lahree and husband Curtis of Bandera; granddaughters, Diane Schifers of Hondo and Joe "Butch" Munsch of Coppell, Texas; five great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. Services were held on Saturday, December 28, 1996 at Grimes Funeral Chapel with Mr. Martin Smith officiating. Interment followed in Bandera Cemetery.

Palbearers were Curtis Wilson, Joe "Butch" Munsch, Maurice Simon, Wilvie Smith, Tommy Kinda, and Calvin Wedgworth.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Bandera United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

### Silver Sage Corral

Guest columnist: Betty Lebo

We would like to begin 1997 by thanking each and all of you who have helped support our senior activity center this past year.

There are many who have contributed monetarily and even more who contributed by volunteering many long hours at the center or by offering their time and talent at our various benefits throughout the year. Without all this local support, the Silver Sage simply could not and would not exist.

So, as you enter the new year,

please remember that aging is EVERYONE's future. For those who haven't visited our center, come witness the many active participants having fun, the sparkle in their eyes, and the laughter in their voices.

Then you will agree that a very important roll this activity center plays in our community. You might even decide to join the fun.

Please don't forget to attend the Pancake Toss Breakfast this Friday, Jan. 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

## Prisoners find new sanctions to stop the flow of frivolous lawsuits

Two state prison inmates have become the first prisoners penalized with the loss of good time credits under a new law aimed at curtailing frivolous lawsuits filed by inmates against the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

And starting next month, a new teleconferencing system will link the prisons with the federal courts in Texas by two-way television so that inmates who file lawsuits will no longer enjoy the chance to spend a day outside the prison walls when their cases are heard.

"Cutting out the trip to court should cut out a lot of lawsuits," TDCJ executive director Wayne Scott said of the court-by-television conference system that lets judges hear inmate lawsuits via television with inmates miles away in a prison conference room.

Inmates file about 400 suits a month against the system, 75 percent of them in federal court. At any time there are about 3,500 suits pending.

The new law requires TDCJ to dock an inmate six months of good time if the prisoner within

one year files four or more lawsuits declared by a court to be without merit.

State Rep. Allen Hightower of Huntsville, author of the law, said it "will save a lot of money and staff time by taking the fun out of frivolous claims by the recreational writ writer."

Attorney General Dan Morales, who helped draft the law, said the new penalties "will save the state millions of dollars on foolish claims."

Scott said the two inmates being penalized have filed a combined 12 lawsuits in federal court within the past year.

Suits filed by the two included complaints that inmates aren't served farm fresh produce and USDA meat, that inmates in administrative segregation don't get deserts with meals and allegations involving inmate mail courts. At any time there are about 3,500 suits pending.

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## The Clark House



believe," guests were told. Bishop Heath - and Ragan Dorries, Yvonne Fenner, Annette Pearce and Mary Ann Smith.

Monday florists Jessie Klana, Dorothy Clark, Aggie Batto, Mary Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Callahan, Fannie Caffall, and Annette Kalka-Schulte from our Christmas party on Dec. 18. Everyone really enjoyed their music and hope they will come to see us again soon.

Nancy Westly and a group from Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church came by and sang Christmas carols for us.

Turn Brown's Girl Scout Troop 794 from Lakelands brought decorated bags of goodies for the residents.

On Monday, Dec. 16, we celebrated December birthday's with a party. Roxie Huggins came and sang and played the guitar. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The 5th and 6th graders from Medina School brought gifts for all the residents for Christmas. While they were here they sang Christmas carols for all the residents.

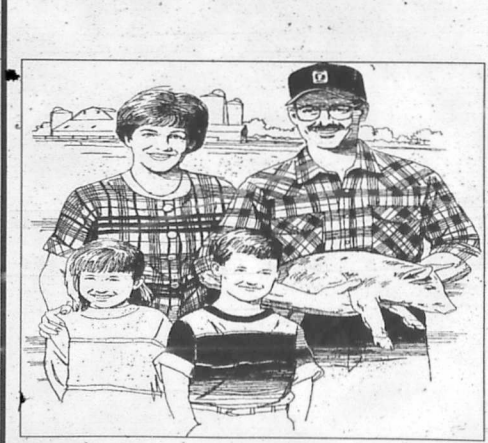
Mrs. Linda Kidd brought her third grade class from Alkek Elementary School to sing and bring fruit to the residents.

Vera Nichols, Ann Stachouse and Olga Bolduc came with Christmas cards from the Altar Society of St. Stanislaus for all the residents.

We were entertained by Linda

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## Local man describes beauty, loneliness of home far away



Also provide fire protection for all citizens, as well as building establishments," Keeling said.

Honduras is the second largest country in the relatively narrow strip of land dividing both North and South America, and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. It is largely mountainous, and because of its proximity to the equator, the tropical weather and climate are major influences on the environment. The May through October wet season brings daily torrential rains, but the tropical climate and rich soil produce a bounty of agricultural produce, such as coffee, vegetables, bananas and various citrus fruits. The balmy environment proved quite a contrast from back home, said Keeling.

The area around Soto Cano, as well as most of Honduras is tropical. I'm here during the rainy season, which means it rains here just about every day, maybe all day or maybe just for 15 minutes, but it's guaranteed to rain.

The land here is very mountainous, and in some parts it's purely jungle. All in all, it really isn't too bad a place to visit, but for me, not a place to live," Keeling said.

Though Honduras boasts a

wealth of natural resources and a great mixture of the people, of mixed European and Indian descent, exist in a grinding environment of poverty and poor health conditions. Few homes have the amenities that most Americans expect as standard, such as indoor plumbing, refrigerator, television, or even electric power. Coming from a world where convenience is the norm to a country where people literally struggle day-to-day was a rude awakening, Keeling admitted.

"As far as the culture goes, let me start off by saying I'm proud to be an American. It really makes me realize just how good we have it back in the States.

"Most of all, the impression I have of Honduras is the people live in true poverty. The one thing that impressed me was that even the very youngest family members were trying their very best to be a living for their family."

With the help of JTF-BV aviation, construction and medical teams, people in the Honduran region, as well as neighboring nations, are receiving essential medical and construction aid in the country's most remote and inaccessible areas. Because of U.S. medical

poor in this economically-strapped Central American nation.

Keeling, 20, son of Bob and Deanna Keeling of Medina, joined Joint Task Force Bravo, a 500-member Army and Air Force task force deployed with a multi-faceted mission of maintaining U.S. and Honduran Air Force operations, legal drug interdiction support, airborne search and rescue capabilities, as well as conducting humanitarian and civic assistance throughout the Central American region.

A major aspect of the task force's mission involves assisting Honduras and other nations in the area in building their infrastructure, such as roads and schools, in addition to providing basic medical and surgical treatment for the poor and people living in remote, inaccessible areas of the country.

Keeling serves on the JTF as a member of the task force's fire department.

"As a freshman at Soto Cano Air Base, my duties and responsibilities include supporting all the air base's flying missions with emergency response capability.



U.S. soldiers attach fuel containers to a hovering Army UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter. The containers are transported to remote sites and used for fuel by U.S. military medical teams. Treatment centers are set up in the Honduran interior to care for people who normally would receive no medical attention. Photo by Rolando Gomez.

## Births

Scott and Linda Chisholm of Brenemont, Waco, are proud to announce the birth of Stephen Everett Chisholm, born Nov. 28, 1996 in Brenemont. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Don and Alice Karr. The Karris and Linda Chisholm are former residents of Bandera.

Paternal grandparents are John and Margaret Chisholm, and aunts are Deana Floyd and Kathy Chisholm.

### Sims-Davenport

Lynne Sims of Abundance River Ranch in Bandera announces the birth of her first grandchild, Colin Michael Sims-Davenport on Oct. 12, 1996.

Colin's parents are the recently graduated Doctors of Chiropractic, Regina Sims and Michael Davenport of Houston.

Sims graduated Magna Cum Laude, is a member of Omega Psi Honor Society, and was selected for Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities.

### Warren

Turner Warren was born Nov. 8, 1996 to Joan Turner Warren and Mark Warren of Austin. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21-3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Martie and Bob Turner of Pipe Creek. Paternal grandparents are Dr. Don and Betty Warren of Euless, Texas.

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**COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD**, Bryan Basden; 307 11th Street, 796-8456; Sun. Worship: 10:45 a.m.; worshipers; Sunday School for children: 9:30; fellowship with coffee & donuts for Sunday schoolers.

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

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**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, Don Lee; 796-4377; 460-4655; Sun. School/Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.; Worship: Sun. 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Wed. 9 a.m. worship; Bible study: men: 7:30 a.m.; women: 9:45 a.m.; youth minister Jennifer Sagbiel; 796-7687.

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## Obituaries

**Blatte: homemaker**  
Mrs. Alice K. Word Blatte, 95, of Bandera, died Wednesday, December 26, 1996 at her home in Orange, Texas. She was born in Bandera County on May 24, 1900 to James and Lucy Word. She was married to Leo S. Blatte in 1940 at Hondo. He preceded her in death on May 24, 1985. Mrs. Blatte was a member of the Bandera Church of Christ.

Services were held on December 28, 1996 at

### Emerson: Bandera Chapels

Mrs. Kathryn Emerson, 91, of Bandera, died on December 23, 1996. She was born on October 19, 1905 in Wildcat, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, David Eugene and Amanda Pennington; husband, Alvis Emerson; daughters, Annie Crossland, Helen Snyder, and Maggie Emmons; sister, Ruby; and brothers, Eugene,

and Ralph. Survivors include: 13 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held on December 26, 1996 at Sabinal Cemetery with William Kinda officiating.

### Kievit: retired physician's assistant

Mr. Ronald Kievit, 64, of Pipe Creek, died Saturday, December 21, 1996 in a San Antonio hospital. He was born May 27, 1932 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Isaac and Gertrude Weston Kievit. He married Dolores Grimes on October 25, 1952 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Kievit was retired from the U.S. Army, where he worked as a physician's assistant, was a member of the Lakelands American Legion Post #410, and a mem-

ber of the Pipe Creek V.F.W. Post #1210. Survivors include: wife, Dolores of Pipe Creek; daughters, Anna Creel of Enid, Oklahoma, Lorraine Minnie of Pipe Creek, and Wendy Hopkins of Bandera; sons, Ronald Kievit, Jr., of Rockport, Michael Kievit of Pipe Creek, and Richard Kievit of Rockport; foster son, Darryl Howard of San Antonio; sisters, Anna Windsor of Cedarville, Michigan, Mae Brotherton of Calumet, Michigan, Gloria Shenosky of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Stella Reid of Wyoming, Michigan; brothers, Robert J. Kievit of Rapid City, Michigan, and Stanley Stenplek of Michigan; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Services were held on Tuesday, December 24, 1996 at Grimes Funeral Chapels with Rev. Dennis Thompson officiating. A private family interment will be held at a later date.

Palbearers were Richard Kievit, Michael Kievit, Darryl Howard, Jim Creel, John Minica, and Tim Creel.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Pipe Creek EMS.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapels of Bandera.

### Smith: granddaughter of Amasa Clark

Mrs. Letha "Dea" Smith, 87, of Bandera, died Wednesday, December 26, 1996 in a San Antonio hospital. She was born in Bandera on March 25, 1909 to Edward and Emma Walker Clark. She was married to Sidney Raymond Smith on January 12, 1926 in Bandera. He survives. Mrs. Smith was a member of Bandera United Methodist Church, and was a member of Bandera Chapter, O.E.S. #645, and was a granddaughter of Amasa Clark, Bandera County's first permanent settler.

Other survivors include: daughter, Lahge Wilson and husband Curtis of Bandera; granddaughters, Diane Schiffer of Hondo and Joe "Butch"

Munsch of Coppell, Texas; five great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Services were held on Saturday, December 28, 1996 at Grimes Funeral Chapels with Mr. Martin Smith officiating. Interment followed in the Tarpley Cemetery.

Palbearers were Curtis Wilson, Joe "Butch" Munsch, Maurie Simon, Wilvie Smith, Tommy Kinda, and Calvin Wedgworth.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Bandera United Methodist Church.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapels of Bandera.

## Silver Sage Corral

Guest columnist: Betty Lebo

We would like to begin 1997 by thanking each and all of you who have helped support our senior activity center this past year. There are many who have contributed monetarily and even more who contributed by volunteering many long hours at the Center or by offering their time and talents at our various benefits throughout the year. Without all this financial support, the Silver Sage simply could not and would not exist. So, as you enter the new year,

please remember that aging is EVERYONE'S future. For those who haven't visited our center, come witness the many active participants having fun, the sparkle in their eyes, and the laughter in their voices. Then you will agree what a very important role this activity center plays in our community. You might even decide to join the fun. Please don't forget to attend the Pancake Breakfast this Friday, Jan. 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. See you there!

### Schmidt: palbearers

Mrs. Lillie Pearl Schmidt, 94, of Bandera, died Tuesday, December 17, 1996. Services were held on Friday, December 20, 1996 at Grimes Funeral Chapels of Bandera, with Rev. Frank Pullin officiating. Interment followed in the Tarpley Cemetery.

Palbearers for Lillie Pearl Schmidt were Gregory Schmidt, Timothy Schmidt, Daniel Schmidt, David Hutter, Jesse Hutter, and Dwayne Blackwell. Honorary palbearers were Bill Coffey, Arthur E. Erfurt, Floyd Smith and Elzie Dena.

Mrs. Schmidt's complete obituary was in the Dec. 18, 1996 issue of the Bandera Bulletin.

## The Clark House

Martin Smith, 22, of Bandera, died Wednesday, December 26, 1996 at his home in Bandera. He was born on May 24, 1974 to James and Lucy Word. He was married to Leo S. Blatte in 1940 at Hondo. He preceded her in death on May 24, 1985. Mrs. Blatte was a member of the Bandera Church of Christ.

Survivors include: 13 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held on December 26, 1996 at Sabinal Cemetery with William Kinda officiating.

Palbearers were Richard Kievit, Michael Kievit, Darryl Howard, Jim Creel, John Minica, and Tim Creel.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Pipe Creek EMS.

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Clark House resident Marley Johnson enjoys candy canes with some friends who visited last week from the Medina School.

Allen and the Roadrunners at their Christmas party on Dec. 18. Everyone really enjoyed their music and hope they will come to see us again soon.

Nancy Westly and a group from Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church came by and sang Christmas carols for us.

Terri Brown's Girl Scout Troop 784 from Lakelands brought decorated bags of goodies for the residents.

On Monday, Dec. 16, we celebrated December birthdays with a party. Nancy Huggins came and sang and played the guitar.

The 5th and 6th graders from Medina School brought gifts for all the residents for Christmas.

While they were here they sang Christmas carols for all the residents.

Mrs. Linda Kidd brought her third grade class from Alkek Elementary School to sing and bring fruit to the residents.

Vera Nichols, Ann Stackhouse and Olga Bolduc came with Christmas cards from the Altar Society of St. Stanislaus for all the residents.

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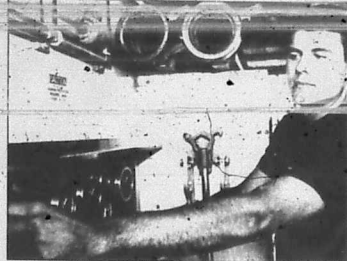
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## Local man describes beauty, loneliness of home far away



Air Force Airman 1st Class Jim Keeling checks the water supply in his fire truck. Keeling is a fireman who joined the 500-member Air Force team at Soto Cano Air Base.

by Clint Williams  
special to the Bulletin  
Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras—At first glance, it's easy to visualize this lush, fairytale country as paradise. Under clear, blue skies, the foliage bursts with brilliant hues of red, yellow, and green, as well as clusters of citrus fruit and banana trees nurtured by the rainy season's daily showers and tropical sunlight.

Traveling near the air base, the son of a Medina couple observes villages and single-family dwellings nestled among forested hills and mountainsides, their inhabitants going about daily chores or working hard-plowed plows through rich soil.

But as Air Force Airman 1st Class Jim Keeling travels along winding roads and through small villages near the air base, the harsh realities of life for these descendants of the ancient Mayan empire become all too obvious. Poverty, disease and meager living conditions are a way of life among most Hondurans, but Keeling traveled here to help change the plight and quality of life of the

We also provide fire protection for our citizens, as well as building establishments," Keeling said.

Honduras is the second largest country in the relatively narrow strip of land dividing both North and South America, and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. It is largely a mountainous land because of its proximity to the equator, the tropical weather and climate are major influences on the environment. The May through October wet season brings daily torrential rains, but the tropical climate and rich soil produce a bounty of agricultural products, such as coffee, vegetables, bananas and various citrus fruits. The balmy environment proved quite a contrast from back home, said Keeling.

"The area around Soto Cano, as well as most of Honduras is tropical. I'm here during the rainy season, which means it rains here just about every day, maybe all day, or maybe just for 15 minutes, but it's guaranteed to rain."

"The land here is very mountainous, and in some parts it's pretty rugged. All in all, it really isn't too bad a place to visit, but for me, not a place to live," Keeling said.

Though Honduras boasts a wealth of natural resources and the people of mixed European and Indian descent, exist in a grinding environment of poverty and poor health conditions. Few Hondurans have the amenities most Americans expect as standard, such as indoor plumbing, refrigerators, televisions, or even electric power.

Coming from a world where convenience is the norm to a poverty where people literally struggle day-to-day was a rude awakening, Keeling admitted.

"As far as the culture goes, I'm not sure if I'm proud to be an American. It really makes me realize just how good we have it back in the States."

"Most of all, the impression I have of Honduras is the people live in true poverty. The one thing that impressed me was that even the very youngest family members were trying their very best to make a living for their family," Keeling said.

With the help of JTF-Bravo aviation, construction and electrical teams, people in the Honduran interior, as well as neighboring nations, are receiving essential medical and construction aid in the country's most remote and inaccessible areas. Because of U.S. medical

participation, Hondurans have had access to medical care that would otherwise be unavailable.

However, poor sanitation and environmental conditions contribute to breeding debilitating diseases such as mosquito-borne malaria and water-borne roundworm parasites affecting the children's health and development.

Serving in a remote part of the world is always a challenge for U.S. service members. But the common hope and desire for nearly everyone serving at Soto Cano is to get back to the family, sights and sounds of home, especially reuniting with family and friends, Keeling said.

"When I return to the states, there are a couple of things I'm looking forward to," Keeling said. "Number one is spending time with my folks while I'm on leave, but running a close second is getting back to hunting and fishing in South Dakota."

Performing such a demanding humanitarian effort can be an exercise in patience and frustration, but Keeling said witnessing the grateful faces of the people who receive needed medical attention or attend their newly built school is well worth the effort.

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## Births

Susan and Linda Chisholm of Brenham, Texas, are pleased to announce the birth of Stephen Everett Chisholm, born Nov. 28, 1996 in Brenham. He weighed six pounds, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Don and Alice Kora. The Kora and Linda Chisholm are former residents of Bandera.

Paternal grandparents are John and Margaret Chisholm, and aunts are Donna Floyd and Kathy Chisholm.

Sims-Davenport  
Lynne Sims of Abundant River Ranch in Bandera announces the birth of her first grandchild, Colin Michael Sims-Davenport on Oct. 12, 1996.

Colin's parents are the recently graduated Doctors of Chiropractic, Regina Sims and Michael Davenport of Houston.

Sims graduated Magna Cum Laude, is a member of Omega Psi Honor Society, and was selected for Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities.

Warren  
Turner Warren was born Nov. 8, 1996 to Joan Turner Warren and Mark Warren of Austin. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Martie and Bob Turner of Pipe Creek. Paternal grandparents are Dr. Don and Betty Warren of Euless, Texas.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST AT CAMP BANDERA, Lawrence Ray Smith, 796-4752; Worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: Bryan Basden, 307 11th Street, 796-8456; Sun. Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday, Sunday School for children: 9:30; fellowship with coffee & donuts for Sunday schoolers.

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

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

GRACE TEMPLE, Hwy. 16 & Polly Pl. Drive, 460-4213, Tim Martin, Sunday, 11 a.m.; Catechism: (fall/spring) Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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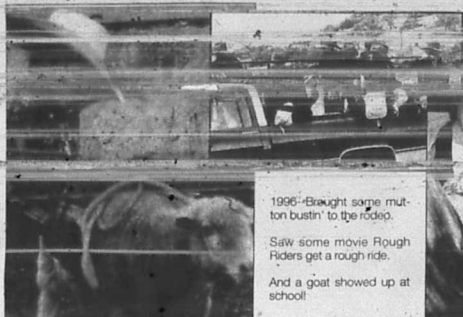
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ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH: Michael McManus, 460-4712; Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Catechism: (fall/spring) Sunday 9:30 a.m.

TEMPLO CAMINO NUEVO: Joel Garcia, 13th & Hackberry, 796-3041, Sunday, 11 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.; Sunday School: 9:3





1996-Brought some mut-ton bustin' to the rodeo.  
Saw some movie Rough Riders get a rough ride.

And a goat showed up at school



1996-We prayed and cheered for rain on the courthouse lawn.

## Basic Bandera

Just now we were watching one of those TV shows presenting summations of the most intriguing personalities of 1996 and the ten most important events etc. etc. You know—the traditional “looking back” sort of stuff.

While looking back on past events and characters after all is the basis for carrying on tradition, and is the way historians make their livings, perhaps it would be in order also try to look ahead. Not in making predictions of doom, boom, divorce, or detente, Jeanne Dixon style. Let's try to think of things we all might hope will happen.

Movers and shakers of Southwest Texas water policies will be moved and shaken by the realization that despite all their hold moves to attempt to control everything, Nature is unshakable in her control of the earth and its resources. If it doesn't rain on the Big Recharges, there won't even be any water to send through the pipelines from the Guadalupe. Apparently that water from the Guadalupe, copious as it usually is but not always, is once again the focus of the greedy attention of developers in our watersheds—let's say the city pipes.

Governmental bodies of Bandera County and elsewhere, especially the Bandera City Council, will calm down and work objectively to solve problems without bogging down in petty personality quarrels. Sometimes one wonders where the idea arose that problems can be solved best on the Local Level.

Since, among other officials on the state level, a nevertheless friendly assistant from the AG's office in Austin assured us that there is nothing to be done about excessively high speed limits on two-lane highways short of new legislation—let's

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## Over the Back Fence

Hi Ya'll! Happy New Year to all. We hope all of you had as great a Merry Christmas as we did. We had all the family together over at our #2 daughter, Doni's house. We, of course, ate too much but had a great time with lots of presents for everyone. We had Glenn's mother, Ann, down from Bryan for the holidays and a grand time was had by all.

We hope you have a Happy New Year this brand new year. Again, how has a year flown by so fast? Maybe we can get accomplished this year what we could not last year.

With great sadness we report the loss of James and Arlene Hemby's daughter and son-in-law. They were on the plane that went down last week out of Del Rio. Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to James and Arlene. At least they were together doing what they loved when their time with us was over.

On a happier note, our granddaughter, Amber Digest, came in on Friday night. We got to have another Christmas on Saturday morning with her opening all her presents.

Grandkids make Christmas as special as their parents did not so long ago. Amber being the only grandchild and where we only get to see her on Christmas and in the Summer, just makes us have all the better time with her. We could go on and on but all the grandparents know where we are coming from!

The MLVFD will be sending out a letter for the Fee System

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# Sports

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1997

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four points, Thad DuBose had five rebounds.

"We played a good game against a very good team," Coach Steve Kidd said. "Jason Garcia did a good job of running the offense against a very quick Cole defensive team."

On Dec. 28, the "Dogs took a close loss from Wimberley 56-61. Moehring was again the team's leading scorer with 16 points, and 10 rebounds.

Gard came in with 15 points. Stimmel had 10, Garcia added

six, Ohnheiser had four and Jeremy Leland contributed two points.

DuBose came in with six rebounds, while Stimmel had five.

Gard and Garcia each added three steals.

"We started out slow, the Christmas break took its toll on us," Kidd said. "We played much better in the second half of the game. Tim Gard and Nate Moehring had very good games."



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Open Team Roping		M&R Construction, Rev's Down Under
Dance with Live Band	7 p.m. in Rec Center	
Quilt Raffle and Wall Hanging Auction		

The first Exhibition Barrel Race starts at 8 a.m. and costs \$5 per run. Following that will be an Open 3-D Barrel Race, added money. This cost is \$20 per run, \$5 of which will be donated to the benefit.

The #4 Team Roping with a 2-cup \$50 per man, draw pot, enter once. Draw 3, mat enter twice. Coors, Bullight and USTRC numbers will be used. Books open at 9 a.m., rope at 11 a.m.

Open roping will follow the match calf roping between Clay Billings and Todd Whitewood. The open roping will have a draw pot, enter once. Draw 3, for \$100 per man, may enter twice.

The barbecue chicken dinner starts at noon and costs \$5 per plate, with a free quilt raffle ticket for adults. Children's plates cost \$3 with no raffle ticket.

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1996—Brought some mult-ton bustin' to the rodeo.  
Saw some movie Rough Riders get a rough ride.  
And a goat showed up at school.



1996—We prayed and cheered for rain on the courthouse lawn.



## Over the Back Fence

Hi Ya'll! Happy New Year to all. We hope all of you had as great a Merry Christmas as we did. We had all the family together over at our #2 daughter, Doni's house. We, of course, ate too much but had a great time with lots of presents for everyone. We had Glenn's mother, Ann, down from Bryan for the holidays and a grand time was had by all.

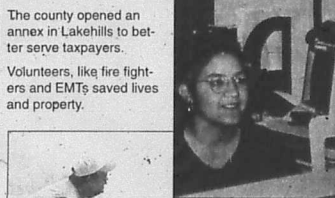
We hope you have a Happy New Year this brand new year. Again, how has a year flown by so fast? Maybe we can get accomplished this year what we could not last year.

With great sadness we report the loss of James and Arlene Hemby's daughter and son-in-law. They were on the plane that went down last week out of Del Rio. Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to James and Arlene. At least they were together doing what they loved when their time was as was over.

On a happier note, our granddaughter, Amber Digest, came in on Friday night. We got to have another Christmas on Saturday morning with her opening all her presents.

Grandkids make Christmas as special as their parents did not so long ago. Amber being the only grandchild and where we only get to see her on Christmas and in the Summer, just makes us have all the better time with her. We could go on and on but all the grandkids know where we are coming from!

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## Basic Bandera

Just now we were watching one of those TV shows presenting summations of "the most intriguing personalities of 1996" and "the ten most important events" etc. etc. You know—the traditional "looking back" sort of stuff.

While looking back on past events and characters after all is the basis for carrying on tradition, and is the way historians make their livings, perhaps it would be in order also to try to look ahead. Not in making predictions of doom, boom, divorce, or détente, Jeanne Dixon style. Let's try to think of things we all might hope will happen.

Movers and shakers of Southwest Texas water policies will be moved and shaken by the realization that despite all their bold moves to attempt to control everything, Nature is unshaken in her control of the earth and its resources. If it doesn't rain on the Big Recharges, there won't even be any water to send through the pipelines from the Guadalupe. Apparently that water from the Guadalupe, copious is it usually is but not always, is once again the focus of the greedy attention of developers in our watersheds, say the city papers.

Governmental bodies of Bandera County and elsewhere, especially the Bandera City Council, will calm down and work objectively to solve problems without bogging down in petty personality quarrels. Sometimes one wonders where the idea arose that problems can be solved best on the Local Level.

Since, among other officials on the state level, a nevertheless very friendly assistant from the AC's office in Austin assured us that there is nothing to be done about excessively high speed limits on two-lane highways short of new legislation—let's

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Edith was born January 28, 1915, was a long time resident of Bandera County and is survived by one son, Richie Young of San Antonio and one daughter, Lula North Garrett of Marble Falls.  
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Arick and wife Wendy Martenson of Dover, Delaware, and Brad and Michelle Martenson of San Antonio.

Mr. Bennett Morris and daughter Carol have as guests this week his daughters and families. Mrs. Morris and daughter Ashley, Helen and Wayne Wynn of Beaufort and daughter Kimberly and son Ronnie of San Marcos, and the Craig's daughter and children Stephany Sarah and children Isaac, Taylor and Helena of Kerrville and also Ida Belle Farr and Mary Hietalain.

Elzie and Netty Dean's guests Christmas day were Dr. and Mrs. Larry M. Dean of Abilene and children Sara Dean of Seattle, Wash. and their son Michael of Lubbock. Others included Marie and Jason Carson and children Mally and Jonathan Newcomb of San Antonio. They all had Christmas Eve dinner with Charles and Marcia Dean and two children of New Braunfels.

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## Emergency food distribution set for Wednesday

The emergency food distribution will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1997, at the following locations:

Lakehills, American Legion Hall, 9-Noon  
Pipe Creek, First Baptist Church, 9-Noon  
Pineburg, First Baptist Church, 9-Noon

Director Cornelia Rue says food distribution to people living in the Pipe Creek area has previously been handled in Bandera. "We are glad that the people at the First Baptist Church in Pipe Creek have made their facility available," said Rue. "This makes it much more convenient for the people living in Pipe Creek."

Food distributions have been set for the second Wednesday of each month.

Anyone who believes they may qualify for the food, which includes approximately 30 pounds of canned and packaged food, as well as some fresh fruits and vegetables as available, should call Rue at 796-8300.

## Juniper pros and cons on TAMU symposium agenda

A special symposium, sponsored on Jan. 9-10 by Texas A&M University, will address the pros and cons of juniper on West Texas rangeland. Texas A&M's Research and Extension Center, located at 7887 U.S. Hwy. 87 N., will host the event.

Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, Sonora Experiment Station superintendent and symposium coordinator, said the program's purpose is to make available to the public the most current information available on juniper.

"We've put together a group of professionals who are studying all aspects of juniper ecology, biology, physiology and management," said Taylor. "We want this to be a forum for discussion of the advantages and disadvantages associated with juniper in Texas."

The Jan. 9 program begins at 9 a.m. A noon lunch will be provided at the center. Afternoon discussions and tours are planned. The Jan. 10 program is from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Major topics of discussion include: Land Use and Environmental Changes; A Long Term Look at the Edwards Plateau and Rolling Plains; Biology and Ecology of Ashe and Redberry Juniper; Juniper Control and Management; Herbivory and Grazing Management; and Cedar Through the Eyes of Wildlife.

Also, Trade-offs on Landscapes Dominated by Juniper; Commercial Use of Juniper; and Interaction Between Regional Water Supply, Endangered Species Habitat and Ranch Level Juniper Control. Policy Issues and Options for the Edwards Plateau.

Pre-registration is \$25 per person. The fee includes lunch on Thursday and refreshments during break. Registration at the door is \$30 with no lunch guarantee. Pre-registration is due by Jan. 1. A proceeding essay is included with registration.

For further information contact Taylor at (915) 387-3168. Fax: (915) 387-5045 or e-mail: ctaylor@tamu.edu.

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## Wharton's Dock & Lake Medina Shores

Christmas is a time of joy and celebration, but for John Clario, it's a time of sadness. He lost his wife, Dorothy, to cancer on Christmas Eve.

John Clario, 50, of Wharton, Texas, lost his wife, Dorothy, to cancer on Christmas Eve. Dorothy was diagnosed with cancer in 1994 and died on Christmas Eve.

The wife and I had a very pleasant and calm Christmas. The Copper Lantern was closed for regular business on Christmas day but three ladies, Juanita Shaffer (Sister), B. Alexander and Diana Weisinger, had prepared turkey and ham and invited about 30 local old timers to enjoy to enjoy Christmas dinner together.

On Dec. 16 at the Little Chapel across the street from the Court House in down town Las Vegas, Diana Weisinger and Allen Haley were joined in Holy Matrimony. Congratulations.

The Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department says that the New Year's Eve party brought enjoyment to 26 of our local children. As Santa arrived at the fire

## New county home for lost animals

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## VFW honors Bailey

Local couple helped post grow

Bill Bryce, Commander, O.J. Clark Memorial VFW Post 9176 and Clara McCracken, Auxiliary President conducted a joint meeting at the Post Home on Montague Drive on Dec. 19, 1996.

Commander Bryce announced that since the Home had been refurbished, it was being dedicated in honor of Ross and Lois Bailey McCracken and Bryce urged all members to come to the meeting and share the comradeship with their fellow members.

Refreshments were served with coffee and soft drinks, along with snacks provided by Auxiliary members.

The Post will celebrate its 50th Anniversary next year on May 14, 1997. The Post was chartered on May 15, 1947. A dinner and dance by invitation will honor the post and auxiliary members and members of the community who have supported the post all of these years. The State of Texas VFW Commander and State Auxiliary President have been invited.

The Post normally meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and the Auxiliary on the third Monday at 1 p.m.

January is blood donor month

Every three seconds, someone needs blood. Every minute, patients use more than 36 units of blood or blood product. Every day, approximately 40,000 units of blood are used throughout the country. For almost 60 years, Americans have been donating blood for patients who need transfusions. The demand for

blood is greater today than ever as the nation's supply needs constant replenishment. In South Texas alone, 300 pints of blood are needed each day to supply hospitals and clinics.

However, many more donors are needed as accident victims, people undergoing surgery, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer and other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia, all utilize blood. More than 23 million units of blood and blood components are transfused each year.

Despite the growing need for donors, less than five percent of healthy Americans eligible to give blood actually donate each year. Giving blood saves lives. Although scientists are working to develop alternatives, there are no artificial substitutes.

In declaring January 1997 as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, President Bill Clinton stated, "I urge all my fellow

Americans to consider donating blood. Our participation in this compassionate crusade can help to prolong and save lives, giving hope to thousands of individuals and their families. As we focus this month on the importance of volunteer blood donation, let us strengthen our efforts to raise public awareness of the urgent need for more blood donors."

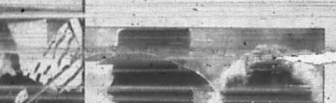
The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center (STBTC) the American Association of Blood Banks and America's Blood Centers in saluting past and present blood donors, and in soliciting new donors. STBTC encourages regular blood donations from healthy first time and repeat donors. Please call STBTC at 731-5555 or 1-800-292-5534 to set up a blood drive or for the donor room nearest you. Make a new year's resolution to give blood, to help others in need.

VA announces new policy on Agent Orange

Washington — President Clinton announced today that Vietnam veterans afflicted with prostate cancer, and acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy are entitled to disability payments based on their exposure to Agent Orange. Clinton said that the Department of Veterans Affairs also will be proposing legislation that would provide an appropriate remedy for children of Vietnam veterans who suffer from spina bifida.

The decisions follow an in-depth VA review of a report issued in March by the national Academy of Sciences (NAS) on the health effects of exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides. NAS, under contract with VA, found that there is now limited or suggestive evidence to show an association with prostate cancer, acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy (a neurological disorder) in Vietnam veterans, and spina bifida (a congenital abnormality) in their children.

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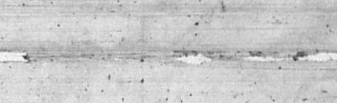
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## TARPLEY

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## Emergency food distribution set for

WEDNESDAY

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Lakelands, American Legion Hall, 9:00 a.m.  
Upps Creek, First Baptist Church, 9:00 a.m.

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Director Cornelia Rue says food distribution to persons living in the Upps Creek area has previously been handled by Bandera, Lakelands, American Legion Hall, 9:00 a.m.  
Upps Creek, First Baptist Church, 9:00 a.m.

Anyone who believes they may qualify for the food, which includes approximately 30 pounds of canned and packaged food, as well as some fresh fruits and vegetables as available, should call Rue at 796-8300.

## Juniper pros and cons on TAMU symposium agenda

A special symposium, sponsored on Jan. 9-10 by Texas A&M University, will address the pros and cons of juniper on the Edwards Plateau.

Also, Trade-offs on Landscapes Dominated by Juniper; Commercial Use of Juniper; and Interaction Between Regional Water Supply, Endangered Species Habitat and Ranch Level Juniper Control: Policy Issues and Options for the Edwards Plateau.

Pre-registration is \$25 per person. The fee includes lunch on Thursday and refreshments during break. Registration at the door is \$30 with no lunch guarantee. Pre-registration is due by Jan. 1. A proceeding copy is included with registration.

For further information contact Taylor at (915) 387-3168. Fax: (915) 387-5045 or e-mail: taylor7@tamu.edu.

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## Wharton's Dock & Lake Medina Shores

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## Opinion

### Some holiday bowl games cancelled

By exhaustive and painstaking research, we have found the following 1996 games will not be played this season due to the reasons indicated.

Telephone Bowl: Put on hold.

Punch Bowl: Spiked.

Banking Bowl: Lack of interest.

Coffee Bowl: Wet grounds.

Tobacco Bowl: Up in smoke.

Quail Bowl: Flushed.

Electric Bowl: Came up short.

Cookie Bowl: Crumbled.

Earth Bowl: Contaminated.

Chicken Bowl: Fowl weather.

Turkey Bowl: Axed.

Moon Bowl: Eclipsed.

Fruit Bowl: Canned.

Small Security Bowl: Unstable.

Pigeon Bowl: Crunched.

Ghost Bowl: Disappeared.

Pigeon Bowl: Flew the coop.

Stamp Bowl: Canceled.

Education Bowl: Low ratings.

Some Noodle Ranche, Medina

Thanks, Kay

Dear Editor:

I see in the San Antonio newspaper where Kay Bailey Hutchison was named as the

Texan of the Year at the upcoming 31st annual Texas

Legislative Conference.

Small wonder that legislators would think Kay's achievements

would be admirable. According to Public

Citizen, activities of our

Congressperson, Kay Hutchison

received more money from

national Political Action

Committees (lobbyists) than any

other single US Senator or

Representative.

I think we should all be proud

of Kay. Just a little home-spun

girl from Texas, she went to big-

league Washington and outshined

the recognized national experts in

money garnering. And that

includes no less a recipient of

national monetary benevolence

than our other Senator from

Texas, Phil Gramm, a champion

in his own right.

There will be those quick to

jump on this as an indication

that she oversteers the outside

interests something in return for

their contributions. But I know

better. Kay is just trying to save

us Texans some money by going

outside the state to finance her

relection.

Murray Walker

Medina Lake

City needs a keeper

Dear Editor:

Whims!

I read with great interest the

article on the acceptance of Judy

Dunn's resignation as City of

Bandera Sec/Treas/Court Clerk.

I was out of town from Dec. 11-16

and did not get back in time to

attend due to a health problem.

I wonder how many other

good city of Bandera employees

will be forced to resign due to

the whim of one person who con-

trols three city council mem-

bers?

The City of Bandera is adver-

tising for a city administrator.

We do not need an administra-

tor, we need a keeper for the zoo

that one person has created for

us.

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### from The Bulletin, May 10, 1968

Installation of a modern dial telephone system has been completed in the Tarpley Community in Bandera County by the Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc., of Ingram.

Negotiations for the dial system began two years ago when shareholders of the Tarpley Independent Telephone Company, which has provided communication service for the community with battery

type telephones and round-the-clock switchboard operator for over half a century, voted for the installation of a modern telephone system.

Financed by a loan approved by the Rural Electrification Administration, the Hill Country Coop. has built a new central office in Tarpley and 84 telephone connections, all with private lines, have been installed. The most distant was at Seco Creek Ranch, 17 miles from Tarpley.

Another yuletide season has passed and I hope that you all had your fondest wishes realized. I spent Christmas Day with my 96-year-old grandmother, and had a fine meal.

Now it is time to make those resolutions. Do you ever wonder why people feel it is necessary to make "resolutions" at this time? Most people's resolutions, it seems to me, are designed to make the resolution a better person, healthier, happier, etc.

Why not make them all year long, whenever you see the need?

It seems like everybody I know is sick right now. Must be all the excessive eating, drinking, etc. that lowers the body's ability to fight off the dreaded winter grunge.

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how you are going to get back in - and one that doesn't involve drinking alcoholic beverages and then driving.

Remember, you may think that you can drink a few and still drive fine, but it is a big BUT, what if one knee-jerk nuke out in front of you, or runs a red light or a stop sign and you hit them?

Maybe the wreck is their fault, but if you are driving over the legal alcohol limit (and folks, it ain't that much - 2 or 3 beers for most people), and someone dies in that wreck, guess who is going to prison? Or, at the very least, going to spend lots of bucks trying to get out of it.

It's just not worth it. So please, have a very safe and happy new year, and please come by and visit us here at The Bulletin in 1997!

Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn B. Edwards, Editor

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## Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Sunrise 7:29 Sunset 5:46

United Methodist Church Women; Lakehills United Methodist

Church, 1:30 p.m.

Baptist Women of Medina, 6 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Lakehills, 29th Street, 8 p.m.

Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Heritage Study Group, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Thursday, Jan. 2

Sunrise 7:29 Sunset 5:47

Story time, Bandera County Library 4-5 year olds, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon, 7 p.m.

TOPS Tx 1614, Silver Sage Corral, 2:30 p.m.

Bluebonnet Extension Homemakers, 2 p.m.

Guy's & Dolls Mixed League, Flying L Golf Course, 5:45 p.m.

Western Dance or Practice, Utopia Sr. Center, 7:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 700 Cypress, Noon & 7:30 p.m.

St. Victor's Altar Society, St. Victor's Chapel, Lakehills, 7 p.m.

Medina OES Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m.

Crochet, 9 a.m.; Spanish, 9:30 a.m.; Bluebonnet Study Group, 2 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Friday, Jan. 3

Sunrise 7:29 Sunset 5:48

San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) [Disability Issues], 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pancake Flippers, Pancake Breakfast, Silver Sage Corral, 7-9 a.m.

Medina Jolly Elders, Medina Baptist Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bingo, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Jan. 4

Sunrise 7:29 Sunset 5:48

Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5

Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:49

Bingo, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, 6:30 p.m.

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Monday, Jan. 6

Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:50

San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) [Disability Issues], 1207 Cottonwood, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Good Old Boys Golf, Flying L Ranch, Bandera, 9 a.m.

American Cancer Society, Bandera Unit, First State Bank, 2 p.m.

GED and English as Second Language classes, Bandera County Library, 6-8 p.m.

Medina Athletic Booster Club, Orchard Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.

Al-anon, 7th & Cypress, 6:30 p.m.

Bandera FFA Booster Club, BHS Ag Shop, 7 p.m.

Line Dancing, All ages, Silver Sage Corral, 7 p.m.

Bandera Optimist Club, Bill Gentry's, noon.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Bandera, 700 Cypress, 7:30 p.m.

Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Low Impact Exercise, 8 a.m.; Oil Painting, 9 a.m.; Ceramics, 1 p.m.; Line dancing, 7 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:51

Flying L Ladies Golf Assoc. 9 a.m.

Pipe Creek Extension Homemakers, 1 p.m.

Fine Arts Club, Bandera Bank Community Room, 2 p.m.

Bingo, Lakehills American Legion, Post 410, 6:30 p.m.

GED and English as Second Language classes, Bandera County Library, 6-8 p.m.

Family Communication Workshop, 1207 Cottonwood, 6:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 700 Cypress, Noon, 7:30 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.

Quilting, 9 a.m.; Weaving, 9-Noon; Melodiers, 10 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 5:52

Bandera County Commissioners Court, Courthouse, 10 a.m.

Immunization Clinic, 1207 Cottonwood, 9-11 a.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.

Medina Rose Garden Club, Garden Center, 2 p.m.

Bandera Youth Roddeo Assoc. Gen. Membership Meeting, Bandera Bank Community Room, 7 p.m.

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Walking, 7:30 a.m.; Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Heritage Study Group, 9:30 a.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

## BISD's tech prep program can save on college costs

By Cyndi Wright

Staff Writer

used to guarantee young adults a stable career, with financial rewards.

That is not true anymore.

And a counselor at Bandera High School is attempting to help students prepare for their future as members of a workforce more geared to technological jobs than professional fields.

To that end, Sandy Davis has spearheaded efforts to introduce the Tech Prep plan into the school.

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## Opinion

### Some holiday bowl games cancelled

By exhaustive and painstaking research, I have found the following Bowl Games will not be played this season due to the reasons indicated:

- Telephone Bowl: Put on hold
- Punch Bowl: Spiked
- Banking Bowl: Lack of interest
- Coffee Bowl: Wet grounds
- Tobacco Bowl: Up in smoke
- Quail Bowl: Flushed
- Electric Bowl: Came up short
- Cookie Bowl: Crumbled
- Earth Bowl: Contaminated
- Chicken Bowl: Fowl weather
- Turkey Bowl: Axed
- Moon Bowl: Eclipsed
- Fruit Bowl: Canned
- Social Security Bowl: Unstable
- Popcorn Bowl: Crunched
- Ghost Bowl: Disappeared
- Pigeon Bowl: Flew the coop
- Stamp Bowl: Canceled
- Education Bowl: Low ratings

### Thank, Kay

Dear Editor:  
I see in the San Antonio newspaper where Kay Bailey Hutchison will be honored as the Texas of the Year at the upcoming 1997 annual Texas Legislative Conference. Small wonder that legislators would think Kay's achievements admirable. According to Public Citizen, activities of our Congresswoman, Kay Hutchison received more money from national Political Action Committees (lobbyists) than any other single US Senator or Representative.

I think we should all be proud of Kay. Just a little home-spun girl from Texas, she went to big-league Washington and outdid the recognized national experts in money garnering. And that includes no less a recipient of national monetary benevolence than our other Senator from Texas, Phil Gramm, a champion in his own right.

In less than one full term of office Kay Bailey Hutchison evidently managed to demonstrate those qualities which inspired national lobbyists to contribute over two and a half million dollars to insure that she remain in the US Senate.

There will be those quick to jump on this as an indication that she owes these outside interests something in return for their contributions. But I know better. Kay is just trying to save us Texas some money by going outside the state to finance her reelection.

Murray Walker  
Medina Lake

### City needs a keeper

Dear Editor:  
I read with great interest the article on the acceptance of Judy Dunn's resignation as City of Bandera Secretary-Clerk. I was out of town from Dec. 11-16 and did not get back in time to attend due to a health problem.

I wonder how many other good city of Bandera employees will be forced to resign due to the whims of one person who controls three city council members?

The City of Bandera is advertising for a city administrator. We do not need an administrator, we need a keeper for the zoo that one person has created!

Bill Bryce  
Former Council Member  
Bandera, Texas

### State Capital

"We're looking at all these issues. There are still a lot of things to figure out," state Rep. Tom Craddick, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, told the Austin American-Statesman.

Though Craddick thinks there is a way to shift more of the \$10 billion school property tax burden from property owners to the state government, there is no consensus on whether cuts can be made without making a mess of the painstakingly devised school funding formulas.

Rep. Paul Sadler, chairman of the House Public Education Committee, told the American-Statesman it's impossible to shift the burden without affecting school funding formulas.

Austin - There was room under the Christmas tree for property tax relief, but there was no way to squeeze a fully formed plan through the chimney.

Scurrying Capitol elves drafted a proposal that would cut school property tax by about \$3 billion a year, but left some important questions unanswered. Such as, how can the cuts be made permanent?

Be kept from creeping higher? (Gov. George W. Bush has said he will rely on a bill that does not promise taxes won't creep back up, either through hiking tax rates or higher property tax appraisals.)

Be made so as to not disrupt school funding formulas?

Be made without picking a political fight with business

Bomer was one of five insurance commissioners who

declined to join Prudential's agreement because it did not provide adequate redress for consumers.

He said the proposal settled places an almost impossible burden on consumers who want compensation beyond the token basis claim relief that the class-action attorneys worked out with Prudential.

"These consumers have been shortchanged again," Bomer also urged the New Jersey federal court to enforce a Texas Department of Insurance lawsuit that would force Prudential to pay the costs of the records of Texas agents who have been targets of at least three sales-related complaints.

Prudential has refused to honor a subpoena.

The Department of Insurance had sought the information because it could be useful to consumers who need evidence of misrepresentation for use in the "alternative dispute resolution" process, in which they would seek relief through an out-of-court claim settlement.

The class action suit accuses Prudential of "churning" and misrepresentation in the sale of cash-value life insurance products. Churning occurs when an agent persuades a consumer to borrow against an existing policy to pay the premium on a new one.

Names of Nursing Homes Secret

The Texas Attorney General's Office has ruled that state offi-

cials can keep secret the names of 10 publicly financed Texas nursing homes that spent \$614,374 on such items as a Cadillac, baseball tickets and jobs for relatives who did no work.

The names had been sought by the media and other groups through the Texas Public Information Act.

Final Exam Exemptions

More Texas students were hitting the books for final exams last week because of a new state policy that has prompted school districts to quit exempting students from finals.

The new policy by Education Commissioner Mike Moses ended the practice of exempting students from final exams who are not at school because of exemptions from final exams.

In the past, school districts would let students with good grades skip finals and still receive the same of money.

"You can no longer get paid for kids being absent," Dr. Moses told the Dallas Morning News.

"I have this personal feeling that if you exempt kids from final exams all the way through high school, they may have trouble when they wind up at a state university and have to take a semester exam for the first time," he said.

for how you are going to get back in - and one that doesn't involve drinking alcoholic beverages and then driving.

Remember, you may think that you can drink a few hard still drive fine, but, and it is a big BUT, what if some knee-jerk pull out in front of you, or runs a red light or a stop sign and you hit them?

Maybe the wreck is their fault, but if you are driving over the legal alcohol limit (and folks, it isn't that much - 2 or 3 beers for some women), and someone dies in that wreck, guess who is going to prison? Or, at the very least, it's going to spend lots of bucks trying to get out of it.

It's just not worth it. So please, have a very safe and happy new year, and please come by and visit us here at The Bulletin in 1997!

Another yuletide season has passed and I hope that you all had your fondest wishes realized. I spent Christmas Day with my 94-year-old grandmother, and had a fine meal.

New it is time to make those resolutions. Do you ever wonder why people feel it is necessary to make "resolutions" at this time? Most people's resolutions, it seems to me, are designed to make the resolution a better person, healthier, happier, etc.

Why not make them all year long, whenever you see the need?

It seems like everybody I know is sick right now. Must be all the excessive eating, drinking, etc. that lowers the body's ability to fight off the dreaded winter grunge.

from The Bulletin, May 10, 1968

Installation of a modern dial telephone system has been completed in the Tarpley Community in Bandera County by the Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc., of Ingram.

Negotiations for the dial system began two years ago when shareholders of the Tarpley Independent Telephone Company, which has provided communication service for the community with battery round-the-clock switchboard operator for over half a century, voted for the installation of a modern telephone system.

Financed by a loan approved by the Rural Electrification Administration, the Hill Country Coop. has built a new central office in Tarpley and 84 telephone connections, all with private lines, have been installed. The most distant was at Seco Creek Ranch, 17 miles from Tarpley.

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Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn B. Edwards, Editor

Well, have you made out your list of New Year's resolutions yet?

I hope that you have included volunteer activities on your list.

There are so many groups in Bandera County that simply could not function without the help of many volunteers. And out of all those groups, there is surely one or more that has a definite need for your time and talents.

If caring for others is one of your natural inclinations, you might want to think about becoming an emergency medical technician this year. If you don't feel the desire to personally care for the sick and injured, join your local EMS support team to raise funds for ambulance expenses.

If having a good time while you work for a good cause is your cup of tea, get down to the Chamber of Commerce and volunteer for the Hunters Barbecue or Cowboy Christmas.

The Bandera County Library is always looking for volunteers to help shelve books, plan reading programs for young children and handle inventory.

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## Pint-sized jailer handles big job

by Cyndi Wright  
Staff Writer

Looking like a good gust of wind might blow her away, Della Baker, 25, is the smallest person to ever come to mind when people imagine what a jailer looks like.

But behind the diminutive image is a woman as tough as any man. Baker, who is now the jail administrator at the Bandera County Jail, has a mixture of good old-fashioned common sense, hard work, and a sense of humor in her position as the Bandera County jail administrator.

"Our job is not to punish these people," Baker said. "Our job is to keep them safe and secure and get them to court on time."

Her job entails the day-to-day operations of the jail, where she has worked for three years. And working in the law enforcement field is nothing new to her family.

Her sister is a sergeant with the Bandera Police Department. She has a cousin who is a lieutenant with the San Antonio Police Department, and another cousin who works in the sheriff's office in Sierra Blanca. An uncle is a constable in Williamson County, while his wife, Baker's aunt, is the administrator of the jail infirmary in Williamson County. Her brother is a corrections officer in California.

Baker is responsible for all the jailers and inmates at the local jail. In her position, she must continually stay current with all the rules and regulations issued by the Texas Jail Commission, and they change all the time.

Currently, the way inmates are classified is undergoing changes. Now, classifying a prisoner means that a young male first offender, with a simple non-violent charge, cannot be put in a cell with a more sophisticated, previously convicted person.

## Sheriff's Report

During the week of Dec. 23 through Dec. 29, 1996, the Sheriff's Department answered 83 calls for service.

Among these were:  
Two burglaries of a habitation, one illegal dumping, five welfare concerns, five alarm calls, three assaults, three assist other police agency, five keep the peace, one residence fire, two family violence, one reckless driving, two criminal trespass, three civil matter, one property damage and one terrorist threat.

There were also two assist the public, five suspicious vehicles, two thefts, six shots fired, 18 suspicious circumstances, nine assist EMS, one suspicious person, two criminal mischief, six animal calls, one suicide, one controlled burn, one phone harassment, two UMW, and one loud music.

Arrested by the Sheriff's Department were:  
Philip Jackson, 47, of Medina, on warrants.

Donald Nyitrai, 36, of Kerrville for assault by contact.  
John Allen Melke, 18, of Kerrville, for assault by contact.  
David Jagers, 43, of Pipe Creek for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

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"One person who will not push the jail troublemaker," Baker said, "is some point, every body has to accept responsibility for their own actions."

"You are responsible for every aspect of their lives while they are in here," Baker explained. "One troublemaker takes as much as five other inmates."

One such prisoner habitually covered up the nightlight, so he couldn't be observed in his cell. Another is the noisemaker.

"If they don't want to sleep, they'll keep everyone up," Baker said.

She recalled a funny instance involving a noisy inmate.

He was keeping everyone up making animal sounds like goats, pigs and horses," she said.

"The dispatcher keyed his cell and made a turkey gobbling sound. Dead silence."

She said the rest of the night was quiet while the inmate tried to figure out how to make the turkey sound under his breath.

Sad times happen in the jail, too.

Baker said youngsters who find their way there cry when their mothers don't come to visit them. Another sad time is when something happens in an inmate's family, and he or she cannot go to them.

"We had one whose little girl was severely burned," she said.

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"You can't let your emotions rule you," she claimed. "At some point, everybody has to accept responsibility for their own actions, and they are being forced to do this."

She said the rumor that all inmates claim they are innocent is not true.

"I hear confessions in the capacity of a sounding board," Baker said. "I'll listen to them, but I don't give advice."

She said her staff, both male and female, at the jail is excellent, and ranges in age from early 20s to late 40s.

"They are here because they want to be," she said.

The jailers come from all over the country, and that helps when an inmate comes in and sees a familiar face.

"The jailers know the inmates," Baker said. "It's some of them (the inmates) can identify with."

And, she continued, even though violent inmates are more prevalent these days, people might be surprised at who lands in jail.

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