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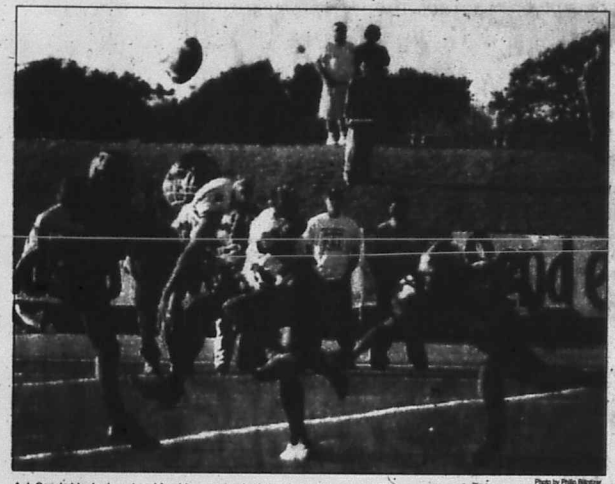


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A.J. Caza's blocked punt and fumble recovery in the end zone for a touchdown was the turning point in the win against Port Isabel in Victoria.



Sometimes hugs speak louder than words. Brad Daigneault and Jennifer Wilson share the moment after Bandera advanced to its first state championship football game with a determined win against a favored Bellville team.

GREAT RIDE

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tudes. Mostly, they let the work and the results speak for themselves and they speak volumes. This is a group who faced adversity and recovered. They're talented, but many of the teams they faced were comparable in talent.

The Bellville game proved to be yet another showcase for Bandera. The Bulldog defense played brilliantly, not allowing a first down until the second quarter. The fact that Bandera's offense could put up 24 points and be considered to have had an off day tells you something about just how well-conceived the offense is and how much is expected.

Football is always a team effort. Sportswriters, however, have to look for angles, which make things sound more one-dimensional than they really are. Let's play that game for a minute. You could, chalk up the first playoff win to the quick strike offense.

Credit Jennings, who kicked a 47-field goal just before half, with being the difference in the second one.

The third game could be credited to the special teams and A.J. Caza's blocked punt.

I'd give big time credit to the composed coaching staff of BHS for the win over Yoakum and the fifth playoff win against Bellville must go the defense. It's not surprising that if you choose to see things in one dimensional terms, you can credit a different facet of the BHS football team each playoff game.

Fact of the matter is, though, each game has been a team effort and an exercise in extended concentration.

This was perfectly clear in the dramatic double overtime win against Midland Greenwood. The offense ate up clock and set the tone. The defense gave up only three points in the second half and produced two turnovers. Jennings made the winning 37-yard field goal look routine - something it's not. I watched some practice during the week and the coaches and kids kept focused on the task. Despite it being their first trip to state, they weren't just happy to be there.

Character, determination and, yes, some luck, made this a state championship season. There's a fine line between winning and losing. A few breaks the other way and the season could have been over six weeks ago.

Bandera's historic season goes show several things. First, never give up. The team didn't. Second, if you make a mistake, don't dwell on it. Forget about it and make up for it. And, sometimes good guys do win it all.

Thanks for the great ride, Dogs. I had been fortunate enough to cover state tennis, basketball, swimming, track, volleyball and golf, but nothing compared to the thrill of covering the 2002 Bandera Bulldogs, the State Class 3A Division II Football Champions.

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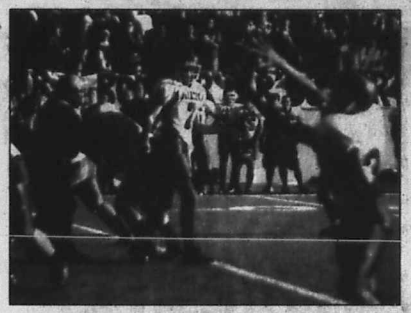
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(Left) Ryan Groomer and Jessie Sierra close in, but another Bandera defender has beat them to the job. Brett Hicks lays a pass right in Chris Martinez' hands during the Midland Greenwood game.

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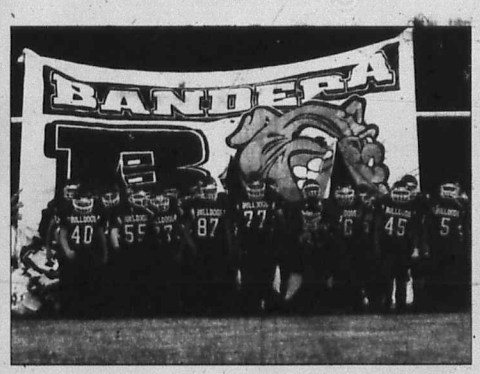
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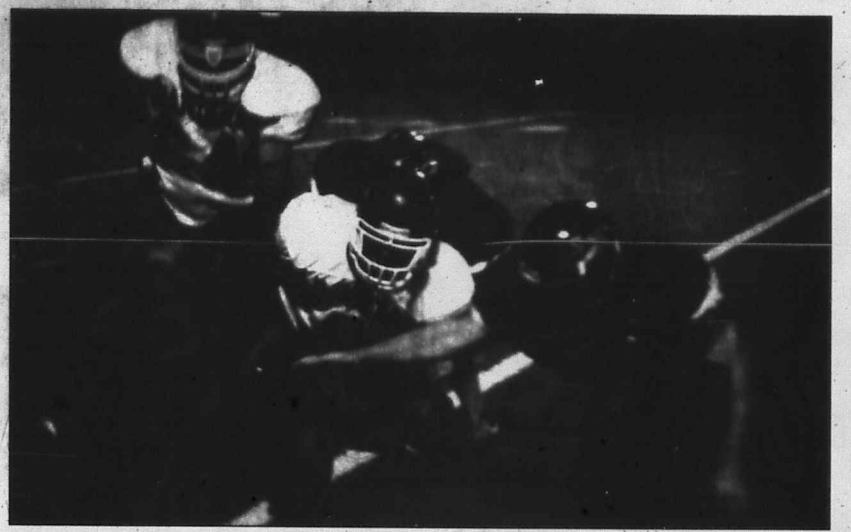


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THE HOME TEAM ADVANTAGE

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Robert Ickes goes to the turf with Bryan Jacobs not too far behind him as they scramble for a fumble against the Wimberley Texans. Bandera won the game, snapping a two-game losing skid, and did not lose again the rest of the season. (Below) The Bulldogs' tradition of singing the school song before the last practice every week served them well this year.



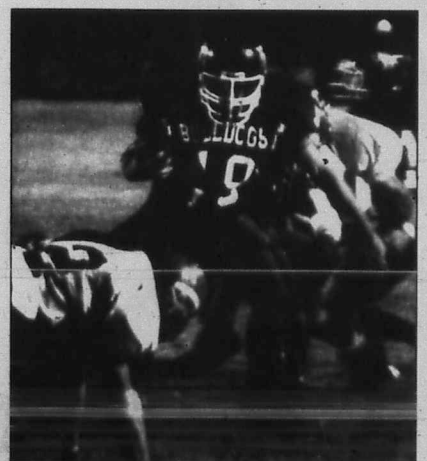


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Senior Hunter Selyers picked good yardage in this non-district game early in the season. Depth and relatively few injuries helped Bandera win state.

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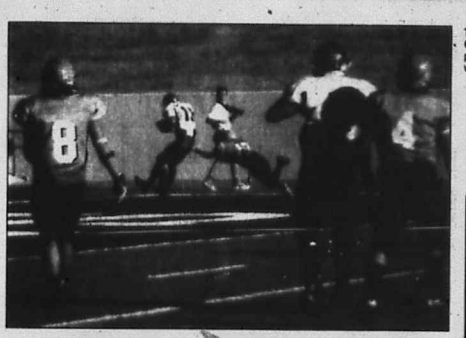
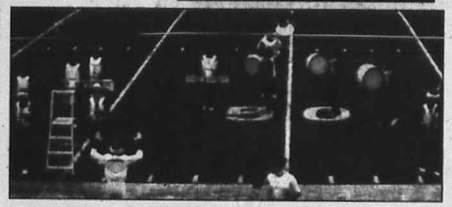


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Scott Jennings scores a 15-yard touchdown on a fade route in the first overtime to give Bandera a 24-17 lead.

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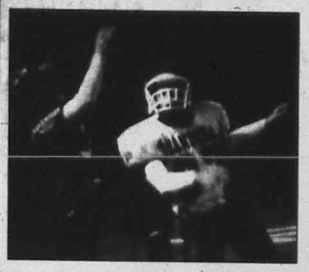
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(Left) The Pep Rally on Friday night featured a good crowd. D.J. Reed breaks up a pass against Wimberley and Bryan Jacobs does what he does best - get after the quarterback.





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(Top) Coach Mike Williamson gets a handle on the city fire truck with his Bulldogs riding high. The bonfire proved to be a good time for all.

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Defensive lineman Bryan Jacobs, who was Honorable Mention on the AP Class 3A All-State team, and several other Bulldogs apply good pressure on the quarterback in their win against Bellville in the State Semifinals at Dragon Stadium. (Left) Bandera's fan left the toilet paper rolls fly after the Bulldogs won.





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(Left) A gang tackling Bandera defense kept Bellville's offense from getting a first down until midway through the second quarter. (Right) Bulldog Dustin Heep fights for yardage any way he can get it against Bellville.

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No. 5	Cody Fields	6'2"	190 lbs	Senior	L	TE/LB
No. 8	Robert Ickes	5'10"	175 lbs.	Senior	L	WB/DE
No. 9	Ryan Tierney	5'10"	160 lbs.	Junior	L	QB/SEC
No. 16	Cody Cox	6'0"	162 lbs.	Junior	L	SE/SEC
No. 19	Scott Jennings	6'3"	190 lbs.	Senior	L	SE/SEC
No. 20	Chad Thompson	6'2"	200 lbs.	Junior		TB/SEC
No. 22	Jessie Sierra	6'3"	190 lbs.	Senior	L	SE/SEC
No. 25	Gary Barton	5'10"	170 lbs.	Soph.	JV	QB/SEC
No. 26	Rusty Bookout	5'9"	160 lbs.	Junior	JV	WB/DE
No. 27	Brad Daigneault	5'10"	175 lbs.	Senior	L	FB/SEC
No. 29	Aaron Ellinger,	5'9"	168 lbs.	Senior	L	WB/SEC
No. 32	Chris Martinez,	5'7"	155 lbs.	Junior	L	WB/SEC
No. 35	Dustin Heep,	6'0"	220 lbs.	Senior	2L	TB/NG
No. 39	Taylor Koerth,	5'7"	145 lbs.	Junior	JV	WB/SEC
No. 40	Jeff Wilkerson	5'10"	210 lbs.	Junior	JV	FB/LB
No. 42	Matt Postert	6'0"	195 lbs.	Senior	L	TB/DT
No. 44	Adam Alanis	5'8"	165 lbs.	Junior	L	FB/LB
No. 45	Synjyn Dodd	5'11"	210 lbs.	Senior	JV	TB/LB
No. 49	Hunter Salyers	5'11"	200 lbs.	Senior	L	TB/DT
No. 52	Warren Parker	5'9"	180 lbs.	Junior	JV	OL/NG
No. 55	Ryan Groomer	5'10"	205 lbs.	Senior	L	OL/LB
No. 62	Trey Nugent	5'9"	183 lbs.	Senior	L	OL/NG
No. 64	Bryan Jacobs	6'3"	235 lbs.	Junior	JV	OL/DT
No. 66	Josh Faglie	6'1",	205 lbs.	Junior		OL/LB
No. 68	John Paul Lico	5'11"	235 lbs.	Junior	L	OL/DT
No. 72	Kasey Young	6'3"	279 lbs.	Senior	L	OL/DT
No. 73	Colton Sells	6'3"	266 lbs.	Senior	2L	OL/DT
No. 74	Dustin Reed	6'3"	298 lbs.	Junior	JV	OL/DT
No. 76	Keith Winter	6'0"	258 lbs.	Senior	L	OL/DT
No. 77	Thomas Burke	6'2"	287 lbs.	Senior	L	OL/DT
No. 86	Garrison Smith	6'0"	177 lbs.	Junior	JV	TE/DE
No. 87	D.J. Reed	6'2"	173 lbs.	Senior		SE/SEC
No. 88	A.J. Caza	6'3"	202 lbs.	Senior	L	TE/NG
No. 89	Johnny Meaney	6'3"	205 lbs.	Senior	L	TE/NG

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Robert Ickes makes off with an interception again Ingram in the District 25-3A opener. He had two in the game.

State Title Game Stats		
	Bandera	Greenwood
First Downs	19	10
Rushes-Yards	43 - 191	39 - 201
Passing Yards	105	37
Return Yards	0	35
Passes	10 - 22 - 1	1 - 4 - 1
Punts	3 - 42.7	3-1
Penalties-yards	1-15	4-30

Individual Statistics

Rushing - Bandera, Dustin Heep 27 - 122; Chad Thompson 4 - 20; Robert Ickes 1 - 9; Brett Hicks 1-0; Greenwood, Jeremy Aston 28 - 181; Dawson Miller 17 - 113; Cody Hallums 11 - 42; Jarrod Brooks 1 - 10; Adam Walsh 1 - 3.
Passing - Bandera, Brett Hicks 10 - 22-1 - 105. Greenwood, Dawson Miller 3-0-1 - 31; Ryan Brown 1 - 0-0 - 6.
Receiving - Bandera, Scott Jennings 3-29; Chris Martinez 2 - 20; Robert Ickes 2-10; Cody Fields 1-10; Dustin Heep 1-14; Chad Thompson 1-5. Greenwood, Kyle Blasdell 3-30, Jeremy Aston 2-12.



Senior Scott Jennings got behind the defense on this fade route. Jennings played offense, defense and most special teams for the Bulldogs.

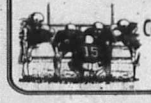
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In his final home game, senior Dustin Heep breaks free for a touchdown against Llano. Bandera won the 39-32 to lock up the final playoff berth.

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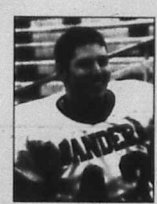


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Helmets went up high after the dramatic 37-34 win against Rice Consolidated in Seguin. Heep scored a touchdown with about four minutes left in the game and the defense came up a big stop down the stretch to preserve a win against the Raiders.

(Above) The Star Steppers were a popular part of the halftime show and Homecoming parade. (Below) They call themselves the "Ya Ya Sisters" and they had plenty to cheer about this season. Pictured are Patty Heep, Colleen Postert, and Lynn Palmer. All of the "Sisters" have sons who play for the Bulldogs. Also pictured (in back in the B2 Bomber shirt supporting Brett Hicks and the passing game) is Shawna Clignon and little one Keleigh Schmidt. John Palmer, in front, also likes what happened in an easy win against La Vernia. In the first round. Below, Matt Postert beams after a big win.

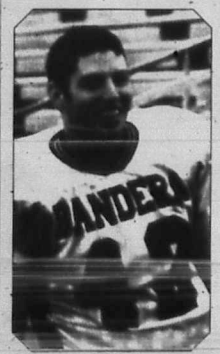
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Kicking	FG	FG Att	Long	XPT	XPT ATT
Jennings, Scotty	3	4	32	43	45
Ickes, Robert	0	0	0	4	5
Totals	**3**	**4**		**47**	**50**

Scoring	TD	2Pt	1Pt	FG	Safety	Total
Heep, Dustin	25	0	0	0	0	150
Jennings, Scotty	9	0	63	9	0	144
Martinez, Chris	10	0	0	0	0	60
Ickes, Robert	7	1	4	0	0	48
Fields, Cody	8	0	0	0	0	48
Salyers, Hunter	4	0	0	0	0	24
Sierra, Jesse	2	1	0	0	0	14
Tierney, Ryan	2	0	0	0	0	12
Dodd, Synjyn	2	0	0	0	0	12
Hicks, Brett	2	0	0	0	0	12
Thompson, Chad	1	0	0	0	0	6
Caza, A.J.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Team	0	0	0	0	1	2
Totals	**73**	**2**	**47**	**3**	**1**	**374**

All-Purpose	Rush	Rec	Pr	Kr	I/F R	Total	Avg
Heep, Dustin	1925	195	0	59	0	2179	145.3
Ickes, Robert	100	376	296	463	66	1301	86.7
Martinez, Chris	305	507	6	322	0	1140	76.0
Fields, Cody	9	609	0	54	70	742	49.5
Jennings, Scotty	25	271	0	0	17	313	31.3
Thompson, Chad	147	2	0	100	45	294	19.6
Sierra, Jesse	0	237	0	20	0	257	17.1
Salyers, Hunter	205	28	0	0	0	233	15.5
Hicks, Brett	225	0	0	0	0	225	15.0
Tierney, Ryan	182	12	0	0	0	194	12.9
Dodd, Synjyn	108	12	0	0	0	120	8.0
Reed, D.J.	0	5	0	0	39	44	4.4
Daigneault, Brad	9	0	0	24	0	33	3.3
Wilkerson, Jeff	33	0	0	0	0	33	2.2
Schauer, Nelson	21	4	0	0	0	25	2.5
Caza, A.J.	0	13	0	0	0	13	1.3
Cox, Cody	0	8	0	0	0	8	0.8
Postert, Matt	0	3	0	3	0	6	0.6
Smith, Garrison	0	0	0	3	0	3	0.3
Totals	**3300**	**2492**	**302**	**1068**	**283**	**7445**	**496.3**



Brett Hicks

Photo by Philip Bilnitzer

Senior quarterback Brett Hicks entered his senior season ranked among the top 45 quarterback prospects in Texas. He is considering universities ranging from Sam Houston to Texas A&M. With a strong arm, quick decision-making and more than 2,500 yard passing this year, Hicks did his part to make the Bulldogs big winners.



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Bandera's Chris Martinez gets behind the Tarpon's secondary in Bandera's win against Port Isabel.

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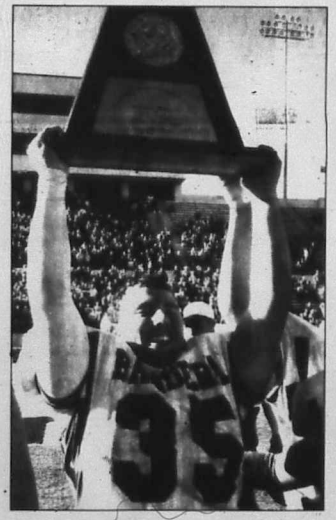
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Bandera Bulldogs Football Statistics

Team Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total		Avg.
Bandera	127	90	103	110	152	936	33.5
Opponent	20	37	20	20	91	330	22.0
Yardage				Total	Avg.		
Bandera				5791	386.1		
Opponent				4220	281.3		
Passing				Total	Avg.		Turnovers
Bandera				2 482	165.1		27
Opponent				2 166	144.4		29
Rushing				Total	Avg.		Penalty Yds Avg.
Bandera				3309	220		660
Opponent				2054	136.9		514
Returns				Total	Avg.		First Downs
Bandera				1653	110		249
Opponent				1799	119.9		204

* Averages after 15 games



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Bulldog fans travelled long distances to see their team on its road to the state championship.

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WEEK-BY-WEEK RESULTS

Road to the Championship

Pre-District
Bandera 42 at Castroville-Medina Valley 6
Bandera 28 at Fredericksburg 42
Bandera 49 at San Antonio-Antonian 0
At Bandera 62 Pearsall 0
Bandera 33 at Hondo 20

District 25AAA
At Bandera 38 Ingram 14
Bandera 14 at Burnet 49
At Bandera 28 Liberty Hill 35
Bandera 41 at Wimberly 26
At Bandera 39 Llano 32
Record 7-3; District 25-3A 3-2 (third place)

Division II Playoffs
Bandera 45, La Vernia 21
Bandera 37, Rice Consolidated 34
Bander 27, Port Isabel 24
Bandera 31, Yoakum 14
Bandera 24, Bellville 13

STATE TITLE GAME
Bandera 27, Midland Greenwood 24

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(Left) Bandera is led out of the halftime break by Chad Thompson and Thomas Burke. Thompson gained about 330 yards in rushing and passing as a junior this season. See individual statistics, starting page next page. Team statistics are at the top of this page. s



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Dustin Heep applies a stiff arm to a Yoakum defender in Bandera's win against Yoakum in Seguin. The senior tailback ran for more than 1,000 yards in the playoffs alone.

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Rushing	ATT	Yards	Avg	TD	Long
Heep, Dustin	298	1925	6.5	24	75T
Martinez, Chris	27	305	11.3	5	80T
Hicks, Brett	70	225	3.2	2	48T
Salyers, Hunter	39	205	5.3	3	25
Tierney, Ryan	15	182	12.1	2	77T
Thompson, Chad	26	147	5.7	1	15
Dodd, Synjyn	19	105	5.7	2	14
Ickes, Robert	6	100	16.7	1	27
Wilkerson, Jeff	4	33	8.3	0	24
Jennings, Scotty	1	25	25.0	1	25T
Schauer, Nelson	6	21	3.5	0	7
Fields, Cody	1	9	9.0	0	9
Daigneault, Brad	2	9	4.5	0	6
Barton, Gary	2	6	3.0	0	6
Totals	517	3301	6.4	41	

Passing	Comp	Att	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Long
Hicks, Brett	144	276	.522	2492	27	12	83T
Ickes, Robert	0	1	.000	0	0	1	0
Barton, Gary	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0
Totals	99	183	.541	1724	27	13	

Receiving	Rec	Yards	Avg	TD	Long
Fields, Cody	28	609	21.8	7	83T
Martinez, Chris	24	507	21.1	5	73T
Jennings, Scotty	27	481	17.8	8	69T
Ickes, Robert	23	376	16.3	3	81T
Sierra, Jessie	16	237	14.8	2	30
Heep, Dustin	15	195	13.0	0	48T
Salyers, Hunter	1	28	28.0	1	28T
Caza, A.J.	2	13	6.5	0	10
Dodd, Synjyn	1	12	12.0	0	12
Tierney, Ryan	2	12	6.0	0	10
Cox, Cody	1	8	8.0	0	8
Reed, D.J.	1	5	5.0	0	5
Schauer, Nelson	1	4	4.0	0	4
Postert, Matt	1	3	3.0	0	3
Thompson, Chad	1	2	2.0	0	2
Totals	144	2924	17.3	27	

Punt Returns	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ickes, Robert	22	294	13.4	0	48
Martinez, Chris	1	6	6.0	0	6
Totals	23	300	13.0	0	



Photo by Philip Billnitzer

Brad Daigneault comes up with a tackle in Bandera's 31-14 romp against Yoakum.

Kickoff Returns	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ickes, Robert	21	463	22.0	1	85T
Martinez, Chris	11	322	29.3	0	49
Thompson, Chad	4	100	25.0	0	58
Heep, Dustin	6	59	9.8	0	15
Fields, Cody	5	54	10.8	0	17
Daigneault, Brad	2	24	12.0	0	21
Sierra, Jessie	3	20	6.7	0	9
Smith, Garrison	1	3	3.0	0	3
Postert, Matt	1	3	3.0	0	3
Totals	55	1068	19.4	1	

	Ints.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jennings, Scotty	7	63	7.0	0	27
Ickes, Robert	4	66	16.5	2	27
Reed, D.J.	3	39	13.0	0	22
Fields, Cody	2	70	35.0	1	70T
Thompson, Chad	1	45	45.0	0	45
Ellinger, Aaron	1	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	12	210	17.5	3	

Fumb. Returns	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Groomer, Ryan	3	0	0.0	0	0
Postert, Matt	2	0	0.0	0	0
Ellinger, Aaron	1	0	0.0	0	0
Fields, Cody	1	0	0.0	0	0
Winter, Keith	1	0	0.0	0	0
Reed, D.J.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nugent, Trey	1	0	0.0	0	0
Sierra, Jessie	1	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	11	0	0.0	0	0

Punting	Att	Yards	Avg	Blk	Long
Hicks, Brett	3	103	34.3	0	48
Thompson, Chad	10	324	32.4	0	42
Jennings, Scotty	31	1067	34.4	0	64
Totals	44	1494	34.0	0	



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Senior Dustin Heep breaks free for a touchdown in the season opener against Ingram-Tom Moore. Bandera won the game due to a strong performance in the second half.

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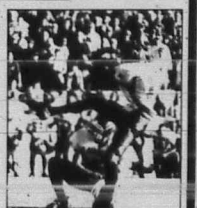
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Operation Christmas Child



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Miss Cassie Boatwright's First Grade Class at Alkek Elementary recently volunteered to help out with Operation Christmas Child. The students filled up shoeboxes filled with gift items such as washcloths, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dolls, and cars to be delivered to children in over 90 countries. Robin Gooding of Shoe Biz researched the Operation Christmas Child Project and brought the idea to her daughter's first grade class. Pictured are Janessa Muerer and Taylor Schultz. "This is a simple and fun way for our children to get involved in bringing joy to millions of children around the world afflicted by war, disease, poverty, and disaster," Gooding said.

BISD Trustees honor employees

Recipients of outstanding staff member awards for the first and second six weeks were recognized at the Bandera Independent School District meeting on Dec. 10.

First six weeks winners were Mary Ann Smith, Outstanding Support Staff, Charles Halsell, Outstanding Educator. For the second six weeks, Rex Rackley was recognized as the Outstanding Support Staff and Suzy Cram Thompson was recognized as the Outstanding Educator. BMS Principal Gary Bitzkie also presented Kyle Forsyth with an award for his personal success this year. Bitzkie said Forsyth has overcome problems last year and been an excellent student this year in terms of academics and attitude.

BMS Student Council Vice President Cullen Fields recognized sponsor Cheryl Wagner and other student council members including Derick Blakeley, Joseph Burk, Caitlyn Gayle Best Songsangkhan and Brandon Hicks.

Bitzie also gave a video presentation on BMS staff and students. BMS National Junior Honor Society President Justin Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In other items from the agenda, trustees approved payment to Pfluger Associates Architects in the amount of $163,153.12. Fabian Mazurek and Louis DuBose voted against the payment.

"I voted that way because Mr. Mazurek said like ten percent of that amount should be withheld until completion and he knows a lot more about the construction business than I do," DuBose said. "It was no big deal. I just thought the item should have been tabled for a month."

Trustees unanimously approved designating the district's fund balance. The BISD Director of Finances, Ed Richter, said about $90,000 of the fund balance is designated toward a possible land purchase. Money has also been designated for a possible construction project. The district will need new administrative offices once the race track sells.

Trustees also approved a wage rate for work on the bond projects. Modeled after a similar scale in place at the Kerrville ISD, wages range from $8.50 per hour to $12.40 per hour depending on the type of construction or trade skill involved.

Next month's meeting date was changed from Jan. 14 to Jan. 21.

Pamela Galm presented a video on the district's Special Education Department. She recognized the diagnosticians, counselors, speech therapist and other staff in Special Education.

Jim McKay of the Bandera County Flag Football League presented an award to trustees and the district in a show of appreciation for their support of the BCFFL.

Carala Luker introduced Debbie Hayes as the second six week Outstanding Support Staff in food service.

During the open forum, Don Baker said he was concerned because he has a child in kindergarten who takes the bus and the bus has no seat belts. Baker asked the board to work with parents to make seat belts mandatory in Texas.

In a related item to school business, the Bandera ISD is taking bids for the race track, which lies on 134 acres of relatively flat land. Any time the district is approached by a possible buyer, the land must go through a bidding process as required by state law. The bidding process has been opened several times and does not necessarily mean a sale is imminent.

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Our Year



Photo by Philip Billnitzer

It was a breakthrough year for the Bandera Bulldogs as they won their first ever state football championship. After scrapping their way to a third place finish in District 25-3A, the Dogs ran off six in a row to win the Class 3A, Division II title.

2002 Bulldog Football: What a great ride



Photo by Philip Billnitzer

Bulldog quarterback Brett Hicks escapes from two Midland Greenwood defenders before completing a pass to Chad Thompson in Bandera's 27-24 state championship victory.

When I was trying to make a decision whether or not to stay with the Seguin Daily News or to consider interviewing for Managing Editor of the Bandera Bulletin, football was a factor in my decision.

Little did I know that when I agreed to take the job a few weeks later, I would be stumbling on to one the of the biggest, most interesting, stories of my life.

I knew Bandera was picked to do well. According to Texas Football magazine, they would finish second in the district. On paper, they looked good for a couple of wins in the playoffs.

After seeing them play though non-district, I thought they were considerably underrated. I thought they might be one of the top five of six teams in state.

I started covering Bandera the third week of the season, after its loss to Fredericksburg. They dumped Antonian 49-0 and raised their record to 3-1. Best of all, I knew was covering a solid team for the first time since I had been the voice of the Dayton Broncos 1993 for the Austin American-Statesman and in 1994 for a weekly paper in Westlake.

The Hondo and the Ingram wins proved a little closer than the first two lopsided games. Before the Hondo game, an Ingram player made a point of telling me that Ingram would whip Bandera. Didn't happen.

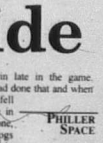
Then came the hard stretch. Burnet, which was the Division I Class 3A, Division I runner-up, was loaded. Bandera hung with them early, but Burnet was just too good - especially at home and on a night when Scott Jennings would suffer a knee injury.

The next loss was harder to take. Liberty Hill was a good football squad, particularly in terms running misdirection plays, but usually the more versatile team wins. An unreturned opening kickoff by Bandera against Liberty Hill still lingers in my memory banks as the difference.

Still, I had not lost faith in the Bulldogs despite a 1-2 district start. I had seen Wimberley play against an undermanned Marion team the first week of the season and felt like Bandera would win, which they did comfortably.

The next game against Llano was too close for comfort, but what a memorable game it was. I recall thinking before the last play of the game I hoped that - even if Bandera lost - people would still appreciate what a good year it had been. Often, the best you can do in sports is put yourself in a position to win late in the game. Bandera had done that and when a pass fell incomplete in the end zone, the Bulldogs had cashed in on a playoff berth.

PHILLER SPACE



PHILIP BILLNITZER

Coach Mike Williamson and I had discussed frequently during the season that if Bandera could find a way to get into the playoffs, the Bulldogs could make some noise. The trick, he pointed out aptly, was to make it in the first place.

He was right on both accounts.

I had a feeling before the La Vernia game that Bandera would win by about two touchdowns. Instead, they practically ran away with the game. The San Antonio paper called it an upset because La Vernia had been undefeated - an understandable statement.

It wasn't an really upset, though. It was an example of the better team winning. Playing in District 25-3A had made Bandera tough. They had been playing for their lives for two weeks already and were well-prepared for the Bears.

The second game of the playoffs against a rugged Rice Consolidated team was truly enjoyable. Bandera pulled it out, 37-34. Both teams were salty and either could have won in Seguin.

Port Isabel also put up an excellent fight in the next round of the playoffs in Victoria. Perhaps still drained from the Raider game, Bandera was a tad flat at times but left a 27-24 winner.

I had a dream before the Yoakum game that Bandera won and, somehow I got trapped in a locker room or something during the game. Later, I had to fake my way through an interview with Coach Williamson after the game.

Well, the dream turned out to be prophetic. Bandera won. Fortunately, I saw every play of the game. Yoakum's Head Coach yelled, cried and whined about the officiating on practically every play. I try to stay neutral during games, but I was glad to see Yoakum and its big baby of coach go down.

Thank goodness you'd never see any of the Bandera coaches acting like Coach Jessie B. Cross and his assistants did during the game. Every other opposing coach I've dealt with this year has been a class act.

I've been consistently impressed by the players and coaches on the Bandera program. Unfailingly polite, they're straight-shooters with good

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MOTORCYCLE

District: SAN ANTONIO, Contract 0072-06-064 for SEAL COAT & PAVEMENT MARKINGS in KENDALL County, etc. will be opened on January 06, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us. and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. State Office Construction Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540. District Office SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT, DISTRICT ENGINEER, 4615 NW Loop 410 San Antonio, Tx 78229-0928 Phone: 210-615-1110. Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bandera Independent School District is soliciting competitive sealed bids. for Asbestos Abatement for the coming year. Solicitations may be obtained from the districtis Business Office 2303 State Highway 16 South, Bandera, TX 78003, or requested telephonically by calling (830) 796-6201. Bids must be submitted no later than 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2003. Mail offers to the Business Office, Attn: Ed Richter, Bandera ISD, P.O. 727, Bandera, TX 78003, or deliver them to 2302 State Highway 16 South. Any offers received after the due date and time will be returned unopened. The Bandera Independent School District is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the sale of the former Bandera Downs Racetrack, IFB 03-003. Bids must be accompanied by a cashiers check or similar instrument in the amount of $10,000, as earnest money. Bids must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2003. Solicitations may be obtained from the districtis Business Office, 2303 State Highway 16 South, Bandera, TX 78003, or requested telephonically by calling (830) 796-6209. Mail offers to the Business Office, Attn: Ed Richter, Bandera ISD, P.O. 727, Bandera, TX 78003, or deliver them to 2303 State Highway 16 South. Bids will be opened and publicly read immediately thereafter. Any offers received after the due date and time will be returned unopened. The Bandera ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers, to make awards as they may appear to be advantageous to the district, and to waive any informalities.

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tion. Deadline Weds. January 8th at 3 p.m. in the Business Office of Medina ISD ADM BLDG. Call Sharon Chamblee at 589-2855 for additional information or to see the equipment.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of KAYTE J. ROGERS, Deceased, were issued on December 10, 2002, in Cause No. 4076-02, pending in the County Court of BANDERA County, Texas, to: Ernest Gilbert Rogers. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Ernest Gilbert Rogers P.O. Box 16-1 Medina, TX 78055 DATED the 10th day of December, 2002. ERNEST GILBERT ROGERS Independent Executor of the Estate of KAYTE J. ROGERS, Deceased

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) TO PROVIDE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SERVICE IN BANDERA, HENDERSON AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES Tecon Water Company, L.P. has filed an application to amend CCN Nos. 12983 and 20899 with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to provide water and sewer utility service in Bandera, Henderson and Montgomery Counties. In Bandera County the proposed utility service area is located approximately 10 miles southwest of downtown Bandera, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by Bruins Creek; on the east by Medina Lake; on the south by Spanish Oak Drive; and on the west by Medina Lake Road. The total area being requested includes approximately 200 acres and 49 current customers. In Henderson County the proposed utility service area is bounded on the north by Tanda Trail; on the east by Cedar Creek Reservoir; on the south by a line approximately 1/10 of a mile south of Seis Hombres Drive;

PUBLIC NOTICE

BANDERA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

The Bandera Independent School District is soliciting Competitive Sealed Proposals to construct a new transportation facility and complete additions and remodeling at Alkek and Hill Country Elementary Schools. The projects include an approximately: 13,000 s.f new addition, and 11,000 s.f. of remodeling at Alkek Elementary School; a 14,000 s.f. of new addition, and 7,000 s.f. remodeling at Hill Country Elementary School; and 13,000 s.f. new construction at two New Transportation Facility. The projects are budgeted at a combined cost of approximately $5,250,000.00.

Project Documents include selection criteria and detailed information regarding the project scope and other information that offerors require to respond to the RFCSP. Construction is scheduled to begin February 2003 and the completion dates are phased.

Competitive Sealed Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m., Central Standard/Daylight Saving Time, Thursday, January 16, 2003, in the office of the Superintendent of Schools at the Bandera Independent School District Administration Building located at 2303 State Highway 16 South, Bandera, Texas 78003. Proposal alternate pricing and supplemental required proposal information will be received at the same location on or before 4:00 p.m., Center Standard/Daylight Saving Time, Thursday, January 16, 2003. All proposals will be opened and publicly read at 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 16, 2003.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Each competitive sealed proposal will be evaluated based upon the following selection criteria, and the total possible points that may be awarded for each criteria is in parenthesis after each criteria:

A.	Price	(45 points)
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C.	Relevant Experience	(05 points)
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E.	Past Performance	(30 points)
F.	Financial Stability	(04 points)
G.	Litigation History	(06 points)
	Total	(120 points)

Each offeror must submit the information requested in the iInformation For Offerorsi in order to be evaluated against each of the criteria. All questions regarding this process should be submitted in writing to the project architect before or at the "Pre-Proposal Conference."

A Pre-Proposal Conference for all projects will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at District Administration Offices located at 2303 State Highway 16 South, Bandera, Texas 78003. All firms interested in submitting proposals may attend, ask questions, and discuss the projects with the Architect, Engineers, and Owner's representatives. Project sites will be visited after this meeting.

Project Documents may be obtained from the office of Pfluger Associates Architects, P.L.L.C., 1917 N. New Braunfels Ave., Ste. 201, San Antonio, Texas 78208, Phone no. (210) 227-2724; Fax no. (210) 227-2730 upon receipt of $100.00 for each project set. Deposits will be refunded for each complete set of documents (including addenda) received back in the Architect's office in good, reusable condition within fourteen (14) days after the proposal date. Contract Documents may also be seen in the area plan rooms listed below:

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Dodge Reports, 404 E. Ramsey, #108, San Antonio, Texas 78216, (210) 344-0158, Fax (210) 342-1302
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After the terrorist attacks against America on September 11, 2001 our Country suffered a devastating loss of our fellow citizens and a serious disruption in the way we do business. While we still grieve, our leaders have asked us all to do what we do best - get back to the business of America! As Bandera's Hometown newspaper, the Bulletin would like to celebrate the business and people who continue t make Bandera County the success it is today through years of hard work and preserverance!

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS





(Left) The Bandera County Courthouse area proved to be a popular gathering place during Christmas. A man with a different kind of one-horse open sleigh made his way down Main Street. (Right) Mary and Joseph also made an appearance to help kick of the holiday season.

Boys Club has merry Christmas



It was way before Christmas and Santa flew high when he noticed a celebration from upin the sky.

So he zoomed down closer and parked his sleigh, and what did he see.. a party in full fray! There were lights and decorations spinkled all over the place, and a smile of joy on many a face. Three full large trees were colored in blue, and there were ribbons and lights, and silver bows too!

Children of all ages from two to 99 were laughing and playing and enjoying their time. Games like M & M Bingo, and musical chairs, and ornament making in tin silver flair.

His nose could smell cookies and cocoa and snacks, and sodas and water and Capri Sun Juice Packs! There were nachos and goodies and things freshly baked and in the center of it all a treat from Dan's Cakes!

But before Santa could make his move for the snacks, several young children were tugging his sack. They knew he had gifts from Toys R Us, and that they were for them and that was a plus.

So Santa sat down in a big rocking chair and he had a few elves to help him there. They all gave out presents and all kinds of toys, and there were smiles for miles on all the girls and boys.

They each got their presents, dollies and games, as the elves opened boxes and pulled out their names. When all was said and done the pavillion was splattered, with glitter and deco, and wrapping paper tatter. And as Santa enjoyed his last little snack, Tricia Greene tapped him lightly on the back.

"Santa I know that your busy this time of year, but I've a list of those to thank, and I have it right here."

Santa took the list and checked it twice and began to read it out loud, and it sounded quite nice. From the Boys and Girls Club of Bandera County we'd like to thank thee for all of thy bounty. For without your help our party would have been, a cold lonely place with not even a grin. So thank you to all of you for joining the fight, and Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

On behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Bandera County, we'd like to thank the following for their amazing commitment and generous giving towards our holiday party on Monday Dec. 16. Carol Place, Judy Niles, Dan Anderson, Mary Kitchens, Pat Breedlove, Horst Pallaske, Tracy Thayer, Kirk and Patricia McMullan, Ben Nolen, Patricia Moore, Dee, Loe Miller, Dave at Super S, Billy Gene's Restaurant, H&F Trophies, Mike Cardenas, Pat Harrison, Bunny Erfurt, D.J. Bass, Reggie Lawrence, Lucy Leal, Shane Merritt, Edie Moore, Bob and Janice Morris, Glen Muennink, Bubba Popham, Billy Walker, Pipe Creek Christmas Tree Farm, "THE" Santa Claus, Good Morning America, Toys R Us, The Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and the youth and community of Bandera County! Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

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Dear Santa,
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Love,
Michael

Dear Santa,
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Jonathon

Dear Santa,
Please bring my Mother some perfume and bring me a fally set and my Dad some colonge.
Love,
Haley

Dear Santa,
yovgt I want cards. I wol blue eyes frgcolyog lol.
Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
Please bring me roller shoes and a Baskit Ball.
Love,
Alex

Dear Santa,
I have been veery good. I would like some lip glos ples and a pogsticke.
From,
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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a roller blade and a bike.
Love,
Summer

Dear Santa,
I want 4 wd and Yogio cors clas. My Mom want a Angel.
Love,
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Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I want an x-box. Ho are you? How is Mrs. Claus.
From,
Marcos

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I hav been very good. I want a Bike and a scooter. How is Rudolph? I love you.
From,
Jerica

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I have been very good. I would like truck. I will have cookies for you. I love you.
From,
Victor

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I have been very good. I wou like a masic box. How is Mrs. Claus? Merry Christmas.
From,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like skateboardramp. I want a scooter with an engine. How is Radolph? I love you.
From,
Jeremy.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like Blue Version. How is Mrs. Santa? Grand Theft Auto 3, Play Station 2 and Xbox.
From,
Ethan

Dear Santa,
I have bee very good. I would like diary. Can you send someone to skate?> How is rudoph the red nosed reindeer?
From,
Courtney

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a gun. I would like a scooter. I would like a skateboard with a motor. How is Rudolph.
From,
Dustin

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a Batman game for my gam Boy.
From,
Logan

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. How are the prents going? I would hot wheeles set. Merry Christmas! I he net 10y bull dozer.
From,
Milam

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a Bike a Tony Hawk a ya-Gi-oh game aGame Boy an Icee maker cookie maker.
From,
Dillon

Dear Santa,
I have been very goo. I would like a ggun Play Station 2, Yu-Gi-oh game, Bike, real truck.
From,
Stone

Dear Santa
I hev been vary good. (I want) a magic vision set.
From,
Jake

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I woulk like scooter. I would like a cat. I would like a bike How is Mrs Claus?
From,
Victoria

Dear Santa,
I want for Chriisatint and a spi-dermen webbash and a shogun and a maltrgon and a sytgate and a sber and a snocone mich and a concenign macr the Eln.
Move,
Brennan

Dear Santa,
a trisick! a coocky mackr four wheere.
Love,
Emily

Dear Santa,
for chritmas I will went a wodr gun and a tuwee krismas tree.
Love, Matt

Dear Santa,
I would llike sum lego army clothing.
Love,
Christopher

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I want a BrBie hede Sete and I Bike a Brbie truck and a dockey.
Love,
Cori

Dear Santa,
Korthet I kanr fin AD I twl Bausthertuk Big MK in therlik withed the rnk The OK Brd withe the hrag U vihee LLA glullot Pllez.
Love,
Craig

Dear Santa,
I want a Prettey radio with a shiny stekr and a prettey coloring boxs.
Love,
Casey

Dear Santa,
I want a moster truck with a remort remte and cored dark one.
Love,
Desiree

Dear Santa,
I wote a GameBoy.
Love,
Christopher

Dear Santa,
I want a moster truck That is red.
Love,
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
I want a forwheeler.
Love,
D'Ann

Dear Santa,
I went a stufed orange kittin and a stufed black puppy.
Love,
Nicky

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy robot. I love Santa.
Love,
Tristan

Dear Santa,
A yo-Gi-Oh cards 2 dogs a spunjBob Squarpans move a Bike a Pupe a Kittn a Glue Stick a Bingo Math Game a rolkrs.
Love,
Richard

Dear Santa,
I yant a cat. I yant it is is gnh Ball a biry two. I Love Yu.
Love,
Danise

Dear Santa,
I would Like for chrismas a Game Boy, and 50 yu-Gi-oh cards and a Yu-Gi-Oh games for My Game Boy and a 9 blue eyes white gragon cards. and a ploysta-tionsis Happy Christmas.
Marshall

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a Yu-Gi-oh cards and 60 and 1000021, Xbox, Playstation 2, gaceoolo, Pokemon, cards and-how mach II Pokemon Yu-Gi-oh cards and won mostr cards and it is name Merry Christmas.
Cory

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a real baby, spider String, 30 mark-ers, Butterfly polo, Computer desk Caledar of the month scoo-by-Doo! 10 in. water bottle Scooby-Dool sleeping bag.
Kendall

Dear Santa,
I would like for christmas a Scooby-Doo bike out training wheels, and a Scoob-Doo! watch a calendar of months, a another calendar of the weather of weath-er cards and a Scooby-Doo! Sleepingbag.
Taylor

Dear Santa,
I would a bunch of yu-Gi-Oh cars. Merry Christmas!
Joshua

Dear Santa,
I would like for christmas a playstation, games power angers basketball football, binoculars soccer ball, computer desk base-ball MapCalendar Hotwheel Crs golf balls blue sunshades, Scooby. Dood watch, Merry Christmas.
Levi

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Catalina

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a real horse, and a real baby, kitten and a real baby, pup. Merry Christmas!
Holey

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a rings, cats, newrood, real baby, horse, barn, a new daddy, have a Merry Christmas.
Cheyenne

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a Play Station 2, and a gocart, drt-bicke, and a deck of Yu-Gi-Oh cards, and Blue eyes white drag-oncards, and a Spiderman games, Merry Christmas! and I love you Santa.
from Brandon

Dear Santa,
I would like for chrimas a spi-derman toy II Merry Christmas!
Travler

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a pokemon 2 Nintindo, game, an, a, kid, motrcycle, an, a, Yu-Gi-oh, dek, an, a, pokemon, card, like, loogyey, an, a, Yu-Gi-Oh, Nintinfo, Game, an, a, spiderman-schring, that, shotes, an, a, Dijemon, dek, Merry Christmas.
Maverick

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas dirt-bike, playstation 2, dog, spidrmon penny bank, Merry Christmas!
Donald Ekman

Dear Santa,
I would like for christmas a, dirt bik, radio, go cart c.d., game boy, lols, bas, bol, book, shovol, shoes, hat, movey, pokemon dek, games, scooby doo, rope, binocu-lars, helmet, foot, ball, pick-up-sticks, shoes, cawboy shoes, arrowm calendar, ropes, mithols paper.
By Scott

Dear Santa,
I want sum Yu-Gi-oh cards. did you like toses cuceses. I like your pressints. I like your dear can you p.
Bryce

Dear Santa,
Der Sotuk oob yoo oit my D Yu-gi-Oh karb bik i am happy to hav the dest serita koob roo eib voo gib my Mommy a nekli. My Deb wut a boos.
Darren

Dear Santa,
plese cab I have a Yu-Gi-Oh Cards kitten puppy barbie tram-poline diemin necklas beauty shop boots bike Raboe ring quilt and I want my cousyen back, har name is jenna.
Love,
Cheyanne

Dear Santa,
battleship brother I want a bat-tleship fou me and a puppy fou me fou chismis.
Julian

Dear Santa,
I Love your Berd and I Love your red cap and I Love your red kape. I Love your Black boots. I Love your eyes. I wut a G.I. Joe Yu-Gi-oh necklace. I Love you.
Kameron

Dear Santa,
Dirstu I have Bik gud with my mommy. I Love hr so much that I hav a ring far you that I Love Sato so much to wutto pin the nit at yur cant plez a puppy farcrm.
Crystal

Dear Santa,
We lve you I wut a puppy. far my Mam Git hr mu he. far my p.
Bo

Dear Santa,
I love the toys you make they are beadful. I want Yu-Gi-Oh cad. Santa, I love you and a happy crismis. I hope you have a happy crismis Santa.
Colby

Dear Santa,
I wont a rmote cuntrl car for my bruvr. I wont a hape crismis. My mom wood love a diemind eer rings, my dad wood lic a vacasi that is all santa.
Michael

Dear Santa,
I want a fake battle ship. I want a beauty shop. I want a Yu-Gi-Oh cad. I want a Barbie four sistr. I want a trampoline. I Love Santa. I Love Presents, I Love Santa.
Maria

Dear Santa,
I Love the presis and I Love you Santa You are the betis and I will-like for chrismis is A beautty shop I Love you santa necklace dimi. I wil like for my mom and dad a oven.
Love,
Joneece

Dear Santa,
bear Santa cun i have Yu-Gi-Oh, boots, puppy, G.I. Joe, Kitten, Hot Wheels, Badleships Biyk, Santa did you liyk the cackeys that we gav you.
Nick

Dear Santa,
I luv you Dear sant as I wellY like a ya-Go-Oh! kords I luv your pressents last kresmas and I wont a presents for Irene, a Barbie. We are gona mack a cresm cake.
Darwin

Dear Santa,
ya-Gi-oh trampoline kitten.
Tristan

Dear Santa,
I will lile a Batmon, new lunch box, Spiderman DVD, star wars Episode 2 video, new football, I will leve milk and cookies. I will giv you a segeg Samta.
Keano

Dear Santa,
I want some Yu-Gioh toys and a battleship and a trampoline and a Hotwjheels and aGi doe and a Yu-Gi-oh cards and a kitten and a boot and a bike My mom want. I Love you.
Devin.

Dear Santa,
I like a kitten and a Barbie.
Jenna

Dear Santa,
I love you santa. I want a puppy and a kitten and a dog for my mom and malla.

Dear santu,
plies bring me a rell horse. I wont and sum scats and and a reng and a dress for Mom and a trampoline.
Love,
Virginia

Dear Santa,
I want a truc and a bike and roller vogio Looca, blueeves brgeon.
Love,
Eric

Dear Santa,
please will you bring Ma a Boy barbe and a Toy and a bick and a shoes and a ehocbob and a Toy house.
Luev,
Ruby

Dear Santa,
4 Rhett tape recorder and a lit-tle puppy, Miracle Blade set 4 Mom. Collect or's item 4 DaD. zoller blade shoes.
Love,
Rhett

Dear Santa,
bring me a skateboard Please santa.
Love,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
Please Bring a 2 polie cars and, Yogio. Mom and Dad want Toys, my brother and
Love,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and a puy toy bake oven for me and my brother.
Love,
Cheyenne

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a roller bladers shoes. My brother Sean wants a bebe gun.
C.J.

Dear Santa,
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The great thing about holidays is that, for most of us, it brings out the best part of our nature. This was never more evident than in the events of last week. The -local Spirits of Christmas organization and a host of volunteers gave generously of their time to benefit needy families around Bandera County. The gathering, sorting wrapping and distribution of food and gifts took a great deal of time and effort from a lot of people. Even though it was a huge undertaking, everyone had a great time meeting the challenge. This is, after all, the season for giving.

For some folks, however, the holidays don't always bring happy times. The natural highs and lows produced by the holidays can be overwhelming. But inspiration can come in many forms.

Take, for example, the editorial by Francis P. Church that first appeared in The New York Sun on Sept. 21, 1897. It has become one of the-most famous editorials of all time.

NEW YORK-We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

' Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All -minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There could be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

When life gets a little rough, sometimes you don't have to look very far for inspiration. You can find it in a family member, a friend, a neighbor, a teacher or an 8-year-old girl who wasn't afraid to ask a very difficult question.

Thank you Mr. Church for your memorable response and thank you Virginia for asking. Happy holidays everyone!

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OPINIONS

End of year a time to assess values

The end of the year is a good time to take stock of national priorities and personal values, for without them we would not be the strong nation we are today. And our nation is strong only when our communities and families are strong.

The following ideals are ones I'd like to see our government and our people embrace:

• We are one nation. Our national motto is "one from many," reflecting our diversity but also our need to be united as one people.

• We are Americans first. Our country and its government should mean more to us than our ethnic background or country of birth, if not the United States. Our loyalty to America should be stronger than our loyalty to any other nation.

• America has one official language, English. And our country is best served by those who want to learn it, speak it, and cherish it.

• We should trust the American people more than we trust the government. When it's a choice between the people or the government deciding what's best for them, the people should rule.

• The American people know better than the government how to spend their money. Success and prosperity should be appreciated, not punished by heavier taxation. Taxes should be reduced.

• Every American who works full-time should earn enough to live in dignity and to take care of their children. The minimum wage should be raised.

• America's children deserve to have equal educational opportunities. Parents should not be forced to send their children to failing schools - and failing schools should not be tolerated by parents.

• Americans should be given more control over their financial future. Social Security would be a better investment if individuals could direct part of their Social Security payments into personal retirement accounts that yield higher returns.

• Our immigration policies should be reformed and a preference given to those who have the education and skills necessary to contribute to our economy and to provide for their own families. Illegal immigrants should be encouraged to return home, not encouraged to stay, as they are now.

• The major television networks and most of the largest newspapers give a liberal slant to the news. Trust the American people with the facts, objectively reported, and they will make the right decisions.

• The government - and the Supreme Court - should not be hostile to religion. A moment of silence in schools, non-denominational invocations at public events, and saying the Pledge of Allegiance are Constitutional rights and should be endorsed without reservation.

• Family-friendly policies, from larger tax credits for stay-at-home parents to generous family leave provisions for working parents - should be implemented.

CAPITAL VOICE



LAMAR SMITH

Legislature to consider sobriety check points

AUSTIN — The state budget, insurance reform and school finance are the big issues facing lawmakers in the coming legislative session, but there are other hot topics, including several measures aimed at reducing drinking and driving.

Among the proposals is a bill authorizing sobriety checkpoints, a measure sure to generate some spirited discussion among Texans.

Advocates say checkpoints are a good tool in getting drunks off the road before they can hurt or kill someone with their impaired driving.

Others see checkpoints as another step toward a police state.

The issue is not new. Twelve years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that limited sobriety checkpoints were constitutional. Thirty-nine states have laws allowing them, but not Texas.

In 1994, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said DWI checkpoints were not constitutional in this state unless Texas developed guidelines covering their usage.

The legislation proposed in the House by Rep. Todd Smith, R-Euless and in the Senate by Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo would authorize Texas law enforcement agencies to run sobriety checkpoints if they were advertised in the media in advance (but not by location) and if the checkpoints didn't delay traffic by more than 10 minutes.

In addition, police could only ask a driver to take an alcohol test if they have probable cause that the person is drunk. Finally, police could ask to see a driver's license and proof of liability insurance at a checkpoint, but not inspect the vehicle.

The statistics that make any DWI-related proposal important are sobering. Up to half of all fatal car crashes are alcohol-related."

More troopers soon

With the two booziest holiday periods of the year at hand, the Department of Public Safety routinely puts all available troopers on the highways. This year, even more will be out and about: The DPS just graduated 201 new troopers, the largest graduation in the history of the 67-year-old agency.

Most of the new troopers are going into the Highway Patrol, but others will be license and weight, driver license and Capitol troopers. Once they complete a one-year probation, the troopers will earn $35,000 a year.

Anyone interested in applying can check the nearest DPS office, visit the department's Web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us or call 1-866-TXTROOP.

Child support

The Attorney General's Office has received $27.6 million in federal incentive payments based on the office's Child Support Division's performance during fiscal year 2001. This money can be used to leverage an additional $53 million in federal money to cover the state's child support recovery efforts.

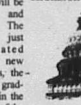
In fiscal year 2001, child support collections increased by 21 percent compared with the previous fiscal year, the AG's office reports. That represents a jump from $1 billion collected in 2002 to $1.2 billion last fiscal year.

I'm not nuts, really

In some versions of last week's column, I mentioned that Texas is the second state in the U.S. in terms of pecan (puh-con) sales. In explaining that, for some reason, my fingers typed "nasty nuts" instead of "tasty nuts." Just for the record, and before someone throws a pecan pie in my face, I am a nationalistic Texan who loves pecans.

©Happy Holidays.

STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS



MIKE COX
Texas Press Association

BISD trainer a real assert for athletes, others in community

There are multiple factors which qualify Bolan in Bandera County's EMS being a successful prehospital care provider.

Some of the skills contributed are anticipated, such as having an effective administrative body. After all, the people behind the operations deal with the finances, grants, and assure the system operates within the scope of our governing agencies. Some of the skills are obvious, such as the skills of the EMT's who meet you face-to face and care for you during your emergency.

There are people who are on the fringes of our system who are not always easily recognized. One person who contributes a large amount of talent and skill to a small, but highly recognized population of Bandera County, is Mary "Doc" Bolan.

She is the shortest member of the Bandera Bulldogs varsity football team and guards the health of the student body participating in athletics at Bandera High School.

Doc is an expert in hands-on athletic health care. The students participating in sports receive the benefit other than from her skills as a trainer. Injuries sustained during the games and practices are the targets of her assessment, treatment and referral to a higher level of care.

Doc is the person who tapes up limbs, fingers, wrists and cuts. She provides high tech treatments for lumps, bumps, bruises, strains, and pains after practices, during games and on game days or nights.

Mary blends into the team nicely, moving among the athletes with a watchful eye and detecting the injuries the kids might try to keep concealed. "Doc" is obviously sensitive to the boys desire to stay in the game, but doesn't sacrifice their health. The result is a well-cared for team and great respect from the athlete towards their trainer.

I met Bolan during a varsity football game. EMS is required to have an ambulance at all varsity football games under UIL rules. My partner, Nikki, and I volunteered for this extra duty at all the home games. The fringe benefits included a great view of the games from the top of the ambulance parked on the sidelines and ultimately a great education from Mary Bolan.

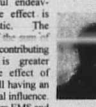
I've engaged Mary in as many conversations as possible without interfering with her responsibilities. Before the games she has become a fantastic resource for handling obstacles such as football pads, uniforms and facemasks. During the game, she assesses injuries and makes the decision if a player returns to the game or needs to focus on his injury and recovery. After the games, we had been trying to persuade her to join Bandera County EMS.

The trainer for other sports as well, Bandera High School's Athletic Trainer is an truly an expert in her field. Essentially, she serves as an extension of EMS.

First on the scene and contributing expertise in a specialized field, I always feel confident knowing she'll be apart of our team, and team work is an ingredient in most successful endeavors. The effect is synergistic. The sum of all the contributing talents is greater than the effect of each skill having an individual influence.

Bandera EMS and Bandera Athletics received a tremendous boost when Bolan signed on.

EMT PULSE



MITHRIEL SALMON

Nancy Arcement's Medina Lake column sends greetings

The Lakehills United Methodist Church wishes to remind you of the true meaning of the season - The birth of the Christ child. Have a blessed Holiday Season - Rev. Ellen Ely + Mary and Lee Boulden + Merry Christmas From Dusti's Supermarket + Jr's Liquor Store + Be careful and have fun - Patrick Espinosa and staff of El Jacalito + Dr. John Leland and family + Lakehills Area Incorporation Committee + Merry Christmas to everybody from Chuck and Alice Neidlinger + Charlie Walker + To all our loyal friends and customers Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Officers of The Medina Lake Country Club + Rene and Adolph + Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department + Have a super holiday and best of everything from Pete and Linda Peterson + Burl and Dorothy Denton - Alcoa and the D & H Automotive Staff + Lakehills Library + Merry Christmas to everybody and Happy New Year from Ronnie and Bobbie Bassinger + The Sheriff's Office + Merry Christmas from Wilbur and Olga Bradford of Pioneer Realty + Bobbie and Patty Harris and staff of Tadpoles + Happy Holidays from the folks at Lakeside Auto and Marine + Ray White, Directors and Members of The Medina Lake Betterment Association + Allen Brown + Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from Nancy and Dickie + We wish a Merry Christmas to everyone from Ted And Linda Jacobson at The Lakehills Art Gallery of Ted and Linda Jacobson + Barbara Bendele + And all those whose names I could not reach.

Silver Sage to offer Yoga

NEW YEAR'S BREAKFAST

The first Pancake/Taco Breakfast of the New Year 2003 will take place on Friday, Jan. 3, 7- 9 a.m. at the Corral at 803 Buck Creek Blvd. Pancakes with bacon or sausage, orange juice and coffee, are just $2.75. Breakfast tacos are $1.10. Remember, you may fax your orders in advance to 796-7431. Why not start the New Year right? Come breakfast with us.

SHAPE UP WITH YOGA

Yoga classes will begin at the Corral with two free introductory classes, the first on Jan. 6, and the second on Jan. 13, both from 10-11 a.m. Regular classes will begin on Jan. 20, also from 10-11 a.m. The cost for classes is $1 each to the instructor and $1 each to the Corral. Willie, the instructor, has been teaching Yoga at the senior center in Kerrville for many years. Several of our Board members and other Bandera folks have been driving to Kerrville for the lessons and finally talked Willie into teaching for us. We're very excited and honored to have Willie join the Corral family hope y'all will join us.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

We would like to thank Atlee Ward for his generosity again this year. Every year at Christmas time, he finds a way to help those who are less fortunate. This year he donated $500 which will pay for meals for one person for a complete year. This is a gift that truly keeps on giving, not only to the person receiving the meals, but to the Silver Sage as well. We really appreciate it, Atlee!

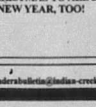
Thank you to Laurie and Bryan Neff for their generous donation to our Memorial Fund in memory of Mary Carpenter.

SAGE CLOSED

The Silver Sage will be closed on Dec. 25, Christmas Day, and on Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL & A HAPPY NEW YEAR, TOO!

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BURNES

A beautiful light flew heavenward December 18, as Christy Burnes left this world. She was surrounded at her death, as she was in life, by her loving family and friends. Myrrie Christine French was born in Baytown, Texas in 1961. She was the eighth of nine children born to James and Grace French. She grew up in Baytown, graduated from Robert E. Lee High school in 1980, and married Mike Burnes, also of Baytown, in 1981. She was employed with Shell Oil from 1989 to 2000. In 1997, the Burnes family relocated to Bandera, Texas where she lived until her death. She was preceded in death by her father, James French, and her mother-in-law, Tuffy Boyle Bryaner, of Bandera. Survivors include: her husband Mike Burnes and their two children, Will and Josie of Bandera; mother, Grace French; brothers, Gene French & wife Paula; Steve French & wife Terry; David French; and sisters, Laurie Kaler & husband Rodney; Cheryl French; and Sherry French, all of Baytown. Also a brother, Danny French & wife Cindy, of Houston, and a brother, Rick French & wife Mary of Georgetown, TX. In addition, she leaves behind a sister-in-law, Jackie Tharp of Houston; brothers-in-law, Hank Burnes of Douglasville, GA, and Pat Burnes of Baytown. All of her brothers & brother-in-law, Rodney Kader will serve as pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers include M. H."Cowboy" Boyner, Gene H. Fee, Mack Forbes, and Warren Wheeler, all of Bandera. Jimmy Gleason of Crosby and Dr. Dom Munafo of San Diego, CA. She was a gentle spirit and will surely be missed by all those who knew her. Memorial gifts may be made to the Cancer Therapy & Research Center in San Antonio, TX. Services are scheduled for Sunday, December 22, 2002 at 2 PM, Grimes Chapel, with Father Stanley Oleksy officiant. A Rosary will be recited Saturday, December 21 at 7 PM, Grimes Chapel. Interment will follow in Bandera Cemetery. The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel Of Bandera.

FINE

Jimmie Elva Fine, 97, of Johnson City, died Tuesday, Dec. 17. He was born in Medina on May 29, 1905. Visitation was Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Services were held at Henley Baptist Church on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. with Clergy Don Forrester officiating. Interment followed at Phillips Cemetery in Dripping Springs. Survivors include, daughters, - Elva Shoemake of Harper and Okla Sisson of Johnson City, sons Nathanel Edward Fina and Thomas Blaine Fine both of Johnson City, 13 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 32 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Elbert, a grandson, two brothers and five sisters. Pallbearers were David E. Golden, Gwin Timothy Shoemake, Ed Sisson, Terry Sisson, and Terry Sisson Jr.

Mayhew born

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Bryan and Cindy Mayhew of Pipe Creek are proud to announce the birth of a son, Alex Robert Mayhew.

He was born on Dec. 1 at 12:50 a.m. at Methodist Hospital and weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. He is welcomed by brothers Tyler and Jason, sister Briana and grandparents Bill and the late Karolyn Mayhew of Pipe Creek and Sharon and Fred Hampton of Newark, California.



Lakehills American Legion Christmas Dinner

Lakehills American Legion #410 will host a free Christmas Dinner today with serving to begin at 11:30 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

Bandera County Tax Office Hours

Bandera County Tax office will be closed through Christmas Day and will reopen Dec. 26 at 8 a.m. The office will also be open on Saturday, Dec. 28 from 8 a.m. to Noon.

Lakehills Incorporation Meeting

Lakehills Area Incorporation Committee will be meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 28 at the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department. All residents and landowners in the area are welcome.

Medina Post Office Closing

The Medina Post Office will close at noon today and remain closed on Christmas day. They will also close at noon on Dec. 31 and be closed New Year's Day.

Pipe Creek Presbyterian Christmas Dinner

Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church (The Little Rock Church) is sponsoring a free community dinner on Christmas Day.

The dinner will be served from 3-5 p.m. in the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church's Memorial Building Fellowship Hall located behind the "Little Rock Church" at 8589 Highway 16 South. To notify the church of a shut-in who needs a meal delivered, call 510-6650.

BUMC Candlelight Services

There will be Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at the Bandera United Methodist Church. At 5 p.m. there will be a Children and Family service candlelight, 7 p.m. is the Candlelight service with special music by the sanctuary choir and at 11 p.m. the candlelight service and will include Holy communion.

MISD Gifted and Talented

Medina ISD is accepting nominations for the Gifted and Talented Program. Parents may nominate their child by calling Cheryl Hord, Medina ISD Counselor at 830-589-2851 or by stopping by her office through Dec. 31.

Submit items for FYI at banderabulletin@indian-creek.net.

From the staff of the Bandera Bulletin, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

COUNTRY SONGWRITER AND MUSIC PRODUCER DONATES ATV



Kevin Brandt, left, a local songwriter and music producer, recently donated a specially designed all terrain vehicle to Ted Marant, and avid hunter and outdoorsman. The vehicle was built by a Scottish farmer to accommodate handicapped individuals. Brandt also donated a handicapped wheel chair, not pictured, to Marant. A musician for over two decades, Brandt has written songs for top country artists Randy Travis, Montgomery-Gentry and recently penned the song, "Love of a Woman", for Travis Tritt, which was number one on the Country Music charts last year. His recording studio encourages young artists. "It's a long hard road in the music business," said Brandt. "But it's been good enough to me to want to share my great fortune with good people like Ted as well as offer my services to young talent interested in getting into the music business." Brandt's studio can be reached at (830)466-5387.

Happy Holidays Bandera!

We have a lot to be thankful for during the holidays because you - our friends and neighbors here in Bandera. It is a pleasure to be part of this community. Enjoy the holiday season.

Call or stop by today.

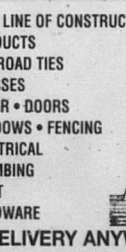
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STATE CHAMPS

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they ran for a touchdown after that first play," Williamson said.

Defensive coach Stan Payne said the secondary was lined up a little too tight on the first play.

Bandera's first drive culminated in an 8-yard touchdown pass to Robert Ickes. Brett Hicks rolled left before picking out Ickes in the back of the end zone and delivering a perfect strike. All of Hicks' passes on the first drive were on target despite driving into a stiff wind. A key play on the drive was pitch left to Heep for a 34-yard gain on third and eight.

Heep finished with 163 yards on 37 carries and caught a pass for 14 yards. He rushed for 1,059 yards in six playoff games and scored ten touchdowns on the ground.

"The Horse" put Bandera ahead 14-7 when he scored on a 1-yard run on the first play of the second quarter. Bandera kept ball 16 plays, drove 80 yards and took more than six and half minutes off the clock.

Midland Greenwood tied it again, just 14 plays later when Cody Hollums fought his way into the end zone on a 3-yard run with just five minutes remaining.

Bandera took a 17-14 lead a minute before the half when Jennings kicked a 35-yard field goal to cap a 10-play, 51-yard drive.

The lone score of the second half was Wilber's 19-yard field goal.

Bandera's Ickes came up with an interception to kill one Ranger drive and Bryan Jacobs, the only Bulldog mentioned on the AP Class 3A All-State team, recovered a fumble at the Bandera 43-yard line on Greenwood's first possession of the second half.

With about two minutes left and the game tied at 17, Bandera drove to the Midland Greenwood 43-yard line and was left with a fourth down and a short four yards after Hicks somehow eluded a sack and found Chris Martinez for a five-yard gain. Wiliamson chose not to go for it and his strategy paid off in the long run.

"I just couldn't see giving that kind of field position to work with," he said. "We got a good punt so it worked in our favor."

Midland Greenwood started at the Bandera 11-yard line and was forced to punt with 56 seconds left in the game. With a strong wind at his back and the help of a forward tumble roll, Wilber netted a 70-yard punt. Bandera ground out the rest of the fourth quarter clock and went into overtime with the first possession.

Jennings, the punter/place kicker/defensive back/wide receiver, came up big again on the Dog's first overtime possession. Hicks threw a perfect pass on a fade route to the corner of the end zone on the fifth play of the drive for a 15-yard score.

"I almost forgot about that one," Jennings said in the post-game excitement. "I was just trying to keep my feet in bounds."

Jennings went down with a left knee injury against Burnet in the sixth game of the season. He was out for two games and his knee is still not 100 percent. The unfailingly polite senior said he plans to get an MRI done on the knee soon. He made four interceptions in the playoffs and almost added another one to his total against the Rangers.

Ranger Coach Bob Purser, who like Williamson was seeking his first championship as a head coach after more than 20 years, had high praise for both teams.

"We left it all out on the field there today," he said. "I'm nothing but proud of our guys. Bandera was big and strong and they played awfully hard all day long. Some of the teams we've seen this year didn't do that. Coach Williamson and his crew did a great job of preparing them. The folks in Bandera have a lot to proud of. This is football the way it ought to be played."

Purser said it was only his second overtime game in his 30 years of coaching.

"And neither of them turned out right," he said and managed a smile.

Sells, who has more than 40 consecutive starts, said it would have been easy for people to count out Bandera after a Homecoming loss that dropped their record to 5-3 and 1-2 in district.

"After Liberty Hill, a lot of people were wondering if we could even make the playoffs, but after we beat Rice Consolidated, we knew anything could happen," he said.

Coach Payne said the Bulldogs know how to overcome adversity. Forgetting mistakes and moving on is a big part of it.

"Sometimes the guys would yell at each other, but they would calm down later and come together," he said. "It was only because they cared so much in the first place that would get on each other at all."

Whether you call them superstitions or rituals, the Bulldogs had some habits they liked to keep.

Jennings ate his usual breakfast of biscuits, gravy, bacon and orange juice before the game. He also wore his lucky kicking shoe, the same one he has worn every playoff game.

After the game, Williamson had one last thing to do.

"You see that piece of grass on my shoe," he said. "I've had that there since Port Isabel and I'm keeping it."

Perhaps it's going in a blue-and-white scrapbook.

Superstitions aside, Williamson knows it was team unity that earned BHS its first championship football plaque.

"The kids this year were magnificent," he said. "They've been together since the seventh grade and had a special kind of chemistry."

Senior Cody Fields said, "We knew Midland Greenwood would put up a good fight and they did, but We felt we were all well-coached and could win if we all played as team."

Thanks to clutch plays and a keep-fighting attitude, they have a scrapbook of memories that is the envy of all the other Class 3A,



Photo by Frank Shubert

Bandera Coach Mike Williamson won a national championship as a player at Texas A&I University in Kingsville and now has won a state

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY NOTICE OF POSSIBLE RATE SURCHARGE

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a tariff to establish a surcharge it contends results from the District Court Remand of the Public Utility Commission's (Commission) Final Order in Docket No. 18509, *Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to Revise General Exchange Tariffs to Change the Rate Group Classification of Fifty-two Exchanges*, issued on January 27, 1999. SWBT proposed to change its local Exchange Tariff, Section 1 to add a surcharge to each access line, with the exception of access lines for Lifeline Service, in each of the 32 exchanges that were not reclassified in Docket No. 18509. The surcharges, including interest, total $142.7 million. SWBT's application includes residence and business surcharges for each exchange. Because these same customers also will be seeing an increase due to the reclassification of their exchange, SWBT is proposing a $3.14 monthly residential surcharge per line in order to consider customer and competitive impacts. The per-line limit lessens the amount to be collected monthly in some exchanges, therefore the surcharge will apply for an estimated 4 years to all residence customers and business customers in 30 of the exchanges. The surcharge will apply for an estimated 8 years for Fort Worth business customers and an estimated 12 years for Dallas business customers. An explanation of how the surcharges were calculated is included in the original application filed with the Commission.

The PUC will address this matter in Docket No. 26719. Persons wishing to intervene in this proceeding shall notify the Commission by January 31, 2003. Intervenors and persons wishing to comment on the action should contact the Commission by mail at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or by phone at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989. All comments should reference Docket No. 26719.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

by John M. Grimes



Unity is the stronghold of the family. The well-united family will always be together, if not physically, then mentally. Each of its members will be close to one another and help each other out in times of need. Family unity reaches deeper than just "being together". It means sharing ideas and feelings with the ones who love you and the ones whom you love. It means caring and giving, not worrying about what you'll receive in return. It means that when someone makes a mistake he won't be criticized. Instead he'll be helped so as to avoid making the same mistake again. During the Christmas holiday the family is united even closer. It is a time when everyone realizes how much everyone means to them. It I a time when everybody remembers the Holy Family and how few possessions they had except for the most important one of all UNITY. It was Abraham Lincoln who said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Yes, unity is an important element in which the family needs to survive. With these thoughts, we sincerely say to all families who read this "Merry Christmas".

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BISD big success in athletics, academics

One of the things that is always good to do at the end of a year, is to look back on all of the accomplishments made. At Bandera Independent School District, it is very hard for us to list ALL of the good things that our students and teachers have accomplished, since each and everyday they live up to our district motto "Success Spoken Here!".

Of course everyone is very excited about the Varsity Football team's appearance in the State Championship game this past Saturday. Some of our other sports teams have done very well during 2002 as well. Our Girls' Softball team made it to the State Semi-Finals, and our Girls' Volleyball team and Boys' Baseball team advanced to the district playoffs.

Superintendent's Report



RENEE SCHULZE
Superintendent, BISD

Academically, we cannot be more proud of the fact that Bandera High School was rated Exemplary by the Texas Education Agency for the fifth consecutive year, and Hill Country Elementary School was rated Exemplary for the first time. How about the fact that Bandera High School was one of only 172 schools that was nationally recognized as a Blue Ribbon School! What an accomplishment! All three of these triumphs would not be possible without hard work and dedication by our wonderful students and staff.

From campus to campus, our students are excelling on a daily basis. Student Councils are developing leadership roles; UIL participants are developing confidence and knowledge; Band & Choir participants are developing a true appreciation of music; and Art Club participants are developing their creative and artistic talents. Let's not forget all of those students who work so hard with FFA, 4-H, BPA and Theatre Arts!

At the District level, it is exciting to know that school construction and renovation will begin very shortly thanks to the passage of Proposition 1 in the May Bond Election. Soon our schools will be larger, safer, and more accommodating to a positive learning environment.

2002 was a great year for Bandera ISD and 2003 should be even better!

Happy Holidays to everyone from all of us at Bandera ISD.

Bonds being rediscovered by many investors

When the stock market is going through rough times, many investors "rediscover" bonds. After all, the thinking goes, bonds are fixed-rate investments, so they must be more secure than stocks. And even if a bond's rate isn't particularly high right now, at least it's predictable. But are bonds really that solid and stable? Yes - and no.

Let's look at the "yes" side first. When you invest in bonds, you will receive a regular stream of interest payments. And, if you hold the bond until it matures, you will get the full value of your principal back, provided the issuer doesn't default. And there's not even much chance of that, as long as you purchase a government bond or a high-quality, "investment-grade" bond.

So far, it looks like bonds do indeed offer the stability you seek. But now, let's look at what happens if you don't hold your bonds until maturity. To begin with, keep in mind that bond prices rise and fall all the time. For example, if you have a bond that pays five percent interest, and market rates rise to six percent, then no one will want to buy your bond at full value, so if you want to sell it, you'll have to offer it at a lower price. Conversely, if market rates fall to four percent, then your five-percent bond will look pretty good to other investors, so they'll pay you a premium over and above the face value.

Consequently, if you buy a bond with the intention of selling it before it matures, you need to be prepared for the ups and downs of the bond market. In that case, as a true investment, rather than just a source of income, bonds may not be quite as "stable" and "solid" as you might expect.

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The only way you can be sure that you won't lose any principal on your bond is to hold it until maturity. One way to do that is to match a bond's maturity with your needs. If you think you'll need proceeds from a bond in five years to help pay for a child's college education, you won't want to buy a 10-year bond. In five years, interest rates could have risen higher than what your 10-year bond is paying - so, if you want to sell it, you'd have to take a loss. But if you bough a five-year government bond, or a high-quality corporate or municipal bond, you can be reasonably certain of having the money you need in time for college.

It's also important to be aware of a couple of the characteristics of bonds. First, bonds with longer maturities usually - but not always - pay higher interest rates than shorter-term bonds. And second, long-term bonds carry a higher degree of interest-rate risk. In other words, the longer you hold your bonds, the more susceptible you are to interest rate fluctuations and their impact on bond prices.

You'll also need to be cognizant of the fact that your bond may be "called" at any time. Bond issuers may pay off principal early - or "call" their bonds - when interest rates have fallen. They can then reissue bonds at a lower rate. Some bonds, however, can't be paid off early, so, before buying a bond, find out if it offers this type of "call protection."

Since you usually don't know exactly when you might need to sell a bond, a good long-term strategy would be to build a "bond ladder" containing bonds of varying maturities. Bond ladders also offer a degree of income protection.

When market rates are low, you'll always have some higher-rate long bonds, and when market rates are high, you'll have short-term bonds coming due to reinvest.

Bonds may not be the perfect safe and sound haven you seek from the stormy stock market, but they still offer good diversification benefits.

In addition, if you take a long-term perspective and ladder bond maturities, bonds can offer you smoother sailing.

County jobless rate remains low

Bandera County's unemployment rate increased slightly in November but still remains low, according to labor market statistics released by Alamo Workforce Development, Inc. (AWD).

The county's jobless rate was 3.6 percent, up from 3.2 percent in October.

Bandera County's unemployment rate was below the overall jobless rate of 4.9 percent for the 12-county Alamo Area, which includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina and Wilson counties.

In November 2001, Bandera's rate was 3.2 percent.

A total of 7,441 Bandera County residents were employed last month and 281 were unemployed.

Cowboy Capital Holiday Season Events

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Saturday, Dec. 28
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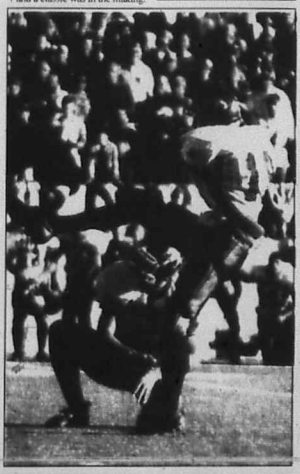
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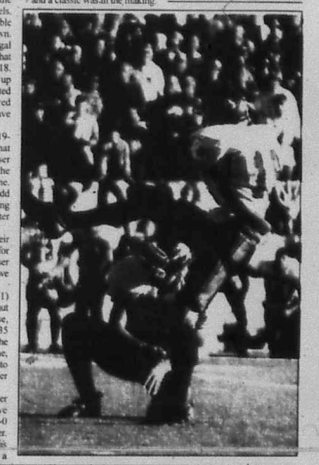
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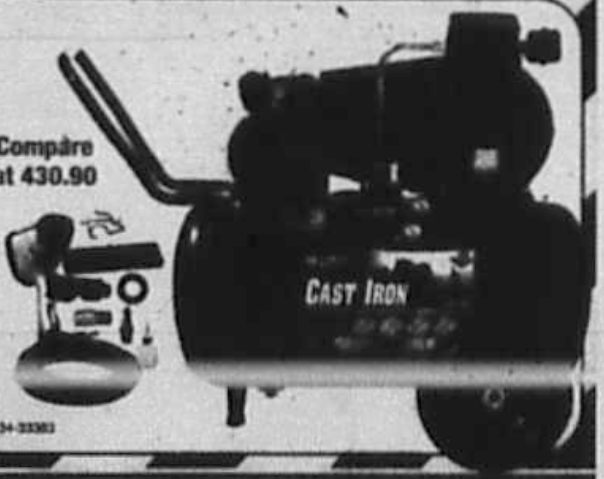
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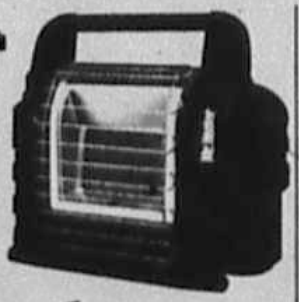
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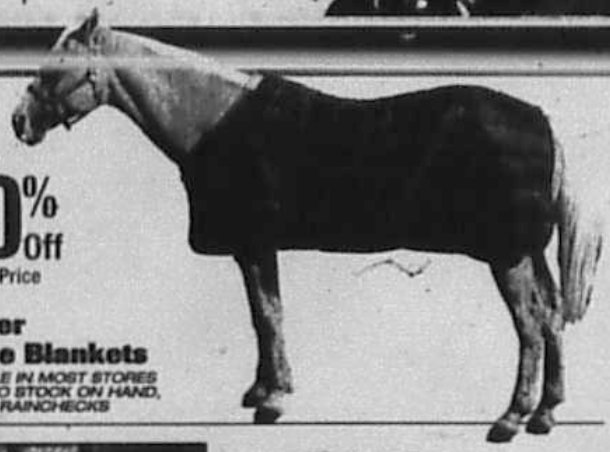
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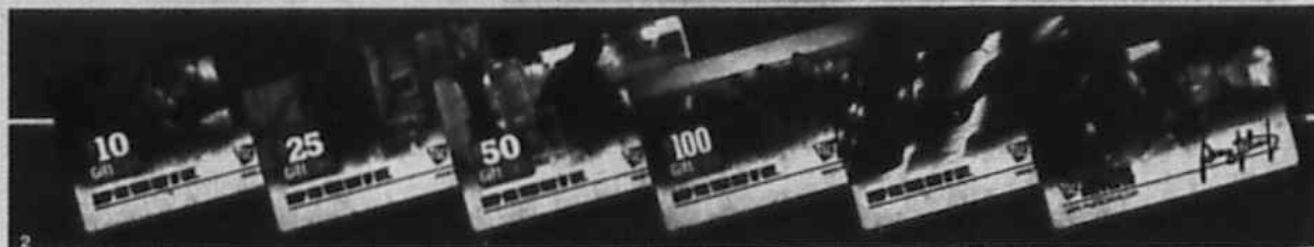


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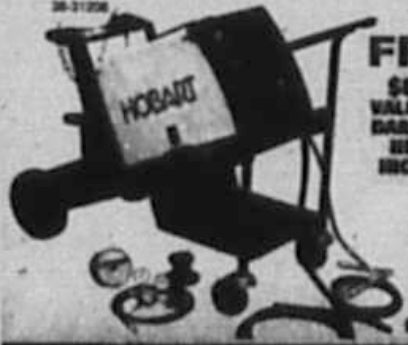


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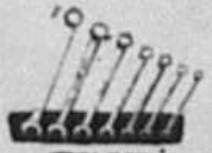
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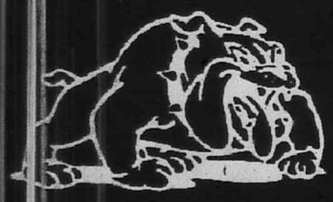
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Investors should avoid herd mentality

As an investor, it's easy to "follow the herd" and just do what everyone else is doing.

When the market is soaring, and everyone is pouring money in, it seems to make sense to be aggressive. Conversely, when we're in a long bear market, and everyone around you seems to be selling their stocks, or just sitting on the investment sidelines, then you probably feel pressure to do the same. But in the investment world, going along with the crowd can be a costly journey.

Intuitively, you might feel that it's actually "safer" to act as others around you are acting. After all, you may reason, there's got to be some common rationale for investment behavior. Unfortunately, though, that's not the case. When the investing public acts in unison, two things are usually happening:

• Over-reaction to past stimuli - If masses of people make similar investment decisions, they're usually reacting to past stimuli, such as news of a hot market sector. At one time, these types of events may indeed have been highly relevant to investors. But what was true then may not be true now. Yesterday's hot sector may have cooled off today - and its prospects for tomorrow may look even worse.

• Decisions driven by emotions - You may have heard that "fear and greed drive the market." That saying is usually true when you see huge run-ups or declines in stock prices. When the market is going up, greed can cause investors to keep buying and buying, under the mistaken belief that prices can keep moving higher indefinitely. As a result, stock prices are driven to unsupportable levels.

On the other hand, investors' fear of losing money can cause them to sell their holdings at the wrong time, and then jump out of the market. When enough people do this, overall prices can be pushed lower than would otherwise be the case.

So, what can you do to avoid this type of investment "group think?" For starters, strive for objectivity. Evaluate a stock on its merits. Are its financial fundamentals strong? That is, does it have a strong track record of earnings and a manageable debt load? Is its management team solid? Do they seem to have a clear vision of where they want to take the business? How about the company's products? Are they competitive within their industry? Is the industry itself strong, or is it declining?

These are just some of the questions you should be asking about any stock you're considering. To make an informed investment decision, you need to have a detailed understanding of the company and its prospects.

To get this kind of information, you may have to do some digging. But you'll find it's worth the effort.

The more you know about your investments, the more comfortable you'll be with them. You won't get this knowledge by running with the herd - so blaze your own trail.

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Clark picked for elite U.S. Army football game



Corey Clark, the son of Eddy and Shirley Clark, has been selected to play in U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

He is one of only 78 players selected from a nationwide pool of 400 players to play in the contest on Sunday, Jan. 5 in the Alamodome. The 6 p.m. game will be televised on ESPN 2.

Clark plays offensive line for the Smithson Valley football team, which will play for the UIL Class 5A, Division II Football Championship. Smithson Valley will play Southlake Carroll in the Alamodome at noon on Saturday.

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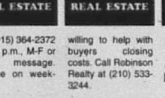
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REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

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Project Documents include selection criteria and detailed information regarding the project scope and other information that offerors require to respond to the RFCSP. Construction is scheduled to begin February 2003 and the completion dates are phased.

Competitive Sealed Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m., Central Standard/Daylight Saving Time, Thursday, January 16, 2003, in the office of the Superintendent of Schools at the Bandera Independent School District Administration Building located at 2303 State Highway 16 South, Bandera, Texas 78003. Proposal alternate pricing and supplemental required proposal information will be received at the same location on or before 4:00 p.m., Center Standard/Daylight Saving Time, Thursday, January 16, 2003. All proposals will be opened and publicly read at 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 16, 2003.

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A.	Price	(45 points)
B.	Project Management Ability	(20 points)
C.	Relevant Experience	(05 points)
D.	Subcontractors and Suppliers	(10 points)
E.	Past Performance	(30 points)
F.	Financial Stability	(04 points)
G.	Litigation History	(06 points)
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WEEK-BY-WEEK RESULTS

Pre-District
Bandera 42 at Castroville-Medina Valley 6
Bandera 28 at Fredericksburg 42
Bandera 49 at San Antonio-Antonian 0
At Bandera 62 Pearsall 0
Bandera 33 at Hondo 20
District 25AAA
At Bandera 38 Ingram 14
Bandera 14 at Burnet 49
At Bandera 28 Liberty Hill 35
Bandera 41 at Wimberly 26
At Bandera 39 Llano 32
Record 7-3; District 25-3A 3-2 (third place)

Division II Playoffs
Bandera 45, La Vernia 21
Bandera 37, Rice Consolidated 34
Bandera 27, Port Isabel 24
Bandera 31, Yoakum 14
Bandera 24, Bellville 13

Final District 25-3A Standings

			Bandera High basketball Boys
Burnet	5-0	14-1	Bandera 49
Liberty Hill	4-1	10-2	Devine 48
Bandera	3-2	12-3	Bandera - Nixon 25, Marks 5,
Ingram	1-4	5-5	Bridges 4, Miller 5, Howell 4,
Wimberley	1-4	4-6	Cardenas 12, Kerschner 2,
Llano	1-4	4-6	Hodges ,
		49-23	Half - Bandera 22, Devine 16.

Statistics (through 15 games)

Bandera Offense: 389.8 yards pg; 165.6 passing; 225.3 rushing; 37.1 ppg

Passing
Hicks 144-276-12, 2296 yards, 27 TDs

Rushing
Dustin Heep 295 1,884, 6.38 average, 26 TDs

Area Basketball Notes

Medina High basketball
Boys
Medina 65
SA SW Prep 56
Medina - Chance Haby 24, Shane Neal 10, Wyat Lautzenheiser 7, Matt Brawner 8, Eric Hicks 1, Aaron Seymour 4.
Half - SA SW Prep 29, Medina 28.

Girls
Medina 68
Johnson City 39
Medina - Sara Ortiz 20, Courtney Davis 10, Megan Eads 9, Caitlynn Parnell 11, Kellie Singleton 5, Annie Crawford 1.

THIS WEEK'S AREA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

Medina High Games

Girls & Boys
Friday, Dec. 20 at LaPryor- 6/7:30 p.m.

Bandera High School
Boys
Friday, Dec. 20, at Somerset 5/6:30/8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2,1 host St. Anthony 2/3:30/5 p.m.

Girls
Saturday, Dec. 21 at San Antonio Christian School 11:30 a.m./1 p.m. (JV/Varsity)

Medina too much for SW Prep in 65-56 win

By Michelle Barker

Three players posted double figures in scoring as Medina bounced SW Prep School 65-56 last week.

The Bobcats were led by Chance Haby with 24 points, followed by DeAndrey Wingwood with 11, Shane Neal with 10 and Wyatt Lautzenheiser with 7.

Haby made an impressive 11 of 20 shots from the floor. Neal knocked down 5 of 12; as did Wingwood. Lautzenheiser made 3 of 6 attempts. Aaron Seymour and Matt Brawner both were 2 of 6.

Wingwood shined during the game with his impressive rebounding skills leading in the defense and offensive categories with seven rebounds in each. Chance Haby had six rebounds with Aaron Seymour adding 4, Matt McWilliams 3, Eric Hicks, Shane Neal, and Wyatt Lautzenheiser all adding 2 boards and Matt Brawner with 1 board.

Defensive rebounds included Matt McWilliams and Matt Brawner with five each. Wyatt Lautzenheiser brought had four rebounds. Aaron Seymour and Shane Neal each had 3 rebounds. Eric Hicks had one.

Bandera High basketball
Girls
Bandera 45
Devine 43
Bandera - Samantha Kidd 2, Lacy Richards 10, Brunner 2, Emily Pease 11, Brittany Dinhobl 7, Griffin 5, Hoesen 4, Morris 2, Tirado 2.

Half - Bandera 23, Devine 17. Note: Kidd's two free throws with 12 seconds left was the difference in the game. Pease had 8 rebounds. Richards had 7 steals.

At Ozona Tournament
Ozona 39
Bandera 36
Bandera - Richards 19 points, including 5 three pointers to tie the tournament record.

BHS 61
Fort Stockton 59
Bandera - Richards 21 points, 2 rebounds; Dinhobl 13 points, 13 rrebounds; Pease 10 points, 10 rebobnds, Kelsey Morris, 6 points;
Note - Morris was named the winner of the Stebling Lay Memorial Sportsmanship Award.
Record 7-3.

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The game will be broadcast on 1160-AM KENS Radio.

Bulldog fans are invited to attend a community pep rally on Saturday at 6 :15 a.m. at the high school parking lot.

Wishbone-driven Rangers also in first state title game

By Philip Billnitzer
BULLETIN MANAGING EDITOR

Midland Greenwood Coach Bob Purser didn't expect to be doing much more than planning for Christmas on Dec. 21.

Instead, like Bandera, his team is making its first trip to a state championship game.

"We had hoped to win district and get to the playoffs, but I'd never thought we do what we have done so far," Purser said. "We had a very tough non-district schedule and were hoping to finish that part about 3-2. When we went 5-0 and got a couple of breaks to win those games, I knew something special might be going on."

Midland Greenwood (15-0) uses the same style of attacking defense that Bandera does.

"We're so small that we have to get guys in all the gaps," Purser said. "If we miss a tackle, we can be in a lot of trouble. I think the key for Bandera has been the way their defensive has picked it up the last few weeks."

In the state semifinal game against Daingerfield, the Rangers did not miss many tackles. They won 10-0 against what Purser termed their most talented opponent of the season.

He said defense and special teams are the strength of his team. Offensively, Midland uses the wishbone. Needless to say, they're dedicated to running the football.

Midland Greenwood Playoff results

Midland 38
Denver City 13

Midland Greenwood 17
Canyon 12

Midland Greenwood 42
Ballinger 20

Midland Greenwood 34
Sweetwater 20

Middland Greenwood 10
Daingerfield 0

"We adjust to what the defense does, but we'd like to pass about three or four times a game if we can," Purser said.

The Rangers are led by junior tailback Jeremy Audas, who has gained about 1,500 yards. Quarterback Dawson Wilber, who also punts and kicks field goals, has ran for about 1,000 and passed for about 1,000. Midland Greenwood has four starters who go both ways and a handful of senior starters.

Purser said his key players on his Region I Championship team are Wilber, Audus, fullback/middle linebacker Cody Hollums and free safety John Mark Cooper, the team's leading tackler. Defensive lineman Luek Frazier, Tyler Ogden and cornerback Jimmy Brooks also play big roles.

The Rangers' secondary has picked off ten passes in the playoffs, with Brooks snagging five and Cooper getting two.

In his sixth year at Midland Greenwood, Purser said he learned a long time ago not make predictions or have too many expectations going into a game.

"I'm not sure what will happen, but I think somebody will make some mistakes and one team will get the momentum ," Purser said.

"It's all momentum and state of mind when you get to this level. That's why you see so many blowouts in state championship games when the teams are actually pretty close."

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Bandera rings Bellville 24-13, state title shot in Waco is next

By Philip Billnitzer
BULLETIN MANAGING EDITOR

The post game hugs were a little tighter. The celebratory yells and leaps were a little more dramatic. The well-wishers stayed a little longer after the game and all the smiles were a little brighter.

Those things are to be expected when a team that earned its place in the playoffs on the last play of the regular season fights its way to the state football championship game for the first time in school history. The Bandera Bulldogs (12-3) will face Midland Greenwood (15-0) for the UIL Class 3A, Division II State Championship in Waco at 1 p.m. this Saturday.

Bandera's defense led the way in the Bulldogs' decisive 24-13 win against Bellville at Dragon Stadium in Round Rock last Saturday.

"I give the credit for this one entirely to the defense," senior quarterback Brett Hicks said. "I mean any time your defense gives up 13 points in a state semi-final game, what can you say? They played their butts off."

Bandera's defense held Bellville without a first down until midway through the second quarter. By that time, the Bulldog defense had already produced two turnovers - a Scotty Jennings interception and Ryan Groomer fumble recovery after a teeth rattling hit by Synjyn Dodd.

Bellville entered the contest averaging about 352 yards per game offensively. Normally, the Brahmas run and pass the ball well. On this day, they could do neither.

"I think the thing about the game that surprised me the most," Bellville head coach Huey Chancellor said, "was the way their defensive line and linebackers controlled the game early. We knew they were going to run stunts about 75 percent of the time, but we just could not stop them. We knew they would have success some time, but we thought we would have some success too. Their defensive intensity was just something our scout team couldn't produce in practice."

Bandera Coach Mike Williamson has made many deep drives into the playoffs, but this marks the first time in his 21 years as a head coach that he has advanced to a state championship game.

"I'm just so excited for this group of kids," he said. "History was made today. This is just an unbelievable group of kids we have. Our coaching staff had good plays called, too. Defensively, the staff did a tremendous job and the Bandera fans have been great all season long."

Williamson said senior leadership has been a big key for Bandera, which relies heavily on seniors. Team seniors are Hicks, Jennings, Dustin Heep, Colton Sells, A.J. Caza, Cody Fields, Jessie Sierra, Brad Daigneault, Aaron Ellinger, Matt Poppert, Dodd, Hunter Salyers, Ryan Groomer, Kasey Young, Keith Winter, D.J. Reed, Kevin Kinney and Trey Nugent.

Bandera took a 3-0 lead in the first quarter after Scotty Jennings kicked a 32-yard field goal. Jennings came up with an interception a few plays earlier on Bellville's first play from scrimmage. Bandera's initial possession chewed up 61 yards but ended on the Bellville 16-yard line with a fumble.

In the second quarter with about four minutes gone, Hicks found Cody Fields in the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown. The score came immediately after Robert Ickes recovered a Bellville fumble. Jennings, who has 63 of 66 extra points on the season, helped make the lead 10-0.

On its next drive Bellville not only recorded its initial first down, the Brahmas went 80 yards in ten plays for a touchdown. Tim Gobert ran the last yard to trim the lead to 10-7 with under three minutes to go in the half.

In the second half, Bandera's defense allowed Bellville one first down, thanks to a facemask penalty, but forced them to punt after only four plays.

At the Bandera 48-yard line with the wind at their backs in more ways than one, the Bulldogs ran Heep for eight yards on first down and four on second. Hicks hooked up with Jennings and Ickes on short passes to soften the run defense. A pass interference call put the ball on the Bellville 10-yard line and then Heep powered in from 10 yards out for a 17-7 lead with about five minutes gone in the third. Heep picked up 335 yards the week before and had 96 of his 127 in the second half against Bellville.

"I was pretty sore and my groin hurt at times, but they have a very tough defensive line," Heep said. "We knew they'd be tough. They looked great on tape."

Offensive linemen Reed and Sells concurred, saying the Bellville defensive line was probably as good as any they faced this season. Sells made his 41st straight start.

Bandera managed 238 yards and probably would've scored more points if not for three turnovers, including a pair of athletic interceptions of Hicks' passes. Bandera ran 61 plays and Bellville ran 59.

Bandera pulled the lead to 24-7 when Hicks connected with Fields on a four yard pass late in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs started at the Bellville 40-yard line, thanks again to another fine defensive stand. Heep ran the ball six straight times before Hicks found Fields in the end zone.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Josh Bryant escaped solo coverage on third and ten and scored on a 49-yard pass play to trim the advantage to 24-13 after a botched extra point kick.

Bandera had threatened to take an even bigger lead before being intercepted on the Bellville 1-yard line on its previous possession.

The Brahmas mixed in some no-huddle and fought hard the rest of the fourth quarter, but Bandera's defense did not seriously threaten to yield another score. Fields had an interception in the fourth quarter.

"Since two-a-days started on Aug. 6, or whenever it was, we told this team we thought we might have what it takes to go to a state final game," Williamson said. "It's just great after the things we've overcome - injuries, losses and hard times - to see them get there."

Williamson said he hoped Burnet would win the state championship in Division I so that District 26-3A could have two state champions. Good as they were, Burnet (14-1) was beaten by Everman 35-14 on Saturday so it will be up to Bandera to win a state title for the district.

Senior two-way starter Dodd said the team has thrived being an underdog this year. With Midland Greenwood undefeated and having posted a 10-0 shutout against Daingerfield, it's a role Bandera will likely get to play one last time.

"We're playing as brothers and we're well-coached," Dodd said.

Hicks said the trip to the big game is the culmination of a lot of hard work for a resilient Bulldog team.



Photo by Philip Billnitzer
Bandera fans erupt as the clock on runs out on Bellville after the Bulldogs 24-13 win at Dragon Stadium in Round Rock. Bandera led all the way en route to its first state title game trip.

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UIL State Playoffs

Div. I Championships
Class 3A,
Everman 35
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Class 4A
Denton Ryan vs. Brenham, Saturday, 4 p.m., Alamodome

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Petrolia vs. Celeste at Coppell at 6 p.m.







Photo by Philip Billnitzer
Bandera's defense gang tackled Bellville runners all game long and constantly pressured forever Draisne quarterback Jess Duenger into three costly interceptions. Bandera's defense has come up with [illegible] turnovers in the past two games.



Photo by Philip Billnitzer
Senior tailback Dustin Heep picked up 96 yards in the second half and 127 in the game as Bandera beat Bellville to advance to its first state championship game.



Photo by Philip Billnitzer
Brett Hicks hicks a shuttle pass to Robert Ickes in the second half for a short gain. Bandera used the shuttle passes in early playoff victories for key touchdowns. The Bulldogs' opponent, Midland Greenwood, will try to keep the Bandera offense on the sidelines as much as possible with its wishbone offense at the UIL State Championship game in Waco this Saturday at 1 p.m.

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Jackson & Main St., Utopia
Robert Goff, Min. 966-2440
Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. • Wed. 7 p.m.

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Hwy. 16 & Polly Pk. Dr., Bandera
Tim Martin, Min. 460-4213
Worship 11 a.m & 6 p.m. • Wed. 7 p.m.

HILL COUNTRY CHAPEL
Pipe Creek, 510-4731 • Albert Marks, Min. S.S. 9:45 a.m.; Worship 10:35 a.m.

LAKEHILLS BAHA'I FAITH
Lakehills, 751-2350 • Mon. 7 p.m.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
14th & Huckberry, Bandera
796-4331/0510
Church Service, 11 a.m. Sunday
[illegible]

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE • 535-6812/966-2684 S.S. 9:30 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Wed. 7 p.m.





Hill Country Elementary School held their perfect attendance assembly last week for all students who met perfect attendance requirements for the second six weeks of the 2002-2003 academic year.
(L-R) Michelle Ramirez, Ruby Lee Valdez, Jon Nicolai, Hannah Escobedo and Jacob Coutur

HCE 3-5 Perfect Attendance winners are (L-R) Francisco Ruiz, Dana Zavorka, Randy Keepers, Cody Schmidt, Taylor Hayes and Maygan Toon.
All students with perfect attendance are eligible for prizes and luck winners are chosen from the students entered into the contest.

Alkek students learn fire safety



(Left) Kindergarten students at Alkek Elementary had a visit from Lt. Michael Garr of Farmington Hills, Michigan. He is a fire fighter and EMT for the Farmington Hills Fire Department, Station #5. Lt. Garr is here in Bandera to visit family for Thanksgiving. His nephew is Kindergartener, Wyatt Lucas. The children learned about smoke detectors, escaping a house fire and "Stop, Drop & Roll".
(Below) Mrs. Kendall Keller's 4th Grade class had a visit from Mrs. Keller's husband Dewayne, who is a San Antonio firefighter. Mr. Keller displayed fire fighting equipment and talked to the students about what to do in case of a fire at home.



Vince Teich
A man of integrity & Honesty.
Thanks for a long hard job well done.
-Chuck Wyatt

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Bandera Electric Cooperative, Inc. Major Outage

Bandera Electric Cooperative, Inc. would like to again express its sincere thanks for the patience and understanding displayed by those Members of the Cooperative living in and around Wharton's Dock and the Medina River Ranch. In the evening hours of Wednesday, December 11, 2002, these Members experienced a second unexpected interruption of electric service in a week's time.

The source of this most recent outage was a downed power line on the east side of the Medina River. A contractor working for Bandera Electric Cooperative began rebuilding and upgrading this power line in mid-October at an estimated cost of over $132,000. Work is scheduled to be complete this week, after a number of rain delays.

The previous outage that occurred on the morning of Saturday, December 7th initially resulted from a faulty connector. After Cooperative crews replaced the connector, they then attempted to restore the power to the area. When the power was restored, all the heating systems in the area came on at once. This caused the main feeder line in the Lake Medina Shores area to become heavily loaded and one of the wires on the main line broke, causing a loss of power to the area once again. When making repairs to this power line, it was discovered that the wire had been previously damaged by a gunshot, causing it to lose some of its current carrying capacity. After making this second repair, power was restored throughout the area.

Again, we appreciate the patience and understanding displayed by our Members when these unexpected interruptions of electric service occur.

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SPINNIN' YARNS

FYI

Lakehills American Legion Christmas Diner

Lakehills American Legion #410 will host a free Christmas Dinner on on Dec. 24 with serving to begin at 11:30 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

Bandera County Tax Office Hours

Bandera County Tax office will be closed Dec. 23-25 and will reopen Dec. 26 at 8 a.m. The office will also be open on Saturday, Dec. 28 from 8 a.m. to Noon.

Lakehills Incorporation Meeting

Lakehills Area Incorporation Committee will be meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department. All residents and landowners in the area are welcome.

Medina Post Office Closing

The Medina Post Office will close at Noon on Dec. 24 and on Christmas day. They will also close at noon on Dec. 31 and be closed New Year's day.

Blood Drive

A blood donation at Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church is set for Sunday, Dec. 22 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center (STBTC) mobile unit will be in parking lot. For information, call 830-510-6650. A holiday T-shirt will be given to each donor.

Pipe Creek Presbyterian Christmas Dinner

Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church (The Little Rock Church) is sponsoring a free community dinner on Christmas Day.

The dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church's Memorial Building Fellowship Hall located behind the "Little Rock Church" at 8589 Highway 16 South. To notify the church of a shut-in who needs a meal delivered, call 510-6650.

Flying L Christmas Presentation

The Flying L Chapel presents a Hill Country Christmas, The Word Became Flesh on Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

BUMC Candlelight Services

There will be Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at the Bandera United Methodist Church. At 5 p.m. there will be a Children and Family service candlelight, 7 p.m. is the Candlelight service with special music by the sanctuary choir and at 11 p.m. the candlelight service and will include Holy communion.

MISD Gifted and Talented

Medina ISD is accepting nominations for the Gifted and Talented Program. Parents may nominate their child by calling Cheryl Hord, Medina ISD Counselor at 830-589-2851 or by stopping by her office through Dec. 31.

Submit items for FYI at banderabulletin@indian-creek.net.

HOLIDAY

Bandera Bulletin copy/photo deadline is

5 p.m. this week

Students take part in live nativity

LIVE NATIVITY WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday at 7 p.m. everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the annual Live Nativity scene at the McNaughton home on Hwy. 16 in Medina. Many of our teenagers will be acting out the parts of wonderful scene so come out and take a look and remind everyone what this season is all about.

MVFD RECEIVES EMERGENCY SERVICE AWARD

The Medina Volunteer Fire Department received an Award from Bandera's First Annual Emergency Services for efforts and services provided to the community of Medina and Bandera County, during the July 2002 Floods. Firefighters –Mike Harvey, Brian Gillaspy, Shane Keese, Pres. John Ivy, Jr. and Jr. Firefighter Scott MacNaughton received individual awards. This recognition of the MVFD and their firefighters is well-deserved.

The Homemade Tamales are SOLD OUT. The fundraiser was very successful with proceeds to be applied toward the cost of the new Large Brush/First Response Truck. Thanks to the community for all the wonderful support.

It won't be long till Medina has a new fire truck. The Grant that MVFD has been awarded and accepted from the Texas Forest Service for a large brush/first response truck is very important to meeting the growing community needs by upgrading equipment and enhanced training.

The Grant covers 90 percent of the cost of a truck up to $1000, 000 and MVFD will provide 10 percent of the cost, up to $10,000. The Project Team has met vendors to establish the specifications and cost of the truck, and has reduced the number of vendors to two contenders. They will need the community's support in finalizing this addition to its service capabilities.

The MVFD needs your support at their monthly meetings. This does not mean you will be asked to go out and fight fires, but they can use all of your help in support of your fire protection. There are many ways the community can help protect there homes and lives by just attending these meetings and helping with all kinds of tasks large and small. So lets all get out and see what each of us can do to make this a better and safer community to live in. This months meeting is Thursday Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Youth Center.

MEDINA SPOTLIGHT



MICHELE BARKER

Firefighter training sessions are on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The community is invited and encouraged to attend their meetings and training sessions. So please attend a meeting, meet their members and donate some of your time toward helping your community.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Masons of Medina Lodge #1319 1st Mon of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge

Medina Athletic Booster Club 2nd Mon of the month 7 p.m. at the High School

Medina Garden Club 2nd Wed of each month 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge

Medina Eastern Star Chapter 988 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge

Medina EMS Support Team: 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m. at the EMS Bldg.

Take precautions during holiday season

Your neighbors and friends may be leaving to visit their families over the Holidays, so those of us left behind might try to keep extra care to watch over our neighborhoods while their gone. Those of you who are leaving, be sure to let the Sheriff's Department know so tye can check on your place and call, should there be a problem.

It's hard to say what the weather is going to do this year, I don't think it's going to be particularly icy, but I'd weatherproof my house and cars for a freeze while I'm gone, as well. There's nothing worse than coming home to a broken pipe and a flooded floor.

Sometimes I hear my father's voice listing things to remember before taking off. But it's my way of wishing you the best for this Christmas - have a safe passage, and enjoy the time you have with your families. Nothing lasts forever, and these are the opportunities for memories to be made.

Did you know....

• Lakehills' Area Inc. Committee will continue meeting on Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department. They welcome donations for expenses such as postage, printing, research, etc. as the date approaches for the voting on the incorporation. The next meeting to wrap up the final draft of the Petition for Incorporation and the map planned for incorporation. The signatures are being gathered and will be screened to ensure they are all registered voters residing within the parameters of the proposed town. Once the three pieces are pulled together, the Petition will be sent to Judge Evans for review. If accepted, a vote will take place on Feb. 1.

Briefly, the last meeting discussed the pros and cons for incorporation and concepts for the future of the proposed town, reviewed what appears to be the final draft of the proposed map for the town, and reviewed the Petition for Incorporation word-for-word.

MEDINA LAKE NEWS



NANCY ARCEMENT

The Lakehills Area Incorporation Committee has done a fine job of pulling together a great team of talents and skills to bring about the best possible effort in such a timely manner. There's no doubt in my mind their sincere belief and hope in the future of Lakehills and the surrounding area. And the volunteers that support the effort show their desire and strength to be a voice in the decisions and direction the community is growing. Whether they want fame, the passion of conviction is an asset to any community.

Volunteers are always welcomed. For information, call Don Roberts at 612-2665 or Karen Ripley at 612-3154. For donations, make payable to LAIC and mail to LAIC Finance; 9844 FM 1283; Lakehills, TX 78063.

• The Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department dispatcher was informed just yesterday that Santa Claus is expected to arrive at the Medina Lake Civic Center on Dec. 21. All you with lists that need to reviewed by Santa need to be there. And should you have some problem mails on your record, it'd be a good idea to share them with him. He'd like to know what you learned from your mistakes. And if you've been exceptional, he'd like to know that, too.

• Christmas has begun at the Lakehills United Methodist Church (LUMC) as programs close their sessions and special services are scheduled. Starting today, the United Methodist Women's Retreat at Diana Martin's will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Circle of Love Prayer Group at 6 p.m., Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m., and a Cottage Meeting at the new parsonage at 7 p.m.; on Thursday, Disciple I closing session from 7 - 9:30 p.m.; Saturday - Choir goes

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Chamber draws big crowd

CHAMBER MIXER BIG SUCCESS

We would like to thank the approximately 200 good citizens who attended our Open House last Thursday in our new facility.

The event was combined with the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Mixer, which made it twice as much fun. Those Chamber folks know how to throw a great party! I can remember back a few years ago while still working at the Chamber office when attendance of 30-50 was usually max – right, Patricia Moore?

Congratulations to the 2003 Chamber board members: Frank Shubert, President; Bob Click, Vice President; Susan D'Spain, Treasurer; Frances Peterson, Secretary; Eva Lee, Val Taylor, Dan Reese, Debbie Weymeyer, John Bruce, Patricia McMullan and Genie Strickland, Members at Large. With a line-up like this, they're bound to have a successful year ahed.

HELPFUL HEART INFORMATION

If you continue to overeat during the holidays, putting too much pressure on the old heart, listen up.

Because many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this info seems to be in order. Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough.

The cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm.

In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital. Tell everyone you know about this, it could save their lives.

This was taken from The Mended Hearts Inc. publication, Heart Response, and emailed to us from a friend in Rhode Island who is doing her best to get back to her native state of Texas. We all thank you, Sandra Lee!

SO LONG TO FANNIE & ED

Within the past couple of weeks Fannie Caffall and Ed Kelley made their transition to that higher realm where we all hope to meet when our time comes.

SILVER SAGE CORRAL



BETTY LEBO 796-4969

Fannie was so much a part of the Silver Sage. She served as a volunteer in many different capacities for many years, always with a smile on her face.

Ed helped drive meals on wheels for us several years back. He and wife, Janet, retired to Bandera County, around 1990. They have been good friends, truly "friends in need", to me for many years.

Both Fannie and Ed will be truly missed.

Many incorporation issues need to be examined

BY NANCY ARCEMENT
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Grow up, why leave home?

Live together for 10 years, why get married?

Build on a property, why have a deed?

Live in a settlement, why be an incorporated town?

Lakehills is, after all, an identifiable settlement. It requires no further explanation should you want to find it. Look it up on the internet, mail something to it, or be a part of it. The making of a town is a conceptual process - a place of ideals.

It becomes real with a single decision - 'Yes - I want to incorporate.' In that statement of commitment, a settlement claims ownership for that which is taken for granted. It is the efforts and respect of the collective individuals striving to benefit the whole by committing to his neighbor. And through this commitment, he takes on his share of responsibility to nurture the town that they've built. The incorporation is an instrument that gives those settlers the power to do so. It gives the people the power to keep change them.

Lakehills Area Incorporation Committee (LAIC) met Saturday morning at 9 a.m. Each week, the crowd (up to 80) grows with more newcomers, as well as those who have participated from the beginning. Don Roberts, President of the (LAIC) called the meeting to order, Minutes were read, and a Financial Report given. Mike Mallory presented a revised proposed map, a final draft, for the newly incorporated town. (See picture.)

As stated before, if meets the legal requirements of the Texas Statutes for a town 2,001 to 4,999 inhabitants in 4 square miles contiguous area. Registered voters residing within this area will be the founding voters of the incorporation; they will be deciding it's future existence. It also stretches across the most populated area, and extends out as far as possible to take advantage of the 1/2 mile Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), in case we need protection from San Antonio annexation.

Because the City of S.A. was unable to provide current annexation information, Don Roberts visited with surveyor Harlan Wolff in Medina County. There, with Mr. Wolff's generosity, he obtained current maps which showed the city limits of S.A. and the boundary of S.A.'s ETJ at approximately 1.5 miles East of "Hilltop" or the intersection of CR 271 and SH 1283.

Braxton Gilmore, the Editor of the Pebble Beach 'Newsletter,' was concerned that the community was being misinformed. He felt there was no threat of S.A. annexing the lake area, so he invited Roy Ramos, Senior Planner, from the San Antonio City Planning Office to the Lakehills Incorporation meeting.

Mr. Ramos brought a map of the Edward's Aquifer Recharge Zone stating that, to the best of his knowledge, the focus of San Antonio annexation was for the protection of the recharge zone. He did the best he could to assure the citizens that in San Antonio's three year plan, S.A. had no interest in annexing out any further. For example, he stated in the future, residents would receive letters if they were to be annexed giving them time to organize, but if those residents were in the S.A. ETJ, they would not be able to incorporate. When asked if those residents would be annexed, his answer was 'no.'

Karen Ripley asked about the city acceptor abilities, which is an ability to reserve unused portions of their rights for annexation future year). The blanketed area San Antonio can cover in a short period of time without anyone's knowledge or consent from those being covered by ETJ is phenomenal. And, of course, once youre in an ETJ, a settlement's rights to incorporate are lost.

Braxton Gilmore states San antonio isn't interested in lake settlements.

He supports his argument with three reasons. First, if they were going to annex us, they already would have. Secondly, the two percent growth rate of S.A. is too slow, making 10 years before they will reach this area. And, lastly in the future, San Antonio will be required to give three years notice to residents prior to annexing an area allowing an area time to respond. Most attending the meeting disagreed with his argument. Some didn't care what San Antonio was going to do, they were ready to incorporate.

Pete Peterson said the city grows by annexing already populated areas, not by settling them, and that we are a populated area. He also pointed out that S.A. area. To believe that S.A. is not coming to this area with annexation is to plan for the future is naive.

With that, closure to concerns mittee forged forward reviewing the rough draft of the Petition for Incorporating a Town. Lawyer Jack Connors and Don Roberts burned the night oil to be sure to cross their Ts and dot their I's to be sure the legal instrument was and is concise, clear, and follows the necessary legal steps the incorporation needs to get off on the right foot.

With this instrument, the registered voters inside the boundaries of the proposed town will vote on several issues. Remember, all is conceptual until the voter makes it real.

• Whether to become incorporate; this acceptance of the required responsibilities.

• Name of Incorporated town
• Mayor
• Councilman #1
• Councilman #2

Jack Connors and committee members choosing to join him, will visit Judge Richard Evans next week for his review and comment. The final draft will be complete and the petition of 50+ names will be submitted in a packet with a map to be approved vote.

A rundown of visions for the future were discussed including.

• A grant, for building community infrastructure, is currently get the town started. And many more grants are possible, as well.

• A portion of franchise taxes

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MLBA has fun planned for Christams, New Year's Eve

Is it time for your child to visit with Santa? Don't make the trek into San Antonio and stand in a long line at the mall, rather, come to the Lakehills Civic Center in Lakehills Saturday, Dec. 21, from 1-3 p.m. to visit with St. Nicholas.

The annual Party with Santa for Medina Lake-area children with their parent(s). The party starts at 1 p.m. There will be a short Christmas program by the Lakehills United Methodist Church choir and refreshments.

Everyone will know when Santa arrives, because the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department will chauffeur him to the civic center on a fire truck with all the lights and sirens blazing.

A MLBA volunteer will take a Polaroid picture of the child with Santa. The Polaroid print is free. Each child will also receive a goody bag to take home.

The MLBA still needs volunteers to help with preparations before and during the event. Call the party chairwoman, Nell Gruben, at 612-2281.

The next MLBA general membership meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the civic center. The public is invited to membership meetings held the second Thursday of each month. To vote at the meetings, a person must be a member of the association. Membership dues are $5.

The Lakehills Civic Center is located on Park Road 37, west of FM Road 1283 in the heart of Lakehills. Persons can call the civic center at 751-9904.

New Year's Eve Dance set Dec. 31

Get your reservations in for the annual New Year's Eve Dance at the Lakehills Civic Center Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The Mike Clancey Band will play dance, country and western, and popular music. Also part of the evening is a drawing with a multi-choice method of trying for prizes donated from local businesses.

The Medina Lake Betterment Association sponsors the annual event.

Betty Baxter will be cooking black-eyed peas and there's also complimentary champagne, all served at midnight. Also included in the price are party hats and noise makers.

Setups and soda will be available. A drawing that evening should also generate some excitement. Persons can buy a chance at a $1 a ticket in a multiple-choice format. There will be many prizes participants can examine. Then each person places one or more of their tickets in each bucket for the item they'd like. For example, if a person buys 10 tickets, they can put six tickets in one bucket for an improved chance to win the prize represented by that bucket. They can put the remaining four tickets one each in four other buckets just to try their luck. Persons can buy as many tickets as they want at $1 each and distribute the tickets among the buckets in the amounts they want.

Call chairwoman Shirley Granberry at 612-2818 for a seat at $10 a person or if you've got nine friends to bring, reserve a table for 10 for $90.MLBA treasurer Tom Walton is obtaining merchandise and certificates from local businesses. Call 612-2614.

Medina Elementary students first in UIL District

First Grade
Hannah Buettner, 6th place Storytelling
Second Grade
Elise Harbour, 3rd place Storytelling
Clara Keen, 4th place Storytelling
Devin Dews, 5th place Creative Writing
Third Place
Brennan Fertig, 2nd place Ready Writing
Kendall Richardson, 5th place Ready Writing
Kendra Larson, 6th place Ready Writing
4th place Music Memory Team, Cassy Sheridan, Laura Walling, Courtney Gillaspy
Fourth Grade
Renee'Mazurek, 2nd place Oral Reading
Callie duPerier, 4th place Oral Reading
Courtney Richter, 5th place Oral Reading
Camp Dozier, 2nd place Number Sense
Renee Mazurek, 4th place Number Sense
Garrett Allen, 6th place Ready Writing
Renee Mazurek, 2nd place Spelling
Camp Dozier, 4th place Spelling
4th place Art Team-Gabriela Rivera, Travis Weary Katelyn Markel, Renee Mazurek
3rd place Music Memory Team, Camp Dozier, Allen Perez, Emily Dabney, Renee Mazurek
Fifth Grade
Brittany Kemp, 1st Oral Reading
Kara Price, 3rd place Oral Reading
Michael Harbour, 4th place Dictionary Skills
Heather Brown, 1st place Ready Writing
Graham Ten Eyck, 3rd place Ready Writing
Colton Baker, 2nd place (tie) Listening Skills
Ryan Casburn, 2nd place (tie) Listening Skills
Colton Baker, 3rd place Number Sense
Michael Harbour, 5th place Number Sense
Lucia Rivera, 6th place Number Sense
3rd place Art Team, Leianna Rich, Taylor Swint, Brittany Selement, Heather Brown, Lucia Rivera.
Sixth Grade
Jake Dabney, 4th place Spelling
GayLynn Jones, 1st place Calculator
Cooper Dozier, 2nd place Calculator
Preston Horejsi, 3rd place Calculator
Hannah Parks, 3rd place Oral Reading
Kelsey Word, 4th place Oral Reading
Courtney Morris, 5th place Oral Reading
Courteney Morris, 3rd place Maps, Graphs, & Charts
Jake Dabney, 1st place Number Sense
Curtis Davis, 2nd place Number Sense
Preston Horejsi, 5th place Number Sense
Preston Horejsi, 5th place Ready Writing
Preston Horejsi, 1st place Math
Cooper Dozier, 3rd place Math
GayLynn Jones, 3rd place Listening Skills
Cole Keese, 6th place Listening Skills
3rd place Music Memory Team, Jake Dabney, Cole Keese, Colton Baker

Team Totals
1st place, Medina, 509.8 pts.
2nd place D'Hanis, 493 pts.
3rd place, Center Point, 380.5 pts.
4th place, Harper, 366.8 pts.
5th place, Lackland, 308.8 pts.
6th place, Hunt, 75 pts.

LAKE HILLS

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from telephone, cable, and wireless services that are going to Bandera County.

• Running the dump and county park.

• A 1 percent sales tax.

•Developing plans for road improvement with the county.

• Realizing the city ordinances require a means for enforcement which costs money. However, the status quo is free.

• Over 65 will have an exemption, and perhaps disabled should be considered.

• By being an incorporated entity, the voice from the community is spoken with greater power.

• A local Post Office

MEDINA LAKE

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to The Meadows at 4:45 p.m. Sunday - the Christmas Cantata at both services and UMW bake sale fund-raiser in the fellowship hall between services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Monday - Bread of Life at 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday (Christmas Eve) Family Worship Service at 5:30 p.m.; Candlelight worship Service (with Carols and Communion) at 7:30 p.m.

• To all the churches in Lakehills - St. Victor's, The Lighthouse Church, The Lakehill's Baptist Church, Faith Tabernacle - have a very merry Christmas. I hope all who worship take time to enjoy the blessings of the season.

• Apples is closing Christmas and New Year Day's.

• AB came by, his daughter, son-in-law, and grandbaby are doing so well. I'm a sucker for babies, but that baby was a doll with big beautiful brown eyes. RN is doing well, but his wife is going to have to go in for another round of chemo. I understand that's true for CS, too. Charlie Blair is home, but, by now, I would think everyone knows that. Welcome home! DV is sore from surgery, but FV seems to be doing fine. JG and his son and family were by - they get so excited over deer season. They have to have the heads and the horns - not to keep, just to look at. So they hang on trees for awhile. It's quite eerie. JW and D have been cutting trees. CW seems to have pulled through his bad spell a month or so ago and is doing fine. Except for losing JO, which was tough, things are great.

• For the week before Christmas, the Farmer's Almanac's states, starting with the 20th, Cold front caused deep drop from 40 to 0 degrees Farenheit in central Illinois, 1836; on the 21st, Blueboard, the pirate, was strangled in 1440; on the 22nd, Van Gogh cut off his ear in 1888, on the 24th, 'Silent Night' was composed in 1818; "There are no miracles to the man who does not believe in them" according to the Almanac; and on the 25th in 1964, it was 62 degrees Fahrenheit in Burlington, Vermont

Let's remember.....

Joe Olivares, the barber, died this week. I had just been to see him on Thursday, the 5th, and he left us on Monday. Neither Dickie, my husband, or I expected it, though Dickie said he had been worried about him.

Before I came to the lake, Dickie was down at Shirley's barcross from 34th St. It was a slow evening, so Dickie had gone outside and started waving people in. Joe was driving down the street with two women and joined Dickie for a beer. They had a friendship from then on. Joe has traded, given, cooked for us, cut our hair, and on my birthday, he sang to me. The house was full of people, I was embarrassed, but he had a beautiful voice and sang a Spanish song. It is a precious memory.

• If we were ill, he'd take an egg and perform a ceremony to remove the poisons from our bodies. If Dickie couldn't travel after surgery, he'd come to him to be sure he kept his hair cut. Dickie had a small storage building, so we moved it over to his place and that's when he came up with the "Smallest Barber Shop in Texas." We were all so pleased when the media covered his story.

Joe's life wasn't easy. It was filled with hardships, sacrifices, reconciliations. There will never be another Joe Olivares. He was a very special person.

That's all I've got to say today. If you want me to include something, send me a postcard to Nancy Arcement, P.O. Box 63109; Pipe Creek, Texas 78063, or e-mail me at richardbarcement@prodigy.net. I want to know what you're doing - I know everyone else does too.

HAPPY TRAILS To You!!

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The following businesses have joined together to give the Bandera ISD Athletic Department an inflatable Bulldog tunnel for the teams to run through before each game. The Bulldog stands approximately 13-feet high and makes an impressive showing on the sidelines. "It's a great thing when businesses band together for the kids on a project like this," said Don Clark. "We're very proud of all of our Bulldog teams and this is just one more way to show it." Businesses that donated to the tunnel included Clark's Riverside RV Park-Don Clark, Bob Bomer Chevrolet-Vince Radke, Hevenor Lumber Company, Quality Iron Works, Bandera Bank, D'Spain Sales and Service, Vince Telch Diesel Service, Buddy's Water Well Service, Boyle's Bandera True Value Hardware and Flying L Guest Ranch.

B&G Club gets two grants

The Boys and Girls Club of Bandera County received two grants worth $80,000 recently.

The San Antonio-based Kronkosky Foundation awarded the local club a $60,000 grant. The Executive Director of the local Boys and Girls Club, Tricia Greene, said the money will be used for operational expenses.

"They're a tremendous organization to work with and the grant is great news for the many boys and girls who get so much out of the club," Greene said.

She said the Boys and Girls Club still needs help from the local community and has several fundraisers planned.

The Kerrville-based Caillous Foundation also awarded the local Boys and Girls Club a $20,000 grant for operating expenses. The local organization was incorporated in 1994 and became affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club last year. A covered pavilion and large building were completed last year. July's floods caused damage to the building and pavilion. Floodwaters rose to seven feet inside the building, damaging its kitchen. The flooding caused the organization to postpone its annual fund raising event and the grant will be used to help replace those funds.

The $20,000 grant was part of $441,800 in grants awarded by the nonprofit group during the fourth quarter. Grants ranged from $5,000 to $270,000. A $25,000 was also awarded to Hill Country College Fund, which provides need-based financial assistance for residents of seven Hill Country Counties including Bandera.

Prior to the most recent grant, the Kronkosky Foundation donated a capital improvement grant to the local club before to help finish the inside of the building, which is located across from the city park.

The grant was part of $1,062,890 in grant donated to 16 charitable organizations in Bexar, Bandera, Comal and Kendall Counties.

Grants are made in the fields of culture and the arts, assistance for persons with disabilities, mental health, child abuse prevention, [illegible] and health concerns.

The largest grant during this round of funding was made to the Witte Museum in San Antonio for $185,000.

boys and girls Club was as large as any of the three grants awarded to organizations that build youth character.

Walker Honored



Billy Walker (R) and his wife, Ricky, accept an award from Tricia Greene (L), director of the Margret Alkek Youth and Community Center and the Boys and Girls Club, for Walker and Moore Title's generous contributions to the center.

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Bandera rings Bellville Preview of State Title Game

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We would like to express our gratitude to all of the people who were there for us during our time of loss. Without all of the support we received we would not been able to begin our process of healing. Chris was a wonderful man. He would always put everyone else's needs before his own. You could always count on Chris for anything. He was and still will be in our hearts a good father, son, husband, bubba, friend and fellow co-worker. And we would like to thank all the people who were there for us and continue to be.

Thank You-Jake, Kathy, Joey, Bobby, Vicky, Aidan, and Kirsten Leal, and Samantha, W.B. and Kobee Andreas

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

The Holidays bring parties, get-togethers and dedications. Last week, the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce held its Christmas Mixer at the Silver Sage Corral, Billy Gene's Restaurant hosted the Annual Cowboy Sing-A-Long on the Medina River and the Bandera United Methodist Church dedicated their brand-new Fellowship Hall.















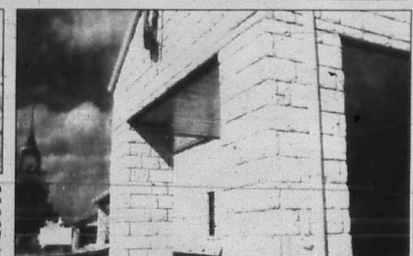
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS MIXER



Clockwise from top left: Frank Shubert, 2003 Chamber President; Eva Lee, 2002 Chamber President; Debbie Wehmeyer, 2003 Director and her husband, Gene; Barry Ehrmann; Patricia McMullan, 2002-3 Director and daughter, Corinne; Sunny Allen of the Bandera Business Association; Bob Click, 2003 Chamber Vice President; Finn Rasmussen, Chamber member; Mike and Susie Wilson 2002 Chamber Treasurer.







Bandera United Methodist Church Building Committee Tri-Chairmen were (L-R) Al Hamilton, Travis Langford and Bill Gray. "I do want to be very clear on one point that everyone gets the credit for how well this project has been successfully accomplished," said Hamilton. "From the church members, to the Building Committee to the tri-chairmen of the project, to the individual who put one dollar in the collection plate, it has been a total team effort."

BANDERA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL DEDICATION

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OPINIONS

Economic numbers not discouraging

The holidays are a joyous season - a time when we visit with family members and friends. This time of year brings many familiar activities, such as sending greeting cards, decorating our homes and businesses, and shopping for the perfect gift.

The subject of shopping brings up another annual topic: the economy. Retailers rate their year, in part, based on sales revenue generated from Thanksgiving through December.

Read the newspapers or watch television news and you will see economic forecasters predict doom and gloom if consumers don't hit the malls in full force. Further fueling the dire predictions is this year's news that Treasury Secretary O'Neill and Economic Advisor Larry Lindsey have stepped down.

There are reasons to take cheer. The doomsayers would have you believe otherwise but the economy is growing, not by leaps and bounds, but it is growing. A glance at the indicators is encouraging.

A bellwether of economic health is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP is defined as the total market value of all final goods and services produced in a country in a given year. The forecast for GDP growth next year is a respectable 2.7 percent.

The number of unemployed workers is another way to rate the economy. The unemployment level is currently at 5.7 percent. While we want that to decrease, it is below the 30-year historical average of 6.5 percent.

Corporate earnings have been depressed for nearly two years. But the current indicators reveal that those earnings are recovering.

Car sales are up. According to the National Automobile Dealers Association, projected sales of 16.8 million automobiles will be recorded for 2002. Those figures represent a banner year for the automobile industry.

Similarly strong figures are forecast for the real estate industry. New and existing home sales will set records this year.

The indicator that most Americans are familiar with, especially considering the growing number of investors, is the stock market. The Dow Jones Industrial Average - 30 stocks that represent the largest, most established firms from a range of industries - has gained nearly 6 percent during the past two months. The Dow is now hovering around 8,500. However, the market - and investors - have had several years of disappointment.

CAPITAL VOICE



LAMAR SMITH

Still, most of the aforementioned indicators point to an economy on the rebound. But we mustn't be complacent.

Next year, I hope to see Congress actively pursue an agenda that will further strengthen our nation's financial condition. Among other initiatives, we should make last year's tax cuts permanent and pass an economic package with new investment tax breaks.

When money is returned to those who earned it, the economy and the country are strengthened.

Texas short on cash, but big on pecans

AUSTIN — If you think balancing your checkbook is hard, imagine what it must be like dealing with a bank account of $59.4 billion.

That was the cash Texas had on hand at the end of the fiscal year, according to a recent report from the comptroller's office.

A look at the figures for August only shows $5.1 billion in state spending with total revenue of $7.2 billion.

Those numbers look pretty good, but tax collections were down 3.1 percent.

The most notable decrease was in income from oil and gas production. Oil production tax receipts were down 23.5 percent, with natural gas production tax income down 60.6 percent.

Other tax categories with decreases from the previous fiscal year were the hotel and motel tax (-6.4 percent), utility taxes (-8.4 percent), cigarette and tobacco taxes (-7.6 percent), franchise tax (-1.3 percent) and sales tax (-1 percent.)

Still to come is the comptroller's official revenue estimate. Right now the projected deficit is ranging from $5 billion to as high as $12 billion.

Changing times

No one thinks it particularly unusual for a woman to seek election to public office, but times have changed.

"Votes for Women!," an online exhibit prepared by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission examines the interesting history of the woman's rights movement in Texas from the 1830s to the winning of the vote for women in 1919. (Not until after World War I could a woman even vote, much less run for office.)

One of the prime movers in the woman's suffrage movement in Texas was someone few people have heard of, Minnie Fisher Cunningham.

Not only did she lead the movement to get women the vote in Texas, she battled the Ku Klux Klan, ran for the Senate and even for governor.

"The exhibit truly places these women and the suffrage movement in the context of Texas history," said State Archivist Chris LaPlante. "On every page it is possible to learn something new and unexpected."

See the exhibit at www.tsl.state.tx.us/exhibits/suffrage.

No bull, bovine on lottery tickets.

"Hamilton," a prize-winning bull, is now more famous. The Texas Department of Agriculture helped its fellow state agency, the Lottery Commission, get a portrait-quality photo of "Houston" for the latest scratch-off lottery game, Blue Ribbon Bucks.

TDA put out a press release to brag on Houston (the Polled Hereford, not the city) and the Texas cattle business in general.

The Lone Star state is the U.S. leader in cattle production, with more than 14 million head. Cattle are found on more than 150,000 Texas farms and ranches and cattle sales amount to nearly half the agricultural income in Texas. That's no bull.

It's "pah-con"...

Folks from outside Texas often refer to the nasty nut so common to this state as a "pea-con." But in Texas, it's "puh-con."

No matter how you pronounce it, however, Texas has a lot of them. Last year, according to the comptroller's office, Texas produced 75 million pounds of pecans valued at $50 million.

The only state exceeding that production was Georgia, which grew 110 million pounds.

STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS



MIKE COX
Texas Press Association

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We attended last weeks's Christmas parade in Bandera. Since our daughter-in-love and granddaughter were in the parade, we videoed the parade. Later we inadvertently deleted the portion of the tape featuring our family. We are seeking to find someone who videoed the parade to obtain a copy of the video. We are specifically looking for the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church survey with the fringe on top (just in front was a lady in a red outfit riding a horse). We would appreciate anyone having this video to contact us at 210-691-2105 or email Texaspages@juno.com to arrange for copying this video.

Disappointed grandparents,
Joe and Liz Page
Pipe Creek

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The Bandera Bulletin welcomes Letters to the Editor. The deadline is noon on Friday for the issue of the following Wednesday. Letters should be signed and include the writer's phone number and address. All letters are subject to verification and may be edited for length and content. Unsigned letters will not be printed. Send letters to: Editor, P.O. Box 697, Bandera, TX 78003. Fax: (830) 796-4885 or email: banderabulletin@indian-creek.net

Seasons means EMT change

Ambulances are summoned to houses, businesses, medical clinics, and roadways in all kinds of weather.

Most people are aware of the health risks for the general public associated with extremes in weather conditions. The challenges for EMS include the same hazards, but perhaps with a little twist.

Bandera County has shift schedules that volunteer EMTs sign up to cover. The shifts during the week run from 6 a.m. through 6 p.m., or 6 p.m. overnight until the following morning at 6 a.m.

Most EMTs have a preference revolving around their work schedule or family lif style. My preference is based on the weather. I'm cold natured and strictly diurnal. What that really means is I am awake when the Sun comes up, and struggle to function after the Sun goes down. The only months I am truly warm are July and August, therefore my name is usually found on the Bandera County schedule on the day shift. Last night I pulled out my uniform in preparation for my usual Wednesday shift. This is when I realized how weather adds a twist to emergency medicine.

The basics come out of the closet first.

Bandera EMTs have a standard, professional uniform consisting of a gray polo (short sleeves) and navy blue EMS pants, topped off with a navy blue jacket. "Bandera County EMS" along with our names are embroidered in yellow on the shirt and jacket.

The weather forecast was the driving force behind the large pile beside my uniform. Thermal shirt and leggings sat on the bench seat in anticipation of company. Warm sox joined the thermals. A navy blue fleece jacket landed on top of the sox. Gloves went into the jacket pocket along with a blue stocking cap. I have a warm orange double layered stocking cap. However, this was vetoed by my children as not being very cool

After stuffing the EMS pants with scissors and pens, I set my alarm and fell asleep. A few short hours later, the morning alarm rang and I was ready start my shift. Donning several layers of clothing felt wonderful, and I warmed up with each layer. The Sun creeped over the hills and revealed a cold wet morning, but I was ready. Then it hit me. I felt like a warm blueberry with legs. Cold weather has a different perspective for some EMTs. At least we can now be identified in the winter by the yellow embroidery on our jackets.

EMT PULSE



MITHRIEL SALMON

Dept. of Homeland Security signals huge shift in government

By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

On Nov. 25, President Bush signed legislation to launch the largest government reorganization in five decades, creating the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Not since President Truman penned the Department of Defense into existence in 1947 has the federal government encountered such dramatic change.

The new department will combine 22 government agencies and nearly 170,000 federal employees into a single Department. Agencies with diverse missions and roles, from the Coast Guard to the Secret Service, have been charged with the task of working together to achieve three critical objectives:

- Prevent terrorist attacks within the United States
- Reduce America's vulnerability to terrorism
- Minimize the damage from potential attacks and natural disasters.

The goal is to better secure our nation's transportation infrastructure and borders; more adequately assess terrorist threats; focus more research into nuclear, chemical and biological threats; and streamline communication between federal, state and local authorities.

Texas Opinions

In my annual survey I asked Texans their opinions on the most crucial elements of a Homeland Security Agency. More than one-third of you placed uniting all agencies which are present at our nation's border, including the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Customs, and Border Patrol, as a top priority. Forty percent of respondents approved of the idea of developing a central intelligence database to help the U.S. track and monitor suspected and known terrorists.

Leadership

The reorganization will also elevate Governor Tom Ridge from his current role as the President's Homeland Security Advisor to Secretary of the DHS, assuming Senate confirmation. He will be joined by the current Secretary of the Navy, Gordon England, from Fort Worth, Texas, who President Bush nominated to become the new agency's Deputy Secretary.

Border Security

I have long advocated the need for increased security along our borders. It has been one of my top priorities, and I'm pleased that the Administration and my colleagues in Congress recognized the need to bring border security into the fold. Texas shares 1,200 miles of the total 2,000-mile border our country shares with Mexico, and while we should promote commerce, free trade and travel along the border, our primary goal must be to keep our country safe.

The new Department will have an Under Secretary dedicated to both border and transportation security – two vital concerns for Texas. Drug Enforcement Agency chief, Asa Hutchinson, has been nominated to oversee the Customs Service, INS, Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and Animal and Plant Inspection. The DHS will also take charge of issuing visas, while the State Department maintains the authority to deny visas. Border Patrol, which has previously been housed as part of INS at the Department of Justice, will now be separate from immigration services.

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OBITUARIES

MADRID

Daniel Roberto Madrid, 48, of Port Aransas, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, in a Corpus Christi hospital. He was born October 21, 1954 in San Antonio, to Arthur A. and Guadalupe Madrid. He served in the U.S. Army and was a musician. He is also survived by his wife, Barbara Madrid of Port Aransas, son James Madrid of San Antonio, step son, Jacob Kindla of Port Aransas and his sister, Diane Madrid of San Antonio. Memorial services will be conducted Monday, December 16, at 1 p.m. aboard the Island Queen in Port Aransas. Arrangements were entrusted to Charlie Marshall Funeral Homes and Crematory of Aransas Pass.

OEHLKE

Fred W. Oehlke, 71, of Pipe Creek, died Monday, Dec. 9. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Margaret Oehlke and daughter, Doris Lundstrom. He is survived by his wife Mary of Pipe Creek, sisters, Marge Oehlke, Millie Scheel and husband Don, and Kathy Johnson and husband Larry; sons, David Oehlke and J. D. Cameron; daughters, Marilyn Edgett, Linda Landaverde and husband Elder, and Margaret Oehlke; step-children, Linda Russi, Karen Jolly, Dwight Sorrell and Fred Sorrell, 18 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Fred was a 50 year Union Bricklayer and Stonemason. Services will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapel, with Mr. Martin Smith and Rev. Larry Johnson officiating. Interment will follow in Pipe Creek Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Pipe Creek EMS, Pipe Creek, Texas 78063. The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

ROOTS

Linda Thompson Roots, age 62, of Helotes, Texas, passed away Dec. 10, 2002.

She was born Jan. 24, 1940 in Corpus Christi, Tx to Heron Thompson and Hazel Florence Smith Murphy. Linda was an antique dealer but refered to herself as a picker and conducted a lot of business in the Bandera and Boerne area. She is preceded in death by her husband Russell Roots and her mother. Linda is survived by her son: Brett A. Hinds of Houston, TX; sisters and brothers-in-law, Fleeta and John Taylor of Spring Branch, TX, and Sherry and Dennis Dorsey of Leander, TX. The family will hold a private Memorial Service.

Linda was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and the family request that if you are struggling with an addiction that you seek help with A.A. or appropriate organization. You are invited to view the obituary, sign the guest book or send a private condolence online at www.tondreguinn.com.

Art in Christmas Action





Bandera High School Art Club students painted Christmas decorations for the Bandera Merchant's Association at the home and studio of Bobby Reagan and Harriet Hearn. Students were given the chance to earn money for their organization and learn new painting techniques. Artist Harriet Hearn taught students how to create the faux finishing method she learned from a set designer in New York. The decorations are in use at the new fountain park and public restrooms on Main Street.

Submitted by Chazmik Raab

BANDERA COUNTY JAIL LOG

The following persons were arrested and booked into the Bandera County jail recently. It should be remembered that a person is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

James Carpenter, 52, of Utopia, was arrested on 12/9/02 for a motion to revoke probation warrant. Keri Smith, 28, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/10/02 for an outside warrant. Franklin Flurry, 31, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/11/02 for driving while intoxicated. Jared Lee, 23, of Helotes, was arrested on 12/11/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces. Matthew Lee, 22, of Helotes, was arrested on 12/11/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces. Elvis Morales, 21, of San Antonio, was arrested on 12/12/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces. Forrest Marks, 29, of Fannin, was arrested on 12/12/02 for an outside warrant. Michael Popham, 34, of Lakehills, was arrested on 12/14/02 for driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest. Christopher Johnson, 20, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/14/02 for failure to identify. Genaro Rodriguez, 27, was arrested on 12/14/02 for driving without a license, two traffic offenses, open container and misdemeanor. Dean Maltsburger, 40, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 12/14/02 for unlawful carrying. William Urbanski, 45, of Lakehills, was arrested on 12/15/02 for driving while intoxicated, second offense. Rhonda Busch, 31, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/15/02 for public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance, under one gram. Ramiro Rodriguez, 40, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/15/02 for driving while intoxicated, second offense. Reva Reynosa, 17, of Lakehills, was arrested on 12/15/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of a controlled substance, under one gram. John Elliott, 44, of Mico, was arrested on 12/15/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of a controlled substance, under one gram.

Bandera City Police Report

The Bandera Police Department answered 30 calls for service from Dec. 9 - 16.

3 Alarm
3 Minor Accident
1 Arrest/Rhonda Busch/Possession of a Controlled Substance/Public Intoxication/03/29/1971 - Bandera.
1 Arrest/John C. Williams/08/21/1969/Out of County Warrant/San Antonio.
1 Arrest/Kerri Lynn Smith/Out of County Warrant/02/15/1974-Bandera.
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1 Forgery
1 Reckless Driving
1 Shots Fired
4 Suspicious Circumstances
1 Suspicious Vehicle
1 Suspicious Person

Shane Merritt, Chief of Police
Bandera Police Department

New Mayhew Alex Robert, arrives



Bryan and Cindy Mayhew of Pipe Creek are proud to announce the birth of a son, Alex Robert Mayhew.

He was born on Dec. 1 at 12:50 a.m. at Methodist Hospital and weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. He is welcomed by brothers Tyler and Jason, sister Briana and grandparents Bill and the late Karolyn Mayhew of Pipe Creek and Sharon and Fred Hampton of Newark, California.

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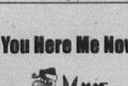
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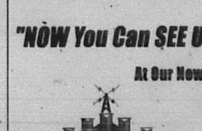


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Christmas Card Winners



Tracey Thayer, Alkek Elementary School Principal, is pleased to announce the winners of this years Christmas Card Art Contest. (Left) Colleen Werchan's original art work will be used as the Alkek Elementary's official Christmas card for 2002. She is a 5th Grade student in Mrs. Cullum's classroom.

(Below) The runners-up for this year's contest were Jade Konz (4th Grade), Stacy Widner (5th Grade), Donovan Cagle (5th Grade), and Jayme Buckley (5th Grade).





Ryan Groomer's dad, Rick, (#55) and Dustin Heep's dad, David, (#35) backers had plenty to be happy about after Bandera put the finishing touchs on its run to the state championship game.

Photo by Philip Bielstein

Council deals with fire contract issues

Bandera City Council met in special session on Thursday night and prepared a long list of questions for the city's attorney regarding how to best separate Bandera Fire and Rescue and the City of Bandera.

The agreement will in no way diminish the fire department's responsibility for protecting Bandera residents from fire and will allow it operate more independently. Council spent about two hours combing through a short contract with Bandera Fire and Rescue Chief Mark Burke and other members of the department. Council member Don Clark said the fire department needs to keep going its current direction.

"There was a time when the department went through a nightmare period, but we got it up and working again and now have a department we can be proud of," Clark said. "We need to keep it that way. A lot of good things have been done and we don't need to make a lot of changes."

Council member Joe Davis expressed concern that a fire truck be kept available for use in the city limits at all times, even when the department is engaging in an event out of town. Bandera Fire and Rescue has mutual aid agreements with several neighboring departments, Burke said.

"We spent $250,000 for a new truck," Davis said. "I think the people of Bandera should have at least one truck here at all times."

Burke said the department has 16 capable firefighters. According to city ordinance, the city owns all equipment used by BFR. City Attorney Vivian Torres, who was not present at the meeting, is expected to review the contract before Jan. 1. Because she has been elected to public office in Medina County, she will no longer be Bandera city attorney after midnight, Dec. 31.

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Bandera gets TV time on Oxygen

The Bandera taping of a television show called, "Who Needs Hollywood" will be broadcast on the Oxygen Network this Sunday, Dec. 22 at 9 p.m.

The show was filmed at the Cabaret on May 5 and involved many local folks.

The show's crew also spent many hours in Bandera County. A local viewing party is set for the Cabaret Café and Dance Hall on Sunday.

Oxygen is carried on the local cable package, but is available on Dish TV/Pegasus.

Host Katy Puckrick interviewed Clint Singleton and Makin' Dust his band performed. Other storytelling and singing acts delighted the local crowd.

Oxygen is available to Time-Warner cable subscribers in San Antonio on cable channel 64.

An Invitation to the Christmas Open House at LAWLIS AUTO SUPPLY!
This year's poem will be brief [Very short!]
'Cause time is passing too fast [and I forgot!]
Our Christmas Open House, I'm glad to report,
Is planned for 19th of December from 9 to 6.
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As nine years have passed [It's been that long!]
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So one and all, come on out and have a ball
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To make merry and share the holiday cheer!
Together let's celebrate the close of 2002 [with glee!]
And look forward to a grand two thousand and three.
9 to 6 p.m.
Thursday, December 19th
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A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
by John M. Grimes

The Christmas Season is a joyous occasion filled with excitement. To families who have experienced a death during the year, however, this season may be particularly difficult, even painful. We understand these feelings, and we would like to help. Since Christmas is a time for remembering, we hold a special service entitled Memories and Miracles: A Christmas Service of Peace and Hope. We will have a memorial tree on which a special ornament will be placed in remembrance of loved ones. Dedicated to the Glory of God, the tree will serve as a tribute to the Peace and Hope that is Christmas. In the true spirit of the Christmas Season, let us pray that joy, beauty, hope, peace, and above all, abiding faith be with us, one and all. May the blessings of peace surround us. We at Grimes Funeral Chapels, at this very special time of the year, would like to extend to all our friends who have lost a loved one, a special invitation to be with us at this service. We feel confident in the belief that this experience will help the Christmas Season become for the families a time of ever greater peace and hope. Please plan to attend this special service.

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Upgrades, relocation due for departments

Over the past two weeks, we looked at the construction and remodeling plans for both Alkek and Hill Country Elementary Schools. This week we will focus on the new Transportation and Maintenance Facility being built near the Alkek campus.

Because the current transportation and maintenance facilities were undersized and in very poor condition, one of the recommendations from the Citizens Bond Committee was to move the current transportation and maintenance facilities from the Bandera Middle School property to a new location. The new facilities will be located on property Bandera Independent School District already owns near Alkek Elementary. An additional 1.5 acres has been purchased to allow frontage and access to Hwy. 173.

The new facility will be a combination support service building approximately 15,500+ square feet in size. For transportation needs, the building will contain a four stall bus servicing area, secure storage area, offices and break room for bus drivers and other employees. For maintenance needs, the building will contain a secure warehouse with receiving dock, secure storage for custodial products, maintenance work area, and offices. For food service needs, the building will contain a secure dry and frozen storage area, receiving area, and offices.

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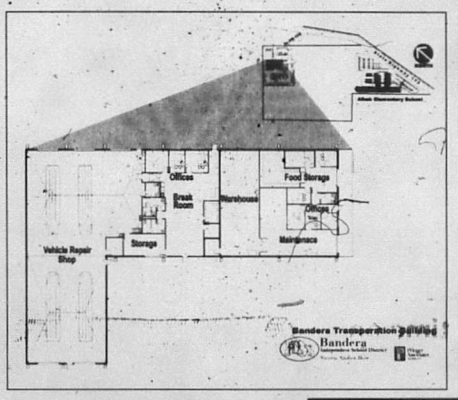


RENEE SCHULZE
Superintendent, BISD

The property surrounding the building will complement the needs of the various departments. Plans are to have a bus parking area with 62 spaces, a fueling area, bus wash area and secure parking for ancillary vehicles, trailers and equipment. Visitor and employee parking with 62 spaces will be in the front of the building. An additional 20 space secure parking lot will be available for bus drivers, coaches, and activity sponsors, who will return to the facility at late night hours.

Very shortly, we will have the plans ready for the Middle School and High School construction and renovation. As soon as those are available, we will publish them as well.

Please check our school construction updates which are posted on the Bandera ISD web site.



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Wharton's Dock, where those type of services are badly needed. He said the county's EMS response time is about 15 minutes, but said in some cases it takes as long as 45 minutes to get service because of the difficult logistics involved.

He added Bandera EMS had received 81 requests for service in the past month, a bit fewer than what was expected.

"Overall, morale is pretty good right now," Haner said.

Also, American Farmland Trust (AFT) presented a study to Commissioners that claimed that tax revenues from residential developments fail to cover the cost of customary services for new residents. The study, which was funded by grant money and not county funds, also maintained that Bandera's ranch and open lands generate almost four times as much revenue as the county spends on those type of lands in services - regardless of agricultural exemptions. Carl Mailler of the Hays County-based AFT said many people do not realize that those with ag exemptions still pay taxes. Their tax rate is lower, but varies in accordance with state law.

Bandera Business Association Pat Breedlove said at the meeting that Bandera should still pursue growth as a way to ensure a healthy economy and questioned some parts of the study.

Evans stopped discussion and the AFT presentation after about an hour because he said there was no reason to get into a time-consuming philosophical discussion.

In other items, commissioners recognized the work of tax assessor collector Mae Vion Meyer and Gwenda Tschirhart of the tax office. Many tax schools are taught in Bandera County because of Vion Meyer's expertise. Tschirhart received a $500 scholarship from a state assessing officers fund.

They also approved raising the speed limit on the straight part of English Crossing Road from 30 to 45 mph.

Cowboy Capital Christmas Events

Today
7 p.m. (nightly until December 23)
St. Stanislaus' presents Las Posadas, which begins at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and returns to Parish Hall.
Thursday, December 19
3 to 6 p.m.
Lawless Auto Supply NAPA Open House on Hwy. 173 with refreshments, door prizes
6 to 9 p.m.
Visit Santa at Bandera City Plaza. Shops stay open late.
Saturday, December 21
9 p.m.
Asleep at the wheel at the Cabaret Cafe & Dance Hall.
Sunday, December 22
6 p.m.
Candlelight Service at Bandera First Baptist Church.
Friday, December 27
9 p.m.
Darrell McCall performs with Arkey Blue at Arkey Blue's Silver Dollar Saloon.
Saturday, December 28
9 p.m.
Pat Green plays at the Cabaret Cafe & Dance Hall.
Tuesday, December 31
6 p.m.
Bandera First Baptist Church Watch-Night,
8 p.m.
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9 p.m. Ring in the New Year with Vicki Adams & Delta Delivery, featuring Tooter Ripps

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"I don't want to put a lot of money in it because I think ten years might be the outer limit," Evans said. "It doesn't need to be first-first class."

County inmate labor will be used to hold down costs. Evans said about $30,000 is allocated for the old Silver Sage renovation, which would mostly involve putting up walls and creating secure storage areas.

"It sounds like a lot, but we don't have to spend it all," he said.

The building would also serve as a command center for emergency operations in the event of flooding or other disasters. The building is not in a flood plain, Evans said. Efforts are being made to ensure the building will have backup generators to deal with power outages. After the field trip, Pct. 1 Commissioner Rex Cox agreed to be the main coordinator of the remodeling efforts.

Doyle Haner, the head Bandera County EMS, told commissioners that several new people have signed up to take the basic EMS class in mid-March and that some of them are from

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Wrecks result in fatalities

According to Bandera County Sheriff James McMillian, Kelly K. Heimer, 34, of Bandera was killed as a result of injuries she suffered in a wreck on Hwy. 173 near the Bandera Barber Shop on Dec. 3.

Heimer, who was driving and was thrown from her Ford F-150 Truck an estimated 200 feet and died a few days after the accident.

Two juveniles in the truck also sustained serious injuries but survived the accident. Slick roads and low visibility might have contributed to the accident.

In an accident near the Medina-Bandera County line on Hwy. 16 on around 6:30 p.m.on Dec. 10, two persons were killed.

According to Department of Public Safety reports, the victims were, Michel Martinez, 46, of Medina County and Linda Roots, 42, of Helotes.

Four other persons sustained non-life threatening injuries in the two-vehicle collision. Three of them were released from the hospital shortly after the accident.

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"I don't want to put a lot of money in it because I think ten years might be the outer limit," Evans said. "It doesn't need to be first-first class."

County inmate labor will be used to hold down costs. Evans said about $30,000 is allocated for the old Silver Sage renovation, which would mostly involve putting up walls and creating secure storage areas.

"It sounds like a lot, but we don't have to spend it all," he said.

The building would also serve as a command center for emergency operations in the event of flooding or other disasters. The building is not in a flood plain, Evans said. Efforts are being made to ensure the building will have backup generators to deal with power outages. After the field trip, Pct. 1 Commissioner Rex Cox agreed to be the main coordinator of the remodeling efforts.

Doyle Haner, the head Bandera County EMS, told commissioners that several new people have signed up to take the basic EMS class in mid-March and that some of them are from

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Wrecks result in fatalities

According to Bandera County Sheriff James McMillian, Kelly K. Heimer, 54, of Bandera was killed as a result of injuries she suffered in a wreck on Hwy. 173 near the Bandera Barber Shop on Dec. 3.

Heimer, who was driving and was thrown from her Ford F-150 Truck an estimated 200 feet and died a few days after the accident.

Two juveniles in the truck also sustained serious injuries but survived the accident. Slick roads and low visibility might have contributed to the accident.

In an accident near the Medina-Bandera County line on Hwy. 16 on around 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 10, two persons were killed.

According to Department of Public Safety reports, the victims were Miguel Martinez, Jr. of Medina County and Linda Roots, 42, of Helotes.

Four other persons sustained non-life threatening injuries in the two-vehicle collision. Three of them were released from the hospital shortly after the accident.

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Parental financial issues require early attention

If your parents are getting on in years, you may want to have some serious discussions with them on financial issues.

Of course, you'll want to make sure their estate plans are in order - they've worked hard all their lives, and, if they're like most people, they are very concerned about leaving a legacy to their family. But you may not realize the importance of another key issue: health insurance. If you're not familiar with your parents' health insurance situation, you could eventually run into some expensive problems.

Your first step is to make sure you know your parents' medical histories. You also need to acquaint yourself with any prescriptions and over-the-counter medications they're taking. In a medical emergency, you would need this information and you'll also need it to correctly complete medical claim forms. Also, ask your parents for names and phone numbers of their medical care providers.

Once you've got all this information, keep it in a place that's readily accessible. If you need to act quickly, you don't want to scramble around, looking for a dozen scraps of paper.

Getting your parent's medical histories and names of health care providers is obviously important. But it's just as important for you to know who's insuring your parents: You need to know where your parents keep their health insurance cards and bills. You also should have a basic understanding of Medicare, the national health insurance program for Americans age 65 and older. Keep in mind that Medicare pays for most doctors' bills and related services, but it doesn't cover prescription drugs. Consequently, your parents may need supplemental insurance policies.

In reviewing your parents' health insurance situation, you'll want to pay special attention to long-term care coverage. Why? Because long-term care costs may be the single largest threat to your parents' financial independence during their retirement years. Right now, the average cost of a year's stay in a nursing home is $50,000 - and it's twice that amount in some cities. So, if your parents don't already have a long-term care policy, you may want to discuss it with them. If they do have a policy, ask to see it, so that you'll know exactly what types of services and facilities are covered. If your parents become incapacitated and are unable to choose a long-term care facility for themselves, you may have to do it. And if you don't choose the right type of place, their long-term care provider could decline coverage.

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If you'd like to make sure you can step in at any time to deal with your parents' health-care issues, you may want to establish a "durable power of attorney." This document gives you the authority to make financial and legal decisions and transactions on your parents' behalf. You may also want to obtain a durable power of attorney for health care, otherwise known as a "health care proxy." A health care proxy, which only becomes effective when your parents are not competent to make their own health care decisions, gives you the power to access medical records and refuse or consent to medical treatment.

As you can see, many of these issues are quite sensitive. You'll want to discuss them with your parents when they're physically healthy and emotionally stable. By acting early, you can head off health-care related financial problems at the best possible time - before they occur.

Bandera Optimist Students of Month



(Left) Bandera Optimist President, Keith Sanders presents the monthly honor to D.J. Reed. Bandera High School senior. D.J. has been in Bandera since the 2nd grade. In high school, he has been a member of the Business Professional Association his freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior Year, as well as student council. He also plays on football, baseball and basketball teams. He is also a member of SADD (Students against destructive decisions) and National Honor Society. He plans to attend Sam Houston at Huntsville.



(Right) Bandera Optimist President Keith Sanders presents to the Student of the Month honor to Lacy Richards, Bandera High School senior. Lacy came to Bandera in the 8th grade. In high school, she has been freshman, sophomore, junior and is senior President as well as Student Council President. She has participated in basketball, track and cheerleading.

Lacy plans to attend Sam Houston at Huntsville or the University of Hawaii.

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Bandera 31 Yoakum 14





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(From top) Bandera's Brad Daigneault gets help from another Bulldog defender as they drag down Yoakum' Jace Braden.
(Middle photo) Matt Postert was all smiles as he visited with Bulldog fans after the game.
(Bottom) Scotty Jennings shows good extension on his 30-yard field goal that put the Bulldogs up 10-0 midway through the first quarter.

Bandera will play Bellville on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Round Rock. KENS radio 1160 AM will broadcast the game live.



Bandera Bulldog

WEEK-BY-WEEK RESULTS

Pre-District
Bandera 42 at Castroville-Medina Valley 6
Bandera 28 at Fredericksburg 42
Bandera 49 at San Antonio-Antonian 0
At Bandera 62 Pearsall 0
Bandera 33 at Hondo 20
District 25AAA
At Bandera 38 Ingram 14
Bandera 14 at Burnet 49
At Bandera 28 Liberty Hill 35
Bandera 41 at Wimberly 26
At Bandera 39 Llano 32
Record 7-3; District 25-3A 3-2 (third place)

Division II Playoffs
Bandera 45, La Vernia 21
Bandera 37, Rice Consolidated 34
Bander 27, Port Isabel 24
Bandera 31, Yoakum 14

Statistics (prior to Yoakum)

Bandera Offense: 389.8 yards pg 176.1 passing; 222.9 passing; 37.1 PPF

Passing
Hicks 125-241-9, 2296 yards, 24 TDs

Rushing
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Scoring
Scotty Jennings - 9 TDs; 53 PAT's, 7 FG - 128 points
Heep - 21 TDs (19 rushing, 1 passing) - 126 points

Final District 25-3A Standings

Burnet	5-0	14-0
Liberty Hill	4-1	10-2
Bandera	3-2	11-3
Ingram	1-4	5-5
Wimberley	1-4	4-6
Llano	1-4	4-6
		48-22

BHS All-District Volleyball

All Academic: Nicole Griffin, Melinda Griffin, Samantha Kidd, Pam Hoesen, Autumn Cartwright, Dani Nickle, Stacy Stehling. Second Team All-District: Lauryn Erfurt, Dani Nickle, Hoesen. Honorable Mention: Jose Berg, Kidd.

Area Basketball Notes

THIS WEEK'S AREA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

Medina High Games
Girls
Tuesday, Dec. 10 hosted Johnson City

Girls & Boys
Friday, Dec. 13 host SA SW Prep. 5/6:30/8
Monday, Dec. 16 host New Life 6/7:30

Bandera Boys

Friday, Dec. 13, host Jourdanton 5/6:30/8

Bandera Lady Bulldog Basketball Schedule
Tuesday, Dec. 10 hosted Devine 5/6:30/8
Saturday, Dec. 14 at Ozona (varsity only)

Bandera High basketball
Boys
Medina Valley 65
Bandera 34
Medina Valley - Solis 13, Frausto 10, Perales 9, Meador 8, M. De La Fuente 6, Robles 5, D. De La Fuente 5, Rodriguez 4, Haby 3, Pritchard 2.
Bandera - Kyle 10, Marks 5, Bridges 5, Miller 5, Howell 3, Cardenas 2, kerschner 2, Hodges 2,
Half - Medina Valley 35, Bandera 15.

Girls
Bandera 48
Junction 47
Bandera - Samantha Kidd 14, Lacy Richards 10, Brummer 8, Pease 6, Dinhobl 6, Griffin 2, Morris 2.
Medina Valley - Solis 13, Frausto 10, Perales 9, Meador 8, M. De La Fuente 6, Robles 5, D. De La Fuente 5, Rodriguez 4, Haby 3, Pritchard 2.

Taller TMI team takes win over Medina HS

by Israel Contreras

The Medina varsity boys lost 80-53 to a much taller TMI team at home last week.

Boasting three players over 6-4, TMI used its inside advantage to jump to a 15-point lead at the half. Medina hit several three-pointers in the second half to trim the lead to ten points but Class 2A TMI proved too much to handle.

Senior Chance Haby led Medina with 16 points and four steals. DeAndrey Wingwood had 14 points and 15 rebounds. Wyatt Lautzenheiser chipped in 13 points.

Medina slipped to 1-4 with the loss heading into their home tournament lasts weekend. The Medina JV boys (2-1) will also compete in the event.

Medina High basketball
Boys
TMI 80
Medina 63
TMI- Lopez 20, Gorder 17, Ridewood 14, Moss 10, Heltz 9, Conrad 4, Brawley 3, Rodriguez 2, Champion 1.
Medina - Cahnce Haby 14, DeAndre Wingwood 14, Lavitz 13, Neal 7, Seymour 3.
Half - TMI 35, Medina 20.

Girls
Medina 73
TMI 18
Medina - Sara Ortiz 22, Courtney Davis 12, Megan Eads 12, parnell 7, Roberts 6, Tucker 6, Singleton 3, Crawford 3, Zirkel 2:
TMI - Brougher 5, glass 4, Rubpert 2, Schiffer 2, Conrad 2, mattox 2.
Half - Medina 47, TMI 16.

MHS girls earn crown at Medina tourney, Davis MVP









Photos by Michelle Barker

(Top to bottom) Chance haby goes up high for a shot during recent MHS basketball action. Players focus on free throws and fans enjoy the action.

The Medina High girls basketball team won its own tournament with a 48-46 win over Center Point on Saturday.

Tournament Most Valuable Player Courtney Davis led the way with 14 points. Caitlaynn Parnell scored 11 points and Chelsea Tucker added 10. Megan Eads netted five points and Sara Ortiz chipped in four. Katie Kunkel scored two.

Medina's Tucker was also named to the All-Tournament team.

MHS led by nine points at the half.

In the game for third place, the Austin High Freshmen girls team defeated Alamo City Christian, 56-22. Austin High led by 21 at the half,

Dripping Springs girls captured consolation with a 32-24 win over New Life. Dripping Springs won despite trailing by four points at the half.

Medina Boys

The Medina High boys basketball team won its first game of the its own tournament before bowing out in the second round.

Chance Haby scored 26 points and DeAndrey Wingwood added 16 in a 65-44 win over the Blanco junior varsity team in the first round. Medina led 34-18 at the half.

The Medina junior varsity lost its first round game to Alamo City, 64-25. The JV trailed 64-25 at the half.

Alamo City Christian then went on to eliminate Medina's varsity, 61-58. Medina led 31-28 at the half. Haby scored 23 points and Wingwood netted 20.

Medina Tournament Results

Boys
Medina Boys 65
Blanco JV 44

Alamo City A 64
Medina JV Boys 25

Blanco JV 63
Medina JV 39

Alamo City A 61
Medina 58

Consolation Finals
Blanco JV 63
Medina 39

Center Point 62
New Life 58 OT

Austin High Fr. 74
Healy Murphy 33

New Life 76
Healy Murphy 55

Austin High 70
Center Point 51

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[illegible] main house. League play will continue in the New Year starting Feb. 4.

Merry Christmas from all the golf ladies at Flying L.

Tied for second place with [illegible] Gerald Perry of Comfort and [illegible] Bandera. Houston shot 85 and Rutgers 89.

[illegible] tournament sponsored by the Good Old Boys Golf League at Bandera's Flying L Guest Ranch course.

Tied for second place with [illegible] two prizes each were Richard [illegible] Crimmins of Bandera. Leeder fired an 88 and Crimmins an 80.

Closest to the pin prizes were [illegible] field.

[illegible] between in a recent Good Old [illegible] ment at the Flying L Guest Ranch course in Bandera.

Only two of the 42 players in [illegible] who tallied five points and Bill [illegible] made three points.

[illegible] shot a sterling 70 for the [illegible] 18 holes while DeGaugh carded an 89.

Closest to the pin prizes were Robert Austin of Bandera on hole No. 17.

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MLBA set for Christmas, New Year's festivities

Medina Lake area children are invited to the Lakehills Civic Center Saturday, Dec. 21, from 1-3 p.m. to visit with Santa Claus.

The Party with Santa event is sponsored by the Medina Lake Betterment Association.

Santa Claus will arrive at the civic center sometime during the two-hour event via fire truck. Young children can sit on Santa's lap and tell him what they want for Christmas. A MLBA volunteer will take theirpicture with Santa. The Polaroid print is free. Each child will receive a bag of goodies to take home.

There will be refreshments for the children and parents at the civic center while waiting for Santa. The Lakehills United Methodist Church choir will present a program during the event.

Call the party chairwoman, Nell Gruben, at 612-2281 to volunteer to help or for more information.

Also now is the time to think about making your reservations for the New Year's Eve Dance at the Lakehills Civic Center in Lakehills.

The Medina Lake Betterment Association will host its annual New Year's Eve dance Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Lakehills Civic Center. The Mike Clancey Band will play dance, country and western and popular music.

Tickets are $10 per person or $90 for a table of 10 people. Call 612-2818 for reservations.

Complimentary black-eyed peas and champagne will be served at midnight.

Also included in the price are party hats and noise makers. Setups and sodas will be available.

A drawing is available for those that want to try their luck. Persons can buy a chance at a $1 a ticket. There will be many prizes and ticket purchasers can place one or more tickets in each bucket for the item they'd like. Persons can buy as many tickets as they want at $1 each and distribute the tickets among the buckets in the amounts they want.

Businesses interested in donating should call 612-2614.

The next two MLBA general membership meetings will be Thursday, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the civic center. The public is invited to membership meetings held the second Thursday of each month. To vote at the meeting, a person must be a member of the association. Membership dues are $5.

The Lakehills Civic Center is located on Park Road 37, west of FM Road 1283 in the heart of Lakehills. Persons can call the civic center at 751-9904 and leave

Pipe Creek to sponsor free dinner on Christmas Day

For the second consecutive year, Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church (The Little Rock Church) is sponsoring a free community dinner on Christmas Day.

This festive event is open to everyone in the community who would like to enjoy a delicious Christmas Day Dinner filled with fun, fellowship, music, and Good News. Congregation members will be rising early on Christmas morning to smoke turkeys and prepare all the delicious trimmings including mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, and delicious desserts. Iced tea and coffee will be served with meal.

As an outreach tool, several members of the church will be delivering the Christmas day meals to our police officers in Bandera and at the courthouse, fellow citizens who are working in convenience stores and to shutins who are unable to make a Christmas meal for themselves.

The dinner will be served from 3- 5 p.m. in the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church's Memorial Building Fellowship Hall located behind the "Little Rock Church" at 8589 Highway 16 South in Pipe Creek. To notify the church of a shut-in who needs a meal delivered, e call 510-6650

"We are very excited to present this Christmas Day dinner to the community", said Elder Brad Domitrovich, who is chairing the event. "Last year we served over 200 meals on Christmas Day and our expectations are to serve at least 300 this year. Our church has received many blessings and we would like to share the love and joy the Lord has bestowed on us to everyone in our community on Christmas Day" Volunteers are welcome from all faiths."

Donations can be sent to the church at P.O. Box 63377, Pipe Creek, TX 78063. Call 510-6650 or at 510-6720.

Incorporation meetings set for Saturdays at MLVFD

By Nancy Arcement
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Answers to questions aout police and fire protection issues were pleasing to many at the second Town Meeting of the Lakehills Area Incorporation Committee at the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department on Nov. 30.

Fire protection would continue to be provided by Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Bandera County would continue to provide law enforcement. The county would be responsible for maintaining the county roads in the incorporated area for a number of years at no additional cost.

This brought relief to the grass roots organization striving to protect their homes from the threat of big city government. The only immediate expense facing the Lakehills AIC, should it be met with a majority of support from the community, would be the cost of incorporating.

Taking Bulverde as a model, with their tax rate lowered to something like $0.15/$100 this year,there's no reason why Lakehills couldn't operate on similar scale rather than face the San Antonio tax bill of over $1.50/$100.

The leadership of the Committee was set-up and elected by those present as follows: President, Don Roberts,Vice President, Karen Ripley; Secretary, Karen Fulghum; Treasurer, Mike Mallory;

Committees:
- Marketing Education, Karen Ripley
- Communication, Mary Ellen Cook
- Mapping, Mike Mallory
- Web Masters: Jennifer and James Sharp
- Finance Committee: Chris Fett, Sandy Mauer

Saturday meetings at 9 a.m. meeting at the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department are becoming a set schedule for the Lakehills AIC to gather to discuss the progress of the various committees as they work at 'warp' speed in an effort to meet the incorporation deadlines.

The first goal is to prepare the best map possible conforming to the many constraints and unusual requirements mandated by a Type B or C General-Law Municipality. With 201 to 9,999 inhabitants, it is being tackled by Mike Mallory and his team: The initial land area is limited to a maximum of four contigious square miles with a half mile extra territorial jurisdiction created around this newly designed municipality.

To fully use the populated areas and limited land mass,the results of the map of the city have an octopus appearance with tentacles reaching out to poptilated areas from the center with the outer edges forming the extra territorial jurisdiction of the Lakehills.

In addition to designating the proposed area of incorporation, a legal petition will be required, a slate of officers finalized and election notices published in local newspapers. Churches, organizations and home owner associations will be contacted and included in planning.

Communication to local inhabitants, data management and budget revenue planning are under consideration.

Contact Don Roberts at 612-2665 or Karen Ripley at 612-3154 about helping with incorporation.



MISD recognizes the positive

"Positive attitude was the topic for this six weeks Star Student Spotlight celebration on Nov. 13 at Medina Elementary School.

Seventeen students were recognized and honored for their positive attitudes at school.

"These students help make Medina Elementary School a nice place to be," Medina ISD Superintendent Roger Mocyzgemba said. "They are appreciated!"

Parents, grandparents, teachers and friends joined the MISD in honoring the young students. The guest speaker was Mr. Dalé Naumann, Elementary School Principal. He spoke to the students and their guests about how special and how important it is to have a positive attitude. A positive attitude makes a big difference in school and in life.

The topic for the third six weeks Star Student Spotlight is good study skills.

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Bandera two wins from title after pounding other 'Dogs

By Philip Billnitzer
BULLETIN MANAGING EDITOR

Bandera bruised its way to the Class 3A, Division II state semifinals last Saturday in Seguin as Yoakum came undone early and often.

Bandera was led by a chant-inspiring performance by senior tailback Dustin Heep, who ran for 336 yards and three touchdowns in a 31-14 Region IV victory at Jack Taylor Field.

The Bulldogs will face Bellville in the state semifinals in Round Rock at 2 p.m. this Saturday. The playoff surge matches the deepest in BHS history. The Bulldogs made it to the state semifinals when playing in Division I two years ago, but this will mark the first time in school history a Bulldog football team will play 15 games.

Coach Mike Williamson said he saw it coming all week.

"I felt great about our team coming into this game," Williamson said. "We performed well in practice all week. I knew we'd be prepared and hit maximum speed."

It showed in the Bulldogs' first drive. Yoakum elected to let the Bulldogs have the ball first.

"They made a mistake giving us the ball first. After we took that first drive and stuck it to them, I didn't think there was anyway we were going to lose this game," Williamson said.

Bandera drove 63 yards in six plays. Except for a four yard gain by Robert Ickes, it was Heep who did all the damage. On third and two at the Bandera 45-yard line, Heep smashed through for a 19-yard gain. Two carries later, his strong legs and pile-moving determination took him to the Yoakum 3-yard line after a 28-yard gain. The next play, he went in standing up and Yoakum was already looking like it was ready to go down. After a Scotty Jennings kick, Bandera led 7-0 with 9:21 to go in the first quarter.

Yoakum fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Bandera's Jesse Sierra pounced on it. Bandera gained 17 yards before stalling on the Yoakum 12-yard line. Jennings knocked through a 30-yard field goal to give Bandera a 10-0 lead with less than half of the first quarter gone and Yoakum not having run a play from scrimmage.

"Them losing that kick-off was a key to the game because, even though we would have preferred to score a touchdown, it gave us an opportunity to get on them early," Williamson said.

Yoakum went to Anthony Harrison three times on its first drive. He gained more than 2,000 yards on the season but could not get going against Bandera's fired up run defense. He finished the game with 31 yards rushing and caught one pass for seven yards. Yoakum's first drive stalled on its 14-yard line.

After a 26-yard punt and no return, Bandera started at its 49-yard line. Hicks hooked up Cody Fields for a 25-yard gain and then found Ickes for an 8-yard gain. The drive wrapped up with Heep's 6-yard touchdown run. With 3:13 left in the first quarter, Bandera had bolted to a 17-0 lead.

Yoakum quarterback Randy Boone had not been sacked in the playoffs, but he went down the first play of Yoakum's second possession and Yoakum went three-and-out.

Heep hammered Yoakum as soon as the Bulldogs got the ball back. He barreled for eight, two and then 31 yards before Chad Thompson picked up two yards. Hicks found Chris Martinez for a 21-yard gain on the next play, but a holding call after the catch left the ball on Yoakum 30-yard line. Bandera was left with second and two, but Heep slammed his way for a 29-yard gain to Yoakum's 1-yard line.

It was at this point, with less than two minutes gone in the second quarter, Bandera's rowdy fans began chanting, "Heep, Heep, Heep." Conversely, a Yoakum dance team member screamed, "Show some heart, Yoakum."

Seconds later, Heep ran a yard and Bandera led 24-0.

"They don't call Heep 'the horse' for nothing, but you have to give our guys up front a lot of credit, too," Williamson said. "Defensively, you have to give all our guys a lot of credit and Bryan Jacobs played a great game. I told our guys it wouldn't be Harmon alone who would beat us. We had look out for the pass."

Williamson said Bandera's fourth playoff game was its best game of the playoffs as whole and defensively. Yoakum was limited to 30 yards rushing and 247 total yards. Bandera gained 440 in total offense. With 38 runs and a catch, Heep was the focus on 39 of Bandera's 60 plays.

Bandera secondary let Yoakum's Cody Wilemon get behind them and he scored with less than a minute to go before the half on a 58-yard touchdown pass. Still, Bandera led 24-7 at the half after Boone booted the extra point.

The Yoakum Bulldogs were a three-point favorite by one poll and one-point favorite in another, but when it came time to put on the cleats Bandera showed them which Bulldogs really had bite. Still, Williamson was a bit concerned about a possible momentum shift at half.

"There were a couple of times we almost lost our focus and that's what we talked about during the half," Williamson said. "But I felt like the kids would come back strong and they did."

The veteran coach said the game plan before the game was to go with a balanced offense. Fearing the fade pattern, Yoakum doubled up on the outside receivers and often dared Bandera to run. Heep and company were more than happy to oblige.

"A lot of times they were putting six in the box and we had seven to block them," Williamson said. "We'll take that any time."

Yoakum started on its 33-yard line to start the second half and drove the ball to the Bandera 27-yard line before its drive came to an end after an incomplete pass on fourth and eight from the Bandera 29-yard line. A.J. Caza made two tackles for losses in the course of the 6-play drive. Caza, Synjyn Dodd and Jacobs combined for a quarterback pressure of Boone on third and eight that sent him to the sidelines with an aching wrist. Wilemon came on as quarterback for one play and threw an incompletion on fourth and eight.

Bandera drove 39 yards on its ensuing drive but bowed out on downs after a pitch right on a fourth and four came up short.

However, the defense picked off Boone on the next play. Jacobs applied the pressure and Jennings came up with his second interception of the game on an ill-advised toss over the middle.

Bandera scored its final touchdown with 9:43 left in the game when Fields caught a 16-yard touchdown pass in the middle of the end zone. Heep had four rushes for 14 yards prior to the touchdown toss.

Yoakum scored on a 79-yard drive on the following possession. The key play was a 59-yard pass to Wilemon that set up Yoakum on the Bandera 10-yard line. He caught a touchdown on the next play with 8:21 left and finished with 201 yards receiving.

Bandera got the ball with 8:15 remaining in the fourth. Starting from its 20, the Bulldogs drove the ball calmly to the Yoakum 9-yard line before watching the clock run out.

Best of all, the clock was not running out on Bandera's season but the other Bulldogs' season.

Bellville and Bandera are meeting this weekend for the third straight year in the playoffs. The Brahmas eliminated Bandera last year in bi-district. Brett Hicks was injured in the game. In 2000, Bandera beat Bellville handily. Brahma Coach Huey Chancellor said both programs have a healthy respect for each other and balanced offenses. The coaches expect a close game.



Bandera's Dustin Heep applies a stiff arm to Yoakum's Colby Wilemon as he rambles for some of his 336 yards rushing in the Bulldogs' Region IV fourth round playoff win.

Photo by Philip Billnitzer



Quarterback Brett Hicks threw for less thag 100 yards against Yoakum but has thrown for 25 touchdowns and almost 2,400 yards this season.

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lead as a result of the recovery.

Area Football Results
Class 3A
Division II

Region IV
Bandera 31
Yoakum 14

Region III
Bellville 30
Marlin 24 (3 OT)

Region II
Daingerfield 49
Longview Spring Hill 21

Region I
Midl. Greeenwood 34
Sweetwater 28

Class 3A, Div. I
State Semifinals
Burnet 46
Jasper 28

Forney 21
Evermaf 14

Schedule
Div. II
State Semifinals
Bandera (11-3) vs. Belville (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Round Rock
Mt. Pleasant Greenwood (14-0) vs. Daingerfield (12-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Coppell

Div. I
Everman (13-1) vs. Burnet

Astrodome



Yoakum's Randy Malik lets a third down pass slip through his fingers early in the game as Bandera's Robert Ickes provides close coverage.

Photo by Philip Billnitzer



Bandera's Bryan Jacobs puts one hand on the ball as it comes loose from Yoakum quarterback Randy Boone's hand during the fourth quarter. Jacobs would finish the game with a sack and a forced fumble. Boone would not have any sacks on the day but he was hurried on the day not having surrendered a sack in the playoffs, but Bandera applied good pressure most of the game.

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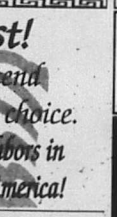
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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

DITULLIO-FORSYTHE WED



Rachele Elizabeth DiTullio and J.R. Forsythe, both of San Antonio, were married Oct. 26 at the Texas Renaissance Festival in Plantersville. The bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Kristin and Sarah Johnson, and the groom's sister, Colleen Forsythe. The groomsmen were Brad Pfeiffer, Fred Westphal and Fidel Perez. The bride is the daughter of Paul DiTullio and Kathy Johnson of Alexandria, VA and Susan Gomez of San Rafael, CA. She is a 2000 graudate of UTSA and is employed with QAD Inc. The groom is the son of John and Patricia Forsythe of Pipe Creek. He is a UTSA student and e-commerce consultant.
Rachele and J.R. honeymooned on the Big Island in Hawaii.

SPRABARY-LAWSON WED



Nita Jenkins is proud to announce possibly the first wedding to be performed at the Old Silver Spur Dance Hall, since its beginning in the 1929's. Rita Yvonne Lawson, of Irvin and Roy Jefferson Sprabary, of Denton, were united in marriage on Nov. 30 at the dance hall in Bandera. The ceremony was performed by J.P. H.A. Moore Sr. It was a small wedding with about 20 family members attending.

KNIBBE ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. C.D. (Tag) Knibbe of Bandera celebrated their 60th anniversary on Dec. 5. they were married at Presbyterian Church in Norman, OK In 1942.
Mrs. Knibbe is the former Lois Fritz of Ottawa, KS. Mr. Knibbe is a native of Bandera. The couple has two children, Terry of Bulverde and Elaine of Alpine. They also have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Record recycling reported

During November, Bandera County Citizens recycled a record 20.15 tons of paper.
Their recycling efforts saved 343 trees from being cut down and saved 60.45 cubic yards in landfill space. November's total was the highest monthly tonnage in 2002 for Bandera.
"Thanks, Bandera, for doing your part for your community, environment, and the next generations future," local recycling advocate Stefanie Lacy said.

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SPINNIN' YARNS

FYI

Lakehills Incorporation Meeting
Lakehills Area Incorporation Committee will be meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department. All residents and landowners in the area are welcome.

Medina Post Office Closing
The Medina Post Office will close at Noon on Dec. 24 and on Christmas day. They will also close at noon on Dec. 31 and be closed New Year's day.

Blood Drive
In this season of giving, make a blood donation at Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Dec. 22 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center (STBTC) mobile unit will be in parking lot. For information, call 830-510-6650. A holiday T-shirt will be given to each donor.

NAMI Meeting
NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. This is an informal family support group. For information, call (830) 460-8030.

Farmlands presentation
On Thursday, American Farmland Trust will release a study showing the fiscal contributions of Bandera County's working lands in comparison to other land uses, such as residential and commercial development at the Bandera County Commissioners Court meeting, which starts at 10 a.m. at the county courthouse. It's also available at www.farmland.org, starting Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Lake Hills AARP
The The Lakehills AARP will meet on Monday, Dec. 16 at the American Legion Hall on 26th Street.
There will be a holiday pot luck at Noon. The AARP will provide ham, turkey and stuffing. Members should bring side orders and desserts. Following the pot luck, the Estella Hicks Ensemble will entertain the group with music of the season. For information, call Sally Pieper at 751-2726 or Judy Bird 612-3063.

Low Vision Club
The Low Vision Club regular meeting on Saturday, Dec. 14 is at 10 a.m. The meeting will be at the library with a spokesperson from the Texas Commission for the blind.

Pipe Creek Presbyterian Christmas Dinner
Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church (The Little Rock Church) is sponsoring a free community dinner on Christmas Day.
The dinner will be served from 3- 5 p.m. in the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church's Memorial Building Fellowship Hall located behind the "Little Rock Church" at 8589 Highway 16 South. To notify the church of a shut-in who needs a meal delivered, call 510-6650.

Those wishing to submit items for FYI can email ban-

DEADLINE
The Bandera Bulletin copy and photo deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

Thank you.

Medina Style Christmas





(Left) The ever popular St. Nick made a visit to the Medina Texas Development Corp. Christmas Party on Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
(Top) Members of Medina Girl Scout Troop #167 Devon Dewes, Rene Mazurek, Chelsea Barker, Chelsea Fagley, Kristin Boyd, Abigail Leonard, Kyla Richardson, Yatziri Perez, Kendra Larson, Nicole Collins took part in the parade in Bandera last Saturday. They are accompanied by troop leader Nikki Collins. See page 9A for more Medina Christmas photos.

Dock area thaws out after power outage

Wow! Has everybody thawed out after the power failure on Saturday? I guess we all got a little taste of what the folks back east have been going through.

We can be thankful that we didn't have snow, sleet, and ice to accompany our power shortage.

It was a calamity of errors down here at the end of the road for several hours on Saturday as everyone tried to figure out if they were alone in the situation. It didn't take long for any of us to figure out that it was the whole area suffering from the power outage.

It is amazing how black a house can be early in the morning when the sun hasn't come up yet. I guess we can look at it as a learning experience and consider that it was a good practice run in case of a real emergency. Did everybody have the candles and flash lights handy?

The folks down at the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department weren't deterred by the power shortage. Loyal members showed up right on schedule for the last quarterly membership meeting of the year of the LSVFD. Everyone bundled in warm clothing weathered the cold and the dark to sit through a very lengthy meeting before having a luncheon of cold food. That part of it was a planned thing. I think that some one had twenty-twenty foresight when planning the meal of cold sandwiches, salad and finger foods. Can you imagine what a mess it would have been if we had to sit down to a cold setting of an unheated hot meal?

WHARTON'S DOCK AND LAKE MEDINA SHORES



MARY BIRD 460-7523

Representatives from the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Bandera Electric Co-op along with the county figr marshal were present for the meeting. They were not there to answer questions about the power failure, but to present the LSVFD with a $10,400 grant.

Before the meeting really even got started a call came in that there was another electric line down on Lake Shore Drive North and that fire trucks and volunteers were needed at the scene. All of the volunteers had to jump and run when the call came in.

After the meeting was adjourned the election of directors was held. The new regime for 2003 will consist of Norman Riley, President; Eva Shedd, Vice President; Dine Clark, Secretary; Dick Hinebaugh, Treasurer; Rusty Landry, Vehicle Maintenance Director (3 year term) and Mary Lou Pyles who will serve a two-year term of Membership Director. Linda Porter has agreed to hold the position of Bingo Chair person for another year.

Two very important things happened during the meeting that certainly are worth mentioning. Carl and Phyllis Bowlware who are relatively new to our community (members for less than two years) were given a letter of thanks and recognition for the sizable donation they made to the LSVFD after the flood in July. The Bowlware's wanted to thank the community and members of the department for everything that all of the volunteers did not only for them, but also for the whole community in our time of need.

Norman and Barbara Riley were recognized and thanked for their generous contribution of a 1978 Mack tanker truck, which will be added to the department's fleet. They requested that the truck be available for use by the Lake Medina Shores Owners Association when it is needed for road repairs and maintenance.

On Saturday night, everyone was out in full force for Karaoke Saturday Night at the Copper Lantern. It was a great way to compare notes with friends and neighbors about the happenings of the day and the power shortage as well as enjoy the entertainment of the evening.

There were all of the usual performers this time, but it was a real treat to have Lanette Pennell get up and sing a few tunes. She is always so busy doing her own thing on the road that we seldom get to hear her out our way. As a matter of fact, she had just gotten back from Gruene where she and her long time friend Dottsie spent the afternoon at the Gruene Christmas Celebration. They sang Christmas Corals for two hours "Strolling Through Gruene".

Last weekend on December 2nd the Pennell's had a dinner party to celebrate John's birthday along with two other close friends, Lane North and Cynthia Caldwell, who were also celebrating their birthdays on Dec. 7. There were 15 friends and family members at the gathering. Here's wishing each one of you a Happy birthday again! It sounds like it was a wonderful way to celebrate your birthdays.

John Adams brought friends visiting from Houston with him for a fun time at the end of the road. But try as he may, he could not get them to get up and sing. I swear that John gets better and better with his singing. I think he must have been doing some serious practicing. John's long time buddy and school chum Danny West and his wife Missy drove in on Friday and stayed through Sunday. They also brought their friend Robin who lives in Houston along too. They really enjoyed taking in the local sights and sounds and meeting a lot of John and Kristen's friends while they were here. I am sure we will be seeing more of them in the future.

Jeanne Martin finally made it in from Oklahoma where she was visiting her daughters and grandchild. She had a wonderful time and had planned to leave on Thanksgiving Day to come back to our little corner of the world. One of her daughters was in an accident so Jeanne had to change her plans. She did get to go to her grand daughter's recital through which made it all worthwhile. I am happy to report that her daughter is mending well from the accident. She will be incapacitated for a while and out of work due to her injuries, but she is on the road to recovery. We're all glad you are back safe and sound. I hear she really ran into some serious weather in route home.

Visiting the Bird House from Port Aransas this week is my long time friend, Meg Seideman. Meg and Ted Seideman drove in on Sunday afternoon in time for Ted to watch the football games. They drove through rain and fog and road construction to get here. On Sunday evening, Meg prepared a meal fit for a king (fresh fish and shrimp from the coast) and we all pigged out! Ted had to leave on Monday morning to return to work. He had a very rude awakening when he went to take a shower. There was no water. The lightening storm that hit around eleven on Sunday evening knocked out the water pump. Thank goodness I have a son who was in the water well service for seven years. He left work to come to Mom's rescue with his boss's blessings. Thanks Robbie for being so prompt and a special thanks to his boss, Bill who let him take off long enough to get us up and running again.

That was quite a storm on Sunday night. I was expecting the lights to go off at any moment. I do remember hearing something shortly after we went to bed that was making a crackling sound but I had no idea we had been hit by lightning.

We weren't surprised when the fire alarm sounded down at the LSVFD just after one in the morning. When we called to offer services we found out that it was a grease fire and not lightening that set the structure on fire over in Section L or M of Lake Medina Shores.

Meg and Ted were looking forward to meeting Hank Halterman and Jeanne Martin on Sunday evening, but they were not available as cards at the Bird House that evening. We had to postpone until Monday evening. Too bad Ted had to leave. I think Hank left a little outnumbered with all of us gals.

While Meg is in the area we plan to do some sight seeing and shopping, some Christmas baking and enjoy playing some cards and "Tickle" with friends. We may even talk Jeanne Martin and Marilyn Lace into going with us to try out the new Chinese restaurant in Bandera.

Gary (Coach) Whitfield met his family in Roosevelt, Texas for a little hunting over the weekend. His daughter Joan and her husband Marvin Moye drove their motor home to the Gardner Ranch where they met up with Coach and the other two boys, Gary Whitfield, Jr. and Jimmy Whitfield. Among the five shooters there were five deer taken, which consisted of four bucks and one doe. Coach's youngest son, Jimmy, was lucky enough to land a fifteen-point buck during the five-day hunt.

The horns were non typical and unfortunately the rack is not considered a trophy rack. It sounds like they had some really good luck. But, Coach says it was the coldest five days he has experienced since he was in Korea during his time in the military.

But that's my grief talking - my stubborn, please, please don't make things change. I know there are schools that need to be built, and water/septic issues, better roads that need to be paved, and I suppose all that comes with what the collective group call - a "better life."

That's all I've got to say today. If you want me to include something, send me a postcard to Nancy Arcement, P.O. Box 63109, Pipe Creek, TX 78063; or e-mail me at richardbarcement@prodigy.net.

Christmas spirit catching at Medina Lake

Christmas is just around the corner and I haven't got my tree up yet. It's a busy season around the lake this year, but not so busy that I haven't felt the spirit begin to rise.

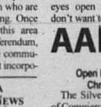
Perhaps it's the cold weather, but, for the first time in a long time, I'm looking forward to Christmas - gifts and all. We've got all the shopping done, we just have to pick things up and wrap. I've been a bit of a bah- humbug about that sort of thing for quite awhile, but perhaps things are a bit easier right now to enjoy. What a blessing!

So bring out the red and green, wrap up the gifts in streams of ribbon, pipe in the repetitious sounds of carols we've heard every year even before we were born.

Go find that perfect gift for that relative you haven't seen all year. Drag out old pictures of times gone by and remember. Drive through neighborhoods and see what they've done with their lights this year. Drink hot toddies and tell old stories one more time, as you stand close to the pop bellied stove.

And if you have friend who's year has left them alone in an empty house, grab that friend and

MEDINA LAKE NEWS



NANCY ARCEMENT

them through the Holidays.

"God bless us each and every one."

Did you know

Lakehills Inc. Committee will have its next meeting this Saturday at 9 am at the Medina

Currently, they are taking donations for expenses such as postage, printing, research, etc., and are planning a fund-raiser in the near future. A phone bank is being set up to contact local residents to gain input on a one-on-one basis. The petition may be ready to begin collecting signatures.

At the last meeting, a petition was being drafted for people in the Lakehills area to sign who are interested in incorporating. Once 50 voters residing in this area have petitioned for a referendum, a date will be set for the community to vote for or against incorporating an area in Lakehills. A map has been drawn, and except for a few details, is close to being ready for a vote by the committee for incorporation. From there it becomes a part of the package for the community to decide one way or another on the

present the facts and the plans to the community to insure they are well informed of all the issues concerning this important change - the when, how much, who, and what exactly what it will bear for each homeowner who becomes a part of this new governing force.

Ripley at 612-3154. For donations, make payable to "LAIC" and mail to LAIC Finance, 9844 FM 1283; Lakehills, TX 78063.

Be sure to watch for Santa Claus' arrival. The Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Medina Lake Civic Center have combined forces to prepare for his arrival on Dec. 21, so keep your eyes open for his arrival. You don't want to miss seeing him!

The Lakehills United Methodist Church (LUMC) will have the following meetings: LUMC starting Wednesday, Dec. 11, - the Circle of Love Prayer Group at 6 p.m., Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m., and Lakehills Emmaus Gathering at 7:45 p.m.; Thursday, Disciple I from 7 - 9:30 p.m.; Friday - Koinonia Emmaus Gathering in Hondo at-7:30 p.m.; Sunday - Wear Red - Ring a Bell Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:20 a.m., Cottage Meeting at 12:30 p.m., Monday - Bread of Life at 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday - TWIGS 4:30-6 p.m. and Disciple IV Closing Session from 7 - 9:30 p.m.

The Lighthouse Church of Lakehills has Sunday Worship at

SEE MEDINA LAKE, PAGE 9A

AARP driving course at Sage

Open House & Chamber Christmas Mixer
The Silver Sage and Chamber of Commerce are joining forces to host an Open House and Chamber Mixer tomorrow evening, Thursday, Dec. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Silver Sage, 803 Buck Creek Boulevard. The entire community is invited to join us – Good Cheer, Good Food and Good Friends!

Defensive Driving
One last reminder – the AARP Defensive Driving Course takes place here at the Corral tomorrow and Friday from Noon until 4 p.m. both days. This course is for insurance discounts only.

Spirit of Christmas
The food ministry group of the

Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. until finishing time is the Wrapping o' the Boxes for Spirit of Christmas. We need volunteers for this, so if you have given a few minutes to spare,

New Year's Eve Party
The Silver Sage Board of

Year's Eve Party for senior citizens here at the Corral. Shirley Vangsnes had the original idea for the party, but it's going to take quite a few volunteers to put it together. If there are those of you out there in Bandera land who might be interested in putting this thing together, give us a call at 796-4969 – otherwise, no party, o.k.?

Christmas Trees Galore
Our heartfelt thanks to Julia and Pedro Estrada for the donation of the beautiful ten foot Christmas tree that we will be using in our new large meeting room. Also many thanks to Melvin King's family for the donation of a seven foot tree that we'll use in the office area. We must have been really, really good, 'cause Santa

We have mentioned in the last couple of columns that we needed volunteers for Monday and Tuesday in our kitchen. We thank Nancy Hope for answering our

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON
Because the fourth Tuesday falls on Christmas Eve, the December birthday luncheon will be held next Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 11:45 a.m.. Bring a covered dish and help us say Happy Birthday to Dr. George Meador, Marjorie Sullivan, Angie Walden, Herb Young, Kay Welch, Rose Greenawalt, Helen Williams, Dale

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BETTY LEBO 796-4969

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS, Y'ALL!

Christmas in Medina



Medina Girl Scout Troop #763 recently got the Christmas spirit.They are: Heather Barker, Sara Leonard, leader Michelle Barker, Samantha McCain, Abby Smith and Stephanie McCain.

Lakeshore fire gets grant from BEC, LCRA for new breathing devices, other gear

LCRA and Bandera Electric Cooperative have awarded a $10,400 grant to the Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department to help purchase fire-fighting and safety equipment.

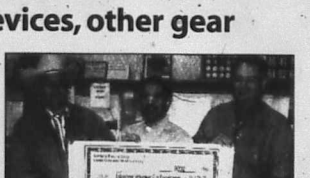
With the grant, the department will buy helmets, gloves, gear bags, breathing devices, fire hoses, boots and wildfire gear.

When the Lakeshore Fire Department was chartered in 1979, its equipment consisted of two 55-gallon water drums in the back of a pickup truck.

Since then, the department has grown to 16 active volunteers, serving a fast-growing area with a current population of about 4,800 people.

The grant is one of 26 totaling $503,439 awarded recently through LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program. The program provides economic development and community assistance grants to cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other nonprofit organizations in LCRA's electric and water service area.

For information about the grant program, call Lori Vitek, LCRA, 1-800-776-5272, Ext. 3393.



(From left) Richard Evans, County Judge; Roland Pena, Dist. Rep. LCRA; Robert Pyles, Pres, Lakeshore Fire Dept. know the grant will be put to good use.

WHARTON'S DOCK

FROM PAGE 8A

MEDINA LAKE

FROM PAGE 8A

10:15 a.m. All are welcome.

In the neighborhood, DV had surgery, but seems to be recovering well. FV plans on having her second eye fixed - good luck to her. 'Pops' got married on Saturday to Eileen- and we were all pleased. Bernice did the catering, and decorations which were fantastic, down to the last detail. It was a country theme with bales of hay, scarecrow, fried catfish and chicken, gingham tablecloths, an old still and windmill - and the layout couldn't be beat. RN and his bride have moved into their new home, though they have a lot more fixin' to do before their finishes, they're happy to be there and CN are changing to tile on their floors - and it looks great, too.

Lots of meetings are going on around town, so keep your eyes open, there may be something important you may need to be a part of. There was a Blood Drive for Charlie Blair at the Elementary School on Saturday - pretty good turn out, though we need to keep him in mind - he may need blood periodically till he licks this health problems.

For the mid-December, the Farmer's Almanac's states, for the 12th, "The Katzengammer Kids" first appeared in 1897 and it's first remember....

"The time's, they are a-changing..."

The population boom we've experienced over the last few years has brought with it demands that are extremely challenging. The founders of the lake communities, so much of what has been built throughout the years, and the life styles that drew us here will change, as they always do, with growth and progress.

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I remember when working in the office and we all had IBM electric typewriters. Computers were introduced and the some of us took to them like a duck to water, some stubbornly balked liked an old mule, but either no matter how one reacted, it didn't change the fact that the information age had arrived. Now, whether you're a Doctor or a Stock Boy, everyday you're faced with some kind of computer transaction.

It saddens me to think of Lakehills as a Real Estate-hot spot drawing top dollars from big investors. I wish it stayed a sleepy town-where there weren't many strange faces except on the days when the lake was too beautiful not to share with the city folk tak-

ing time out to enjoy some beautiful country and fishing.

But that's my grief talking - my stubborn, please, please don't make things change. I know there are schools that need to be built, and water/septic issues, better roads that need to be paved, and I suppose all that comes with what the collective group call - a "better life."

That's all I've got to say today. If you want me to include something, send me a postcard to Nancy Arcement, P.O. Box 63109; Pipe Creek, TX 78063; or e-mail me at richardbarcement@prodigy.net.

Weather does little to dampen River Hills spirits during holiday

With November marching onward, the weather turned colder and was a little drizzly now and then. Our residents didn't mind staying indoors on such days!

Sunday, Nov. 17, the Methodist Church held Sunday services for the residents.

Monday, Nov. 18, Nancy Westley called the weekly bingo game. Varney Lucas taught a Bible class.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, the ladies enjoyed getting manicures and showing off their pretty polish to each other. Rosa does a great job for the ladies.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, Martin Smith of the Church of Christ taught Bible class and sang hymns with the residents.

Thursday, Nov. 21, John Graham had his weekly reading session for the residents. The residents also played bingo.

Sunday, Nov. 24, the Church of Christ held Sunday services.

Monday, Nov. 25, Nancy Westley called bingo. Bible class was led by Varney Lucas.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, the Lestargeon Band came to play some lively toe-tapping tunes for everyone. Their performance really livened the place up.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, Martin Smith had Bible class and sang hymns with the residents.

Thursday Nov. 28, was Thanksgiving Day and fortunately it turned out to be a gorgeous day, chilly and clear. Inside in the warmth of the River Hills dining hall, the residents had a pleasant Thanksgiving dinner with their families. The kitchen staff did a wonderful job preparing succulent turkey with all the fine trimmings. The holiday aromas were absolutely mouth-watering. It was a great meal. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Sunday, Dec. 1, the Lutheran Church had Sunday worship services.

Monday, Dec. 2, bingo was called by Nancy Westley. Varney Lucas had her weekly Bible class.

Tuesday, Dec. 3, the Melodiers came by to perform several selections for the residents. Those who participated were Hank White, Ann Edge, Pat Brown, Marion Bunch, Paul Westmeyer, Jane Westmeyer, Beverly Gaghardi, Lee Yelton, Waverly Lewis, Betty Schultz, George Schultz, Betty J. Suddath, and Judy Goodenough. What a great bunch of singers!

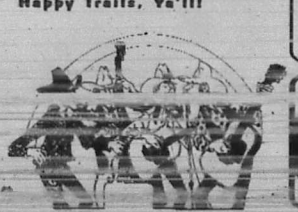
Wednesday, Dec. 4, Martin Smith taught Bible class and led the singing of hymns with the residents. A norther blew in with some rain around midnight.

Thursday, Dec. 5, John Graham read to the residents. It was a great way to spend a very cold day.

Friday, Dec. 6 had the first frost that remained on the ground. Even though winter hasn't officially arrived yet, we're starting to see something of it. That's okay, because Santa Claus' midnight ride is just around the corner. Just ask the children in the Alkek Elementary School choir, who visited River Hills Center to sing Christmas carols for the residents. The children were led by their music teacher, Mrs. Qualls. Everyone, residents and staff alike, enjoyed the children's performance very much. It really uplifted our spirits. Make a difference, visit a friend.

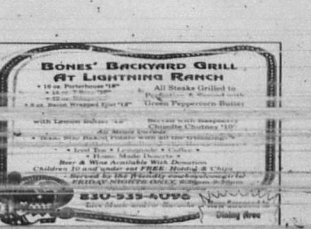
HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!!

There is always something entertaining going on in Bandera and the Hill Country! With The Bandera Bulletin's Happy Trails Entertainment locator it's easy to plan ahead for your week or weekend. Happy Trails will take you down the backroads, sidestreet and main highways of the Hill Country and help you find that perfect place to have fun! Each week you'll find photos, listings, interviews and more about the hottest spots and the hottest acts in Texas. Check back again with us next week for our Entertainment Highlights!
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COWBOY CHRISTMAS IN BANDERA COUNTY

Last weekend was a busy one in Bandera County. Parades, Kid Fish at the Park, Concerts on the Plaza and Shopper's Jubilee.



Christopher Eury of Bandera gets a big hug from Santa while sister, Allie, waits her turn. Photo by Frank Shubert



Three-year-old Lacey Welch of Pipe Creek has all of the tools she needs to catch the holiday parade... a chair, a stocking hat and total concentration. Photo by Frank Shubert



Carrying her trusty sidekick, Corky the dog, in her saddlebag, Betty Brown and her horse strike the perfect parade pose. Photo by Frank Shubert



Bob Click (L) of the Bandera General Store leads his horse in front of the courthouse. Photo by Frank Shubert



A Bandera tradition, the re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, Kelsey Jackson and Cody Neal, arrived at the courthouse right on time, compliments of the Pipe Creek Christian School. Photo by Philip Billnitzer



No Christmas parade in Bandera is complete without a horse and a ten-gallon Santa hat. Photo by Frank Shubert



Posting the colors Bandera style. Photo by Frank Shubert



Bobby Reagan (far right) supervised the installation of the huge lighted Christmas tree on the courthouse square. The Bandera Electric Coop has worked tirelessly this year to help make Bandera look great for the Holidays. Photo by Frank Shubert



Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus...and Elvis! But both in the same picture...only in Bandera! Photo by Frank Shubert



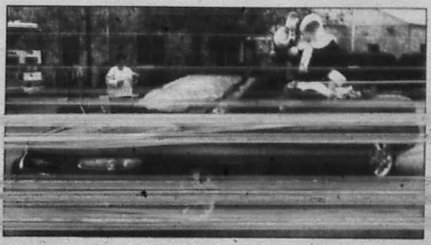
Members of the Bandera Business Association volunteered last Friday to decorate the Bandera Plaza for the holidays. The Bandera Electric Coop did a fantastic job helping volunteers get lights and decorations up and sparkling. Photo by Frank Shubert



Members of the Alkek Choir held a concert at Bandera Plaza on Friday featuring the sounds of the season. Photo by Philip Billnitzer



The Banjoneers played at Bandera Plaza on Saturday. Band members include Bessie Brooks, Director; Judy Goodenough, violin; Waverly Lewis, guitar; June Westmeyer, autoharp; Paul Westmeyer, Marion Bunch, autoharp; Art Bunch, Beverly Gayllarde, ukulele; Henrietta White, Bettie Suddath, Bettie Bucalo, Lois Hayes and Ann Edge. Photo by Frank Shubert



The Big Man himself, Santa Claus, rode in the parade in a different sort of red convertible "sleigh" ably steered by Pat Breedlove. Photo by Frank Shubert

DEC 11 2002

'TIS THE REASON...
TO ENJOY THE SEASON!

An Invitation to the Christmas Open House at LAWLIS AUTO SUPPLY!

This year's poem will be brief (Very short!)
'Cause time is passing too fast (and I forgot)!
Our Christmas Open House, I'm glad to report,
Is planned for 19th of December from 9 to 6.
Food, drink and door prizes as usual,
For all who come to share our joy and more.
As nine years have passed (It's been that long!)
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So one and all, come on out and have a ball
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To make merry and share the holiday cheer!
Together let's celebrate the close of 2002 (with glee!)
And look forward to a grand two thousand and three.

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We would like to thank each of you who attended our Ribbon Cutting and Open House ceremonies. It was such a pleasure to meet each of you and have an opportunity to let you see first hand what we have to offer our community. We would also like to thank Dan and his crew from A Touch of Class for providing all the delicious goodies for our Ribbon Cutting.

The winners of our drawing were:
Don Newkirk & Merrilee Swinford, Bandera - a beautiful Christmas Wreath
Sue Pickett, Pipe Creek - a $20 gift certificate
Nancy Rogers, Floresville - a $35 gift certificate

We wish you all Holidays full of Joy!
Irlene and Lynda

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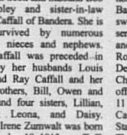
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The Bandera Bulletin

OPINIONS

Yoakum coach king of tantrums

PHILLER SPACE



PHILIP BILLNITZER

As soon as the first penalty flag hit the field, Yoakum's head football coach screamed at the official.

Coach Jessie B. Crow said something to the effect of how he could not help but notice that the first call of the game went against his team.

He proceeded to berate the official for the course of the game. Had he been a Major League Baseball manager, he would have been booted in the first inning.

The main reason I go to the opposing sideline during football games is to have a Bandera background in my photo shots. Bandera's sideline is crowded with photographers and being on the opponents' sideline helps me get different and better angles. I also shoot shots from our sidelines for the sake of variety.

Having been on the opposing sidelines all season, I can honestly say I've heard few complaints about Bandera holding or dirty play all season. That is, until the Yoakum game.

Crow cried at the top of the lungs when he thought the officials missed a pass interference call early. He jumped in front of the official and engaged in the sort of histrionics I only occasionally expect to see from my three-year-old daughter.

In the fourth quarter, with the game decided already, he was still carrying on about the officiating in an unprofessional manner. He even told one of his players that if Bandera's no. 74 holds you again, to do something I couldn't hear. I wish I had heard it. I'm sure it wasn't nice.

Even if Bandera had been holding on every down, which, of course, they don't, the way for a coach to level the playing field would have been to tell his players to use the same blocking techniques the Bandera does.

Of course, Crow's babyish behavior spread to his team and fans. Rather than do things like try to tackle Dustin Heep below the waist, they were busy blaming their loss on the officials. I've been covering high school football for about 25 years and never seen a more disgraceful display.

Finally, with about a minute left in the game, Crow shot off his big mouth again about some allegedly missed call. I smirked or said something under my breath.

This time, I became his target. Crow told me I didn't know anything about football and I could stick it.

"Scoreboard," I replied.

"You haven't scored one touchdown today," he yelled. I was about 10-15 yards away.

"Neither have you," I pointed out.

He accused me of not knowing how to do my job.

I told him apparently I was doing my job a lot better than he was on that particular Saturday.

The same official who had been taking too much abuse that day told me to just ignore him. It was good advice. I've got better things to do with my time that deal with coaches who should have pacifiers stick in their mouth while they are being thoroughly outcoached.

Settlement with insurer good news

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN — While Texans flocked to the shopping malls after Thanksgiving, thousands of homeowners got an early holiday present from the state: a settlement with Farmers Insurance Co.

Not only will the company, which has a big percentage of the Texas home insurance market, continue home coverage in the state, policyholders will receive reduced rates, refunds and premium credits.

The $100 million settlement of the legal and administrative actions filed by the state against Farmers was announced by Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 30.

"My goal has always been to find a resolution that not only protects Texas consumers, but one that allows Farmers to continue doing business in this state," Perry said.

"I commend Farmers for settling these legal matters and I welcome the company's continued presence in the state."

Though the settlement ended the immediate problem, in January legislators will begin considering various insurance reform measures.

New Attorney General

With John Cornyn leaving office early to be sworn in as Texas' newest U.S. senator, Greg Abbott took the oath of office as the state's 50th attorney general on Dec. 2.

"We have many challenges ahead of us and many responsibilities, but ultimately they can be reduced to one salient point: we have an obligation to serve the people of Texas," Abbot said.

Texas' other newly-elected officials will be sworn in next month.

Perry names HHS Commissioner

Albert Hawkins, an aide to President George W. Bush, has been named by Gov. Perry as Health and Human Services commissioner.

The commission, with 6[illegible] employees and an $8 billion budget, oversees Texas' Medicaid Program and Children's Health Insurance Program.

Hawkins replaced Don Gilbert, who retired after 30 years of state service.

Know any heroes?

The Texas Department of Agriculture is looking for someone who rose to the challenge and performed a lifesaving act during 2002.

The agency is accepting nominations for its annual Rural Heroism Award.

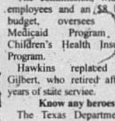
To qualify for this award, the act must have been related to farming or ranching.

Vehicle crashes or accidents caused by negligence will not be considered.

Nominations, postmarked before Feb. 1, should be sent to Lola Lemmon, TDA Safety Coordinator, PO Box 12847, Austin, TX, 7871[illegible].

For information, call 512-475-1611.

STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS



MIKE COX

Texas Press Association

Extrication tricky task for lifesavers

There are experiences that teach us things we never forget. Sometimes the lesson learned is from a positive model, and sometimes the best lessons learned are from situations that are not so positive. I'd like to share a few examples, which illustrate this point.

Arriving on scene of a one-car roll, the three person EMS crew finds a man

buckled securely in a seatbelt on the driver's side of an overturned vehicle. The man is approximately 28 years old, not moving, and upside-down. The crew assures themselves the scene is safe to approach, as the car does not appear to be leaking any fluids.

The first EMT makes contact with the patient. To his surprise the man abruptly and loudly responds to the EMT's voice. The driver screams that his feet are stuck behind the steering wheel. His vocabulary is colorful and offensive as he demands assistance immediately.

The biggest obstacle the EMTs encounter is the patient himself. He is uncooperative and demanding. Beer cans rain down on the patient and the EMTs, who have now crawled into the upside-down vehicle in an attempt to assist the driver.

Eventually the seatbelts are cut and the man frees himself from behind the steering wheel. The EMTs are concerned for the health of the driver who is now having episodes of loss of consciousness as he tries to walk away from the vehicle. The back-up crew arrives and the five EMTs eventually restrain the patient as he continues to swing. Eventually the patient is subdued, but not before landing a punch to at least one EMT.

In a second episode, EMS is dispatched to the scene to find a 10-year-old boy unresponsive in an abandoned car. His playmates tell the crew that they were playing hide-and-seek when they heard their friend scream once loudly. The kids followed the direction of the scream and found their friend having trouble breathing. They ran for help.

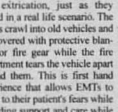
The first EMT crawled into the seat beside the boy and was beginning to assess his condition. His partner was still in the ambulance grabbing equipment when he heard the first EMT yell out. When he ran to the old car, he found his partner grasping his own bloodied hand and sitting on the seat beside the boy.

A snake bit both the young boy and the first EMT. Unfortunately the copper head also bit the second EMT crewmember as he rushed in to assist his partner. A back-up crew was summoned to the call.

Upon arrival the first crewmember of the back-up crew rushed to the scene and was within inches of the same snake when he saw the danger and retreated from striking distance. Three people were down and the fourth had a close call before someone remembered to warn the other responders of the impending danger.

The lessons learned by all the EMTs involved were numerous. Fortunately this was all staged during an Extrication Day. All of the players in the above scenarios were EMTs and volunteers acting as patients in a continuing education exercise. Periodically, Bandera EMS stages an Extrication Day to provide hands on training for EMTs. The goal is to become proficient in removing patients from vehicles properly and safely. The fire departments often assist in the training days and provide extensive extrication, just as they would in a real life scenario. The EMTs crawl into old vehicles and are covered with protective blankets or fire gear while the fire department tears the vehicle apart around them. This is first hand experience that allows EMTs to relate to their patient's fears while providing support and care while the process of extrication continues. I learned a lot during Extrication Day. The most memorable lessons were the ones that, didn't play out picture perfectly.

EMT PULSE



MITHRIEL SALMON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GIFTS OF LOVE

Dear Editor,

The Gifts of Love Christmas Project is now in full swing, and visits are being made to the homes of families in need. In making these visits we can determine the situation of the families and collect the Christmas wishes of the children.

Those living in absolute poverty will be accepted into the program and each family will receive a turkey, ham, and a very generous supply of groceries. The children are always so happy to learn they can look forward to a happy Christmas day with toys and gifts for all ages. The packages are beautifully wrapped, and each child is given a colorful stocking filled with surprises. Blankets and oil lamps are also provided.

If you would like to have a part in this worthy project we have an account at the Guaranty Federal Bank on Main Street, or you can mail your donation to Gifts of Love, 3859 FM 470, Bandera, Texas 78003. All donations large or small will be sincerely appreciated and will be gratefully acknowledged. You may also use the above address when notifying us of a family in need.

In reflecting on the Christmas season I am always reminded of the story of the old lamplighter. He was a kindly gentleman who did not have much money, but he wanted to share what he had to make at least one child happy at Christmas time. He went to the toy store in the small town where he lived and spoke to the clerk there. He then stepped back into the shadows and stood patiently watching the shoppers come and go. As the hours grew late he noticed a mother with her little girl standing outside the window. The child was looking longingly at the beautiful doll on display. Finally, they stepped into the store and the little girl reached out to touch the pretty doll. The lamplighter heard the child say that sometime she would be able to have a doll like that, but she just could not afford to get it now. The kindly gentleman then nodded to the salesperson, and with that she placed the doll in the little girl's arms. His mission was fulfilled and his heart was warmed by the happiness the little girl was showing. He never told the clerk his name, but she saw him every Christmas Eve and knew him simply as the "Silent Santa."

Pat D'Spain
Bandera

CEDAR GRINCH

Dear Editor

Be Afraid; For Behold...

I bring you bad news of a great wind that will come to all the people. And this will be a sign for you. For unto you is borne to the city of Bandera a wind from the north, and it shall bear... a great sneeze! Merry Christmas to that Grinch of all Grinches, the cedar.

On the first day of cedar the pollen gave to me an itch so my eyes can't see. I can try counting blessings, so let's see. I can think of many things that it is useful for. For instance, what would we do for fence posts, hat racks and all that furniture big enough for Hoss Cartwright's manly frame.

Is there cedar jelly? Or perhaps we could help to popularize the cedar bonsai. Just think, the possibilities are endless. We wouldn't have to plant or coddle them in nurseries, they're everywhere! Unlimited supplies. And if the oak will stays the course, we'll need them for shade.

But meanwhile let me clear my throat and reach for my Kleenex. There, that's better, now what about a festival, a cedar festival. It could run from December through January and there might be contests for the deepest bronchial hacking, or the most swollen eyes. Cowboy poets and song writers alike, could put pen to paper and who knows, it could be better than crying in your beer songs. Don't roll those bloodshot eyes at me! I can see it now, we could erect a large Cedar Meter on the courthouse lawn and watch that baby rise! Perhaps Allegra would be willing to sponsor Bandera. We could become the Allergy Capitol of the World.

Lawyers could use Cedar Fever as an entirely new defense for criminal behavior and that might just help to keep the jail less populated. Think of the money the city would save. So see, it's not that bad and it will be over soon and then we can look forward to the oak!

Elizabeth Scott
Bandera

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ANDRESS

Richard D. "Dick" Andress, 82, of El Paso died September 22. Graveside services were held at Rose Lawn Memorial Park in El Paso on September 26.

Mr. Andress honorable served his country during World War II, after which he married Carrie Ruth Leibold at the Methodist Church in Bandera in December 1946. They resided in the Ysleta community near El Paso where he farmed until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Andress of El Paso, sister-in-law, Olga Browning of Bandera, Louise Leibold of Pipe Creek, and Valincia Andress of El Paso; nephews, Guy Andress of El Paso, Eddie Leibold of Lakehills, Edwin Browning and Bodie Browning of Bandera, niece, Julie Andress of El Paso, a great niece and several great nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andress and a brother, Carlton Andress.

CAFFALL

Fannie Stein Caffall, a lifelong resident of Bandera County, passed away into the hands of the Lord on Sunday, December 8, at the age of 89 in Kerrville. Mrs. Caffall is survived by her twin sister Annie Anderwald and husband Fabian of Bandera. Also sister-in-law Rena Scott and husband Bob of Tarpley and sister-in-law Lizzie Caffall of Bandera. She is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Mrs. Caffall was preceded in death by her husbands Louis Stein and Ray Caffall and her three brothers, Bill, Owen and Henry and four sisters, Lillian, Maudie, Leona, and Daisy. Frances Irene Zumwalt was born on November 18, 1913 near Tuff, to James Washington Zumwalt and Katherine Travis Loyd and graduated from Medina School in 1933. Fannie enjoyed being a part of the community and is credited in gathering historical material for the Bandera County History Book - 1986 and genealogical information necessary to compile the listing of the "Descendants of Owen Loyd and Eliza A. Jones." As a former resident of the Tuff community, she contributed many vivid memories and stories published in the book, "Tales of Tuff, Texas". Although "Aunt Fannie" had no children of her own, she helped raise many children in her home, her neighborhood, and in Bandera County. She took them swimming, played softball, served snacks and made gallons and gallons of kool-aid. The Rosary was recited Tuesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. at Grimes Chapel. The Funeral Mass will be offered on Wednesday, December 11 at 10 a.m. at St Stanislaus Catholic Church with Father Stanislaw Oleksy as Celebrant. The interment will immediately follow at the Old Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jim Anderwald, Larry Stein, Phil Grothues, Russell Zickler, Henry Lee Zumwalt and Louis Henry Stein. Honorary Pallbearers are Jesse Sachtleben, Johnny Hoffman, Bob Scott, Reece Rose and Jimmie Stein. Memorial contributions may be made to St Stanislaus Catholic Church restoration project where she was a member since 1938. The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" Link. Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

MARTIN

Zula Martin, 83, of Pipe Creek, died Sunday, Dec. 8, at her residence. She was born April 17, 1919 in White Pine, Tennessee to Henry Ott Vinyard and Ida Mae Black Vinyard. Mrs. Martin served in the Army Nurse Corp during World War II, was a member of the Latter Day Saint Church, was Director of Nursing Care at the Purple Hills Nursing Home in Bandera, was a past member of the Pipe Creek Fire Department Auxiliary, and was a member of the Retired Officers Association. Survivors include one daughter, Becky Turliey and husband Mike, one son, Phil Martin and wife Cindy of Pipe Creek, brother-in-law, William Gugenheim, grandchildren, Rick Martin and wife Lisa, Dale Martin and wife Tana, James Brian Kochik and wife Carrie, Carrie Kochik, and Tyler Turliey, and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard L. Martin. A memorial graveside service will be held on Wednesday, December 11 at 11 a.m. at the Pipe Creek Cemetery with Bishop Heller and Mr. Martin Smith officiating. Memorials may be made to the Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

KELLY

Ed Kelley died Monday, Nov. 25. He had been a landowner in Bandera County since 1974 and a resident since 1990 after his retirement from the international oil business. He is survived by his wife, Janet Kelley; a son Scott Kelley of San Antonio; a daughter Claudia O'Neal of Needville and three grandchildren.

A memorial will be held on Friday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. at Arkey Blue's Silver Dollar. In lieu of flowers donations would be appreciated to the Brighter Days Horse Refuge or Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation.



ED KELLY

BANDERA COUNTY JAIL LOG

The following persons were arrested and booked into the Bandera County jail recently. It should be remembered that a person is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Charles Kirk, 37, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/3/02 for three misdemeanor warrants from an outside agency. Charles Edwards, 26, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/3/02 for a misdemeanor motion to revoke probation warrant. Thomas Madsen, 53, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/3/02 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, possession. Dustin Fitzpatrick, 32, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/4/02 for public intoxication. Sean Mason, 26, of Port Aransas, was arrested on 12/4/02 for a felony motion to revoke probation warrant. Beth Abney-Martinez, 36, of Bandera was arrested on 12/5/02 for theft. Carol Sutton, 43, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/5/02 for abandonment/neglect of a child. Michael Padilla, 41, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/5/02 for a fugitive warrant. Janis Phillips, 41, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 12/5/02 for possession of a controlled substance. David Ziegler, 35, of Lakehills, was arrested on 12/5/02 for six traffic warrants, failure to appear warrant and motion to revoke probation warrant. John Elliott, 44, of Mico, was arrested on 12/5/02 for a warrant from an outside agency. Rusti Reser, 20, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 12/6/02 for assault with bodily injury. Christopher Reser, 28, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 12/6/02 for assault with bodily injury. Belinda Lara, 33, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/7/02 for public intoxication. Samantha" Johnson, 33, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/7/02 for four issuance's of a bad check. Gail Kenney, 47, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 12/7/02 for public intoxication. Terry Kelley, 59, of Jonesville, was arrested on 12/7/02 for public intoxication. Reva Reynosa, 17, of Lakehills, was arrested on 12/7/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of to inhale. Dustin Bruce, 19, of Bandera, was arrested on 12/8/02 for driving with a suspended license, unlawful carrying, possession of paraphernalia to inhale and driving under the influence.

Bandera City Police Report

The Bandera Police Department answered 34 calls for service from December 2, through December 9, 2002.

1 Alarm
5 Minor Accident
1 Arrest/Thomas Arthur Madsen/Driving while intoxicated/violation of occupational drivers license/possession of marijuana/possession of drug paraphernalia to inhale/DOB: 08/15/49/Bandera.
1 Arrest/Belinda M. Lara/DOB: 12/18/68/Public Intoxication/Bandera.
1 Assault
1 Assault with Serious Bodily Injury
3 Assist other agency
2 Assist the public
1 Criminal Mischief
1 Civil Matter
1 Drug Offense
2 Disturbance
3 Information
1 Found Property
1 Minor in Possession Alcohol
1 Reckless Driving
4 Suspicious Circumstances
2 Suspicious Vehicle
2 Theft

Shane Merritt, Chief of Police
Bandera Police Department

Rotary Holiday Donation



The Rotary Club of Kerrville donated hams and turkeys to the Medina Children's Home, a long-standing tradition with the 150-member noon service club. The Medina Children's Home, which opened in 1958, serves 60 youth in a residential setting, and another 80 children in a program for single mothers. Children [illegible] and other school activities. The single mothers live and work in Medina Children's home while receiving counseling, job training and other services to enable them to rebuild their families.

Gene Brack (far left), Vice President of Development at Medina Children's Home, receives a ham from Noon Rotary Club President Cecil Addision (in hat) outside Kerrville's HEB store. Others pictured (left to right) include Children's Home volunteer Dr. Hiney Smith, Rotarians Ron Wilkinson, Ray Durham, D. C. Cecil Addision, Danny Wheat, Greg Nichols, HEB store director, and John Watson. At far right is Children's Home volunteer Jan Hudiak.

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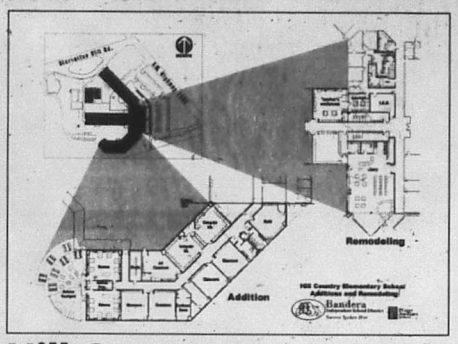
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Cowboy Capital Christmas Events

Thursday, December 12
6 p.m.
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. 6 p.m. Aztec dancers; 7 p.m. special Mass.
7 p.m.
Bandera HS Theater 1 Performance at BHS Auditorium.
6 to 8 p.m.
Visit Santa at Bandera City Plaza. Shops stay open late.
7 p.m.
Bandera HS Theater 1 Performance at BHS Auditorium.
9 p.m.
Perfect Stranger plays at the Cabaret Cafe & Dance Hall.
Saturday, December 14
5 p.m.
Christmas 'Round the Campfire: Bandera Courthouse to Billy Gene's Restaurant for Christmas caroling, coffee.
7 to 9 p.m.
Students Against Destructive Decisions Holiday Dance at Bandera High School Cafeteria.
Monday, December 16
6:30 p.m.
Holiday Music Program at Alkek Elementary School.
7 p.m. (nightly until December 23)
St. Stanislaus' presents Las Posadas, which begins at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and returns to Parish Hall.
Thursday, December 19
3 to 6 p.m.
Lawless Auto Supply NAPA Open House on Hwy. 173 with refreshments, door prizes
6 to 8 p.m.
Visit Santa at Bandera City Plaza. Shops stay open late.
Saturday, December 21
9 p.m.
Asleep at the wheel at the Cabaret Cafe & Dance Hall.
Sunday, December 22
6 p.m.
Candlelight Service at Bandera First Baptist Church.
Friday, December 27
9 p.m.
Darrell McCall performs with Arkey Blue at Arkey Blue's Silver Dollar Saloon.
Saturday, December 28
9 p.m.
Pat Green plays at the Cabaret Cafe & Dance Hall.
Tuesday, December 31
6 p.m.
Bandera First Baptist Church Watch-Night.
8 p.m.
New Year's Eve Party sponsored by Medina Lake Betterment Association at Lakehills Civic Center.
9 p.m. Ring in the New Year with Vicki Adams & Delta Delivery, featuring Tooter Ripps



Hill Country to expand

Last week we looked at the additions and remodeling of Alkek Elementary School. This week's focus will be on what will be happening this winter at Hill Country Elementary School in the Pipe Creek/Lakehills area.

The additions and remodeling at Hill Country will begin in February. Bidding and negotiation will take place from December through January.

Hill Country currently has 33,400+ square feet (all square footage has been rounded) of existing building. An additional 14,400+ square feet will be added and 5,400+ square feet will be remodeled. This will provide a total building area of 67,900+ square feet.

What does this mean in terms of classrooms? Once the construction is completed, Hill Country will boast a total of 48 total classrooms with the potential of accommodating 750 students. The 48 classrooms are broken down by usage: 37 Standard Classrooms, 5 Special Classrooms, 2 Science Classrooms; 2 Computer Classrooms; 1 Art Classroom, and1 Music Classroom. Canopies over existing sidewalks and new covered walkways will be added for sound pedestrian traffic in inclement weather.


Superintendent's Report
RENÉE SCHULZE Superintendent, BISD

In addition, the parking lot will be greatly expanded to handle staff and visitor parking.

An important feature of this construction is that the majority of trees that now exist on the campus site will remain.

Please check our school construction updates which are posted to the Bandera ISD web site www.banderaisd.net.

Next week we will look at the plans for the new Transportation and Maintenance Facility.

Junior stock show entries up by about 10 percent this year

Compared to the previous year's show, about ten percent more kids will be displaying animals at the 67th Annual Bandera County Junior Livestock Show on Jan. 9-11 at the Showbarn in Mansfield Park.

This year there are right at 700 entries in the show, according to County Extension Agent Warren Thigpen. He said the county junior livestock show represents the many long hours, days, and months of hard work put in by 4-H and FFA members and their families. The stock show program helps build life skills such as time management, record keeping, competition, winning, losing, leadership skills and discipline just to name a few, he said.

Livestock will arrive on Jan. 9, with judging to begin that day and continue into the next. The show will culminate with the auction of prize-winning animals on Saturday, Jan. 11.

More details about the show will be in the newspaper as the show nears.

Call the Bandera County Extension office at 796-7755 for more information.

BISD wins web site Golden Web Award

The Bandera Independent School District's Web Site has received the Golden Web Award for 2002-2003 from the International Association of Web Masters and Designers on Dec. 3.

The Golden Web Award is presented to those sites whose web design, originality and content have achieved levels of excellence deserving of recognition.

This marks the second consecutive year that the Bandera ISD Web Site has received this award from the IAWMD.


The Jubilation Bell Choir of the Bandera United Methodist Church will have a Christmas concert at the church sanctuary at 1:30 p.m on Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend the event.

Police nab burglary supect

Bandera Police Chief Shane Merritt said James Michael Rippey, 32, of San Antonio has been arrested in connection with three burglaries that occurred during the Hunter's BBQ weekend.

The Bandera Bulletin, Source One and Bandera Fitness Center were all ransacked. Several items, including a police scanner from the Bulletin office, have been recovered. Small amounts of cash were also taken during the break-ins.

Rippey has been released on bond and his case will come before the Bandera County Grand Jury in January, Merritt said. He said Rippey's address was given as Evers Road in the San Antonio area and he was arrested on Nov. 27. Merritt said police have a strong case against Rippey.

In an unrelated case, Merritt said Braun Drug on Main Street was burglarized on Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30. Pharmaceuticals were taken in both break-ins.

Chief Merritt said the public should be careful to guard against burglaries during the holiday season.

"We like to see businesses and residences use deadbolt locks on doors because other kinds tend to be so easy to break into," Merritt said. "You also need to lock your windows. Unfortunately, we live in a time when you can't leave yourself wide open."

Merritt said if you have a neighbor you know well, it's a good idea to look out for each other. "If you see any suspicious activity at all, by all means, report it to us," he said.

RV group gathers at Skyline Park

Camping families from all over the state of Texas gathered at Skyline RV Park for a Texas State Association Roundup in Bandera during the week of Thanksgiving.

Activities included a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings; a prince and princess contest; a teen king and queen contest; golf tournament; crafts; auction; flea market and entertainment by Clifton Jansky, the Christian Country Music Award for "Male Vocalist of the Year".

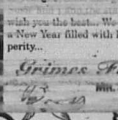
The visitors donated a historical book to the Bandera Library /CRV is a family organization that was established more than 50 years ago and it reaches families in the United States, Canada and Europe.

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A Thought for the Week
by John M. Grimes



Christmas is one of the busiest and happiest times of the year for millions of Christians throughout the world. Gifts are exchanged and Christmas cards sent, expressing sentiments of joy, goodwill, health and happiness... A typical card may carry this message: "Love was born at Christmas... We wish you love and joy at this beautiful season." The custom of exchanging Christmas gifts began, we are told, in memory of the gifts the wise men brought the Christ child when he was born in Bethlehem. Christians feel reverence for that momentous event that took place in Bethlehem many years ago. People enjoy singing the joyous and holy carols that have expressed that reverence in song down through the ages... there is the warmth of giving and the thrill of receiving. The spirit of the season surrounds us and reaches into our innermost self, bring out hidden feelings of joy and happiness that cause us to think: "Peace on earth, goodwill to everyone." Yes, another wish you the best... We wish you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness, peace, health and prosperity...

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Bandera vs. Bellville Football Info

Tickets for the Bandera-Bellville football game will be sold at a cost of $7 for adults and $4 for students in advance. All tickets at the gate will be $7.

Bandera will face Bellville at Round Rock Dragon Stadium at 2 p.m. in a Class 3A, Division II State Semifinal game. The game will be broadcast on KENS Radio, 1160 AM and it will be archived on www.tsm-sports.com.

The community is invited to join in a send-off rally beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Bandera High School parking lot on Saturday.

For complete football coverage, see pages 1B, 2B and 4A.

Commissioners Meeting

Commissioners Court will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Bandera County Courthouse. American Farmland Trust will make a presentation on the fiscal contributions of Bandera County's working lands in comparison to other land uses, such as residential and commercial development. The agenda includes 16 other items.

Powder Puff Put Off

Last week's Powder Puff football game was postponed due to cold weather. The game, which will feature the boys doing the cheerleading and dancing and the girls playing football, will likely be rescheduled for some time in March.

Chamber Mixer

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Christmas Mixer on Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the new Silver Sage Corral center in Bandera.

On Thursday, at 6 p.m. St. Stanislaus Catholic Church will host the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadelupe. Events will include the Aztec dancers and a special mass beginning at 7 p.m. featuring a dramatazation of the Virgin Mary's appearance to Juan Diego.

DEADLINES

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Santa Cruise



Photo by Frank Shubert

The Christmas season hit full stride last week with holiday activities throughout Bandera County. Festivities began with lighting ceremonies Friday night. Shopper's Jubilee and continued with visits from Santa. Merchants extended their shopping hours, musicians and storytellers performed at the holiday parade on Saturday. The Big Man himself, Santa Claus, rode in the parade and in a different sort of red convertible "sleigh" aby steered by Pat Breedlove to spread the spirit of the season.

Methodist Hall done on time, under budget

By Philip Billnitzer
Bulletin Managing Editor

It's impressive enough when a church completes possibly the most ambitious project in its 135-year history. But that feat becomes even more impressive when the project comes in ahead of time and under budget. Members of the Bandera United Methodist Church will celebrate such an accomplishment this Sunday.

That's when the BUMC will have the official opening of its new Fellowship Hall and Play Pavilion. Longtime church member Al Hamilton has a smile on his face most of the time these days. He knows that most of the work is done.

"I do want to be very clear on one point that everyone gets the credit for how well this project has been successfully accomplished," said Hamilton.

"From the church members, to the Building Committee to the co-chairmen of the project, to the individual who put one dollar in the collection plate, it has been a total team effort."

"A tremendous number of people have responded way above the call of duty," he added.

Anyone who walks the building with its mix of wood grain and white walls would have tell you it looks good. It features one large room with a well-equipped kitchen for its biggest gatherings and four Sunday School rooms for less demanding meetings. With a few more days to go before the opening, workers were busy taking care of details and fellow church members were making lists of little things, like how much toilet paper and tea to buy, that will be needed to ensure the roughly 400-member church has a joyous day on Sunday, Dec. 15.

"We were our own general contractors for the project because the three of us have about 150 years experience in accounting, law and construction," Hamilton said of himself, Bill Gray and Travis Langford. "I think it's the first time in the history of the Methodist Foundation in Austin that they have let a congregation serve as its own general contractor."

The church has hired Frank Johnston of Building and Design Services in Kerrville as its construction manager. He's done

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Promotion to spread Christmas wealth

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Bandera vs. Bellville Football Info

Tickets for the Bandera-Bellville football game will be sold at a cost of $7 for adults and $4 for students in advance. All tickets at the gate will be $7.

Bandera will face Bellville at Round Rock Dragon Stadium at 2 p.m. in a Class 3A, Division II State Semifinal game. The game will be broadcast on KENS Radio, 1160 AM and it will be archived on www.tsrn-sports.com.

The community is invited to join in a send-off rally beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Bandera High School parking lot on Saturday.

For complete football coverage, see pages 1B, 2B and 4A.

Commissioners Meeting

Commissioners Court will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Bandera County Courthouse. American Farmland Trust will makea a presentation on the fiscal contributions of Bandera County's working lands in comparison to other land uses, such as residential and commercial development. The agenda includes 16 other items.

Powder Puff Put Off

Last week's Powder Puff football game was postponed due to cold weather. The game, which will feature the boys doing the cheerleading and dancing and the girls playing football, will likely be rescheduled for some time in March.

Chamber Mixer

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Christmas Mixer on Thursday,from 6-8 p.m. at the new Silver Sage Corral center in Bandera.

On Thursday, at 6 p.m. St. Stanislaus Catholic Church will host the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadelupe. Events will include the Aztec dancers and a special mass beginning at 7 p.m. featuring a dramatazation of the Virgin Mary's appearance to Juan Diego.

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Santa Cruise



Photo by Frank Shubert

The Christmas season hit full stride last week with holiday activities throughout Bandera County. Festivities began with lighting ceremonies Friday night. Shopper's Jubilee and continued with visits from Santa. Merchants extended their shopping hours, musicians and storytellers performed at the holiday parade on Saturday. The Big Man himself, Santa Claus, rode in the parade and in a different sort of red convertible "sleigh" ably steered by Pat Breedlove to spread the spirit of the season.

Methodist Hall done on time, under budget

BY PHILIP BILLNITZER
BULLETIN MANAGING EDITOR

It's impressive enough when a church completes possibly the most ambitious project in its 135-year history. But that feat becomes even more impressive when the project comes in ahead of time and under budget. Members of the Bandera United Methodist Church will celebrate such an accomplishment this Sunday.

That's when the BUMC will have the official opening of its new Fellowship Hall and Play Pavilion. Longtime church member Al Hamilton has a smile on his face most of the time these days. He knows that most of the work is done.

"I do want to be very clear on one point that everyone gets the credit for how well this project has been successfully accomplished," said Hamilton.

"From the church members, to the Building Committee to the co-chairmen of the project, to the individual who put one dollar in the collection plate, it has been a total team effort."

"A tremendous number of people have responded way above the call of duty," he added.

"Anyone who walks the building with its mix of wood grain and white walls would have to tell you it looks good. It features one large room with a well-equipped kitchen for its biggest gatherings and has Sunday School rooms for less demanding meetings. With five more days to go before the opening, workers were busy taking care of details and fellow church members were making lists of little things, like how much toilet paper and tea to buy, that will be needed to ensure the roughly 400-member church has a joyous day on Sunday, Dec 15.

We were our own general contractors for the project because the three of us have about 150 years experience in accounting, law and construction," Hamilton said of himself. Bill Gray and Travis Langford "I think it's the first time in the history of the Methodist Foundation in Austin that they have let a congregation serve as its own general contractor."

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR WELCOMED



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New Kronkosky Library Director John Hagemier, left, is welcomed by the Pat Harrison, co-owner of Backroads Books, at a recent reception held in his honor.



Crafters Cookin'

(From left) Mary Lindner, Earline Lingdig, church secretary Linda Parsons, Pastor Earl Mahon and Merle Sloath prepare for the Grace Lutheran Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church parish hall.

Baby Lane joins Simmons family

Katina and Gregory Simmons of San Antonio are happy to announce the birth of their son, Lane Scott Simmons.

Lane was born on Monday, Nov. 18 at 8:32 a.m. at Medina Community Hospital in Hondo. He weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 21 and one-half inches.

His big sister Taylor welcomes him into the family.

Maternal grandparents are David White of Corpus Christi and Susan Strunk of Pipe Creek.

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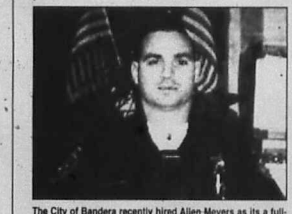
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A Thought for the Week

by John M. Grimes



The Christmas Season is upon us once again, providing a time for family gatherings, fellowship with friends and taking time to remember and be remembered by others.

It is also a time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and to give thanks at church and in home devotions for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us in this past year. Finally, it is a time to look ahead to the New Year that is to come in setting realistic goals to attain and then pursuing those goals like the Three Wise Men who diligently followed the shining star in the East. But no matter how you celebrate the holidays with your family, or what your religion, the unified efforts of one and all in preserving the good will and cheer of this happy season all year round can help make everyday seem like Christmas Day and help make the world a better place in which to live. If we can all work together to make one day of the year so very special, isn't there the possibility that we can work together to make everyday something special, too?

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WEEK-BY-WEEK RESULTS

Pre-District
Bandera 42 at Castroville-Medina Valley 6
Bandera 28 at Fredericksburg 42
Bandera 49 at San Antonio-Antonian 0
At Bandera 62 Pearsall 0
Bandera 33 at Hondo 20
District 25AAA
At Bandera 38 Ingram 14
Bandera 14 at Burnet 49
At Bandera 28 Liberty Hill 35
Bandera 41 at Wimberly 26
At Bandera 39 Llano 32
Record 7-3; District 25-3A 3-2 (third place)

Division II Playoffs
Bandera 45, La Vernia 21
Bandera 37, Rice Consolidated 34
Bander 27, Port Isabel 24

Final District 25-3A Standings			Final District 28-3A Standings		
Burnet	5-0	13-0	Port Isabel	6-0	9-3
Liberty Hill	4-1	10-2	Rymndvlle.	5-1	
Bandera	3-2	10-3	La Feria	4-2	
Ingram	1-4	5-5	Hidalgo	3-3	
Wimberley	1-4	4-6	Lyford	3-3	
Llano	1-4	4-6	Rio Hondo	2-4	
		46-22	Progresso	0-6	

Statistics (prior to Port Isabel)

Bandera Offense: 396.7 yards pg 177.1 passing; 229.6 passing; 38 PPB

Passing
Hicks 120-225-9, 2131 yards, 23 TDs

Rushing
Dustin Heep 203 -1,291, 6.4 average, 19 TDs

Scoring
Scotty Jennings - 9 TDs; 52 PAT's, 5FG - 121 points
Heep - 20 TDs (19 rushing, 1 passing) - 120 points

BHS girls kick into high gear





The Bandera Lady Bulldog basketball team record slipped to 2-1 with a 63-58 win at Blanco on Nov. 22.

Lacy Richard scored 21 points and Brittany Dithobl scored 13 points. Samantha Kidd added nine points.

Bandera trailed 51-32 after three quarters before outscoring Blanco by 14 in the final stanza.

The girls were to host Junction in a home game on Tuesday.

THIS WEEK'S AREA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

Medina High Games
Medina Tournament,
Dec. 5-7

Boys Teams
H. Murphy, Blanco JV, Austin Sophomores,

Girls Teams
Boerne JV,
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Boys & Girls
Medina
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Boys at Lake Travis
Freshman, Dec. 9

Girls at Johnson City, Dec. 10

Bandera High Games

Boys at Hondo Tournament,
Dec. 6-7
at Devine, Dec. 10

Girls at Hondo Tournament,
Dec. 6-7
host Bandera, Dec. 10

Medina netters bounce La Pryor, 72-30, at home



Wyatt Lautzenheiser shoots a free throw while the Bobcats Aaron Seymour prepares to get in position..

The Medina High varsity boys basketball team defeated La Pryor 72-30 on Nov. 25.

The Bobcats led 52-20 after three quarters. Chance Haby scored 14 points for Medina and contributed three steals and six rebounds. Wyatt Lautzenheiser scored 11 points, had six assists and three rebounds. DeAndrey Wingwood contributed eight points and ten rebounds. Aaron Seymour scored seven points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Shane Neal and John Ussery each scored eight points. Matt Brawner had seven points and two assists.

Rhett Word netted four points. Matt McWilliams scored two points and had three assists and six rebounds. Clint Neal chipped in two points, three rebounds and a steal. David Windham had a point and a pair of steals. Wingwood and Haby each blocked shots in the win.

Medina allowed fewer than ten points in all but the fourth quarter.

Texas Football names 3A gridder finalists

Dave Campbell's Texas Football has revealed its finalists for its Gulf Lubricants Class 3A Player of the Year Award for the 2002 season.

The five finalists are Adrian Alaniz, quarterback, Sinton; Phillip Daugherty, quarterback, Bridgeport; Billy Pittman, quarterback, Cameron Yoe; Jorrie Adams, offensive lineman, Jasper; and Cody Wallace, offensivelineman, Cuero.

The Gulf Lubricants Class 3A Player of the Year will be revealed during halftime of the Class 5A, Div. II Texas Bowl on Dec. 21.

Media voting will determine the winner. Only seniors are eligible.

The past five winners of the 3A Player of the Year Award were: DaBryan Blanton, RB, Forney, (Oklahoma); Tye Gunn, QB, La Grange, (TCU); Derek Curry, LB, Sealy, (Notre Dame); Cliff Watkins, QB, Breckenridge, (Arizona/Tarleton State); and Robbie Bozeman, QB, Sealy, (Texas Lutheran).

The contest began in 1972.



Members of the Kerr County YMCA Tackle Football League compiled a 6-2record playing in the division for 10-12 year olds. The Bulldogs are (front, from left,) David Kassai and Michael Dobson (second row) Coach John Kassai, Jeff Jenson, Alsa Kopp, Tyler Stevnes, Brice Shearhart, Reed Jones, Brent Shearhart, Dillon Hink and Tim Rodriguez (last row) Coach Jay Dobson, Stewart Cleaver, Brandon Zook, Tyler Brown, Matthew Reyes, Paul Schmidt, Jesse Stouffiel, Roan West, Coach Scott Zook, Seth Saathof, Laramie Galloway and Jace Lobert. Not Pictured are Ricky Laughlin and James Bennack.



The Medina High School boys basketball team

Coach says losing not an option for Medina High girls basketball team

The Medina Varsity girls basketball team defeated Knippa, 72-66, on Friday, Nov. 22.

Megan Eads led the way with 21 points and eight rebounds. Courtney Davis added 14 points and five assists. Sara Ortiz chipped in seven points and eight rebounds. Caitlynn Parnell netted 12 points and [illegible] Singleton and Eads each hauled down seven boards.

Tucker scored seven points and a steal. Parnell netted one point and a steal.

Defensively, Singleton had five steals. Eads had four steals. Davis had three steals.katie Kunkel had two steals.

Varsity won in overtime defeating Sabinal, 23-22.

Crystal Ryan led the team eight points. Natasha [illegible] Paige Linck all chipped two points each.



Katerine Roberts, Caitlynn Parnell, Kellie Singleton, Sara Ortiz, Courtney Davis, Paige Rinn, (top row) Megan Eads, Crystal Ryan, Katie Kunkel Kunkel and Natasha Roberts.

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Caza's punt block clears way for 3A all-Bulldog Region IV finale

By Philip Billnitzer
BULLETIN MANAGING EDITOR

With a three-point margin of victory, it could be argued that once again it was a Scotty Jennings' field goal that was difference in the Bulldogs' third round playoff win.

However, ask either head coach and he will tell you that it was a punt that barely left the foot of Port Isabel's Orlando Ochoa that was difference in Bandera's 27-24 win against the Tarpons at Victoria Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

That thudding block helped Bandera (10-3) equal its deepest penetration into the playoffs. Bandera will play in the Region IV final game against Yoakum (11-2) at Memorial Stadium in Seguin at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Coach Mike Williamson said his team has a good chance to win what will be the battle of the Bulldogs. Like Bandera, Yoakum's mascot is the Bulldogs and team colors are blue and white. Yoakum nicked Corpus Christi West Oso 14-7 Saturday in Seguin to advance.

Bandera Senior A.J. Caza broke through for the punt block with Bandera trailing 17-13 with just under two minutes left in the third quarter and covered the ball in the end zone. Caza had blocked a field goal earlier this season, but it was the first punt he blocked in his four years of Bandera football.

"There was a big hole and I just broke through my personal protector," he said. "It was the first touchdown I've ever scored since I've been in high school and probably the biggest play I've ever made."

Caza was in on a drive ending tackle against Rice Consolidated the week before.

Coach Mike Williamson said his team applied "regular pressure" going for the block even though Port Isabel's first punt attempt wound up with the deep snap sailing over the punter's head.

"We've been trying to block a punt all year and that one could not have come at a better time," Williamson said.

On the pivotal play, Tarpon Coach Monty Stumbaugh was trying to call time out because his team only had ten men on the field. The punt might not have ever been tried if Port Isabel had not been penalized for illegal motion on what would have been a fourth and inches play moments earlier. Stumbaugh said the blocked punt was the deciding play.

"That took the wind out of our sails," he said. "We lost momentum after that. It's funny how many times in a game like this it boils down to one or two big plays. It was a big swing."

The coaches also agreed the second biggest play of the game came when Robert Ickes took a shovel pass 81 yards for a touchdown on a third and 12 with 10:36 in the second quarter. Bandera had been trailing 7-0. Bandera used a shovel pass to Heep the previous week in the first quarter for a long touchdown.

"It looked like we had him tackled," Stumbaugh said. "But, after we missed him, nobody could catch him. We knew they'd run that play before, but they hadn't run it to the wing back."

A fired up Port Isabel team had marched 68 yards for a touchdown on its opening drive. The 16-play drive consumed eight minutes and 40 seconds off the first quarter clock and culminated in a 2-yard touchdown run by Johnny "Nitro" Nieto. Eric Martinez kicked the extra point.

Bandera's first drive, on the other hand, lasted three plays and took only 42 seconds off the clock. Port Isabel drove to the Bandera 38 on its second drive before electing to punt.

"We were flat at times today," Williamson said. "We like to jump on teams early and try to keep them down, but we weren't able to do that today at all. I think we have a little better athletes than they do, but Port Isabel was playing hard."

A rowdy crowd also fueled the Tarpons. Port Isabel fans greatly outnumbered those who traveled about three hours to see their Bulldogs pull out yet another dramatic victory. Bandera had edged Rice Consolidated 37-34 in an emotional, better-attended win at Seguin in the previous round.

Bandera took a 10-7 lead with a little over four minutes left before the half when Jennings booted a 27-yard field goal. The Bulldogs drove 44 yards in ten plays before stalling on the Port Isabel 11-yard line.

The Tarpons answered on the ensuing drive after a 59-yard kickoff return by Joe Arevalo to the Bandera 27-yard line. Martinez hit a 23-yard field goal to tie it at 10-10 after the Tarpons chose not to chance a fourth and five from the Bandera 6-yard line.

However, Bandera responded in kind. Ickes returned a kickoff 31 yards and Bandera set up shop at its 41-yard line with 1:49 left. Brett Hicks found Chris Martinez for a 26-yard gain over the middle. Hicks made a good throw as he was being hit, but Martinez had to slow down just a little bit or he likely would have scored a touchdown. With scarcely more than a minute on the second quarter clock, Jennings was as dependable as ever when he drilled a 34-yard field goal that gave Bandera a 13-10 lead.

The Bulldogs looked to establish the run on the opening drive of the third period and did so with some success, but no points to show for it. Ickes returned the second half kickoff 28 yards to the Bandera 38-yard line and Dustin Heep gained 39 yards rushing in the course of a 52-yard drive. However, when Hicks was unable to find an open receiver on fourth and seven the ball went over on downs to the Tarpons.

Port Isabel then popped runs of ten and nine yards before Nieto exploded for a 61-yard touchdown burst on a sweep left on the third play of the drive. With 6:16 left in the third, Port Isabel had regained the lead at 17-13. The Tarpons had gone 16 minutes and 20 seconds without it.

Bandera picked up ten yards on a Heep run to open its next drive, but was forced to punt from Port Isabel's 46-yard line after just three more plays. Jennings sailed a beautiful coffin corner punt to the Bandera 3-yard line to salvage field position out of the drive. Port Isabel pushed the ball to the Bandera 24-yard line before an illegal motion infraction and Caza's blocked punt. The thud was music to ears of Bandera's fans and the beginning of the end for the Tarpons.

In their first possession after the blocked punt, Bandera used ten plays to cover 77 yards early in the fourth quarter for a touchdown that gave them a 27-17 lead. Heep ran the final three yards with a little over eight minutes left in the game. The senior tailback rammed for 33 yards on the drive. Cody Fields caught a pass for 31-yard gain to the Port Isabel 17-yard line in the drive.

Port Isabel refused to go down easy. A pass tipped by a Bandera defender wound up in the hands of Fabian Herrera in the end zone with a little under three minutes remaining, resulting in a 21-yard touchdown and only a three-point Bandera lead. The Tarpons started their final possession with 19 seconds remaining and did not seriously threaten to score. The game's final play was a batted down pass by the Bandera secondary that fell harmlessly to the artificial turf far from the end zone.

Though Hicks only completed five passes, Bandera still wound up with 166 yards in passing. Heep finished with 130 of Bandera's 143 yards rushing. The Bulldogs have not committed a turnover in either of their two narrow playoff wins.

"We would have hated for all these people to have driven down here for a flo-hammer of a game," Williamson said. "Our fans know better than to expect that by now."

Area Football Results
Class 3A, Division II

Region IV
Yoakum 13
CC West Oso 10

Bandera 27
Port Isabel 24

Region III
Bellville 10
Fairfield 7

Martin 34
La Grange 7

Region II
Daingerfield 34
Rusk 10

Spring Hill 23
New Boston 10

Region I
Sweetwater 24
Decatur 21

Midl. Greenwood 42
Ballinger 20

Class 3A, Div. I
Region IV Final
Burnet 19
Sinton 7

Region III Final
Jasper 28
Bridge City 0

Region II Final
Forney 21
Atlanta 7

Region I Final
Everman 50
Monahans 10

Schedule
Div. II
Region IV
Yoakum vs. Bandera, Saturday, 2 p.m., Seguin
Region III
Bellville vs. Marlin, Saturday, 7 p.m, Bryan
Region II
Daingerfield v s. Longview
Spring Hill, Saturday, 2 p.m., Mount Pleasant
Region I
Sweetwater vs. Midland
Greenwood, Saturday, 2 p.m. Lubbock.

Div. I
State Semifinals

Everman vs. Forney Saturday, 6 p.m., Texas Stadium
Jasper vs. Burnet, Saturday, 2 p.m., Kyle



Photo by Philip Billnitzer

Bulldog senior A.J. Caza breaks through for a game-changing punt block late in third quarter of Bandera's 27-24 win against Port Isabel in the Region IV Semifinal game in Victoria on Saturday. Caza recovered the ball in the end zone to help Bandera take a 20-17 lead into the final quarter.

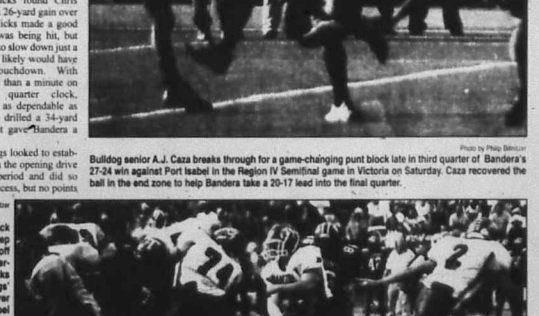
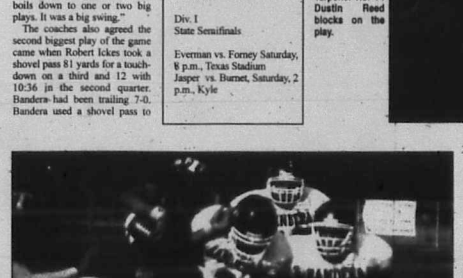


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Running back Danny Heep takes a handoff from quarterback Brett Hicks in the Bulldogs' 27-24 win over the Port Isabel Tarpons. No. 74 Dustin Reed blocks on the play.



A host of Bandera defenders including No. 8 Robert Ickes, No. 27 Brad Daigneault and No. 26 Chad Thompson swarm a Tarpon runner late in the game.



Photo by Philip Billnitzer

Getting off a punt seems routine to Bandera's Scotty Jennings. Jennings kicked a coffin corner punt to pin Port Isabel on its 3-yard line in the third quarter, but the Tarpons went on a three-play, 97-yard scoring drive to take the lead. Bandera later regained the lead, thanks to a blocked punt.

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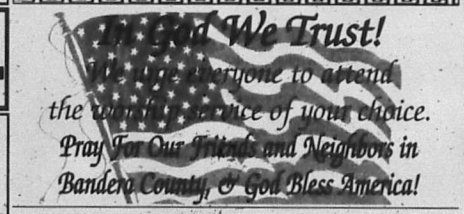
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Kindergarten teachers Rusty Cooke and Sara D'Spain. Students also made a canoe and a teepee. See more BISD Thanksgiving photos on page 12A.

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FYI

Lakehills Incorporation Meeting

Lakehills Area Incorporation Committee will be meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

Objectives are to discuss with the community the efforts made toward completing the map for the proposed Lakehills incorporated area; to review census data for optimum use of the residents and land area as it relates to the legal requirements; to assess progress made in communicating to local organizations and residents to ensure widespread participation; and to remain current on the details of the support from the county and surrounding area residents.

All residents and landowners of the area are welcome.

Medina Post Office Closing

The Medina Post Office will close at noon on Dec. 24 and will be closed all day Christmas day. They will also close at noon on Dec. 31 and closed all day New Year's Day.

Native Plant and Madrona Christmas Party

The Bandera Native Plant Society and The Madrona Garden Club will have a joint Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the new Silver Sage building located at 603 Buck Creek Blvd. in Bandera.

Social hour will be at 1 p.m., and dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. Gilbert Richardson will cook the turkey, and the rest of us are to bring the trimmings. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a plant, such as a poinsettia, or other Christmas decoration. They will be used as table decorations during the dinner. The gift exchange will be after dinner. Call Sherrie Vangsnes at 796-8209.

Hill Country Carnival

Hill Country Elementary PTO has changed the time of its carnival. It will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 7, at the Hill Country Elem. Campus. Come show support for the Bulldogs by eating lunch at the carnival and then attending the game.

Mini Pow Wow

There will be a mini Pow Wow with Four winds Apache Band of Bandera at 2804 Hwy. 173 South on Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. to sunset with a pot luck dinner and games. Bring a dish, dessert or sodas. There will also be a traditional circle meeting and blessing for the new members. For information, call Susan Shaw at 830-796-7453.

Bandera Christmas Parade

The Annual Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 7th. If you're interested in participating, call the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce office at 796-3045.

Those wishing to submit items for FYI can email banderabulletin@indian-creek.net.

DEADLINE
The Bandera Bulletin copy and [illegible] is Friday at 5 p.m. Thank you.

Medina VFD selling tasty tamales

The Medina Volunteer Fire Department is excited about the Grant from the Texas Forest Service for a Large Brush Truck/First Response Truck it has received and accepted.

The Grant covers 90 percent of the cost of a Truck up to $100,000 and MVFD will provide 10 percent of the cost - up to $10,000.

The Project Team has met with three vendors to establish the specifications and cost of the Truck. The MVFD is continuing to meet the growing community needs by upgrading equipment and enhanced training. They will need the community's support in finalizing this addition to its service capabilities. More details will be coming soon on how the community can help meet the 10% percent needed to complete the purchase of the truck.

MVFD has sold over 200 dozen pork tamales thanks to all the folks out there for supporting your Fire Dept. Much goes out to all the following helpers and cooks: Daryl Burger, Jay Hill, Jayson Redden, Brian, Marcie and Cody Gillaspy, John Ivy Jr., Jose Perez and family, Jeff Davis, Mike Harvey, Henry and Ghula Hubble, Scott MacNaughton, Carl Vestal, Ron Culp, Shanon Keese, Charlie Morgan, Margie Baker, and thanks to Keith Keese, Shirley and Corky Crowther for the cooking pots. A Special Thanks goes out to David and Sue Burger for the cooking facilities and their hospitality, Eliseo Carabajal for the ingenuity, recipe, time, and hard work that has made this fundraising event successful. To order their fantastic homemade tamales ($5/dozen donation) for Dec. 15 delivery, just give them a call at one of these numbers; 589-7705, 589-7225, 589-7261, or you can always contact any MVFD firefighter.

MEDINA SPOTLIGHT



MICHELE BARKER

The Firefighters will be participating with Medina Texas Development Corp.'s Gather-Around Christmas Party at 6 p.m. Thursday Dec. 5.

The MVFD is still in need of active members so please attend a meeting, meet their current members and officers, and donate some of your time toward helping your community.

MEDINA ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB TO HOST TOURNAMENT

This Thursday through Saturday, Medina will be hosting 10 other schools in the 2002 Annual Basketball Tournament. Everyone is invited to come out starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday to enjoy some great ball playing. This event is the only tournament Medina's teams will be participating in this year and it's also a fund raiser for the Booster Club. All proceeds from the game and the concession stand will go towards the purchase of equipment and supplies that the Bobcats need throughout the year. If you would like to help out by donating any baked goods or wish to help them out for even a short while in the concession stand please call Colleen Davis at 589-7767 or Patty Thompson at 589-3695. Remember every little bit you do no matter how small is a great help to all Medina kids of every age group. If you have not joined the booster club this is also a great time to stop by and do so.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING THURSDAY

Don't forget this Thursday at 6 p.m. to come out and join in the festivities and visit with Santa. The community is urged to get up those decorations before Thursday and please please get those cookies to Peggy at the Medina Texas Development Office. You can give her a call at 589-7224.

EMS TEAM HONORED

Last week the Medina Eggiergency Services Team was honored by the EMS Support team at their monthly meeting.

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Thanksgiving turned out perfect

Wasn't it nice to have a reprieve from the nasty weather on Thanksgiving Day?

Everyone was expecting the worst, but as it turned out it couldn't have been more perfect.

Diane and Jesse Clark celebrated Thanksgiving in a big way again this year. But this year they had even more to be thankful for. Their first granddaughter was born on Tuesday, Nov. 26 just in time to be the hit of the party. Proud parents Josh and Juliana Clark were happy to introduce their seven pound, fourteen ounce bouncing baby girl Sky to all of her relatives. She got to meet so many of her aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins and all at one time.

Just down the block at Turner and Mary Blakeney's home there was a big celebration for Thanksgiving going on too. The Blakeney's had their family in from different parts of the country for Thanksgiving and over the weekend. They always have such a good time when the family shows up. I am sure that the boys even got a little hunting in with their dad while they were here.

John and Kristen Adams and the children Hunter and Madison took a fast trip to the Rio Grande Valley to visit Kristen's folks, Gerald and Lena Whitaker in Edinburg, Texas. While they were there they visited with the children's great grandfather who lives in a rest home. His health is failing, but just seeing those glowing faces cheered him up, I'm sure. It was a fast trip because Kristen and John both had to be back to work on Friday night and over the weekend.

JoAnn and Archie Salisbury had a lively Thanksgiving with their middle daughter, Cherel and her husband, Ken Thomas from the Houston Area. On Friday they had a very large surprise when their two oldest grandchildren, Sean and Kimmy Matejowsky drove in unexpectedly from the Houston area. Both of the kids are in college and have full time jobs so it was quite a treat seeing and spending time with them. It has been a year since they were all together.

WHARTON'S DOCK AND LAKE MEDINA SHORES



MARY BIRD 460-7523

The flood and the remodeling afterwards tied up all of the time the Salisbury's had to spare. The house is pretty much back in order now, but they are having the carpet in the living room laid for the third time. The room is so large that it is next to impossible to get the weave of the carpet to match. Here's hoping it works this time.

While the family was here the Salisbury's took a drive over to Fredericksburg to go to the Peddler's Craft Show to do a little shopping and a whole lot of looking. Afterwards they drove on over to Lukenbach for some sight seeing. All in all it was a wonderful Thanksgiving for all of them.

Hank White drove up to Fort Worth to visit with her son, Tommy for Thanksgiving. Her daughter Eva and other son Mike joined them on Thanksgiving Day for a wonderful meal and an even better visit. Hank usually stays with her daughter in Dallas, but she has to spread herself around and take turns staying with each one. Mike is in the process of moving to Tennessee where he has a new job. Who knows, maybe next year they will all be going to have a Tennessee Thanksgiving.

While Hank was out and about doing her thing, Blackie Leinpearance drove over to Ingram to have Thanksgiving with his daughter Frita and family. He must have had a grand time because he sure had some great things to say about Thanksgiving with his family on Saturday when I ran into him at the Copper Lantern. That was a real treat for me because I got a nice breakfast out of the deal. Thanks Blackie, I enjoyed the breakfast almost as much as I enjoyed our conversation.

Mary Lou and Bob Pyles had their daughter and son in from San Antonio for Thanksgiving. I am sure that it was quite a treat for them having a break from work and time to spend with the family. It seems that those two are always working and doing something for our community. When Mary Lou isn't working, she is having a yard sale trying to raise a little extra cash to help her daughter pay for college.

Art and Mary Cortez went over to El Jacalito's to participate in the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at El Jacalito's Mexican Restaurant. Maggie Espinosa and her family along with all the folks down at Jacalito's put on a special dinner every year to thank all of their patrons and to give thanks for all their blessings throughout the year. Other folks help out by bringing desserts, helping to serve and also with the decorating. The Espinosa's open their doors to anyone who has no place to go or has no one to share Thanksgiving with. It is a lovely tradition. We commend the Espinosa's for their generosity!

It looks like everyone is getting in the spirit of the holidays. Lights are beginning to pop out on trees and in the yards and on the roofs of a lot of homes out our way.

Now that Thanksgiving is over we are on the count down to Christmas. There aren't that many days left. Lanette Pennell and the Almost Patsy Cline Band helped kick off the Christmas Seasons Annual Country Christmas Ball at the Farm Country Club on Saturday, November 30th.

SEE WHARTON'S, PAGE 9A

Medina Lake celebrates great holidays

"Kung Yi-tsu was famous for his strength. King Hsuan of Chou went to call on him with full ceremony, but when he got there, he found that Kung was a weakling. The king asked, "How strong are you?" Kung replied, "I can break the waist of a spring insect, I can bear the wing of an autumn cicada." The king flushed and said, "I'm strong enough to tear apart rhinoceros hide and drag nine oxen by the tail - yet I still lament my weakness. How can it be that you are so famous for strength?" Kung replied, "My fame is not for having such strength, it is for being able to use such strength."

My mind is so full of family, friends, the season full of food, fun and gatherings. This comes at the same time as Lakehills is busy. Everywhere you go, there's activity in the churches, the civic center, the fire department, people's homes. My head is reeling with all the information. I doubt that I can touch the surface with the life changing and celebrating events that are taking place in the next few months. Even as I write, I feel the tension and excitement condense in hopes of living up to my own wishes for the best to emerge for all, and for each, as we busy ourselves for our loved ones.

Here are some updates on [illegible] mentioned throughout the year. Pat, a single woman with no means of support or [illegible], has moved to New York to live with her daughter. She is doing fine.

Ali is working at a high school [illegible] and [illegible] Co-op and looks forward to a long career with them and his daughter got married, had a little girl and the family is healthy and happy. The folks who are faced with all a family of illness are struggling and we need to stay close to them until they get their problems ironed out. The patriarch of the family, whose blood pressure caused concern for a possible stroke, is having trouble with his kidneys. The baby is still on a feeding tube, and had a bit of a set back with asthma, as did her mother. And the matriarch of the family struggles with bouts of pneumonia in this cold weather. All in all, though, they remain full of life and hope.

MEDINA LAKE NEWS



NANCY ARCEMENT

I was so pleased to have my mother join us for Thanksgiving this year. We had a ten-year spell when we weren't in touch, and this year was the first time my mother has had a birthday or ever stayed at my brother's when he lived in Washington D.C. I mentioned that we had and we found that we had always lived so close.

She's used to an elegant life style, but she accepted to enjoy the [illegible] ting. It seemed to bring her back to childhood times and years spent working on both grandparents' farms. A friend killed a deer and called us to come get it, if we wanted it. So mom and I jumped in the truck and went to pick it up. When she returned, she was ready to do what she could to butcher it, if need be, and offered her freezer, should we be short of room - a making of a great memory.

Did you know....

-Lakehills' Inc. Committee will have its third meeting this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Each sub-committee will update the group to keep the community current on the changes as they occur. It's a fast paced organization, so there will be many changes as they develop their organizational design in response to community input. That's why it's so important to be a part of the committee - whether you want to be a part of the municipality or

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Breakfast back at Silver Sage

FIRST FRIDAY BREAKFAST

It's time to ramble on down to the ol' Corral and chow down on some good hot flapjacks with bacon or sausage, orange juice and coffee or a breakfast taco or two.

Our board of directors will be back in the kitchen and ready to serve you on Friday, Dec. 6, from 7 to 9 a.m.

The full breakfast is just $2.75; tacos are $1.10 each. You may fax your order to 796-7431 early Friday morning or the day before. Guess we should call it "Chow and Chat Time" because it's really a good time to visit with all your friends and neighbors while your enjoying a warm healthy breakfast. I hope to see you there!

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

[illegible] takes the responsibility for organizing the event.

Others helping her were her daughter, Nancy Reaney, who was here to visit and try to thaw out from her home in Canada, Gwen McCullough, Carita Clayton, Delilah Redden, Delores Rogers, and Board President Dorothy Darden.

Thank you, ladies!

CAREGIVER WORKSHOP

There will be a Body Mechanics for the Caregiver Workshop here at the Corral, 803 Buck Creek Blvd. on Dec. 5 at 10 a.m.

Subjects to be covered are: basic principals, using a draw sheet, moving the patient, etc. The workshop will be conducted by Sue Buckley, P.T.A. at River Hills Care Center in Kerrville.

[illegible] DEFENSIVE DRIVING [illegible] AARP Defensive Driving Class on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 12 and Dec. 13, from Noon until 4 p.m. both days.

Remember, the class is for insurance discounts only, not driving [illegible] $10 per person payable when you [illegible]

Please come in or call us to have your name and phone number added to the list - 796-4969.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE & CHAMBER MIXER

Another reminder - The Chamber of Commerce Christmas Mixer and Silver Sage Open House will be at the center on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. This is not our official Grand [illegible]

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COMMUNITY

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FROM PAGE 8A

Our hardworking team does everything on a volunteer basis, and their love and commitment to our community is greatly appreciated. (See picture below.)

MISD SCIENCE FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS

Last week the annual science fair was at MISD with almost every elementary student participating in the event. I sure didn't envy the judges because each entry was a winner in my eyes.

Results were as follows:

All Kindergarten children received a first place ribbon.

FIRST GRADE

Best overall - Jessica Stubings: First place - John Derry, Second place - Bradly Greenhaw, Third place - Hannah Buettner; Fourth place was a 3-way tie between Cody Goode, Thomas Burdwell and Alex Keiser; Fifth place was a 2-way tie - Samantha Burnes and Dylan Campbell.

SECOND GRADE

Best overall - Elise Harbour; In the Models category first went to Kendall Richardson; In the Collections category first went to Desiree Simons; In the Experiments category, first went to Kyla Richardson.

FOURTH GRADE

Best overall - Travis Weary; In the Earth Science category first went to Michelle Derry; In the Life Science category first went to Michael Harbour; In the Health Science category first went to Dustin Reynolds; in the Physical Science category, first went to Taylor Sword.

SIXTH GRADE

Best overall - Jake Dabney; in the Physical Science category first went to Cole Carpenter; in the Earth Science category first went to Preston Horejsi; in the Life Science category first went to Curtis Darrs.

WHARTON'S DOCK

FROM PAGE 8A

The Christmas season will be in high gear on Friday evening when Bandera opens the season with the Annual Shopper's Jubilee and the lights of town officially "come on". It's gonna be kinda different this year without the lighting of the old spruce tree that used to stand next to the library, but it's a sure thing to be a big hit anyway. On Saturday morning, Dec. 7, there is going to be a Kid Fish Day at the city park. The Texas Parks and Wild Life will be releasing 1,500 trout and children fish free from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

If you are not watching the kids fish you need to be down town at 11 a.m. for the Christmas Parade. And don't forget about all of the Christmas Bazaars in and around town that will be open until 1 p.m., which include the Grace Lutheran Church in Bandera and The United Methodist Church Guild Holiday Bazaar being at the Garden Club in Medina.

You might want to check out the Annual Christmas in the Hill Country Open House at Eva's Country Accents Antiques in Pipe Creek on Saturday or Sunday.

While you are out that way, be sure to stop by The Pipe Creek Trading Post to see what James McCall is up to for the Christmas Season.

Santa Claus will be visiting with all the little kiddos at the city plaza on Saturday evening from six to eight. Merchants will be keeping late hours that night so you can do some Christmas shopping.

With all of the Christmas events going on this weekend it's going to be kinda hard to get over to the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department for the last quarterly meeting of the year. But, it is a very important meeting and election of officers. Please put that on your calendar. The department needs your support.

dAnd don't forget that membership fees are due Jan. 1. There will be a luncheon following the meeting. Please bring your favorite dessert. Hope to see you there!

I need to make a correction to the list of names that appeared in last week's column in regards to Lake Medina Shores Owners Association election of Directors. The new directors elected were as follows: Dick Hinebaugh, Charlie Phillips and Norman Riley. Sorry about that Norman. I thought you were already on the board.

It will be Karaoke Night at the Copper Lantern on Saturday night. So put your thinking caps on and figure out what you want to sing.

If you aren't in the mood to sing, just come on down and enjoy the livelihood of it all. It's bound to get you in the mood!

SILVER SAGE

FROM PAGE 8A

[illegible] food preparation is involved.

If interested, please call Jane or Betty at 796-4969.

COOKBOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

We have a Silver Sage Cookbook on sale for $10 each - the perfect gift for that special person for Christmas. They may be purchased here at the center, at Backroad Books, HIX Bandera, The Emporium, and at Love Creek Cider Mill and Country Store in Medina.

"Discounts are available for bulk purchases.

MEDINA LAKE

FROM PAGE 8A

not, you can have some voice as to your involvement in the future by participating now. The shape of the city has not been determined.

-The San Antonio American Lung Association of Texas is having a Walk to Fight Asthma at SeaWorld San Antonio, Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. It is a 3.2 mile walk in honor of Ken Magoon and Bradley Magoon. He was a resident of Lakehills who died in his early 30's leaving behind Bradley, his son. In support of this fight against asthma, join the Walk this Saturday.

-Santa Claus will be hosting a Christmas Party at the Lakehills' Civic Center soon, so keep your eyes and ears open and be sure not to miss it!

Russ Cunningham with the Lytle United Methodist Church passed away.

LUMC has a busy week, starting the 4th, Wednesday - the Circle of Love Prayer Group at 6 p.m., Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. and Lakehills Emmaus Gathering at 7:45 p.m.; Thursday, Disciple I from 7 - 9:30 p.m.; Saturday - United Methodist Men at 8 a.m.; Cottage Meeting at the new parsonage (gate code' #5512) at 5 p.m.; Sunday - Second Sunday in Advent Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:20; and Bradley Magoon. He was a Trip to Pointe Theater at 2 p.m.; Monday - Cottage Meeting at 11 a.m., Bread of Life at 6:00 p.m. and Finance Committee at 7 p.m.; Tuesday - TWIGS 4:30-6 p.m. and Disciple IV from 7 - 9:30 p.m.

-The Lighthouse Church of Lakehills has Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m. All are welcomed.

-In December, the Farmer's Almanac's has to say, for the 4th, National Grange Foundation in 1867; on the 5th, Gypsies were banned in England in 1537, Ty Cobb died in 1951 and Strom Thurmond was born in 1902; on the 7th, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and Willa Cather was born in 1873; on the 8th, Eli Whitney was born in 1765; on the 9th, Marco Polo died in 1324; and on the 10th, 'You cannot open a book without learning something' and on the 11th.

Let's remember.....

The spirit of the season, the time it takes to share that spirit. How fleeting the brief moments of piles of gifts mean without the time to be with each of our loved ones throughout the Holidays. Take time to enjoy your lives.

That's all I've got to say today. If you want me to include something, send me a postcard to Nancy Arcement; P.O. Box 63109; Pipe Creek, Texas 78063; or e-mail me at richardbarcement@prodigy.net.

I want to know what you're doing - I know everyone else does too.



Courtesy photo

Medina EMS members were honored at a supper last week. They are (from left) Mary Walker, Christine Markel, Linda Swarthout, Bob Keeling. Not pictured is J. Paul Bruhn.

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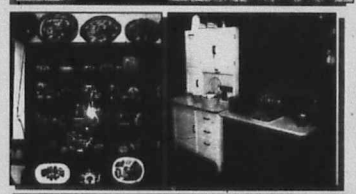
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OPINIONS

Thanksgiving, hunting go together

By Lee Leschper

It's impossible to think about Thanksgiving and not think about hunting in our house.

Until I think we're pretty typical of Texas hunting families. Historically, next to opening weekend, there's more hunting activity and more whitetail deer harvested during the 3-day Thanksgiving weekend than any other time of the Texas season.

Those of us (yes, we'll be at the family deer lease this holiday too) chasing whitetails this weekend should be in prime time for a trophy buck.

It should be a decent weekend to hunt too.

A good frost throughout most of Texas will knock back some of the tender vegetation that whitetails have been gorging. So the deer will be moving more to feed. They're also like to be hitting feeding areas more.

Depending on where you hunt in the state, the whitetail rut will either be hitting its first or second peak. In east Texas, where the deer often rut in mid-October, there'll now be a new round of does coming into heat. On the Rolling Plains and South Texas, this week will mark the first hard rutting activity.

Add darker nights as the moon wanes and you've got the recipe for lots of deer movement at the same time there'll be lots of hunters in the woods.

That usually equates to lots of success for hunters.

That cold weather will also bring more waterfowl flooding into the state as waterholes freeze up further north. That'll be a welcome influx of new birds, because the mild fall has kept many ducks and geese stalled on their migration.

Although many serious quail hunters don't begin working their country until after deer season ends, those who do are finding bumper crops of quail. The little game birds responded with a vengeance to favorable weather and range conditions, and "the country has turned to quail!" as one hunting companion said the other day, at least in the Rolling Plains and Cross Timbers where ever adequate cover remained.

My hunting partner Jim Wilson bumped three coveys of bobwhites on our Hill Country deer lease last weekend-where I hadn't seen a quail in 10 years.

If you love the joy of good dog working and the challenge of hitting hard-flying, crafty wild bobwhites, then you better make plans to hunt this season.

Regardless of what or where you hunt, this weekend is really about more-than just fill a limit or a tag. It's a time to share the outdoors with friends and family, and to take time to introduce a youngster to hunting.

And to be thankful that we live in a state with great natural resources and the freedom to enjoy them.

Pheasant change could draw more hunters. Last week's announcement that Texas Parks and Wildlife is considering extending the Panhandle pheasant season from 16 to 30 days beginning next year sounds like a good idea.

With the longer season comes a reduction in the bag limit, from three roosters per day to two.

At first glance, that sounds like a reduction in opportunity. But for as far back as TPW has been keeping records, Texas hunters have averaged about two roosters per season.

So a bag limit of two per day, for the average hunter, is no big loss.

What is a big gain is the chance to enjoy a full month of hunting these glorious birds. The 16-day season, which opens Dec. 14 this year, is a too-short treat that most hunters get at most one weekend to enjoy.

Decision to cash 401(k) annuity important

If you have a 401(k) plan where you work, you'll have an important decision to make upon your retirement.

Specifically, how should you take your 401(k)-money? You'll want to make the right choice - because it can make a big difference in your life.

Let's consider the distribution options available to you:

• You can take the money as a lump sum - Many plans require participants to take their 401(k) in a lump sum distribution - and many people choose lump sums, even when they have a choice. If you need a large sum of money immediately upon retirement, taking a lump sum may be right for you. However, your plan will immediately withhold 20 percent for taxes, and you may have to pay more later.

• You can leave the money in your plan - Not all 401(k) plans offer this option. But if it's available, it may be a good choice for you if you like the investment options in your 401(k) and if the plan allows you to withdraw funds as often as you need after you retire. You will have to start making withdrawals by age 70 1/2.

• You can move your money into an IRA - If you move your 401(k) into a "Rollover IRA," your money will continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and you will avoid the 20 percent federal withholding. You can withdraw money as you need it, subject to IRA minimum distribution rules, and you'll pay income tax only on the amount you withdraw. Withdrawals before age 59-1/2 may be subject to a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. Plus, you can fund your IRA with virtually any type of investment - stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments.

Your final distribution option is to convert your 401(k) into a lifetime annuity, purchased from a private insurance company. Not all plans offer this choice, but if they do, it is an option worth considering for one reason alone: It offers you an income stream you can't outlive. Every month, for the rest of your life, you will receive a check for the same amount of money - even if the cumulative payments exceed the amount you paid into your 401(k).

Furthermore, you can extend your annuity over the course of two lifetimes. Thus, when you die, your spouse will start receiving the monthly payments. As is the case with IRA withdrawals, your annuity payments are subject to ordinary income tax.

Clearly, a lifetime source of income may be of great value to you - especially when you consider that you could easily spend two or three decades in retirement.

At the same time, you'll need to take into account two possible drawbacks to taking your 401(k) distribution as an annuity. First, your payments will not be indexed for inflation, so, over time, you will lose purchasing power. And second, there's no death benefit to this annuity - when you and your spouse pass on, the payments stop.

Ultimately, you'll have to look at your overall financial picture before you decide on taking your 401(k) distribution as an annuity is a good idea for you.

If, after reviewing your situation, you identify a need for a regular source of income, the annuity may be a possibility. But if you know that you'll have enough money coming in from a variety of sources, and you want to maximize the assets you leave to your beneficiaries, you might want to consider other distribution options.

It's your choice - so make it a good one.

FINANCIAL FOCUS



LAMAR SEALE

Cell phones could be useful in camel attacks

The advances of modern technology have some obvious benefits for Emergency Medicine.

Equipment for monitoring reveals more valuable information on the status of our patients. In the prehospital setting, patient care predictably continues to be a dynamic field as technology moves forward. There is however, one piece of technology that is having an unexpected impact on Emergency Medicine.

The more time I spend in EMS, the more 911 calls I see received from cell phones. Some of these calls are from motorists who witness, or are involved in car wrecks. These are the calls that benefit from a shorter response time to the scene. After all, the time to run or drive to a nearby phone just isn't needed anymore. But these really are not the calls that have caught my attention.

I want to share a true it-could-only-happen-in-Texas story. This scene played out very recently and not far from Bandera. I promise it's true, and a testament to the value of a cell phone.

An employee of a local ranch delivers hay cut from its field south of San Antonio to customers around the surrounding counties. This is only one of the many responsibilities of this cowboy, and only one of many stories that will make your heart skip a beat. There have been his share of close calls with horses, cattle and heavy equipment too. He will tell you, as I suspect most cowboys will, it's all part of a day's work.

Just the other day a customer called for a round bale to be delivered to her stock. It turns out the this customer, a regular to this cowboy, has a large steer and a pet camel. The camel and the steer are, of course, best buds and share a pen together.

Our cowboy brought the round bale out to the property and into the pen as usual. The owners were not home, as often happens during the day of a regular workweek. The difference this time was that the steer decided to attack the round bale. I'm not sure if the steer wanted to knock it around in memory of a lost surge of testosterone, showing the camel that he still could, or if he was just plain excited about having fresh new hay. In either case, he got his horns tied up in the baling twine before it could be cut away from the bale.

EMT PULSE



MITHRIEL SALMON

Now the cowboy felt a responsibility to cut this fool of a steer free from his bonds to the hay. The twine was actually starting to cut the steer as he tried to pull free himself. Just as that bovine got away from the bale, the camel got worked up at all the fuss. The desert-water-tank-turned-Texan decided to come to the aid of his buddy, the steer.

Unfortunately, he identified the cowboy as the bad guy instead of the round bale. A huge spit-filled mouth with large teeth came after the cowboy and started moving him to the back of the pen.

You can imagine the rest of the scenario. The cowboy did get away from that animal, but not before the camel discovered whom really had the most testosterone in the pen. I surely suspect the camel will think twice before attacking the next time hay is delivered.

Everyone in this story turned out OK, but the point is this; there is a rising number of 911 calls from people who work alone in the middle of nowhere, in high-risk professions.

It may not be a camel, it may very well be a tractor, construction or mower accident.

Consider the impact of the cell phone on EMS.

I'm learning to appreciate that bit of technology more every day.

Congress to face intellectual property issue

Intellectual property rights are a hot topic these days.

From the high-profile case against Napster and Kazza about the illegal downloading of copyright protected work, to other battles between the record companies,movie studios, and technology companies, Congress soon will debate the issue of intellectual property rights in the digital age.

Intellectual property represents the largest single sector of the economy, employing 4.3 million Americans. From software developers in San Antonio to filmmakers in Austin, it is vital that we encourage the continued growth of intellectual property.

The next Congress will examine a host of intellectual property issues including Digital Rights Management, peer-to-peer networks, and database protection. All of these issues have a common theme: the protection of intellectual property.

Whatever path Congress takes to strengthen protections for intellectual property, we must make sure that it doesn't have unintended consequences or substitute the federal government for the natural business cycle. Consumers must also have a say in any legislation that impacts how they can view or listen to content on the Internet.

No one can deny that piracy and intellectual property theft cost American businesses billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs each year. But a double standard exists when a vast majority people who would never shoplift a CD at a record store think nothing when it comes to downloading entire albums from peer-to-peer networks. Both shoplifting and downloading copyright protected material are illegal and represent a direct threat to artists, software developers, and others whose livelihoods depend on their creations.

Whether the solution is stronger penalties for pirates, authorizing copyright holders to engage in cyber self-help methods, expanding the "fair use" doctrine, a combination of these proposals, or something different is what Congress and the Judiciary Committee on which I serve will examine next year.

Business also must embrace the Internet rather than using the federal government to shield outdated business models. But when over one million movie files are downloaded each day, copyright owners have a legitimate fear that intellectual property theft has reached critical levels. The federal government has a responsibility to protect property owners and ensure that those who engage in theft are punished.

We are at a crossroads where technology, recording artists, movie studios, Internet Service Provider's (ISPs), and others debate the role of the federal government in shaping content on the Internet. The result will impact all of us, whether we're directly involved with technology or simply a consumer who buys a piece of software, watches a movie, or listens to music on the Internet.

CAPITAL VOICE



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OBITUARIES

CONTIE

At age 52 Richard Contie succumbed to lung cancer and joined his wife and soul mate Lehrie Contie in the Light on November 24, 2002. He was a witty, humorous, kind man, who always had a smile and a joke for everyone. Survived by his loving daughter, Brittany Contie; brother, Bob Contie and wife, Mary; nephews, Nick, Paul, Tim and Doug Contie; niece, Mary Lanoir Camp; brother-in-law, Bill and Susie Camp; and by other relatives and many friends. The family will received friends Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Porter Loring.

The services will be today at noon at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church at the Garden Chapel.

The Rev. David McNitzky will be officiating with interment in Mission Burial Park North. The family invites you to leave a message or memory at www.porter-loring.com by selecting visitation and services. Select "Send Condolences" at the bottom of the individual Memorial. Arrangements with are with Porter Loring at 1101 Mc Cullough at 227-8221.

WEHMEYER

Gloria Wehmeyer, 72, of Bandera, died Thursday, Nov. 28, in Bandera County. She was born March 24, 1923 in San Antonio to William and Lillian H. Zimmerman Inbau. On January 3, 1972, she married Bill Wehmeyer in Eagle Pass. She was a Clerical Supervisor for an Insurance Company, member of the Daughters of the Nile, member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #410, Lakehills, and a member of Hermann Sons Lodge #81.

Survivors include her husband Bill of Bandera, son, John McCoy and wife Sandi of Lakehills, grandchildren, Julie Williams, Shelli O'Connor, Shane McCoy, Kylynn McCoy, John T. McCoy, Shawn McCoy, and Katie Ann McCoy. Services were held Monday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapel, with Rev. Ellen Ely officiating.

Graveside services were held on Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery. Pallbeareres were Bennie C. Wehmeyer, Freddie L. Wehmeyer, Marvin Gene Wehmeyer, James Baer, Charlie Mark Baer and Bryan Peirson.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled Veterans organization.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

BANDERA COUNTY JAIL LOG

The following persons were arrested and booked into the Bandera County jail recently. It should be remembered that a person is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Craig Henry, 20, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/25/02 for fictional inspection sticker and insurance. Rayford Mixon, 20, of Kerrville, was arrested on 11/25/02 for a court order. Joshua Lippy, 20, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/26/02 for reckless driving. Amber Toney, 18, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/27/02 for driving with a suspended license. James Rippey, 32, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/27/02 for burglary of a building. Steven Chomout, 52, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/27/02 for 14 issuance's of a bad check. Joshua Welborn, 20, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 11/28/02 for driving with a suspended license and expired license plates. Kipling Williams, 57, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 11/28/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Richard Trevino, 57, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/28/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense and open container. John Wilkins, 33, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/29/02 for a motion to revoke probation warrant. Mark Cardwell, 28, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/30/02 for an outside warrant. Gerardo Guia, 20, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/30/02 for failure to identify. Tina Cuba, 19, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/30/02 for theft, between $50 and $500. Geronimo Medel, 32, of Medina, was arrested on 12/01/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Arthur Armendariz, 40, of Big Springs, was arrested on 12/01/02 for failure to identify, and two outside warrants.

Bandera City Police Report

The Bandera Police Department answered 22 calls for service from Nov. 25 through Dec. 2.

1 Alarm
1 Animal Call
1 Minor Accident
1 Arrest/Gerado Gonzalez Guia/DOB-09/24/82/Giving false identity/Waco, TX
1 Minor in possession/Alcohol/Dustin Bartlett
1 Burglary
1 Criminal Trespass/Juveniles
1 Criminal Mischief
1 Forgery
2 Information
2 Property
1 Reckless Driving
3 Suspicious Circumstances
2 Suspicious Vehicle
2 Traffic Offense
1 Welfare Concern

Shane Merritt, Chief of Police
Bandera Police Department

Eat chili, help an A-Dorey-ble dog's knee



You can load up some great chili and help a needy dog in the process during a unique fund-raiser this Friday.

St. Christopher's Episocal Church on Hwy. 173 is hosting a chili supper benefit from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Dorey, a young German-haired pointer in sanctuary care with Cowboy Capital Pet Assistance League.

Pictured to the right, Dorey has a critical need for expensive knee surgery so he can lead a normal life. All proceeds will go toward the dog's surgery. tickets are $5 for adults. Under 12 eat for $3. Call 460-3485 for information.

Robison arrives

Bandera native Charlie Robison and his Dixie Chick wife Emily Robison had their first child arrive shortly after 10 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11 in a San Antonio hospital.

The 8-pound, 13-ounce baby boy was named Charles Augustus Robison by his parents, who reside on a ranch near Medina. The Robisons plan to take off a few weeks to be with their son, who is named after a character from the Larry McMurtry novel "Lonesome Dove".

Charles Augustus, who might go by "Gus" more often, was 21 inches long. He and mother were reportedly doing fine, according to a Dixie Chick publicist.

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Today final day to enter lights contest

The Bandera Business Association and the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the Second Annual "Cowboy Christmas" Decorating and Lighting Contest.

Enter the "Cowboy Christmas" Lighting Contest in Bandera, Wharton's Dock, Medina, Tarpley, Lakehills and Pipe Creek areas and win big prizes!

There will be three entry types:

- Residential, Commercial or Ag/Gated

The Judging Categories are:

- Best Hill Country Western Theme
- Best Religious Theme
- Most Original Theme
- Christmas Storybook Theme

Grand prize for each entry type will be $150 cash. The first prize winners for each category for Residential and Commercial Entries will be awarded $50 cash. In addition, in each communityа plaque will be awarded to the "Best Decorated in the Community"

Contest will be judged Sunday, Dec. 8 beginning at dusk. Entry forms are due no later than today and are available at the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce, the Bandera County Library and The Bandera Bulletin office.

Cheerleader Pride



Senior Varsity Cheerleaders: (l-r) Tara Hicks, Jennifer Young, Jennifer Wilson-Captain, Autumn Cartwright, Pam Hoesen, Samantha Teich, Co-Captain, center, Lacy Richards. Six of these seven young ladies have cheered together since the seventh grade. According to Linda Wilson, they were members of the Award winning middle school competition squad that made it all the way to the National Championship in Orlando, Fla.

TURKEY ON THE MENU



At Pipe Creek Christian School, Chloé Varciglio checks out the Thanksgiving turkey while the the turkey makes sure he's not on the Mrs. Mark's kindergarten classes menu.







BMS Academic Award Winners

Bandera Middle School 6th and 8th Grade classes had an awards ceremony honoring academic achievement for the 2nd Six Weeks of the 2002-2003 school year on Nov. 20.

6th Grade Top Student Winners were Mindy Gotthardt and Bobby Scheel (top left).

The Challenger Team Winners were 8th Grade students (from left) Susan Mullins, Student of the Six Weeks, James Gallmeier, who won the Bulldog Pride Award and Katie Berg (Outstanding Student).

The A.T.T.A.K.S. Team Winners were 8th Grade students (from left): John Grill, who won the Bulldog Pride Award, Jennifer Everly, who won the Outstanding Student Award and Jack Antes, who was honored as Student of the Six Weeks.

Spirit of Christmas to give books to needy

Usborne independent consultant Gina Domitrovich urges you to support the Spirits of Christmas Program.

Usborne Books at Home has teamed up with The Spirits of Christmas to give children the gift of knowledge for Christmas by putting a new books in their hands and a smiles on their faces!

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Cowboy Capital Christmas Events

Thursday, Dec. 5
Medina turns on the Christmas Lights
Friday, Dec. 6
7 - 9 a.m. - Silver Sage Senior Center hosts a taco and pancake breakfast
5 p.m. - Bandera's Annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony
6-9 p.m. - Shop downtown Bandera's Annual Shoppers' Jubilee
Saturday, Dec. 7
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Kids Fish-N-Fun Day at Bandera City Park
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Woman's Guild Holiday Bazaar hosted by the Medina Garden Club at the Medina United Methodist Church.
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Coutry Kitchen and Bazaar at Grace Lutheran Church.
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Country Accents Antique Open House
1 p.m. - Natalie's Christmas Program at Bandera Plaza
Sunday, Dec. 8
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - County Antiques Open House
BHS Auditorium
Tuesday, Dec.10
4 - 7 p.m. - Dan Anderson/ Raymond James Financial Services Open House
7 p.m - BHS Concert at BHS

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BSC gets LCRA gift

Bandera County Judge Richard Evans said a deal has been worked out so the Bandera County Sports Complex can receive a $130,000 grant from the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Evans said the county will not be liable for more than the cost of the grant in the unlikely event that the Bandera County Sports Complex, a nonprofit group, should become insolvent. He credited County Attorney K.H. Schneider with working out a deal with LCRA officials so the group could receive the grant.

Much of the money will be used to help build baseball and softball fields, which were wiped out during the July flood. The agreement was announced during a special meeting of Bandera County Commissioners Court on Monday, Nov. 25.



Photo by Philip Bilnoski

Three persons were seriously injured a single vehicle accident on Hwy. 16 in front of Bandera Barber Shop at about 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday. According to Bandera County Sheriff James McMillian, Kelly K. Helmer, 34, of Bandera was driving and was thrown from her Ford F-150 Truck about 200 feet. Two juveniles sustained serious injuries. Slick roads and low visibility might have contributed to the accident. Bandera County EMS responded to the scene. Critical Air was called but could not fly because of bad weather.

Flying L spiffs up pro shop, Skein event set for Dec. 14

There's something new at the Flying L Guest Ranch.

For the past few months, volunteers and construction crews have been hard at work building the new home for the Flying L's restaurant, the Spike n' Spur Grill, and the resort's Pro Shop. To help celebrate the grand opening of the facility, golf pro Jared Lee will host a golf special this weekend.

"On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8, we are inviting folks to join us for unlimited golf and a trip through our renowned fajita bar for only $19.47 per player," said Lee.

The bargain price is because the ranch was established in 1947.

The Flying L Guest Ranch, located just south of Bandera off of Highway 173 S. and Wharton's Dock Road, was established in 1947 as a Texas dude ranch. Since its inception, the ranch has made great improvements.

"We're very proud of the work we've done here," Junker said."With the improvements we've made we feel our facility is now one of the greatest destinations in Texas and we want everyone to see it."

Skein Benefit on Dec. 14

The Flying L will sponsor a "Joe Skein Christmas Benefit" golf tournament on Saturday, Dec. 14, on the Flying L Ranch course.

Proceeds will help defray medical expenses for Skein, who suffered a brain hemorrhage early in November. He's been back on the job for three weeks.

The tournament will be a four-person "Shamble" whose format calls for the players to select the best drive of the four and then play individual balls the rest of the hole.

Price of admission to the tournament will be $50 per player which will include a box lunch and the right to compete in a long drive contest as well as a putting tournament.

The fun begins at 10:30 a.m. After long drive and putting finals, the tournament willstarts at noon with a shotgun start.

Entry checks can be mailed to the Flying L Guest Ranch, Joe Skein Benefit, P.O. Box 1959, Bandera, TX 78003.

Skein joined the staff of the Flying L in March of this year after a long stint as assistant professional at a Kerrville course.

For information on the Grand Opening, Skein benefit or just to set up a tee time, Call the Flying L Pro Shop at 830-796-3466 or 800-646-5407.



Holiday Events

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The EDC has donated $1,000 to decorate the new town plaza at the corner of Hackberry and Main St.

The BBA has contributed up to $500 that will be donated to various youth groups who help merchants put up and take down their decorations.

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce has donated $1,000 to support the lighting contest and to purchase Christmas lights.

"We're going to light up this town," Pat Breedlove said.

The groups have several ideas for getting the best out of the holiday season. A

- Merchants are being asked to extend their business hours until 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, Thursday, Dec. 12 and Thursday, Dec. 19. That's a total of three Saturdays to help make Bandera's holiday shopping season as convenient and merry as possible.
- Make an all out effort to decorate your business for the Holidays .
- Make a monetary donation that would be used toward the Plaza effort

The community oriented group vows to:

- Coordinate youth groups who will volunteer their time to work with merchants to help decorate their businesses.
- Coordinate entertainment for the community to enjoy at the Plaza each Saturday evening beginning Dec. 7 until Christmas.
- Coordinate the decorating and designing of the Christmas decorations at the plaza.
- Raise funds for this project. Donations to be sent to Pat Harrison, Attn. Christmas Lighting, P.O. Box 967, Bandera, TX 78003.

Bandera is trying to be added to the Texas Hill County Regional Christmas Lighting Trail in the future but must start now. A beautifully decorated town will attract shoppers and boost the Bandera economy and image.

For information call Pat Breedlove at (830) 460-7479, Pat Harrison at (830) 796-7748, Patricia Moore at 796-3045 or Nancy Barnett at 796-4590

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MAIL THIS FORM to P.O. Box 282, Bandera, TX 78003. DO NOT RETURN THIS LETTER TO THE SCHOOL - it will delay us getting the information.

We will be coming on Saturday, December 14, after 9 a.m. If you are unable to be at home on that day, the gifts and food will NOT be left with anyone else in your stead. Children receiving gifts must reside at the home to which the gifts are delivered. Anything you put on the form will be kept strictly confidential. We must have this information by SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2002.

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Bulldog Football
The Bandera Bulldogs will play Yoakum at Jack Taylor Field at 2 p.m. this Saturday in Seguin. All tickets at the gate will be $6. Tickets can be purchased in advance at a price of $6 for adults and $3 from the school district.

Powder Puff Football
The roles will be reversed when the BHS Senior girls take on theBHS Junior girls in a powder puff football game while the boys dothe dancing and cheerleading at BMS football field at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. It's only $3 to get in and proceeds benefit project graduation.

Chamber Parade
The Annual Bandera Christmas Parade will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. Call the Chamber office at 796-3045 for information.

BISD Holiday Concerts
The Bandera Middle School and Bandera High School Choral Holiday Concert will be on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium.

The BMS Band Holiday Concert will be on Monday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium.

The Bandera High School Band Holiday Concert scheduled for Tuesday Dec. 10 has been canceled.

Bandera Little League
Bandera Little League board will have a meeting at the AEP building at the Bandera Independent School District Administrative offices at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9. For information, call Karen Pizzini, BLL President, at 210-695-4378 or during the day at 830-796-6223 at Alkek Elementary.

Presyberterian Service
There will be a Christmas candlelight service at Pipe Creek Presbyterian on Hwy. 16 on Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Bandera Bulletin copy and photo deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

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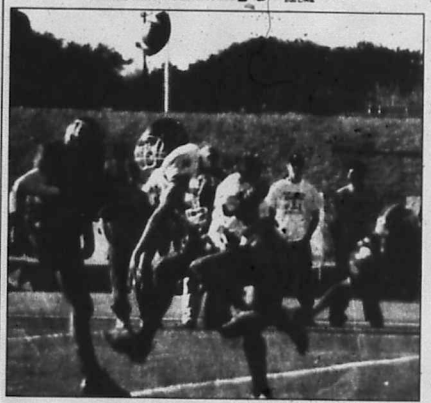


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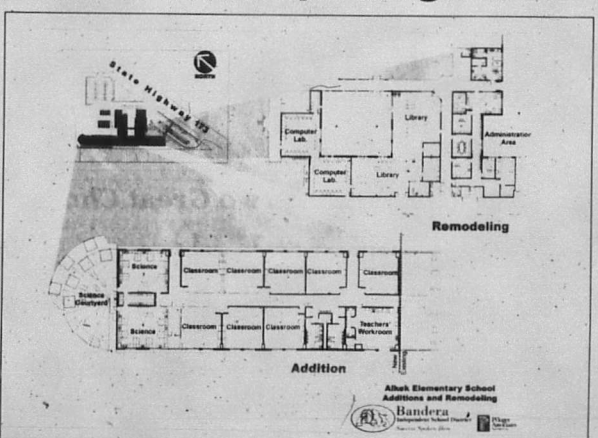
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Powder Puff Football
The roles will be reversed when the BHS Senior girls take on theBHS Junior girls in a powder puff football game while the boys dothe dancing and cheerleading at BMS football field at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. It's only $3 to get in and proceeds benefit project graduation.

Chamber Parade
The Annual Bandera Christmas Parade will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. Call the Chamber office at 796-3045 for information.

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There will be a Christmas candlelight service at Pipe Creek Presbyterian on Hwy. 16 on Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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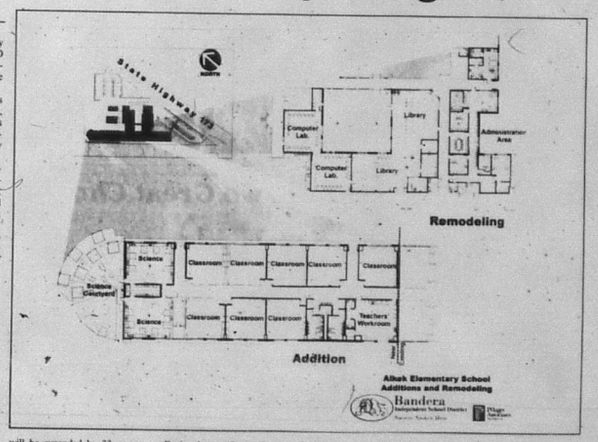
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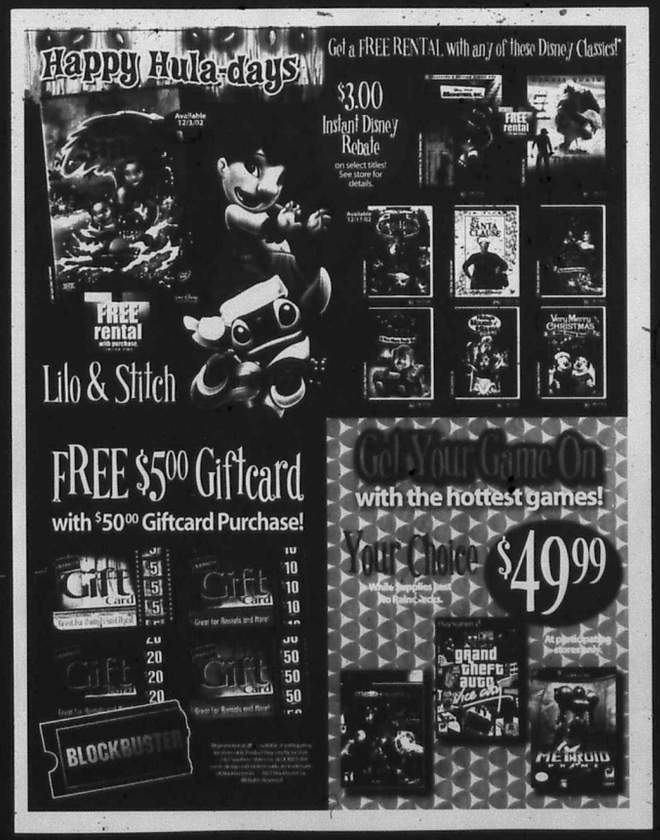
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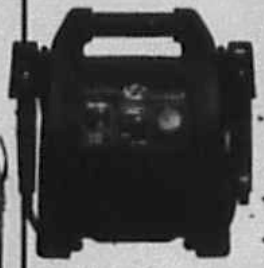


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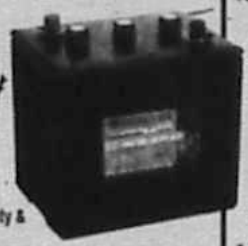


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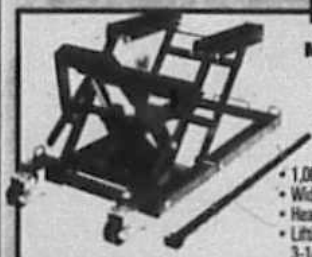


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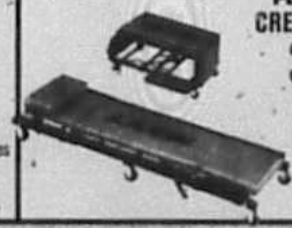
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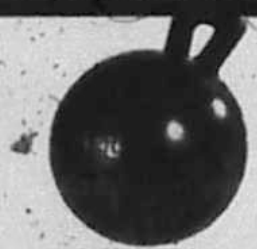
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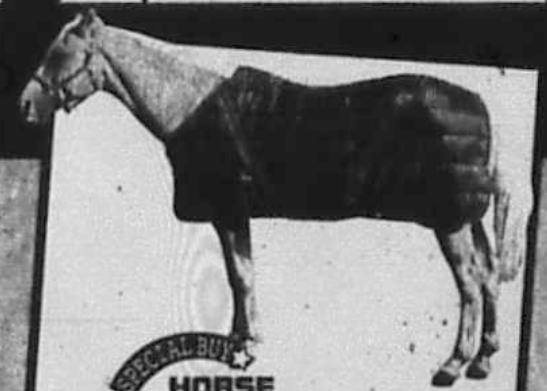
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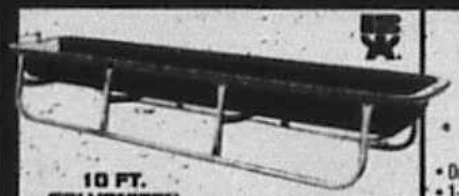
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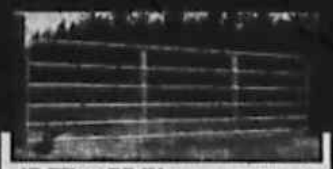
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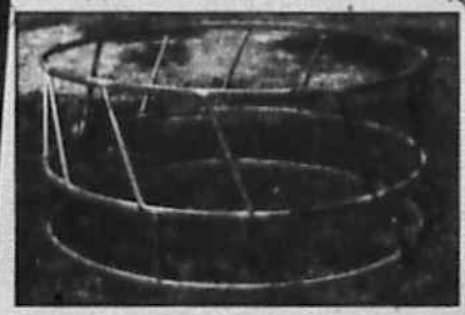
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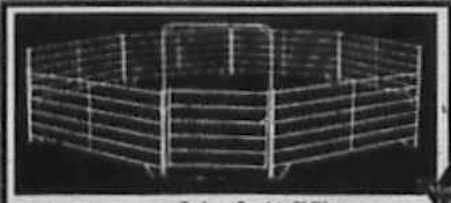
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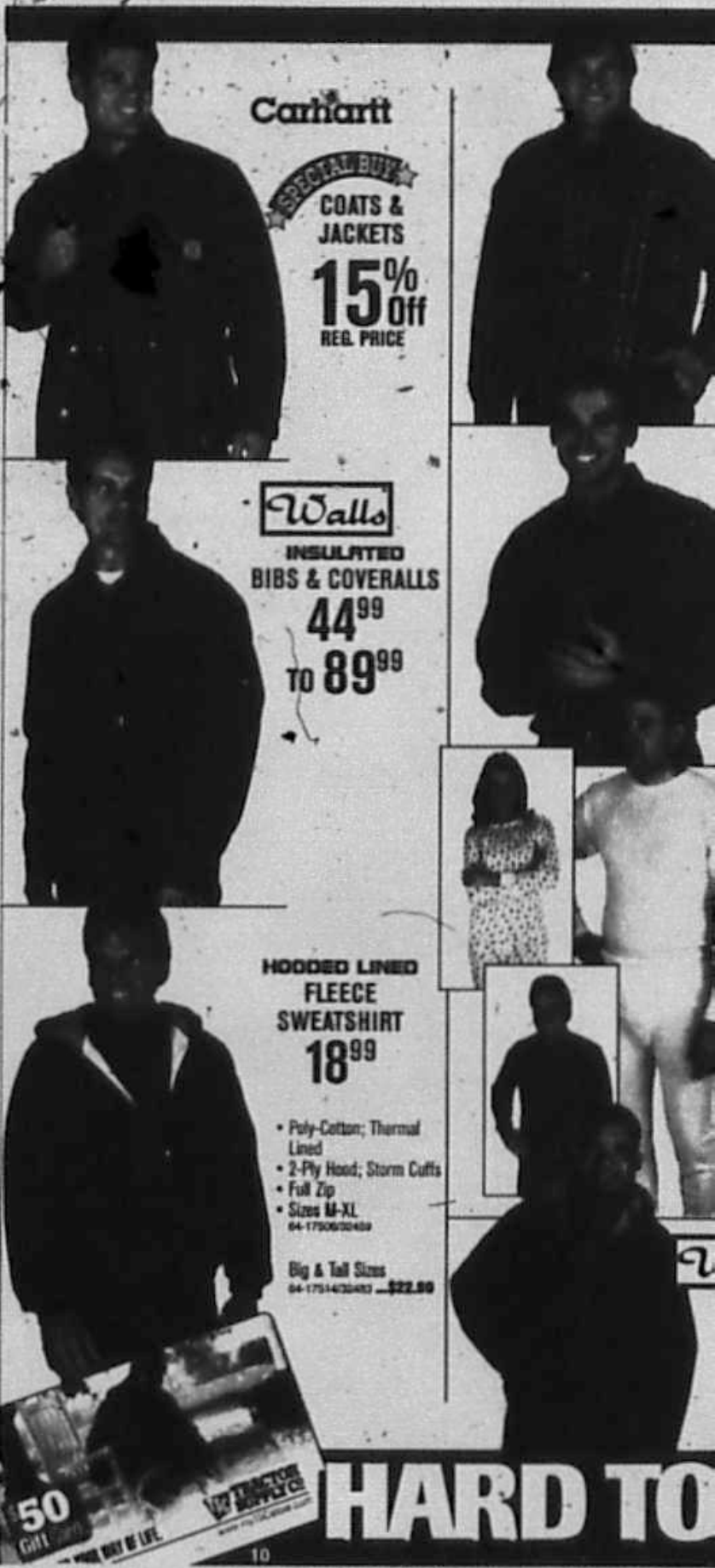
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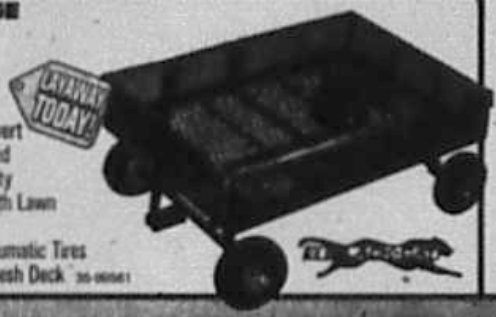
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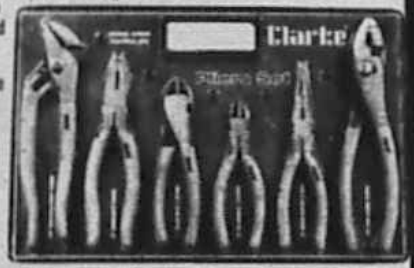
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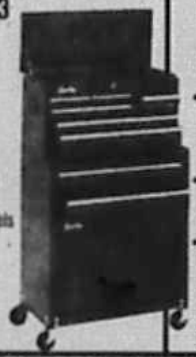
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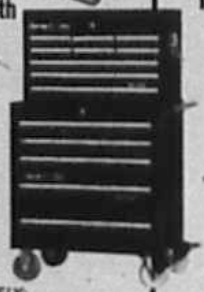
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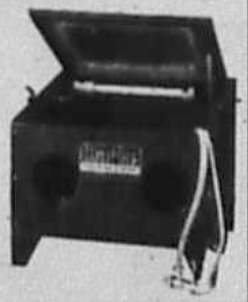
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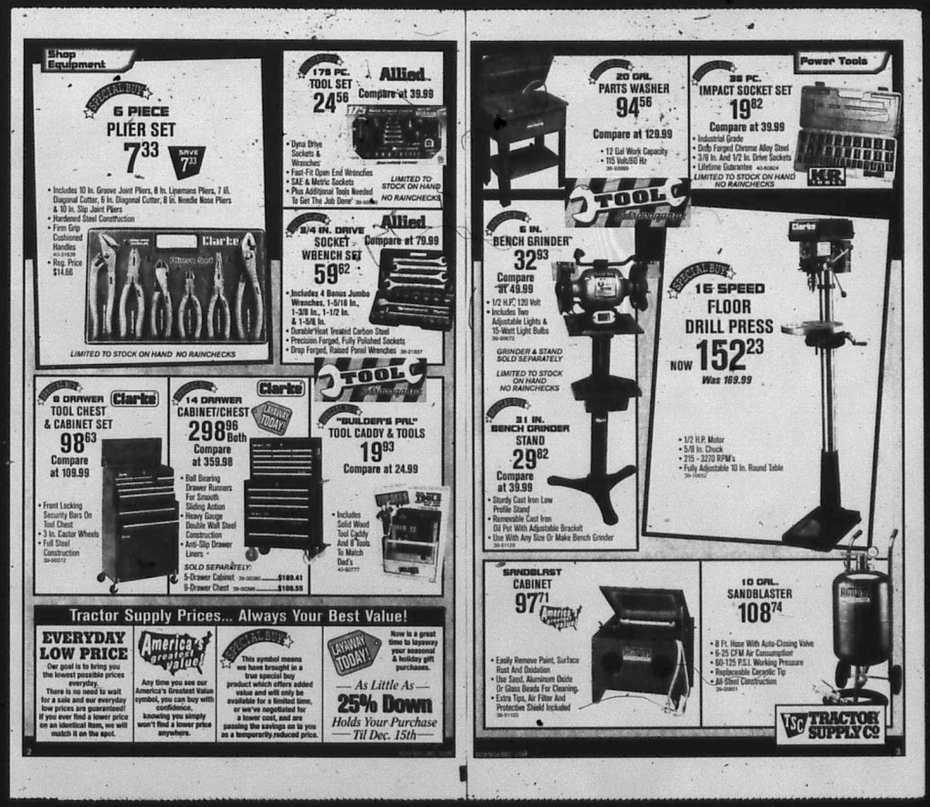
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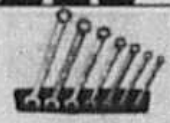


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CHAMBER HOSTS RIBBON CUTTINGS





The Bandera Chamber of Commerce snipped the ribbon at two new businesses on Friday.
(Top photo) Chamber of Commerce members cut the ribbon at Make A Wish Floral and Art. Irlene (Dale) Wymore was born and raised in Medina. Lynda (Mayfield) Sales was born in Kerrville and lived in Medina during her early days. After making the decision to retire from the insurance industry and move away from big businesses in Houston and San Antonio, they knew they wanted to come to Bandera and be a part of the city's best. Their slogan is, "We can make your wish come true at affordable prices." They invite you to drop by their business and see their beautiful displays of floral arrangements and art. Located at 1132 Main Street, they can be reached by phone at 830-460-7883.
(Below) Visitors at the Chamber's ribbon cutting for Touch of Class Catering enjoyed samples of the food the business will serve. Dan Montes, owner of Touch of Class Catering, is pleased to announce the opening of a new catering business in Bandera.
Montes worked for several years a junior executive chef for a Four Star General in the Army before retiring. Mary and Denise have worked with several catering and restaurant businesses.
Montes says Touch of Class will serve food that is healthy and delicious for people who are on a tight schedule. If you would like to learn more about Touch of Class catering, which offers gourmet catering at affordable prices, call them at 830-460-4172.

Holiday stock stuffers can be good for your favorite charity

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During this upcoming holiday season, we may think fondly of the many wonderful things that a special charitable organization has done for us, our family and others.

We may donate our time and efforts at the local food or toy drive. We may volunteer at our children's or grandchildren's school. But as we reflect on the ways that these organizations make the lives of those they touch brighter, we may also wish we could do more for them.

If you feel like this, there are additional ways you can help, strictly beyond cash donations.

If you have stocks that have weathered recent market conditions and grown significantly in value over the years, you can donate them to the charity of your choice. You, too, can benefit from this donation. By doing so, you'll owe no capital gains tax when the stock is sold if you've owned the appreciated stock for at least a year. And you can deduct all or part of the gift from your taxes.

You also can help your estate planning by making your donation through a charitable remainder trust. You may do so by contributing appreciated assets, such as stocks or real estate, to the charitable remainder trust. The trust then sells the assets and uses the proceeds to purchase a portfolio of securities. You are then paid an income stream for life, and the organization receives the principal upon your death. By setting up such a trust, you avoid capital gains tax, and you can claim a deduction on your current-year taxes. And because you're moving assets from your estate, your beneficiaries will have fewer estate taxes to pay.

By transferring the bulk of your appreciated assets to a charitable remainder trust, you need not forget about your heirs. You may wish to use the income from the charitable remainder trust to purchase a life insurance policy on yourself. It is important to note, however, that the proceeds from such a policy will go into your taxable estate. If you'd like to avoid this, consider purchasing an insurance policy in an irrevocable life insurance trust. Because the trust actually owns the insurance policy, the proceeds are kept out of your taxable estate, and your heirs will owe less in estate taxes. You can also direct the trust to provide your heirs with regular income.

Before establishing a trust, consult with your legal adviser to learn the full advantages and disadvantages of these complex estate-planning instruments. Should you simply donate an appreciated stock or make your donation through a charitable remainder trust? The answer depends on your financial goals. If a tax deduction is your primary objective, a straight donation may be the best choice for you. If you would like to establish a steady stream of income, a charitable remainder trust may be the more attractive option.

Regardless of which option you choose, you'll be helping a valued institution and yourself.

In short, everyone would be thankful.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everybody very happy Thanksgiving.

Bandera ISD Excellence in Education awards recognize outstanding teachers, support

Bandera Independent School District Executive Director of Curriculum and Personnel Regina Howell has named the winners of the "Excellence in Education" program for the second six weeks of the 2002-2003 academic year.

The "Excellence in Education" program recognizes outstanding teachers and support staff throughout the district. This program is designed to identify and acknowledge those individuals who have made significant contributions for the betterment of their campus, their department and the district.

Bandera ISD staff members who earned "Excellence in Education" awards for the second six weeks of the 2002-2003 academic year are:

Alkek Elementary
- Ruth White, 2nd Grade Teacher - Outstanding Educator
- Betty Childs, Instructional Assistant - Outstanding Support Staff

Hill Country Elementary
- Judi Chesshir, 1st Grade Teacher - Outstanding Educator
- Judy Clark, School Nutrition Services Manager - Outstanding Support Staff

Bandera Middle School
- Suzy Thompson, Reading Teacher - Outstanding Educator
- Rex Rackley, Custodian - Outstanding Support Staff

Bandera High School
- Cindy Woodland, Spanish Teacher - Outstanding Educator
- Allen Caza, Custodian - Outstanding Support Staff

BISD Central Office
- Brad Domitrovich, Communications Specialist

Outstanding Support Staff
BISD Maintenance Department
- Tammy Ortiz, Secretary - Outstanding Support Staff

BISD School Nutrition Services
- Debbie Hayes, High School Nutrition Services Manager - Outstanding Support Staff

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• 4B,3B, 2 garage, 10+ acres, ag exempt, fenced, 4 stock tanks, (A#361) $
• 3B,2B, in Bandera, handicap accessible, fenced lot (278) $82,000.

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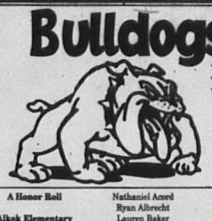
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Stone Alvarez
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Devin Barnes
Marshall Beightol
Josie Burnes
Austin Carroll
Donald Eckman
Ricardo Espinosa
Catalina Galvan
Kendall Gooding
Shannon Granger
Ethan Greven
Ruben Guel
Cheyenne Hauck
Haley Hays
Maverick Hicks
Keano Jannell
Colby Johnson
Hattie Love
Victoria Mahar
Sivett Mangold
Michael Marrer
Rhett Miller
Levi Mills
Ashley Montes
Casey Olsen
Desiree Palacios
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Nicky Schoelles
Taylor Schultz
C.J. Shade
Eddie Smart
Caleb Stivers
Jonathan Stouffket
Jerica Strother
Cheyenne Sutherland
Jacob Tarr
Christopher Toenes
Cheyanne Van Vleet
Brandon Watson
Emily Witmer-Axtell
Cori Wright

2nd Grade

Yvette Camacho
Emily Campbell
Samantha Chason
Ashley Dowda
Kati Fitzpatrick
Alix Hay
Mitchell Held
Megan Hernandez
Ellen Hevenor
Sierra Hickman
Montana Hicks
Madelynn Kinsel
McKenna Mangold
Brittney Palacios
Brandon Pina
Blake Sab
Sarah Samford
Kayla White
Stephanie Williams
Charles Wyatt
Jayson Zamora

3rd Grade

Jesus Arreola
Brynn Hicks
Kyle Monroe
Brittany Nixon
Nicholas Palacios
Taylor Pizzini
Logan Ramsey
Westen Steeghs
Colby Stewart
Jennifer Widner

4th Grade

Gretchen Bronz
Derrick Chesewick
Joseph Cruz
Adam Goodenough
Andreina Herrera
Ben Hevenor
Jeffrey Jensen
David Kassai
Emily King
Trace Maltaberger
Samantha Mitchell
Antonio Morales
Cale Neff
Luke Williams

5th Grade

Jamye Buckley
Donavan Cagle
Karley Griffin
Rayna Hicks
Alexandra Meyer
Emilie Miller
Danny Mills
Kayla Rohrbach
Brice Shezahart
Mandy Stewart

Jakob White
Bizzy Wilson
David Woods

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Ryan Albrecht
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Mariah Brown
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Shelby Colsten
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Rudy Esparza
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Kolt Kasper
Joshua Mayfield
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9th Grade

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Chantal Kneifel
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Sarah May
Bethany Nesbit
Ashley Rutledge
Emily Sistrunk

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Adam Middleton

11th Grade

Lanalle Arner
Nisha Bhaga
Heather Cahill
Alyssa Johnson
Heather Jumps
Dana Moeller
Robert Nowell
Megan Young

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Anthony Cahill
Brad Daigneault
Aaron Ellinger
Tiffany McGough
Ryan Middleton
Heather Nesbit
Melissa Ronweber
Zeanna Rivera
Hannah Yarbrough

4th Grade

William Barton
Cassie Campbell
Gianna Canalio
Tory Capes
Katelyn Dones
Elijah Escobedo
Alexandra Fries
Cassidy Gase
Megan Greeben
Taylor Hayes
Jacob Langston
Christopher LaValley
Brody Lester
Jace Lobert
Cassandra Lutz
Sheltse Martin
Thomas Martinez
Morgan McGuire
Grace Meier
Wesley Rodriguez
Mary Rynars
Brittany Schantz

5th Grade

Leanne Cox
Nixon Urbanczyk
Jayme Gaines
Holly Garwood
Lauren Lyssy
Timothy Rodriguez
Tyler Stevens
Sara Zavorka

Bandera Middle School

6th Grade

Trista Bishop
Nikole Gase
Rachel Madison
Elizabeth Marrs
Hannah Persyn
Robert Schoel
Cassandra Simmons
Sarah Sistrunk
Gay Songsangkhan
Victor Steeghs
Zachary Varnier

7th Grade

Jeff Crabb
Stacey Diggs
Patrick Hicks

Ashley Freeman
Kelli Rowell
Ethan Lutz
Jacob Raitz
Amy Reed

Phillip Whitehead

Keici Wilson
Xavier Zamora

3rd Grade

Brittany Black
Christopher Brucks
Victoria Burton
Travis Combs
Samantha Barry
Colleen Batts
John Boyle
Mary Crisp
Brandon Donovan
Ashley Dowlearn
Michael Irwin
Paige Duggan
Dillon Erskine
Sarah Gulley
Levi Hay
Matthew Howard
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Jordan Salazar
Casandra Shaw
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Sherri Sotelo
Dylan Stone
Donovan Swift
Vaun Stivers
William Thornton
Alexis Torres
Joshua Torres
Reannah Wyatt
Julia Crabb
Joshua Young
Jonathan Young

4th Grade

Cheyenne Adcock
Morgan Alf
Rose Alfaro
Trey Archer
Taylor Flores
Jordan Hayes
Delonte Jennings
Shelby Lester
Savanna Donovan
Sarah Espinosa
Christopher Esquivel
Alicia Garcia
Matthew Groff
Richard Heinen
Paola Hernandez
Steven Hodges
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Caitlin Kennedy
Jade Konz
Brittney Kosmalski
Daniel Light
Dustin Lindner
Logan Brown
Lorraine Ortiz
Dalton Parker
Brittney Perez
Zachary Perrini
Paris Rea
John Runnels
Amanda Shackelford
Brent Shearhart
Chelsey Sutherland
Savanah Thaler
Jonathan Tower
Austin Word
Shyanne Yurrita

5th Grade

Alyssa Allen
Mercedes Andrade
Cody Barth
Erin Briley
Robert Cannon
Travis Caza
Chelsea Chewick
Michele Clark
Stewart Cleaver
Audrey Cannon
Roberta Cantor
Amanda Cherry
Grace Cleaver
Alexis Clements
OK Correll
Kasandra Cruz
Robert Erfurt
Austen Eury
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Trinity Hansen
Bailee Hauck
John Howard
Lauren Laskowski
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Samantha Lovett
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Chelsea McCollum
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Rhiannon Lewis
Dakota Lopez
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Eric Pompa
Joshua Ramirez
Henry Rawson
Nichole Russell
Ashley Schantz
Cody Schmidt
Thomas Sharpe
Rebecca Sosa
Elizabeth Stettner
Kaitlin Strosser
Joshua Walker
Kathryn Walker
Max Willenghby
Gonzalez
Brandy Wilson
Robert Barton
Stephanie Zook

5th Grade

Carmen Sierra
Tiffany Bohannon
Robert Bowen
Hannah Chambers
Justin Chesnut
Kyle Crenshaw
Andrew Doyle
Robert Esparza
Amanda Garza
Katelyn Hayes
Christopher Mallory
Troy Reyes
Kayla Reynolds
Dillyn Rutledge
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6th Grade

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Tia Bradford
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Erica Doyle
Danielle Dunmire
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Rena Garcia
Jeremy Gonzales
Misty Gotthardt
Julia Guillory
Sierra Haile
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Kevin Hay
Brittany Heickman
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Cole Hicks
Leah Hicks
Emily Jennings
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Caleb Murphy
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Trevia Poe
Garrett Ramsey
Valerie Rhodes
Andrea Roberson
Ashley Rodriguez
Cristina Romo
Seth Sasthoff
Rebekah Segaloff

7th Grade

Tiffanni Alexander
Elliott Balsley
Myrissa Barnet
Gena Castillo
Joshua Chesnut
Laurel Cooke
Kaitlyn Correll
Beau Daigneault
Casey Desmuke
Kyla Diggs
Reilly Downes
Lyndsey Dubose
Melissa Edwards
Jeff Fabis
Arthur Finley
Megan Godfrey
Heather Gomes
Shannon Goodenough
Michael Groff
Brittany Guerra
Nicole Haas

8th Grade

Megan Hargis
Travis Heep
Bryan Hickman
Kathryn Hicks
Samantha Kidd
Amanda Kaiser
Amelia Kretschmer
Wayne McWilliams
Christine Oglesby
Tommy Quintero
Gina Rowden
Megan Tracy
Jacqueline Untermeyer
Alex Vlahodimitropoulos
Stefany Wampler
Christina Weynouth
Stephanie Womack

11th Grade

Kathryn Berg
Derick Blakley
Casey Bowen
Tracey Bowers
Joseph Charrette
Brittney Coffey
Chelsea Connors
Star Coronado
Austin Cox
Terrell Cunningham
Foley
Cheryl Deer
A.J. Douglas
Kayla Reynolds
Travis Dugosh
Zane Edwards
Cullen Fields
Justin Foster
Chase Haltmar
Levi Hargrove
Reva Hendon
Brandy Hermes
Brandon Hicks
Lenzey Wheeler
Barbara Hoesen
Shawn Holden
Derek Jennings
Seth Jerrit
Ashley Johnson

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6th Grade

Jesse Kampa
Briaa Konvicka
Cassandra Labauve
Dawn Lipscomb
Gabriela Maldonado
Tanner Mangold
Brenda Martinez
Marshall Moore
Mirna Morales
Riane Nickle
Than Niles
Sydney Parker
Adam Peck
Kaitlin Pickett
Jairo Plaza
Ethan Pursley
George Reyes
Leslie Reyes
Rani Reynolds
Kaeleigh Rilling
Tracy Salinas
Emily Sander
Kayle Shackelford
Katherine Shaver
Kyle Simon
Shelli Slagle
Natalie Sollock
Brittany Sorrell
Gene Steelman
Kolby Strait
Kelsey Striegl
Joe Cortez
Brylie Suarez
Trenton Taylor
Samantha Titmus
Michael Towers
Janice Van De Walle
Joseph Varga
Chris Vlaho
Dimitropoulos
Courtney Wall
Zachary Watts
Garrett White
Randy White
Jacob Williams
Kay Williamson
Samantha D. Williams
Alison Winters
Justin Winters

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Jessica Tyra
Janice Van De Walle
Joseph Varga
Chris Vlaho
Dimitropoulos
Courtney Wall
Zachary Watts
Garrett White
Randy White
Jacob Williams
Kay Williamson
Samantha D. Williams
Alison Winters
Justin Winters

8th Grade

Ashleigh Backer
Bodie Bookout
Bryan Brown
John Brzesinski
Matthew Buck
Lyndsey Dubose
Melissa Edwards
Brad Eberhart
Jesse Herrera
Christopher Silva
Jennifer Skelly
Rebekah Small
Bethany Treey
Ashley Wampler
Stephanie Whitehead

12th Grade

Lyndsay Parker
Dustin Roberts
Randi Rogers
Chrystal Rusk
Taylor Sauer
Jonathan Seamon
Carter Sells
Kristin Skinner
Amanda Smythe
Carolyn Spengler
Alyssa Trotman
Breanne Walker

10th Grade

Lauren Ball
Shane Capes
Allie Duennenberg
Nicole Gillbertson
Melinda Griffin
Megan Hargis
Travis Heep
Bryan Hickman
Kathryn Hicks
Samantha Kidd
Amanda Kaiser
Amelia Kretschmer
Wayne McWilliams
Christine Oglesby
Tommy Quintero
Gina Rowden
Megan Tracy
Jacqueline Untermeyer
Alex Vlahodimitropoulos
Stefany Wampler
Christina Weynouth
Stephanie Womack

11th Grade

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Clancy Bilbrey
Erica Brenner
Justin Bridges
Stephanie Calderon
Jessica De La Fuente
Susan Domine
Lauryn Erfurt
Joshua Faglie
Samantha Fuhs
Travis Gonzales
Autumn Gorden
John Haltmar
Tara Hicks
Jenalea Howell
Emily Johnson-Williams
John Paul Lico
Jacqueline Lynn
Leticia Martinez
Andrea McCulley
Danielle Monclova
Nicholas Montagno
Lauren Morley
Jeremy Nelson
Danielle Nickle
Warren Parker
Cassie Phillips
Krystin Pins
Aldo Reyes
Nicholas Scott
Zachary Strait
Michelle Walker
Randi Whelock
Joseph Williams

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Jacob Borunda
Will Burnes
John Butcher
Jeremy Byman
A.J. Caza
Cody Clark
Joe Cortez
Brian Crabb
Brittany Dalsbold
Charles Edwards
Zachariah Esters
Cody Fields
Anne Fincher
Jennifer Griffin
Ryan Groomer
Casey Hauer
Dustin Heep
Brett Hicks
Pam Hoesen
Derek Holby
Robert Ickes
Ericka Ivy
Kelsey Morris
Joshua Palmer
Nolan Pike
Matt Postert
Rebecca Proffer
D.J. Reed
David Reed
Lacy Richards
Jamie Rubio
Hunter Sawyers
Stephanie Schindler

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Jesse Herrera
Christopher Silva
Jennifer Skelly
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WEEK-BY-WEEK RESULTS

Pre-District
Bandera 42 at Castroville-Medina Valley 6
Bandera 28 at Fredericksburg 42
Bandera 49 at San Antonio-Antonian 0
At Bandera 62 Pearsall 0
Bandera 33 at Hondo 20
District 25AAA
At Bandera 38 Ingram 14
Bandera 14 at Burnet 49
At Bandera 28 Liberty Hill 35
Bandera 41 at Wimberly 26
At Bandera 39 Llano 32
Record 7-3; District 25-3A 3-2 (third place)

Division II Playoffs
Bandera 45, La Vernia 21
Bandera 37, Rice Consolidated 34
Bandera vs. Port Isabel, 2 p.m., at Victoria

Medina - District 29A All-District Football

Medina Bobcats:

First Team Offense
Running Back
Chance Haby, Senior
Center
Chance Lemeilleur, Senior
Tackles
Matt McWilliams, Senior

First Team Defense
Defensive Tackles
Matt McWilliams, Senior
Inside Linebackers
Chance Lemeilleur
Outside Linebackers
Chris Kinsey, Senior
Punter
Chris Kinsey, Senior

Second Team Offense
Tight End
Paul Droutsas, Sophomore
Receiver
Rusty Bruinsma, Senior
Guards
Jason Rowan, Senior

David Windham, Senior

Second Team Defense
Defensive End
Jason Rowan, Senior
Inside Linebacker
David Windham, Senior
Secondary
Chance Haby, Senior

Honorable Mention
QB - Aaron Seymour
DT - Taylor Dabney
DB - Wyatt Lautzenheiser
DB - Rusty Bruinsma

MHS - Academic All District
Seniors
Chance Haby, RB
Aaron Seymour, QB
Matt McWilliams, OL/DL
Juniors
Wyatt Lautzenheiser, DB/WR
Chance LeMeilleur, C/LB
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Flying L Golf Results

The Flying L Golf Kittens played—Drop Three Holes on Nov.19.
Results were as follows: Winners —A flight 1st Kay Bridges- 50; 2nd flight Cissy Elkins 51; 3rd flight Jerry Upton-52.
B flight 1st Libby Taylor-52, 2nd Jean Sanchez-56 3rd JoAnn Hanson-57
Four Birdie Winners—Jerry Upton + M.J. Raser #7 Zobeida Fivera

Mary Cogley #13
Previous results when the Flying L Golf Chicks played even holes include:
Winners- A flight 1st. Zobeida Rivra-29; Tied for 2nd and 3rd Mary Conely-33 and Judy Martel-33
Winners- B flight tied for 1st. and 2nd Carolyn McClellan 36, Jean Sanches, 36; 3rd - Barbara Young - 37; 4th - Jackie Morrow - 39.
All ties broken by score card playoffs. Zobeida Rivra had a birded #8 hole

Final District 25-3A Standings

Burnet	5-0	10-0
Liberty Hill	4-1	9-1
Bandera	3-2	7-3
Ingram	1-4	5-5
Wimberley	1-4	4-6
Llano	1-4	4-6
		38-22

Final District 28-3A Standings

Altair Rice	4-1	8-3
Wharton	4-1	
Edna	3-2	
Needville	2-3	
Sweeny	2-3	
Palacios	0-5	

Area Football Results Class 3A, Division II

Region IV
Yoakum 27
Liberty Hill 21

CC West Oso 28
Orange Grove 21

Port Isabel 20
Aransas Pass 19

Region III
Fairfield 12
Rockdale 7

Bellville 23
Liberty 14

La Grange 55
Coldspring 18

Region IV
Division I

Burnet 42
Wharton 7

Sinton 50
La Feria 27

Medina High School Basketball Schedule 2002-2003

Nov. 22 Fri	Knippa	Medina	VG/JVB/VG/VB	4/5/6:30/8
Nov. 26 Tues	LaPryor	Medina	VG/VB	6/7:30
Dec. 3 Tues	SA-TMI	Medina	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	4/5/6:30/8
Dec. 5/6/7 T/F/S	Medina Tournament		VG/VB	
H. Murphy (b)	New Life (b/g)	Porter (b/g)	Boerne JV (g)	
Blance JV (b)	Center Pnt (b/g)		SA-SW Prep (g)	
Austin Sophs (b)	Alamo Chr. (b/g)		Austin High Fr (g)	
Dec. 9	Lake Travis	There	VB	6 p.m.
Dec. 10	Johnson City	There J	VG/VG	6/7:30/8
Dec. 13	SA-SW Prep	Medina	JVB/VG/VB	5/6:30/8
Dec. 16	New Life	Medina	VG/VB	6/7:30
Dec. 20	LaPryor	There	VG/VB	6/7:30
Jan. 2	Knippa	There	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	4/5/6:30/8
Jan. 4	Hill Country	Blanco	VB	3
Jan. 4	Blanco	Blanco	VB	5:30
Jan. 7	Harper	Medina	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	4/5/6:30/8
Jan. 10	Porter	There	VG/VB	6:30/8
Jan. 14	Center Point	MedinaJ	VG/JVB/VG/VB	4/5/6:30/8
Jan. 17	SA-Stacey	There	JVB/VG/VB	5/6:30/8
Jan. 21	Comstock	Medina	VG/VB	5:30/7
Jan. 24	Harper	There J	VG/JVB/VG/VB	4/5/6:30/8
Jan. 28	Porter	Medina	VG/VB	6:30/8
Jan. 31	Center Point	There J	VG/JVB/VG/VB	4/5/6:30/8
Feb. 4	SA-Stacey	Medina	JVB/VG/VB	5/6:30/8
Feb. 10-11-M/T	Girls Playoffs	TBD	VG	TBD
Feb. 17-18 M/T	Boys Playoffs	TBD	VB	TBD

VG- Varsity Girls; VB- Varisty Boys; All times p.m.
Coaches - Shiela Kay, Varsity Girls; Randy Joseph, JV Girls.

Schedule
Burnet will play Sinton in the Region IV Final in San Marcos at 1 p.m. on Saturday.
In Division II, Yoakum will play CC West Oso in Seguin at 1 p.m.

Flying L Golf Results

Marshall Patton of Bandera had a big day at the Flying L Guest Ranch golf course on Monday, Nov. 11 when he led a field of 45 players in the weekly Stableford tournament sponsored by the Good Old Boys Golf League.

Patton topped the list with seven points better than his handicap, three more than the four points tallied by each of three players including Hubert Lange of Leon Valley, Jim Birkner of San Antonio and Norm Butler of Bandera.

Four players tied for third place with three points each. They were Robert Bradley of Boerne, Dale Daugherty of San Antonio, Sean Cummins of Bandera and Steve Zuffoletti of Lakehills.

Larry Durham of Bandera and Harold Plocek of Wharton clock won closest to the pin prizes on holes No. 7 and 12, respectively.

Medina Volleyball Academic All-District

	1st six-weeks avg.	2nd six-weeks avg.
Courtney Davis	97	97
Mariele Oldenbroek	96	95
Megan Eads	91	93
Caitlyn Parnell	93	92
Beth Dabney	95	96
Paige LaCoe	91	93
Katherine Roberts	91	91

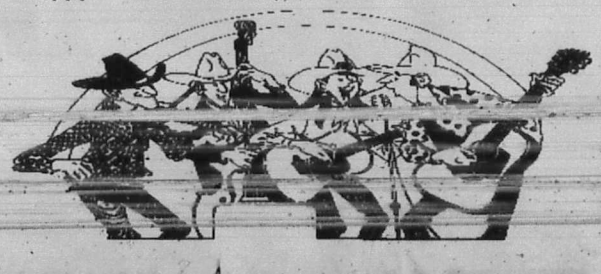
Medina Junior High Basketball Schedule Boys & Girls (A&B teams when available)

Date	Team	Site	Time
11/18	Bandera C	Medina	5 p.m.
11/25	Bandera C	Medina	5 p.m.
12/02	Hunt	Medina	5 p.m.
12/09	Harper	Harper	5 p.m.
01/06	Sabinal	Sabinal	5 p.m.
01/13	Center Point	Medina	5 p.m.
01/18	Medina Tmnt	Medina	TBD
01/20	Hunt	Hunt	5 p.m.
01/25	Harper Tmnt	Harper	5 p.m.
01/27	Harper	Medina	5 p.m.
02/03	Center Point	Center Point	5 p.m.

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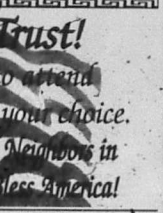
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Acayla Halle (left) of the local Halle storytelling family told a self-written tale at Backroads Books Telebration Friday. Derrick Gaines brought down the house with his wild cowboy tale. About 65 people attended the event.

Parking ordinance leads to parking shortage at city hall

By Philip Bilnitzer
BULLETIN MANAGING EDITOR

Bandera City Hall overflowed with people during a public hearing last Thursday, much the same way Main Street in Bandera often overflows with cars.

A proposed parking ordinance caused the human traffic jam at city hall during the public hearing that last 50 minutes. Mayor Denise Griffin began the public hearing by telling the crowd that the parking ordinance that many in the hall had copies of was not going to passed last night. She added any final parking ordinance would go through the city's planning and zoning commission first and another public hearing before being enacted. Griffin went straight the last section of the ordinance to clear up an apparently widespread misconception about the regulations.

She explained that any site with a size constraint, between Cypress and Cedar, will continue to exempt from the proposed requirements regardless of if there is a change of ownership or function. Many had been concerned that businesses would become difficult to sell because new owners would have become subject to the proposed ordinance, which would require builders to have adequate parking for their businesses. The definition of adequate would vary with the type of business being operated.

Council member Joe Davis said near the end of the meeting that a compelling reason for the city wanting to author a comprehensive parking ordinance was because Main Street is actually a state highway and that to improve the flow of traffic that the Texas Department of Transportation might come in and force the city to switch to parallel parking. Davis said parellel parking would reduce the number of spaces off Main Street by 66 percent. TxDoT he said was able to enforce things under the terms of its interlocal agreement with the city.

He said TxDoT had been studying the possibility of putting in a left turn lane. Davis, who along with his wife Virginia owns Buzbee's Barbecue off Main Street, had been the target of some critics who said the parking ordinance was being put in place to benefit certain business owners on Main Street arbitrarily.

"It's distracting to hear all the negatives," Davis said. "The ordinance is not meandering or capricious."

The mayor and council members gave several reassurances during the hearing that whatever parking ordinance was passed would strive to be good for business.

About 15 people signed up to speak at the public hearing, but Griffin went down the isles row by row and more than 20 spoke. Two spoke on the sexually oriented business ordinance that the council and the mayor have advocated as a way of discouraging those type of businesses. With no ordinance currently in place, they say the city would be forced to provide license and the business would be essentially unregulated.

Jim Hannah of the city's zoning and planning commission said the commission will take the time that is necessary and take the ordinance apart piece by piece to get an effective ordinance. One questioned whether or not the city really needed an attorney at all its meetings and wanted to know the city attorney's rate of compensation. Her questions were not on the agenda for the public hearing and were not answered.

The majority of the people speaking on the parking ordinance made comments similar to those of Pat Breedlove.

"The ordinance as written seems like it could stifle new growth, which is needed," he said. "Some things need to be changed."

The ordinance was loosely modeled after the Boerne parking ordinance. Former City Administrator Jeff Harwood help create parts of the ordinance and initiated it, city officials said.

Regarding the sexually oriented business ordinance, one person commented that it needed to be modified to better distinguish between places of legitimate art that might use the human body in nude form and sexually oriented businesses.

Another asked why the currently vacated strip center near Bandera High School had been selected as the only potential area for sexually oriented businesses. Griffin explained that the area had not been specifically selected. She clarified that the ordinance as written just happened to fall that the area. Griffin said the law does not allow for banning sexually explicit businesses completely.

City Attorney Vivian Torres said the city had invoked the maximum legal limit of 1,000 feet as a buffer zone between sexually oriented businesses and schools and churches.

"Local ordinances can often be tougher than state or federal ordinances," Torres said as she explained the city's approach to writing the ordinance.

No specific timetable was given for completion of either of the ordinances.

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Bulldogs rip Raiders, face Port Isabel next

By Philip Bilnitzer
BULLETIN MANAGING EDITOR

Bandera's win against Rice Consolidated was a little bit La Vernia, a little bit Liberty Hill and finally a little bit Llano.

But all that finally mattered for the Bulldogs was they lived to see another day after earning a 37-34 win against the Raiders at Jack Taylor Stadium in Seguin on Saturday. The second playoff triumph set up a Class 3A, Division II semifinal game against Port Isabel Saturday at 2 p.m. at Victoria Memorial Stadium.

Bandera (9-3) scored on the game's first play from scrimmage and jumped to a 20-7 lead early in the second quarter, conjuring images of the team's blowout win against previously undefeated La Vernia the week before.

However, it took Dustin Heep's 14-yard bull run with less than five minutes to go and a final defensive stand to secure the win. Heep's clutch run, just like the 78-yarder he had in the final quarter of the regular season finale, and the defensive stand were reminiscent of the Llano win that clinched a playoff spot.

Bandera, which has averaged 38 points per game in 12 games, marched 66 yards in 11 plays in less than five minutes on its drive that culminated in Heep's twisting and turning run that proved to be the difference.

"I was just trying to get enough for the first down," Heep said. "I got hit, switched over the ball, stiff-armed someone and just ran like hell for the end zone."

On Rice Consolidated's final possession, it wound up with the ball 78 yards from the end zone with four minutes, 42 seconds left.

The Raiders used a battery of rushers and misdirection plays to gain 354 yards on the ground, but when it counted the most Bandera's defense came up a game-clinching stop.

Left with a fourth down and three yards to go on the Rice 48-yard line, the Raiders ran right and came up about a yard shy of the first down with 2:11 left. The left side of the Bulldog defensive line came up big and A.J. Caza and Ryan Groomer slammed runner Charles Huffmann, who had 128 yards, to the artificial turf.

Heep rambled for one more first down and the Bulldogs ran out the clock. The senior tailback finished with 115 yards rushing and scored on a 48-yard shovel pass from Brett Hicks midway through the first quarter to give Bandera a 14-7 lead.

In the second quarter, Heep scored on a 2-yard run to give Bandera 20-7 lead.

Bandera scored on the first play from scrimmage when Hicks found Scotty Jennings on a deep sideline route that resulted in a 69-yard touchdown. Jennings finished with three catches for 93 yards.

Rice's rushing attack must have reminded Bandera fans of Liberty Hill's at times. Bandera lost its homecoming game to a similar offense. However, Liberty Hill was bounced out of the playoffs by Yoakum in the second game of a doubleheader in Seguin.

If Bandera beats Port Isabel, it will face the winner of the Yoakum (10-2) and Corpus Christi West Oso (9-3) in two weeks.

The Raiders scored 20 points in the second half. Quarterback Patrick Milentz scored on a pair of 1-yard runs and Nick Sharp scored on a 38-yard pass from Milentz with a minute left in the half to give Rice a 27-20 lead. On their first drive of the game, the Raiders went 74 yards on ten rushing plays to tie the game.

Setting up what could be perceived as the key drive of the game, Bandera's Robert Ickes returned a kickoff 38 yards after Rice had fought to a 27-20 lead.

Starting at their 49-yard line with 51 ticks remaining in the half, Hicks hooked up with Cody Fields twice for 21 yards and Jennings trotted for a 47-yard field goal try with five seconds remaining in the half. His longest field goal of the season cleared the crossbar easily and Bandera went in behind 27-23.

"I definitely feel like we relaxed after the great start," Bandera Coach Mike Williamson said. "But, Rice has a really good football team. They were steady and it was a very evenly matched game."

After a Heep 1-yard touchdown run late in the third, Rice took the lead again at 34-30 in the fourth when Michael Spears scored on a 25-yard run with nine minutes remaining.

Bandera responded with a game-winning drive that looked like it might have come too soon. Prior to Heep's run, Cody Fields caught a ball over the middle for a 17-yard gain. Fields wound up with 75 yards receiving on three catches.

Hicks had 263 yards passing even though several well-thrown balls slipped were not caught. Bandera racked up 388 yards total offense. Neither team committed a turnover and both were penalized three times for 25 yards.

"We tried to eat up as much clock as possible on the last drive," Williamson said. "That's why we went to the type of play calling we did. I definitely did not want them to get the ball back the way they had been running the ball. I'm just real proud of the way our kids hung there."



Photo by Philip Bilnitzer

Dustin Heep fought his way to almost 200 yards total offense against a tough Rice Consolidated defense in Seguin last Saturday. Bandera will face Port Isabel in Victoria this Saturday in a Region II semifinal game.

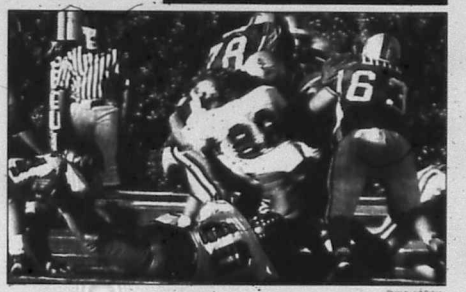


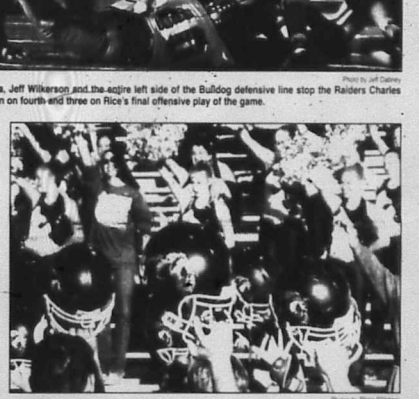
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A.J. Caza, Jeff Wilkerson and the entire left side of the Bulldog defensive line stop the Raiders Charles Huffmann on fourth and three on Rice's final offensive play of the game.



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Scoty Jennings kicks an extra point. His 47-yard field before half was his longest of the season



Photos by Philip Bilnitzer

Bandera Bulldog players keep their helmets up and their playoff hopes alive after an emotional victory against Rice Consolidated last Saturday at Jack Taylor Field in Seguin. (Below) Rice fumbled five times, including one here, and lost none.



Photo by Jeff Dabney

Synjyn Dodd (No. 45) and Matt Postert (No. 42) close in on a Rice Consolidated running back. Bandera trailed twice in the contest, but came back to win in the final quarter. The teams combined for 50 first half points. Bandera (9-3) will Port Isabel (9-2) in a regional semifinal game at Victoria Memorial Stadium this Saturday in regional semifinal action.





Photo by Philip Bilnitzer

Senior quarterback Brett Hicks was well-protected by the Bandera offensive line in the 37-34 win against Rice Consolidated last Saturday in Seguin.





- Seamus Nelson plays the tuba and Amanda Zook plays clarinet during halftime at Bulldog-Raider football game.

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Pro Hall calls on Marine Heywood

By Philip Billnitzer
Bulletin Managing Editor

War and football have done more to shape American men in the past century than perhaps any two other activities. In his 81 years, Ralph Heywood of Bandera has experienced more football and war than most men could ever imagine.

So when the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio went looking for football players who exemplified what being a military veteran is all about, it's not surprising they called Heywood to deliver a speech at the football shrine on Nov. 9. He was an honored guest, along with the legendary Eddie Le Baron, during the Hall's Veterans Day celebration.

Heywood was the only pro football player to have served his country during World War II, according to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. A third round draft choice of the Detroit Lions in 1944, he chose to serve his country before pursuing pro football.

After serving two years in the marines during World War II, he signed with the Chicago Rockets of the All-American Football league in 1946. He played both as end in offense and defense. If the offense didn't get a score, he also stayed on the field to punt. He caught 64 passes for 905 yards and six touchdowns and had a career punting average of 37.3 yards. A shade taller than 6-foot, 2-inches, the humble and God-fearing man will confess to having been pretty fleet of foot and to having had great hands.

He signed with the Detroit Lions in 1947 and made $6,400 a year for playing on both sides of the line and punting. Although he wishes his football career might have came during a time when paychecks were fatter, he definitely played the game for the love of it.

"There's nothing more satisfying than knocking some big guy on his butt," Heywood said with a gleam in his eye. "It's was always satisfying to get the job done, whether you're playing defense or offense."

He got the job done often on the gridiron. He was named to the All-American team in 1943 when he played at the University of Southern California.

As great an honor as that was, the award on his wall that he is most proud of has nothing to do with football. It's a rug of the Marine Corps emblem that was woven for him. He explains that a paraplegic with his only one good arm hooked it for him using his arm and mouth.

"I cried like a baby when he gave it to me," Heywood offers, adding he felt like he never did anything in particular to earn it.

Telling the story led the big man into another story another story about a Marine who was profoundly bitter about having lost a leg in battle. Heywood sat down with him one day and asked him why he was bitter. The Marine told Heywood he felt like he had a right to be bitter. Heywood stuck what remained of his right thumb in the Marine's face and told him to get over it. He lost part of his thumb in 1956 while during a water skiing accident in San Diego. He was preparing for a military show.

"I was in another boat's wake and rather than let go of the rope like I should, I held on and it popped right off," he said. "There was no pain or blood or anything."

Heywood still exudes the toughness you would expect from a former Marine Corps Colonel and former professional football player. Fortunately, his toughness is coupled with a keen mind and gentle spirit as excerpts from his speech Pro Football Hall of Fame speech reveal.

Near the end of the speech, he said, "Today we have new veterans. They are the civilians who decided to fight the terror in the skies and created the new battle cry of America - 'Let's roll,'" he said in reference to those who took over the Pan Am flight 903 before the terrorists could do even more damage with it. The plane crashed into the Pentagon.

He added later in the speech, "History teaches us lessons. Only poets and fools think there is glory in war. September 11 of 2001 happened to be my 80th birthday and if called I would serve this country again and again. Protect and defend her. God bless America."

In addition to service during World War II, he served during the Vietnam War and Korean conflict. A reservist during his pro career, he returned to active duty in 1952. Heywood served as commander of the 26th Marine Regiment in the Republic of Vietnam and held the rank of Colonel for six years.

During his football career, Heywood wore a leather helmet without a facemask and woolen button crotch jersey. He said the discipline, team work, spirit and leadership he learned on the football field helped him succeed in the military. It's little wonder that after the experiences he's had as man that a cross with the word "stress" written on it is buried in his yard. Two friendly dogs run freely on the lawn outside his modest, yet comfortable, home.

These days to relax Heywood sets off on trail rides with his wife Suzie. They've traveled across much of Texas and have ventured as far as Michigan to go off trail rides.

Suzie is not real big on letting Ralph watch football. He has strong opinions on football teams and world affairs and shares them in confidence, but like a good military man knows the value of not letting some things out.

His last combat was a Infantry Regimental Commander in Danang. He also served as a military attaché in the Dominican Republic at the American Embassy in 1964 when the during the revolution there. In all, he served his country as a proud Marine for 32 years.

A California native who somehow keeps winding up leading a quiet life in just outside of the city limits of Bandera, he still remembers seeing a pro football game in his hometown of Los Angeles as a boy.

"My dad took me to a football game in 1928 at Gilmore Stadium and they passed the hat in the stands and after the game, the players divided it up," he recalls. "That was pro football in Los Angeles in 1928."

He played for the love of the game fought because he believed in America. Along the way, he earned every penny, every star, every stripe and every yard as has walked on life's battlefields.

Best of all, he wouldn't wanted it any other way.



Photo by Philip Billnitzer
Ralph Heywood has been in All-American in more ways than one. He was selected to the All-American collegiate team when played at the University of Southern California and served in the U.S. Marine Corps.



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Ralph Heywood and wife Suzie enjoyed their time in Canton, Ohio, where he spoke at the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Veterans Day. Heywood recived a commemorative plaque.

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Pro Hall calls on Marine Heywood

By Philip Billnitzer
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War and football have done more to shape American men in the past century than perhaps any two other activities. In his 81 years, Ralph Heywood of Bandera has experienced more football and war than most men could ever imagine.

So when the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio went looking for football players who exemplified what being a military veteran is all about, it's not surprising they called Heywood to deliver a speech at the football shrine on Nov. 9. He was an honored guest, along with the legendary Eddie Le Baron, during the Hall's Veterans Day celebration.

Heywood was the only pro football player to have served his country during, World War II, according to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. A third round draft choice of the Detroit Lions in 1944, he chose to serve his country before pursuing pro football.

After serving two years in the marines during World War II, he signed with the Chicago Rockets of the All-American Football league in 1946. He played both as end in offense and defense. If the offense didn't get a score, he also stayed on the field to punt. He caught 64 passes for 905 yards and six touchdowns and had a career punting average of 37.3 yards. A shade taller than 6-foot, 2-inches, the humble and God-fearing man will confess to having been pretty fleet of foot and to having had great hands.

He signed with the Detroit Lions in 1947 and made $6,400 a year for playing on both sides of the line and punting. Although he wishes his football career might have came during a time when paychecks were fatter, he definitely played the game for the love of it.

"There's nothing more satisfying than knocking some big guy on his butt," Heywood said with a gleam in his eye. "It's was always satisfying to get the job done, whether you're playing defense or offense."

He got the job done often on the gridiron. He was named to the All-American team in 1943 when he played at the University of Southern California.

As great an honor as that was, the award on his wall that he is most proud of has nothing to do with football. It's a rug of the Marine Corps emblem that was woven for him. He explains that a paraplegic with his only one good arm hooked it for him using his arm and mouth.

"I cried like a baby when he gave it to me," Heywood offers, adding he felt like he never did anything in particular to earn it.

Telling the story led the big man into another story another story about a Marine who was profoundly bitter about having lost a leg in battle. Heywood sat down with him one day and asked him why he was bitter. The Marine told Heywood he felt like he had a right to be bitter. Heywood stuck what remained of his right thumb in, the Marine's face and told him to get over it. He lost part of his thumb in 1956 while during a water skiing accident in San Diego. He was preparing for a military show.

"I was in another boat's wake and rather than let go of the rope like I should, I held on and it popped right off," he said. "There was no pain or blood or anything."

Heywood still exudes the toughness you would expect from a former Marine Corps Colonel and former professional football player. Fortunately, his toughness is coupled with a keen mind and gentle spirit as excerpts from his speech Pro Football Hall of Fame speech reveal.

Near the end of the speech, he said, "Today we have new veterans. They are the civilians who decided to fight the terror in the skies and created the new battle cry of America - 'Let's roll,'" he said in reference to those who took over the Pan Am flight 903 before the terrorists could do even more damage with it. The plane crashed into the Pentagon.

He added later in the speech, "History teaches us lessons. Only poets and fools think there is glory in war. September 11 of 2001 happened to be my 80th birthday and if called I would serve this country again and again. Protect and defend her. God bless America."

In addition to service during World War II, he served during the Vietnam War and Korean conflict. A reservist during his pro career, he returned to active duty in 1952. Heywood served as commander of the 26th Marine Regiment in the Republic of Vietnam and held the rank of Colonel for six years.

During his football career, Heywood wore a leather helmet without a facemask and woolen button crotch jersey. He said the discipline, team work, spirit and leadership he learned on the football field helped him succeed in the military. It's little wonder that after the experiences he's had as man that a cross with the word "stress" written on it is buried in his yard. Two friendly dogs run freely on the lawn outside his modest, yet comfortable, home.

These days to relax Heywood sets off on trail rides with his wife Suzie. They've traveled across much of Texas and have ventured as far as Michigan to go on trail rides.

Suzie is not real big on letting Ralph watch football. He has strong opinions on football teams and world affairs and shares them in confidence, but like a good military man knows the value of not letting some things out.

His last combat was a Infantry Regimental Commander, in Danang. He also served as a military attaché in the Dominican Republic at the American Embassy in 1964 when the during the revolution there. In all, he served his country as a proud Marine for 34 years.

A California native who somehow keeps winding up leading a quiet life in just outside of the city limits of Bandera, he still remembers seeing a pro football game in his hometown of Los Angeles as a boy.

"My dad took me to a football game in 1928 at Gilmore Stadium and they passed the hat in the stands and after the game, the players divided it up," he recalls. "That was pro football in Los Angeles in 1928."

He played for the love of the game fought because he believed in America. Along the way, he earned every penny, every star, every stripe and every yard as has walked on life's battlefields.

Best of all, he wouldn't wanted it any other way.



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The EDC has donated $1,000 to decorate the new town Plaza (corner of Hackberry and Main St.). The BBA has donated up to $500 that will be donated to various youth groups for them to help merchants put up and take down their decorations. The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce has donated $1,000 to support the lighting contest and to purchase Christmas lights.

"We're going to light up this town," said Pat Breedlove

What are we asking you to do?

1. Merchants extend their business hours until 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, Thursday, December 12 and Thursday, December 19. That's a total of three Saturdays to help make Bandera's holiday shopper's season as convenient and merry as possible.

2. Make an all out effort to decorate your business for the Holidays.

3. Make a monetary donation that would be used toward the Plaza donations.

What we will do:

1. Coordinate youth groups that will volunteer their time to work with merchants to help decorate their businesses.

2. Coordinate entertainment for the Community to enjoy at the Plaza each Saturday evening beginning Dec. 7 until Christmas.

3. Coordinate the decorating and designing of the Christmas decorations at the Plaza.

4. Fund raise for this project. Donations to be sent to Pat Harrison, Attn. Christmas Lighting, P.O. Box 967, Bandera, Texas 78003.

It is our desire for Bandera to be added to the Texas Hill County Regional Christmas Lighting Trail in the future but we must start now. We all know that a beautifully decorated town will attract shoppers thus boost our economy and image.

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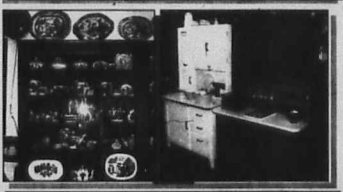
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SPINNIN' YARNS

FYI

Native Plant and Madrona Christmas Party
The Bandera Native Plant Society and The Madrona Garden Club will have a joint Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the new Silver Sage building located at 603 Buck Creek Blvd.,Bandera.

Social hour will be at 1 p.m., and dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. Gilbert Richardson will cook the turkey, and the rest of us are to bring the trimmings. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a plant, such as a poinsettia, or other Christmas decoration. They will be used as table decorations during the dinner, and after the dinner we will have the gift exchange. Call Sherlie Vangsnes at 796-8209.

Townsend Fund
A trust fund for the family of Townsend has been established at Guaranty Bank in Bandera. Persons wishing to contribute can go by the bank on Main Street or mail them to Bridgette Townsend Fund, P.O. Box 1299, Bandera, TX 78003. Several local businesses have also put collection jars near their registers for persons wishing to make contributions.

BISD Counselors
The Bandera High School Counselors will be conducting an informational meeting with parents, students and community leaders regarding financial aid and the FAFSA(Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Parents of seniors who are planning on going to college are strongly encouraged to attend. The meeting is Monday, Dec. 2 at 7:00pm in the BHS auditorium. If you have any questions, you may call the Counselor's Office at 796-6268 or 796-6269.

Pipe Creek Post Office
The Pipe Creek Post office will close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27 to celebrate Thanksgiving Day and will reopen Friday, Nov. 29.

Writers Meet
Instead of its usual monthly pprgram, Bandera Writer's Forum will kick off the Yule Season at the home of Dan and Carie Wise on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. The group will be entertained by Gail Denkhaus reading her first published short story, "Christmas in a Rocky Mountain Hut" and will enjoy refreshments. For information, call Peggy Huffman at 830-796-7406.

Tale Spinners
Join The Texas Hill Country Tale Spinners on Monday, Dec. 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Medina Community Library to swap stories, hear new stories and make new friends.

El Jacalito Thanksgiving
El Jacalito will be hosting its 8th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its new location at 120 Riverbend Hwy. 16 North. Call 830-460-3853 for information.

Those wishing to submit items for FYI can email bandera bulletin@indian-creek.net.

DEADLINE
The Bandera Bulletin copy and photo deadline is

Thank you.

Medina kids give thanks and recipes

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on what you are truly thankful for.

I am thankful that I am able to live in a small town and my kids are able to attend a small town school. Many things have changed here in this community throughout the years as all things do. It seems that many don't really gather together as large bunches of extended family as frequently any more. I will always remember gathering around my Grandmother Nanny Mae Finney-Moore's table.

All the Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins would descend upon the house with so many goodies the table would be groaning. There would be the last minute dash into town to Hatfield's general store for some forgotten item. The kids, depending on the weather, would either be outside exploring the Hill Country or inside warming their backsides in front of the fireplace. That was the only source of heat for the house except for the wood stove in the kitchen but it was always too busy in there and if you stayed for too long you would be put to work.

All the cousins would pile into the back of our Uncle L.D.'s pickup and go out to check on and feed the stock. The air would be crisp and cold and the sweet smell of the hay and warm breath of the goats crowding around to eat will forever be etched in my mind. These are just a few of my Medina Memories and I thought it would be fun to see what kinds of ideas some of Medina's youngest would have about the Holidays.

MEDINA SPOTLIGHT



MICHELE BARKER

KINDERGARTEN KIDS ARE THANKFUL FOR MANY THINGS

These are a few of the things children from Mrs. Dabney's and Mrs. Bennett's classes are thankful for. Kiera Goode's thankful for pumpkins, popcorn, kittens, our food and books.

Chase Daniel is thankful for "his brother JW, my Mom and Dad, that I can count to 10, my lunch box, my mom because she likes me. Nikki Sandidge's thankful for numbers, her baby sister, food and drink God gave us, family, and sports God gave us.

Hannah Jolliff is thankful for her family, stuffing, clothes, Bruiser and Annie.

Brittany Wubke is thankful for snakes, dogs, rabbits, cats, and popcorn.

Logan LeStourgeon is thankful for food, friends the flag, family, and snacks.

Ben Dabney is thankful for God, our Country, Brother and Sister, food, Mom and Dad.

Hannah Hickner is thankful for food, hugs, Hayley and Hayden, seeds, and Mommy and Daddy.

Lauren Ortiz is thankful for family, food, friends, Haley and Jesus.

Miranda Montemayor's thankful for Mom and Dad, God, everyone and space.

Quinton Loan is thankful for snakes, hamster and fish, my cats, my dog Saucey, friends and my Mommy.

Dalton Bray is thankful for "my brothers, Mrs. Dabney, diamond back rattlesnakes, my Boston terrier, Mommy and Daddy."

Sabrina Phillip is thankful for friends, pumpkins, popcorn, snakes, power puff girls and fruit roll-ups.

Jorge Dimbrano is thankful for candy, movies, pizza, my dog Max, and my boys.

Cami Davis is thankful for my family, our drinks and food, our house, our whole family and God to take care of us and watch over us.

Hailey Morgan is thankful for my drinks, my cross, my family, my letters, my dog.

Gracie Dozier is thankful for "my Mom and Dad and my family, my world, I love God and Jesus."

SECOND GRADE PREPARES FAVORITE THANKSGIVING GOODIES

Mrs. Culp and Mrs. Richardson's second grade

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Thanksgiving a busy time for Dock

What a glorious week it has been. You couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather! Did everybody get a lot accomplished before the bad weather set in? I always think that I am going to get a lot more done than I do, but I do feel a certain sense of accomplishment.

Things were certainly clicking right along down here at the end of the road during the break in the weather.

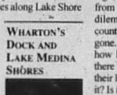
Ken and Betty Miner's home finally arrived and set up crews were able to get the home ready to move in to. Hopefully all of the furnishings and appliances were delivered and arranged to their liking. They have had help from their grandson and should soon be back to a normal way of living.

Frank and Ramona Agueros aren't in their new home yet, but they are building a deck porch this week and hopefully will be in their home very soon. It's been a long, hard and very slow process, but it is bound to be worth it in the end.

It looks like Glen and Evelyn Lamer have finally gotten their home located next to Marilyn and Al Luce on Wharton's Dock Road livable again. As a matter of fact, it looks like they may even be moving in on a permanent basis. We hope so. Welcome to the community on a full time basis, Glen and Evelyh!

As one drives along Lake Shore Drive South all the accomplishments are becoming more and more visible. Finally things are beginning to look more like a normal community again.

WHARTON'S DOCK AND LAKE MEDINA SHORES



MARY BIRD 460-7523

The only real drawback down here at the end of the road is that we do not have access to a public dump for all of the debris that is still being placed out on the roadsides. It is a disgusting site and a health hazard. All of the more respectable inhabitants in our fine community find a way to dispose of their personal refuse, but others choose to throw their household trash along the roadside or add to the piles of flood debris that can not be accepted by the refuse station in Lake Medina Shores.

For those who are still disposing of the legitimate flood debris from their homes it is a real dilemma because FEMA and county assistance is long since gone. It makes one wonders just how long that debris will lie out there on the roadside in front of their homes. What will become of it? Is it destined to lie there and rot for years to come?

The real issue, however, is the trash that has accumulated in strategic spots in other parts of the community that are unsightly to passers by and anyone driving into the area from out of town. It really doesn't give our community a very good flame. What ever happened to community pride (and personal pride for that matter)?

There certainly was a sense of pride and concern demonstrated on Saturday, Nov. 23 when the community turned out in large numbers at the Lake Shore EMS Support Group Meeting at the EMS Building. It's about time!

I'm happy to report that the vacant seats on the board were filled by Norman Riley who will act as President, Bob Pyles who will act as Vice President and Dick Linebaugh who will continue to act as director of grounds (as he puts it, "he's going to continue cutting the grass").

Thirteen people signed up to take the ECA Classes being offered by the county in January. Mr. Riley and Mr. Pyles volunteered to follow up on contact with the parties in charge and arrange for interviews and extensive research on the matter. When these volunteers complete the classes the county will provide the community with an ambulance. There is less than two months (with three holidays in between and a lot of ground to cover) until these classes begin. The money to pay for these classes must be raised and paid in advance before the classes begin. There are a couple of irons in the fire and it looks like there will be no expense to the persons wanting to take the classes or actual out of pocket expense to the EMS Support Group to pay for those wanting to participate. Donations are always welcome. After all, these people who have agreed to take the classes are going to be doing a service to everyone in our community.

On behalf of the diligent Board of Directors of the EMS Support Group I would like to thank everyone for showing interest in this matter. Everyone was thrilled and relieved when all of you showed up at the meeting on Saturday.

The results of the Lake Medina Shores Owners Association election were posted on Nov. 23. Congratulations to the new Board Members, Dick Hinebaugh, Charlie Phillips and Frank Seals.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department will have its last quarterly membership meeting of the year at 11 a.m.

There will an election of officers and a finger food luncheon will follow. All of you are asked to bring a dessert of your choice. We will be celebrating in the customary fashion of the holiday season.

Anyone who is interested in serving a term for the up coming year is asked to contact Marc Marcaurele who is committee chairman of the nomination committee. There are openings for President, Vice President, Director, Bingo Chairman and

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Columnist gives thanks for sense of community

It's Thanksgiving and I have so much I for which I am thankful.

Having the opportunity to write this column has been a joy for me and I want to thank the readers for all their support throughout the year. I wanted to make this our column and you have helped me do that.

I also want to thank Frank Shubert for all this kind words that continuously subdued my insecurities, Chris (who is no longer there), and Philip Billnitzer who also helped me some bumps in the road when I needed him.

My friends and my husband are always eager to read what I've written, and the community is generous in their efforts to keep me informed as to what is happening. All this makes it possible for me to keep you informed and I look forward to improving and building a stronger and better base of information to insure that you are a part of the future of our community.

I've lived in quite a few places, but this is the first place where the community participates in the work of caring for

MEDINA LAKE NEWS



NANCY ARCEMENT

-Did you know...

The Town Meeting at the Lakehill's Civic Center on Nov. 23 to discuss the possibility of incorporating Lakehills was well received with 138 local enthusiastic citizens in attendance.

will use me to help in this effort. There is so much growth taking place - the library, possibly a municipality, the fire department and EMS services, new neighborhoods, a new clinic, new churches, dentists, relative-

With the growth comes a great deal of change, compromise, and a bit of a faster pace. Let's not forget those who have been here or who came here to find a quiet, slow paced, inexpensive place to live where they could survive on fixed incomes without a great deal of problems from a world full of changing expectations. We can have it all, help those who can't keep up, and make this the place in which we all can live in with the freedom each of needs to own.

I am thankful for being here and knowing you, and wish you all very best of Thanksgivings.

With that in mind, a handout was distributed clarifying that the purpose of incorporating was not to control the area, but to preserve the right to prevent San Antonio from controlling our life style and to keep the Lakehills area free of the 'taxation and restrictions of San Antonio.'

"San Antonio is governed by 10 council persons elected by district and a mayor elected at large. Your voice will be at best, one person out of eleven. San Antonio has thousands of city ordinances, many of which will impact on you immediately. For

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Sage readies Christmas books

COOKBOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

We have the perfect gift for just about anyone on your Christmas gift list - our Family Heritage Cookbook. The book cost a mere $10 and contains recipes from cooks throughout Bandera County. They are available locally at Backroad Books, The Emporium, HIX Bandera, Love Creek Cider Mill and Country Store in Medina and naturally, the Silver Sage Corral. Those of you in the business world might want to consider purchasing in bulk. We'll give you a discount when you buy ten or more books at a time.

The little human dynamo, Nhomi Weckesser, of The Realty; Bandera - Vicki Browning/Texas Rose Realty; Gary Johnston and Naomi Weckesser/The Johnston Company; Bill Castle/Bill Castle Realtors; Pat Hohon/Gray Realty; Ada Wolff and Lydia Benedict/Bandera Title; Emelie Schnittler-Espinoza and Tiffany Boerner; Leaky - Nancy Sue Coppel/Nancy Sue Coppel Realty; Utopia - Nancy Westerfield/Thompson Realty; San Antonio - Jacob and Karen Casanova/CASCO, Inc.; Kerrville - Judy O'Fihelly, Debbie Chesser and Shirley Karas/1st Realty of Kerrville.

Naomi is no longer a member of our Board, but she's just like the Eveready Bunny, she just

SILVER SAGE CORRAL



BETTY LEBO

Silver Sage

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on Dec. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be lots of goodies to nibble and lots of good people and good cheer. This is not our

CLOSED FOR THANKS-

The Silver Sage Corral will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28.

Pipe Creek to host driving course, public auction, pet adoption

For information, call 210-558-8156. Upcoming Events at the Pipe Creek Community Center -

Two public events are currently scheduled for December at the Pipe Creek Community Center (PCCC). On Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. there will be a Used Music

On Saturday, Dec. 14 from noon to 4 p.m. there will be a pet adoption - sponsored by the

Roberts at 612-2665 or Karen Ripley at 612-3154 or more information or to volunteer.

Whether your for or against incorporating the Lakehills area, it's time to pitch in, dig out the facts, and be informed about the decision your making. As Pete Peterson pointed out, we can be paying taxes to pay for buildings built in San Antonio that are torn down before they're paid for, pay for arenas, and things we don't need; or we can keep our money at home and make our own decisions.

-Another important issue is coming to light concerning the BMA and properties along the lakefront. It's really an old issue, but it's concerning all the septic systems below the flood line. The lake water is changing from agricultural use to drinking water use - for agricultural use, septic systems draining into the water could be viewed has

enriching the soil for better crops. But for drinking water, that's just not going to work.

The only thing I want to say about that is that I wish that, instead of all the money being spent on lawyers, courts, homeowners struggling with major problems individually, I wish all that mass of money could be spent coming up with a septic system for the area that solves the problem. I really believe that there's an opportunity for all sides to gather their resources, apply for grants, float some bonds, and set up a waste water plant that could rid the lake of this potentially intense conflict. What do you think?

-The Lakehills United Methodist Church (LUMC) has the following scheduled events starting November 27th, Wednesday - Delivery of Thanksgiving Baskets; Thursday - Thanksgiving; Sunday - Worship at 8 am and 10:30 am, Sunday School 9:20, Advent, Soup Luncheon; Monday - Bread of Life at 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday - TWIGS 4:30-6 pm.

-The Lighthouse Church of Lakehills has Sunday Worship at 10:15 am.

-The County Club is having a Thanksgiving gathering at 3 PM for a free meal. Come join the group and enjoy the companionship and joy you'll find at the County Club on PR 37.

-In November, the Farmer's Almanac's has to say, for the 28th, Thanksgiving, Washington Irving died in 1859, William Blake born in 1752, 29th, "Mules make a great fine of their ancestors having been horses." On the 30th, Mark Twain was born in 1835; in December, on the 1st, First Day of Advents; 2nd Charles Dickens gave first American reading in Boston in 1867; on the 3rd, heavy fog enveloped London causing 106 deaths in 1962; and on the 4th, National Grange founded in 1867.

Let's remember.....

Those who are fighting illnesses:

Bubba Jennings
Charlie Blair
Lou Holliday
Barbara Jackson

And those who are no longer with us:

Grady Akin
Martin 'Bud' Popham

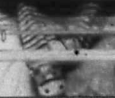
Our prayers are with you and your families.

That's all I've got to say today. If you want me to include something, send me a postcard to Nancy Arcement; P.O. Box 63109; Pipe Creek, Texas 78063; or e-mail me at richardbarcement@prodigy.net. I want to know what you're doing - I know everyone else does too.

New Lee baby born

Miles and Brooke Lee of Bandera announce the birth of a





She was born Sept. 21 at 11:31 a.m. at Sid Peterson Memorial. She weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long at birth.

She is welcomed by brothers Chase Lee, grandparents, Rev. Don and Karen Lee of Bandera, Mr. Rhonda Burks of Fort Worth, great-grandparents Mrs. John C. Johnson of Fort Worth, Earth, Texas, and great grandparents Mrs. John C. Johnson of Fort Worth.

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class's wrote down for me how they would prepare their favorite Thanksgiving foods.

I am really glad they won't be in my kitchen any time soon, except Chelsea Barker is mine and her recipe really scares me.

Butter Milk Pie by Clara Keen: you need a graham crust, 1 C of butter milk, 2 pie crusts, 1 egg, 2 cups of nutmeg, 1 cup of butter, then you mix everything up bake for 1 hour then you eat.

Cherry Pie by Beverly Pitts: Get cherries and jelly, dump in the frozen crust, then heat it up for 4 o'clock, then take it out and eat it.

Chocolate Pudding by Brandan Caballero: chocolate mix, cup of water, directions pour water into chocolate mix, freeze in fridge, let thaw out, now eat.

Chocolate Pudding by Shelby Baker: Chocolate pudding mix, 1/2 cup of milk, mix the pudding, mix the milk in a bowl, leave it in the refrigerator for 3 hours, serve cold.

Deer by Aaron Wyatt: deer meat, salt, pepper sprinkle salt and pepper on the meat, place meat on the stove, cook on both sides until done.

Chocolate Pudding by Cooper Sparks: Well you get chocolate, you get directions, then you get pudding, then you get water, then you makes it, then you have it!

Green beans by Savannah Heald: butter, pepper, salt, grease, green beans, first I put on the pan, and then I put the green beans in a pot.

Chicken and Rice Casserole by Elise Harbor: chicken, rice, a pinch of salt, a pinch of pepper, grease part, put chicken in big bag, cook rice for 30 minutes, cook chicken for 40 minutes, take rice out of pan, take chicken out of big bag, put chicken in greased pan, and rice, cook for 10 minutes take out of pan let cool for 5 minutes the eat fresh and hot.

B-B-Q Chicken by Yatziri Perez: BBQ salt, chicken, pan and chicken broth, bbq grill, pepper chilly, first you get the chicken put it on the grill, then you put it on for 3 minuets then you take it out.

Rice Milk by Katie Green: cook rice put cold water in the rice until it's done, wait for 5 minuets, pour out the cold water, put milk in then sugar.

Pecan Pie by Mary Ellen Mills: 3 cups pecans, 1 cup corn syrup, bowl of eggs, 2 cups sugar, 1 cup milk, teaspoon of vanilla, 3 cups of apple juice, cube of butter, 2 cups of oil. Put grease in pan. Put crust in pan. Crack eggs. Mix eggs with corn syrup. Mix in vanilla, melt butter mix pecans with butter. Put sugar in with the corn syrup and vanilla. Pour oil in with pecans and butter. Mix milk with pecans, oil, and butter. Mix apple juice with pecans, oil, butter, and milk. Pour eggs, corn syrup, sugar and vanilla in with apple juice, pecans, butter, oil and milk. Bake for 1 hour. Let cool before serving.

Thanksgiving Turkey by Roel Arreola: 1 large turkey, 1 egg, gravy, asparagus, 1 foil. Add a roll asparagus, gravy and an egg. Place inside of turkey. Put it together. Place in oven and cook on 400.

Apple Pie by Jacob Ortiz: 4 apples, 2 cups milk, 1 cup sugar, crust. Cut apples. Put apples on crust. Pour milk on apples. Put sugar in. Put into oven. Cook on 250.

Ham by Ariel Wubker: ham, salt pepper, baking bag. Set oven temperature at 50 Butter ham. Salt and pepper ham. Put ham into baking bag. Put ham into oven. Cook ham for 30 minutes. Take ham out and eat.

Roasted Duck by Chris Saltzman: pepper, salt, Garlic, 1 large featherless duck. Heat oven to 400. Place duck into large pot. Sprinkle salt, pepper, and garlic onto the duck. Cook for 3 hours. Pull out the duck and place on a serving plate. Cut and serve.

Banana Pudding by Cody Wubker: Banana, vanilla, strawberry, cherry, apple, whip cream, corn. Stir in the banana, vanilla, strawberry, cherry, apple, whip cream, and corn. Mix all together.

Chocket Pooting by unidentified ???: Get a cube of chocket, and an oven, some greese, and a pot. Get the chocolate and the oven. Melt it in the pot.

Ham by Garrett Collins: 1 half salt, 1 cup seasoning, 1 cup melted butter, 1/2 cup syrup. Stir in salt and melted butter. Then stir syrup and seasoning together. Cook at 302. Serve hot.

Turkey by Chelsea Barker: Peanut butter, jelly, pickles, whip cream, peppers, apple juice, 2 sticks butter, deer sausage, water. Put the peanut butter, jelly, and butter in the oven for 200 seconds. Put the whip cream and pickles into the refrigerator for 5 seconds. Put the peppery on the grill. Put the apple juice in the refrigerator for 15 seconds. Put the peppers on the deer sausage. Put it into the oven on 307. Cook until done.

BBQ Chicken by -Devin Dewes: BBQ sauce, chicken, pepper. First, you get the tin foil and the pan. Put the chicken into the pan covered in tin foil. Put the pan on the grill. I believe that it takes 1 hour to cook. You put the BBQ sauce on it then you eat it. Then you put the pepper on it.

Turkey by Hayden Hickner: 1 big turkey, 2 pinches of pepper. Put the pepper on the turkey and put it into the oven. Bake for 8 minutes.

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE GRANT WINDFALL FOR MEDINA

The Medina Volunteer Fire Department is excited to have accepted a grant from the Texas Forest Service for a large brush truck/First Response truck.

The Grant covers 90 percent of the cost of a Truck up to $100,000 and MVFD will provide 10 percent of the cost up to $10,000. T

he Project Team is working with vendors to complete specifications and cost of the truck. This addition to our equipment capability will enhance response time to incidents and gives us the ability to transport additional equipment, which is currently being transported by fire firefighter's personal vehicles due to lack of capacity. It will also give us the latest advancement in reliable fire equipment as our newest apparatus is a 1974 Vintage Model.

The MVFD is continuing to meet the growing community needs by upgrading equipment and enhanced training. MVFD will need the community's support in finalizing this addition to its service capabilities to the community.

MVFD elected new officers/directors for the 2003-2004 term of office at its November meeting. New Officers are as follows: President - John S. Ivy, Jr./ Treasurer - Bonnie Greebon; Fire Chief - Shane Keese; Sergeant at Arms - Brian Gillaspy; Director #2 - Jim Parker; Director #4 - Marcie Gillaspy; Director #6 - Terry Word. Every term of office begins in January 2003.

Firefighter Training sessions are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The community is invited and encouraged to attend their meetings and their training sessions. So please attend a meeting, meet their members, and donate some of your time toward helping your community.

Don't forget those tamales these dedicated people are making to help raise funds to protect you. Only $5 a dozen is more than reasonable so give them a call and order up a few dozen for the holidays. Call one of these numbers; 589-7705, 589-7225, 589-7261 or you can always just contact any MVFD Firefighter.

Support your fire department, it might just be your house or your life they have to save one day.

DECORATE THE TOWN

Local businesses and homes in and around town are encouraged to have your Christmas decorations up-before Dec 5. We will be having many tourists and guest passing though our community and everyone loves to get out and look at the decorations. If anyone wishes to donate decorations to the town please give the Medina Texas Development Cooperation Office at 589-7224 a call. The Medina Junior Girl Scout Troop would love to help put up those decorations.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Don't forget the annual tradition of gathering in the Town Square for the Lighting of the Christmas Tree.

Next Thursday, Dec 5 the festivities will begin at 6 pm. The program will begin with a Flag Ceremony preformed by Medina JR Girl Scout Troop # 767 where they will also lead the community in singing "God Bless America".

Next Medina Elementary students, led by Miss Darlene Fitzgerald, will perform some of the songs from their upcoming Christmas Concert and lead the community in singing Christmas Carols.

Santa and his special helpers for the night the Apple Festival Court should come roaring into town escorted by MVFD truck and crew. Free pictures with Santa will be available for all the kids courtesy of Medina Texas Development Cooperation.

Donations of cookies are needed for the event as always because what is Santa without cookies? Drop your donations off at the MTDC office or call Peggy Rather at 589-7224 for more info.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Masons of Medina Lodge #1319 Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.. at the Masonic Lodge

Medina Athletic Booster Club Dec. 9, 7 p.m. in Coach Dozier's classroom

Medina Garden Club Dec. 11, 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge

Medina Eastern Star Chapter 988 Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge

Medina EMS Support Team: Dec. 24, 7 p.m. at the EMS Bldg.

Medina VFD: Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. Methodist Church Youth Center

If you have any area news please feel free to contact me: Michele Barker at 830-589-2685 or drop me a line at P.O. Box 1472 Medina TX. 78055. If you have photos to a computer email me at fivebarkers@indian-creek.net.

Help me spread the word that the Bulletin is once again the one and only comprehensive purveyor of Medina News and Sports.

Tell your friends and neighbors to call up and subscribe to the Bulletin and let them know if you like the Medina News and Sports section.

WHARTON'S DOCK

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Social Director. Please feel free to give Mr. Marcaurele a call or you can always drop your name in the hat at Bingo on any Wednesday night.

The usual First Saturday Fire Training for the month of December will be announced later. The Third Tuesday Fire Training session will be held on the usual date and at the usual time of 7 p.m.

Another endeavor concerning community effort, which is certainly worth mentioning is the cookie drive that the American Legion Post # 157 is putting on for our military overseas. Anyone who is interested in contributing some home made cookies to this worthwhile cause please have your cookies delivered to the American Legion Post in Bandera by Friday morning, Nov. 29. Last year the cookies were packaged in pop corn and one outfit overseas sent a thank you note to let the folks at the Legion know that they enjoyed the popcorn as much as they did the cookies. Now, there's a thought.

Jean and Jack Feeney are entertaining their grandchildren from Houston this week. Thirteen-year-old Ty Halford and his eleven-year-old sister Megan competed in a cheerleader competition in Austin last weekend. The Feeney's met the kids there and brought them back for the week. Jean is keeping them busy making cookies for the American Legion. Who ever said Jean didn't have some method to her madness? Sounds like she's got it all under control to me!

Mary Nicolas and Holly Rhodes celebrated their birthdays together down at Wharton's Dock on the River on Saturday, November 23rd. It must have been a high ole time in the ole town that night! They were all rocking to the music of a live band and celebrating in a big way. I am sorry I had to miss that one! Those gals know how to have a party! Happy birthday girls and best wishes too!

Happy birthday wishes go out to John Pennell who will be celebrating his birthday on December 7th. I haven't heard any details, but if I know Lanette Pennell there's bound to be a party coming up.

Here's hoping that everybody has a safe and happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. If you are planning on going out of town, please be careful and use extreme caution with the bad weather conditions.

If there is any doubt about the route you choose to follow check with the Highway Department for weather conditions before you leave.

We'll see you when you get back! Happy Thanksgiving!

The staff of the Bandera Bulletin wishes you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. Our offices will be closed on Thanksgiving and will reopen on Friday, Nov. 29.

MEDINA LAKE

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example: your continued development of your home and property will be subject to San Antonio standards once you are in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of San Antonio; in San Antonio, the City will tell you when you can water your yard in Lakehills; in San Antonio you cannot burn brush; and in San Antonio you cannot park a boat or a RV in your yard."

The issue of cost was covered - the only additional services expenses the community would incur would be keeping up the roads. Lakehills area (whatever the Incorporated decides to include in its area) would be responsible for the upkeep of their own roads, though there was some discussion that the county may have a small fraction of its taxes paid back to the city, as it was set up in Comal County. All those issues have to be negotiated. The Fire Department, EMS, Sheriff's Department, and Water would remain the same. There would be some revenues from franchise fees, sales tax and real estate taxes; and there could be ways of implementing modest city sales taxes, if necessary.

"Lakehills will be operated at a substantially lower tax rate than San Antonio, estimated at approximately $0.22-$0.24 per $100 evaluation. San Antonio's rate is more than twice as high and combined with the S.A. Community College and Hospital Districts is nearly four times as high."

Committees heads were chosen, and volunteers filled our questionnaires requesting services which including research, advertising, phone work, secretarial, mapping, web site/internet, public relations and more. Anyone interested can call Don

Sage

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accomplishments Naomi contributed while serving on our Board and we are forever indebted to her.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need volunteers in our kitchen on Monday and about one and a half hours, one day a week. Since the meals are prepared and packaged at Billy Bradford/Pioneer Realty; Kristina Fett/Kristina Fett Realty; Wilbur & Olga Chamber of Commerce Mixer

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us at 796-4969 and talk to Jane or Betty.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE & CHAMBER MIXER

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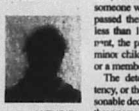
EMT's use judgment to determine consent

Consent for medical treatment is an important issue encountered by health care providers.

It is essential for professionals to understand when a patient is able to accept or refuse treatment; therefore the industry educates providers in different forums. Patients, however, do not usually have the opportunity to be well informed regarding the "ins" and "outs" of consent for medical care.

EMS providers, along with other health professionals, must obtain consent in order to treat a patient. There are three criteria, which must be met by a patient to assure they are able to give consent.

EMT PULSE



MITHRIEL SALMON

First, the patient must be an adult. Second, the patient must be competent. Lastly, the patient must be without legal restrictions.

Last week's column addressed the criteria for qualifying as an adult for the purposes of medical consent, but here's a recap: An adult is someone who has reached or surpassed their 18th birthday, or is less than 18 years old and pregnant, the primary care giver of a minor child, legally emancipated, or a member of the armed forces.

The determination of competency, or the ability to make a reasonable decision, is determined by three parameters.

An adult must be oriented to their surroundings. EMTs will ask a patient the day, month, year or other questions to determine if they are oriented. Competent adults will not be under the influence of alcohol and they must have a sound mental status. Meeting the above circumstances ensures an understanding of the possible consequences of accepting as well as refusing medical treatment.

Patients must also be without legal restrictions before assuming responsibility for accepting or declining care. Legal restrictions include being a ward of the state, in legal custody, or a patient with Alzheimer's. Another adult or agency will be responsible for making the decision to give or refuse consent under these circumstances.

Imagine a family member calling 911 to the home. A 24-year-old male has fallen off a ladder 20 minutes earlier and is "acting strange". EMTs arrive on scene to find a man very combative and refusing treatment. After an assessment of the patient and a few well-directed questions, it is determined that the patient is diabetic and has just gotten over the flu.

This patient does not appear to have any injuries as a result of the fall. However, it becomes clear the fall was likely a result of low blood sugar. If this patient was able to continue to refuse treatment the outcome could be serious. Although the man is over the age of 18 and without any legal restrictions, it is determined by the EMTs that he is not oriented to his surroundings. It is implied that under normal circumstances he would want medical care.

The concept of obtaining medical consent is in place to assure patients are informed and grant permission to be treated. There are circumstances under which a patient is not able to make that decision for him or herself. In both cases, the well being of all our patients are the ultimate goal.

Smith says planetary view has universal value

CAPITAL VOICE



LAMAR SMITH

There is much we already know about the Universe. We've identified stars, black holes, galaxies, comets and more.

But for all our knowledge, it's what we don't know that drives our ceaseless fascination with outer space.

The Texas sky is filled with stars. In fact, there are 6,000 stars visible to the naked eye. Young and old have looked up with wonder and excitement.

But the paradox of our unobstructed view of the stars is that there is so much more that we haven't seen.

To view these celestial bodies from the ground with detailed clarity requires telescopes of immense size and power. The Hubble telescope has yielded great finds.

But it is space-based, which doesn't exactly make it easily accessible to astronomers. To get the same results from the ground requires even larger telescopes than the Space Shuttle could carry.

There are only a few land-based telescopes in the world that can peer deep enough into space to search for new planets. Several of these telescopes are located in Hawaii. Chile also has one.

Astronomers from around the world use these telescopes. They are engaged in a race to be the first to directly view a planet outside our solar system. The implications of such a sighting are immense.

Roughly one hundred planets outside our solar system have been found through a technique called radio velocity.

This technique measures changes in a star's light caused by the gravitational pull of a nearby massive body. But none have been viewed directly.

A picture of a planet outside our solar system would yield valuable information.

Scientists could use instruments to analyze the image for captured light. This would allow them to measure the gases that compose its atmosphere.

If compounds such as carbon dioxide, methane, water vapor or ozone were discovered, it would indicate the possibility of life.

Scientists are on a new mission to answer once and for all whether there are other planets that harbor life.

With so many individuals searching the skies with the same mission, it is only a matter of months before one of them captures the image of a planet in the far reaches of space.

It will be a major step forward in the search for extraterrestrial life and a positive addition to our knowledge of the Universe.

-To contact the office of U.S. Congressional Rep. Lamar Smith, call 202-225-4236.

Legislators take aim to protect military bases in Texas

By Mike Cox

While the U.S. moves toward war, arming from one way or the other, community leaders across Texas are getting ready for another sort of war.

In addition to whatever may happen with Iraq, concerns are growing over the potential for collateral damage in the Lone Star State when the military starts shutting down bases across the country.

Coming in two years is what will be a fight for economic well-being for some Texas cities and counties. In 2005, the Department of Defense plans to abandon about 25 percent of its military installations to free money for more modern weapons.

Texas has high vulnerability: Eighteen installations currently employ nearly a quarter million people.

With that risk in mind, the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Military Installations has recommended a new state agency called the Texas Military Preparedness Commission.

The new agency would be created from a merger of the current Office of Defense Affairs, the Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission and the Texas Aerospace Commission.

That, of course, will take legislative action.

Other states worried about base closures are ahead of Texas in their preparation, the Senate report said.

"If the Legislature does not assist communities in securing their local bases during this next session," the report said, "Texas must be prepared to lose installations, infrastructure and missions to competitor states, such as California, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi."

Those states, the report continued, are already up and running in their efforts to keep their air bases, forts and naval facilities.

Another coming fight

The most recent Scripps Howard Texas Poll shows that insurance - specifically its availability and cost - is the top issue on the minds of Texans.

"Insurance is something that affects virtually every family in the state," Republican Rep. John Smithee of Amarillo, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, said recently.

Statewide concern with the issue is reflected in the number of bills dealing with insurance issues that already have been filed. The count already exceeds two dozen.

Among those proposed measures are a package of eight bills that Sen. Troy Fraser will sponsor. Fraser, a Republican from Horseshoe Bay, is head of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee.

The set piece of the package is Senate Bill 14, which would compel all insurance companies to submit their rates to the state for approval.

The bill's intent is to repair a figurative break in the regulatory fence line that enabled insurance companies to shift customers to unregulated firms.

Those subsidiaries ended up with 95 percent of the homeowners insurance market and nearly a third of the auto insurance market.

The senator said in a press conference last week that he also would sponsor a bill that would keep insurance companies from abandoning one segment of their business (costly homeowners insurance is the biggie), while keeping more financially-attractive lines, particularly auto insurance.

Other bills in Fraser's repair-kit deal with water damage and mold coverage xxissues.

STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS



MIKE COX
Texas Press Association

Testing third graders

For the first time, this spring Texas third-graders will be taking the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test.

If they pass it, they get to go to the fourth grade. If not, they get to spend another year in third grade while their friends move on.

The State Board of Education voted 12-3 last week that third-graders would have to get 56 percent of their answers correct to make the cut.

The recommendation had been that the passing point be 67 percent.

Those percentages are more than numbers: At the 56 percent level, an estimated 42,000 third-graders across the state could be held back if they don't pass the test after three tries. At the 67 percent standard, the estimated failure level would be 64,400 students.

To put those numbers in perspective, Baby Boomers in the Legislature and in education had to make a grade of 70 or above to pass, long before skills tests were invented.

Hutchison pushes Waco mammoth site

Ten million sunsets ago, long before oil rigs sprang up in Beaumont, cotton fields dotted the Panhandle or cowboys drove cattle up the Chisholm trail, the massive woolly mammoth roamed Texas.

The fascinating story of the existence and sudden death of one particular herd in a severe mud flow was buried with history until 1978, when a small bone poking out of a Bosque River tributary caught the eye of two passersby, who alerted staff at nearby Baylor University's Strecker Museum.

A Smithsonian researcher has called the Waco Mammoth Site "the most important paleontological site of its kind in the world today."

Under the direction of Dr. Calvin B. Smith, the chairman of the Department of Museum Studies, Baylor researchers have excavated 23 Mammuthus columbi (Columbian mammoths), and pieced together a detailed tableau of the moments before the mud engulfed the prehistoric elephants some 28,000 years ago.

They believe that right before the deluge, the herd surrounded their young, trying to protect them. One 55-year-old bull, with eight-foot tusks and weighing six tons, was unearthed with his right tusk under a calf, apparently trying to lift it to safety. A 45-year-old female was found in an upright position, with both her tusks under another juvenile's chest and belly, apparently holding on as long as possible.

These two scenes are the earliest known record of protective parental behavior in history. The site is the largest known concentration of mammoths dying from the same event in the world.

My colleague U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards of Waco and I agree on the importance of preserving and promoting this site. In November, Congress passed legislation asking the National Park Service to consider an appropriate designation for the Waco Mammoth Site, such as a national monument or cultural historical site.

The Interior Department hopes the site will be an example of a "living laboratory" where we can learn more about life before us. The bull and matriarch specimens have been cast, as they were exposed, still in the soil, and the traveling exhibit touring the United States has already been seen by more than 1 million people.

Plans are in the initial stages now for an impressive curatorial lab and exhibit at the excavation site. The five acres encompassing the existing discovery have been generously donated, and other gifts have allowed Baylor to purchase an additional 105 acres.

A top priority is a climate-controlled structure over the site to protect the existing skeletons and future excavations. A proposed exhibit at Baylor's new Mayborn Museum will feature computerized animation showing the last minutes of the herd and how their bones remained hidden until erosion formed a new tributary of the Bosque River and exposed them.

Such exhibits will allow paleontologists to conduct further research, visitors to learn more about this strange age in the earth's formation, and young students to marvel at life so long ago.

Our Texas history is rich and varied. It is indeed a rare opportunity for us to showcase one of the earliest chapters of our state's stories and share our proud discovery with the world.

J. Pat Breedlove,
President, Bandera Business Association

Letter to Editor

SHOP BANDERA

Especially this Christmas season it's important to shop and dine in Bandera! Our local merchants offer unique gifts, great clothing, antiques and more for the entire family.

Remember that these are the businesses which give generously to our home town projects like Little League, Boys & Girls Club, rodeo, athletic fields, school projects and many others. Show your gratitude by keeping your tax dollars in our county and support our community.

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RECORDS

OBITUARIES

POPHAM

Martin David (Bud) Popham, died Saturday, Nov. 23 at a San Antonio hospital. Bud was born on Sept. 12, 1935 in San Antonio, to Charlie Popham and Lillian Shedrock Popham. He worked in the family business Popham and Sons as a carpet layer for many years.

He is survived by his brothers and sisters, James Popham and wife Mary of Lakehills, C.J. Popham and wife Dorothy of Lavern, LaVern Duncan and husband I.M. of Mico. and Ellen Taylor and husband Jerry of Castroville. Also, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He will be missed and loved by many family and friends.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 11 a.m. at the Pipe Creek Cemetery with Rev. Popham officiating the services.

All funeral arrangements are under the direction of Wright's Funeral Parlor of Bandera.

AKIN

Grady Akin, Sr., 74, of Lakehills, died Saturday, Nov. 23 in a San Antonio hospital. He was born July 10, 1928 in Lynn County, to William Marshal Akin and Mary Hassie England Akin. He had been a Lakehills resident for 31 years, formerly residing in Brownfield. He was a John Deer farm implement mechanic and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include daughter, Patricia O. Warhurst of Kerrville, sons, Grady A. Akin, Jr. and Randy G. Akin, both of Lakehills and Arnell Akin of Armore, Okla.

Graveside services were held Monday, Nov. 25 at 1 p.m. at Pipe Creek Cemetery with Rev. Ellen Ely officiating.

Memorial remembrances may be made to the Lakehills United Methodist Church.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

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

LEAL

Christopher Jacob Leal, 26, of Bandera, died Wednesday, Nov. 20 in Bandera. He was born Dec. 28, 1975 in Kerrville to Walter Jacob and Kathleen H. Brown Leal. He was employed as an engineer at the Bandera Electric Coop. and served in the Air Force Reserve. Survivors include wife, Vicki Leal of Bandera, parents Walter and Kathleen Leal of Bandera, grandparents Ruben and Jean Brown and Kay McKoy of all of Bandera, daughter, Kirsten Leal of Bandera, son, Aiden Jacob Leal of Bandera, sister, Samantha Andreas and husband W.B. of Florida, brothers, Steven Joseph Leal of Virginia, and Robert James Leal of Bandera and one nephew Kobee Andreas. Services were Saturday at 2 p.m. at Grimes Chapel with Rev. Sheryl Owens officiating. Interment followed in Bandera Cemetery. The family received friends and family on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapel.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link Arrangements were under the direction Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

BANDERA COUNTY JAIL LOG

The following persons were arrested and booked into the Bandera County jail recently. It should be remembered that a person is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Glenn Garcia, 20, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 11/18/02 for aggravated assault, serious bodily injury. Edgar Pena, 30, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/20/02 for driving while intoxicated, second offense. Stacey Toon, 31, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/21/02 for possession of marijuana, greater than 4 ounces, less than 5. Katherine Avila-White, 49, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/21/02, for assault by contact. David Harrison, 27, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/22/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. John Kinnebrew, 32, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/22/02 for a warrant from an outside agency. Albert Woods, 18, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/22/02 for driving under the influence as a minor. Noel Martin, 28, of Huffman, was arrested on 11/22/02 for public intoxication. Thomas Pelkey, 43, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/22/02 for assault with bodily injury. Ramon Maldonado, 50, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/23/02 for public intoxication. Robert Dillard III, 33, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/23/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Gerald Keene, 47, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/23/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces and an outside warrant. Kyle Christian, 17, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/23/02 for evading arrest with a vehicle and reckless driving. Ronald Seabourn, 33, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/23/02 for injury to a child and assault by contact. William Belzons, 57, of Bandera, arrested on 11/23/02 for driving while intoxicated.

Bandera City Police Report

The Bandera Police Department answered 27 calls for service from Nov. 18 through Nov. 25.

2 Alarm
1 Minor Accident
2 Assist Other Agency
5 Arrest/Charles R. Edwards/DOB 01/10/54/Public Intoxication/Bandera
Arrest/Terry L. Edwards/DOB 05/13/64/Public Intoxication and resisting arrest/Bandera
Arrest/Albert H Woods/DOB/02/08/84/Driving Under the Influence/Bandera
Arrest/Noel Martin/DOB 07/12/74/Public intoxication/Bandera
Arrest/Carlos Garibay/03/09/74/DPS Warrants/San Antonio
1 Burglary of a Coin Machine
2 Information
1 Keep the Peace
2 911 Hang ups
1 Reckless Driving
4 Suspicious Circumstances
2 Suspicious Vehicle
1 Theft
1 Traffic Offense
1 Truancy
1 Welfare Concern
Shaqe Merritt, Chief of Police
Bandera Police Department

James Michael Rippey, 32, of San Antonio was charged with the burglary of building, three counts. Rippey is charged with burglarizing the Bandera Bulletin Building, the Source 1 Building and the Bandera Fitness Building all in the 1200 Block of Cypress street in Bandera over Hunter's Weekend.

Log on www.banderabulletin.com now

Who are these boys?



If you know the two young boys in this picture, give Mary Louise Joseph a call at 796-4192. The boys names are needed so the photographer can get them to sign a model's release. The picture was taken during Bandera's Red, White and Blue Parade for a photography class project by Joseph's daughter.



Pictured are Bowman, Fitzpatrick, and son Will, showman Tommy Worrell, Rudy Robbins, roper Mark Allen and stuntman host Dean Smith.

Fitzpatrick, Robbins perform at celebrity rodeo in Graham

actor/stuntman turned singer Rudy Robbins, who are both from Bandera, performed at the recent invitational Dean Smith Celebrity Rodeo in Graham, Texas.

The event was a tribute to late, great movie actor Dean Smith who was a regular visitor to the Graham roper. The event benefitted the Cowboy Cancer Relief Fund and many actors stuntmen, singers, rodeo champions and other nationally known entertainers turned out to make this a great event.

Several of the celebrities in attendance have appeared in Bandera at the All American Cowboy Get-together that Robbins used to produce at Mansfield Park. They are actors Dale Robertson, James Drury, fancy gun handler Joe Runyan and musicians Jerry Jeff Walker, Kevin Fowler, Bobby Bare, Jr. and James Dupre. Drury were on the team that placed third in the team-penning event.

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BMA

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County officials provided the Bulletin also states structures flooded during the recent rains and that are below the 1084' elevation line will no doubt be flooded again.

The BMA advises against rebuilding and states in no uncertain terms it intends to have all structures and septic tank systems unlawfully on BMA land removed. There is no mention of possible compensation in the letter.

The law firm representing the BMA requests residents send copies of deeds and claims to their offices and asks for patience during the research process. It requests no one contact the BMA or ask the firm representing the BMA for legal advice.

Evans said Bandera County has always been concerned that on-site sewage systems be installed correctly. He said if a sucessful solution is not negotiated ahead of time, the issue could become monumental for Medina Lake land owners, the county, the BMA and everyone else involved.

"There are a lot of issues to be resolved," Evans said.

Medina Lake area resident Bobby Jones said the BMA has been grossly mismanaged in the past and he expects most residents will vigorously fight the property rights claims being made by the BMA.

Council

FROM PAGE 1A

Fellows and Palmer will all draw for numbered places before the next election. The place ballot system will have no districts. Any one of the three council members could end up in place 1, 3, or 5.

Fellows said the move away from at-large voting keeps the elections from being popularity contests. Davis said the place ballot system would encourage candidates from telling potential supporters to vote only for one candidate, the reasoning being that elections are based on vote total encourage people to add to only one candidate's total. The new system also allows potential candidates to target whom they would want to run against.

Theoretically, a council member from place one could resign and then run against the council person who holds place two.

City Attorney Vivian Torres said both systems are legal and did not recommend one system in favor of the other. She said federal voting rights officials would have to review the system to make sure no minority groups rights were being violated before it was officially adopted. However, she anticipated no problems.

Also during the meeting, city council members expressed regret at not being able to not being able to help the Bandera Sports Complex group secure a $200,000 grant from the Lower Colorado River Authority that would have been used to upgrade the recreational facility. Torres advised the city would be unwise to take on the financial responsibility and legal liability for the project, which she said the LCRA required as part of giving the BSC the grant. The BSC is on 75 acres of land the city does not and likely never will own. Torres said. Bandera County had also balked at taking on the commitments. The LCRA wanted whichever governmental entity that signed off on the grant to be responsible for funding all possible overages of the project.

"The LCRA is saying to you that they don't trust you to manage the money they were going to give you," Davis told BSC officials.

Griffin said she could understand why the LCRA would want to put in as many safeguards as possible to make sure its grant money was spent responsibly.

BSC officials said they might secure an LCRA grant next fiscal year or might be able to get a grant for $25,000 with fewer strings attached. Because of the need for youth facilities in the county, BSC officials vowed to continue their efforts.

In personnel matters, Torres, who was elected to a county court at law judge position in Medina County, will serve as city attorney through midnight, Dec. 31. Her husband, Chris Tschuhart, will take over city attorney duties at the time. Council approved Tschuhart as the new city attorney in part because Torres will be able to give him background on matters and because he already served in that role on an occasional basis. City council also welcomed Allen Myer as new full-time police officer and Maria Garcia as the city's new part-time utility clerk. An item to discuss city staffing levels was tabled until December's meeting.

Also, Clark questioned Griffin's authority to have a fence altered at the meeting. The owners of a sign shop near Bandera Plaza had requested to trim a fence that was six feet high to a four-foot level for better business viability. Torres advised Griffin when she called that it was within her power to approve the project without consulting council and she did.

Clark said he was concerned about liability issues, saying the city might have been liable had someone been injured during the process, and that public property had been destroyed.

Torres said because no city staff or equipment had been used and because the business owners performed the fence trimming while on their property, they would have been hard-pressed to sue. She said the mayor is authorized to make the day-to-day operations of Bandera run smoothly.

Council members Lynn Palmer and Bill Bryce expressed support for Griffin, saying proper procedure had been followed.

Extension

FROM PAGE 1A

The highway extension could relieve traffic on county-maintained Wharton's Dock Road and FM 1283.

Longtime Wharton's Dock resident Bobby Jones, who attended the meeting, said he thinks most people in the area would welcome the new roadway. He said growth in the area would likely occur at about the same rapid rate, whether or not the highway is constructed. He said a privately conducted study in 1998 showed about 1,400 cars use Wharton's Dock road and that a county count earlier this year showed about 3,000 cars per day now use it. Jones said a planned subdivision development of about 825 houses planned at the Medina County line on Castroville Road would add considerably to the traffic flow.

"I think all of us will be here would be for it," Jones said. "It's needed."

Jones said the proposed extension for Wharton's Dock Road is needed for safety reasons, including as an evacuation route during flooding.

"The state of Texas is committed to safe bus routes and Wharton's Dock road is not safe right now," Jones added.

It could change the long term demographics of the area substantially. Ultimately, it could lead to Congressional redistricting.

Routing is determined by factors such the cost of the real estate that would need to be purchased and the amount of cut and fill that TxDoT would have to perform. TxDoT tries to take the path of least resistance in terms of the layout of the land and tries to buy the least expensive real estate needed. Tucker said TxDoT always has to consider public support for projects when prioritizing its projects.

"Any time you take on a project of this magnitude, the reality is someone out there is likely to oppose it," Tucker said. "But I'd like to think this particular project will be well-received."

Tucker added the project should not only help Bandera County, but also the San Antonio area, which continues to sprawl toward rural areas.

Also at the TIP meeting, TxDoT distributed folders showing the improvement projects scheduled to be completed in the 2003 fiscal year. Estimated total cost of the four projects is $746,598.

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- RM 337 from the Real/Bandera County line to FM 187; $55,605
- RM2828 from Hwy. 16 to FM 173; $146,866

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The library in Bandera will soon be overflowing with new books.

The Friends of the Bandera County Library has voted to provide $40,000 for new book purchases during the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Due to agreements with foundations, the money can only be used for book and material purchases, not operational expenses.

New Library Director John Hegemier said the group's continued support is truly appreciated.

"I'm confident that the library will be able to use this money to acquire countless books and other items that will appeal in some way to every individual in the community."

"Many of our patrons have asked the library to add CDs and DVDs to its collection, and I can't wait to see how thrilled they will be when the visit the library in a couple of months and see what's available," Hegemier said.

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Parenting classes will be offered in January

Precious Minds, New Connections is a parent enrichment program brought to Bandera county through a grant from the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation and the Bandera Cooperative Extension Office. Precious Minds, New Connections is the only parenting program offered in Bandera County and aims to reach every parent of children 0-4 years old.

Since May, parenting workshops have been in Bandera, Lakehills, Medina and Pipe Creek to make it convenient for all parts of the county to attend. Five classes have been held with mothers, fathers, grandparents, foster parents and day care workers all in attendance. Parents have commented the classes create a fun and educational environment. One parent commented the class helps alter adult behaviors, instead of trying to change the normal behavior of a child.

The next workshop is scheduled to start on Tuesday, Jan.14 at the Pipe Creek First Baptist Church. Classes are from 6-8 p.m. and continue every Tuesday for six weeks. All classes provide free child care and refreshments. The classes are held at local churches and child care centers to provide children with a fun place to play while parents are attending the classes.

Parents receive great information on the latest parenting topics and challenges of parenting. Some of the topics include: Each Child-One of a Kind, Helping Babies Build Brains, The Toddler Years, Temper Tantrums, The Preschool Years, Promoting Positive Behaviors and Communicating With Your Child.

The curriculum taught is from the Texas Association of School Boards- The Early Years and is presented in a hands-on, activity based manner. All expectant parents, new parents, or parents of one, two, three, and four year olds are encouraged to attend this exciting, new information in parenting education.

Parent Enrichment is a free investment in your family. Call the Bandera Cooperative Extension office to register for classes or receive more information at (830) 796-7755.

- Submitted by Brooke Lee, Bandera County Parenting Program Coordinator

Duron attends B&G Club national event

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bandera County recently joined more than 400 other youth development professionals to discuss the most pressing issues facing America's children in the after-school hours. Sponsored by the JCPenney Afterschool Fund, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (B&GCA) hosted the three-day Summit, "Inspiring A Lifelong Pursuit of Learning" in Plano.

The National Education Summit is essential to the non-profit group's mission of closing the academic achievement gap that exists between society's "haves" and "have-nots", Roxanne Spillett, President of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, said.

"This Summit offers our more than 3,000 Boys & Girls Clubs nationwide access to some of the brightest minds in the field of education and youth development," Spillett said.

This year's Summit featured a youth panel discussion with current and former Boys & Girls Club teen members sharing how their Club experience helped them turn a natural talent in music or art into a learning-rich opportunity. They challenged those Boys & Girls Club professionals in attendance to do the same for their members back home.

One of the highlights of the National Education Summit was the keynote address by Richard Glaubman, elementary school teacher and author of *Life Is So Good*. Glaubman's co-author, the late George Dawson, offered many inspirational lessons having learned to read at the young age of 93. "We can never lose sight of the importance of learning and how it can truly improve the quality of our lives, regardless of our age," Glaubman had said.

More than 30 workshops ranging from understanding different learning styles to using education to reach high-risk kids to integrating academic standards into after-school learning programs provided attendees ideas to use at their local clubs.

"I found the workshop on how to develop a high yield gameroom to stimulate learning among Boys & Girls Club members of particular value," said Michael Duron, Activities Assistant. "We must find new ways to reach the kids we serve and to help them understand the relevancy of education to their everyday life."

The Boys & Girls Club of Bandera County was challenged to take the valuable lessons learned at the Summit and make them a part of their everyday programs. For the last year, the local unit has played an integral role in the community, providing daily programs and services to 150 young people.

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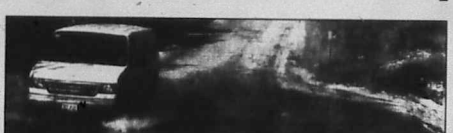


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A copy of a BMA letter that Bandera

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MASTER NATURALISTS



Hill Country Master Naturalists (from left) Karen Johnson, Mike Johnson, George Tinsley, John Rogers, Kim Whitaker and Betty Thomas, all of Bandera, lend their shovels to building an area that will measure rain runoff in Bandera Park last week. They all worked on becoming the first Master Naturalists in Bandera as part of a Texas A&M county extension program. A total of about 30 people from Bandera, Gillespie, Fredericksburg and Kerr counties took 40 hours of courses to become the first Hill Country Master Naturalist Group. They will have to take eight hours of advanced master naturalist classes each year to keep certification. Master Naturalists are also encouraged to do 40 hours of community service each year. Curriculum was determined by those taking the class to make it as relevant as possible to the areas they are serving. One member described the process as being similar to taking a "slam dunk course in college ecology." For information about the Hill Country Master Naturalist group and possible future training sessions, call Mike Johnson at 460-7972.



John Rogers dumps dirt for a runoff area.

Study says plan early, enjoy retirement more

Preparation Can Lead to Happy Retirement

It's not surprising to that research shows that the happiest retirees are those who feel financially prepared for retirement.

This finding, from a study by Harris Interactive, a major polling firm, may not be shocking. After all, you would probably expect that retirees who feel financially prepared would be more content than those who are worried about outliving their income.

You might be surprised by another finding gleaned from the study. Retirement happiness is directly linked to the number of years you've been saving for retirement, rather than your net worth - although the two factors are certainly related.

Just how long do you need to save before you can feel you're financially prepared for retirement? In reality, there's probably no one right answer, because everyone has different goals for retirement.

Nonetheless, the Harris survey does point to some interesting numbers:

- 61 percent of those who saved for 25 years or more said they were extremely satisfied with retirement.
- 51 percent of those who saved for 15 to 24 years said they were extremely satisfied.
- 46 percent of those who saved for less than 15 years said they were extremely satisfied.

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The lesson seems clear: Start saving for retirement as early as you can. By putting time on your side, you greatly increase your chances of enjoying your retirement years.

The Harris survey didn't just ask respondents about how long they had been saving and investing. Another question was designed to relate retirees' happiness with the type of investments they had accumulated.

The findings? The happiest retirees' investment portfolios were well diversified. Stocks made up of the bulk of these retirees' holdings, with smaller allocations in fixed-income securities and real estate. Apparently, maintaining a diversified array of investments helped contribute to the respondents' feelings of being well prepared for retirement.

The survey's results support many other studies that, over the years, have shown the value of diversification. But you can diversify your portfolio in many different ways. To determine which mix of investments is appropriate for you, consider the following:

- Your goals - What do you plan to do during retirement? If you envision traveling around the world and maintaining a couple of houses, your investment income needs will be far different than those of your neighbor who plans to stick close to home and do some consulting.
- Your risk tolerance - If you're an aggressive investor, you're willing to accept a greater degree of risk in exchange for potentially higher returns. If you're a conservative investor, you're more inclined to protect your principal at all costs, even if it means sacrificing growth. And if you're a moderate investor, you're somewhere in between. Your individual asset allocation - your mix of investments - will be shaped, in part, by your investment personality and risk tolerance.
- Time horizon - Your proximity to retirement will also help shape your investment mix. If you're many years away from retiring, you may want to invest more aggressively, because you have time to bounce back from short-term volatility. But if you're only a few years away from retirement, you might want to shift some - but certainly not all - your investment dollars into more stable, conservative vehicles.

There you have it: To be happy during retirement, you need to invest for many years beforehand, and you need to be properly diversified. Take action soon - the future will be here before you know it.



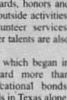
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Pre-Teen Texas is a by-invitation only scholarship and recognition event involving young ladies ages 7 to 12, according to a press release from the organization. Judges base awards on academic records, awards, honors and participation in outside activities. Leadership, volunteer services, creative and other talents are also considered.

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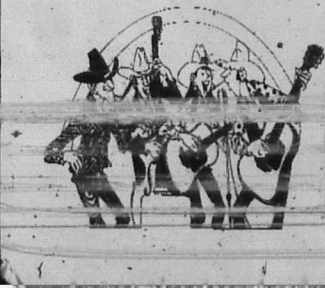
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• 3B, 2B, 2 car garage, 2 acres, fenced yard, Bandera $129,000

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Brady - 1300 acres on the [illegible]

Marble Falls - 500+ acres on Lake Travis. Nice [illegible]

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Bandera 42 at Castroville-Medina Valley 6
Bandera 28 at Fredericksburg 42
Bandera 49 at San Antonio-Antonian 0
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Bandera	65	124	81	104	374
Opponent	55	53	55	61	224

Scoring Average: Bandera 37.4; Opp 22.4

Yardage	Avg.	First Downs (Avg.)
Bandera	402.5	17.3
Opponent	271.9	13.8

Passing Yds.	Avg.	Turnovers (Total)
Bandera	172.4	22
Opponent	142.0	20

Rushing	Avg.	Penalty Yds (Avg.)
Bandera	230.1	48.0
Opponent	129.9	33.4

Return yards	Avg.
Bandera	113.3
Opponent	128.5

Bandera Bulldogs Boys Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Times
11-26	HONDO	5/6:30/8
11-30	St. Anthony	2/3:30/5
12-3	Medina Valley	5/6:30/8
12-6/7	Hondo Tourn.*	TBA
12-10	Devine	5/6:30/8
12-13	JOURDANTON	5/6:30/8
12-20	Somerset	5/6:30/8
12-21	ST. ANTHONY	2/3:30/5
12-27/28	Devine Tourn.	TBA
1-2	COMFORT	5/6:30/8
1-4	MEDINA VLLY	2/3:30/5
1-7	Pearsall	5/6:30/8
	District 25-3A Schedule	
1-10	LIBERTY HILL	TBA
1-14	Wimberley	TBA
1-17	LLANO	TBA
1-21	Ingram	TBA
1-24	BURNET	TBA
1-28	Liberty Hill	TBA
1-31	WIMBERLEY	TBA
2-4	Llano	TBA
2-7	INGRAM	TBA
2-11	Burnet	TBA

HOME GAMES IN CAPITALS
TBA- To Be Announced; * - denotes varsity only events

Bandera Lady Bulldog Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Times
11-12	UVALDE	W, 60-46
11-15/16	Devine Tourn.(F)	TBA
11-19	Pearsall	5/6:30/8
11-26	Blanco	5/6:30/8
12-3	JUNCTION	6/7:30
12-5/7	Ingram Tourn.(JV)	TBA
12-6/7	Tivy Tourn.(F)	TBA
12-5/7	Hondo Tourn.(V)	TBA
12-10	DEVINE	5/6:30/8
12-14	Ozona Tourn.(V)	TBA
12-21	@SACS (JV/V)	11:30/1
12-26/28	Junction Tourn. (V)	TBA
12/30	COMFORT	5/6:30
	District 25-3A Schedule	
1-3	INGRAM	5/6:30/8
1-7	Burnet	2/3:30/5
1-10	LIBERTY HILL	TBA
1-14	Wimberley	TBA
1-17	LLANO	TBA
1-21	Ingram	TBA
1-24	BURNET	TBA
1-28	Liberty Hill	TBA
1-31	WIMBERLEY	TBA
2-4	Llano	TBA
2-7	Dist. playoff	TBA
2-10, 11	Bi-District	TBA
2-14,15	Area	TBA
2-17,18	Regional Qfnls	TBA
2-21,22	Regional Tourn.	TBA
2-24,25	State Tourn.	

Head Coach - Brett Morris; Assistants: Winnie Bradley, Niki Edwards
HOME GAMES IN CAPITALS

BANDERA BULLDOG

FINAL REGULAR SEASON FOOTBALL STATISTICS

Rushing	ATT	Yards	Avg	TD	Long
Heep, Dustin	162	1129	7.0	15	75T
Martinez, Chris	21	243	11.6	4	80T
Hicks, Brett	49	209	4.3	2	48T
Tierney, Ryan	15	182	12.1	2	77T
Salyers, Hunter	29	182	6.3	3	25
Thompson, Chad	20	121	6.1	1	15
Dodd, Synjyn	18	103	5.7	2	14
Ickes, Robert	3	36	12.0	0	27
Wilkerson, Jeff	3	32	10.7	0	24
Jennings, Scotty	1	25	25.0	1	25T
Schauer, Nelson	6	21	3.5	0	7
Fields, Cody	1	9	9.0	0	9
Dalthsult, Brad	2	9	4.5	0	6
Totals	331	2301	7.0	30	

QB Passing	Comp	Att	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Long
Hicks, Brett	99	182	.544	1724	19	9	83T
Ickes, Robert	0	1	.000	0	1	0	
Totals	99	183	.541	1724	19	10	

Receiving	Rec	Yards	Avg	TD	Long
Martinez, Chris	17	409	24.1	5	73T
Fields, Cody	13	357	27.5	3	83T
Jennings, Scotty	16	271	16.9	6	32
Ickes, Robert	16	243	15.2	2	56T
Sierra, Jessie	16	237	14.8	2	30
Heep, Dustin	10	120	12.0	0	37
Salyers, Hunter	1	28	28.0	1	28T
Caza, A.J.	2	13	6.5	0	10
Dodd, Synjyn	1	12	12.0	0	12
Tierney, Ryan	2	12	6.0	0	10
Cox, Cody	1	8	8.0	0	8
Reed, D.J.	1	5	5.0	0	5
Schauer, Nelson	1	4	4.0	0	4
Postert, Matt	1	3	3.0	0	3
Thompson, Chad	1	2	2.0	0	2
Totals	99	1724	17.4	19	

Class 3A Region IV
Divsion II Playoffs

Division I
Burnet 52
Somerset 21

Division II
Liberty Hill 42
Poteet 30

Altair Rice 28
Cuero 13

Aransas Pass 31, Cotulla 14
CC West Oso 32, Devine 26
Orange Grove 34, Raymondville 7
Port Isabel 43, Bishop 14

Final District 25-3A	Standings	
Burnet	5-0	10-0
Liberty Hill	4-1	9-1
Bandera	3-2	7-3
Ingram	1-4	5-5
Wimberley	1-4	4-6
Llano	1-4	4-6
		18-22

Final District 26-3A	Standings	
La Vernia	6-0	9-0
Somerset	4-1	9-1
Poteet	3-2*	7-3
Marion	1-4	5-5
Jourdanton	1-4	4-6
Lytle	1-4	4-6
West Campus	0-6	0-10
		30-38

Lady Bulldogs 60 Uvalde 46

BANDERA - Emily Pease 16, Lacy Richards 14, Pam Hoesen 9, Brittany Dinhobl 8, Kelsey Morris 6, Samantha Kidd 6, Linsy Brunner 1
Half - Bandera 29, Uvalde 21. Rebounds - Kidd 13, Pease 12, Dinohbl 6, Hoesen5, Richards 4, Morris 3. Steals - Richards 7, Dinohobl 3, Morris 2, Pease, Kidd. Assists - Richards 3, Morris 5, Dinhobl.

"We have a lot to work on, but it feels good to get off to a good staret, Kelsey Morris said. "We look forward to an exciting year."

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New Sports Sign



Members of the Bandera County Sports Complex board of directors accept the finished sign for the complex. The sign was designed and built by Artie and Bunny Erfurt of Quality Iron Works. Pictured are (L-R) Artie Erfurt, Bunny Erfurt, Damon Chesnick, Jean Heep, Al Heep and Jim McCay. "What an asset to our sports facility," said President Jean Heep. "Wait until the community sees what we do next."

Spike at School



Photo by Diane Payne

Students at Alkek Elementary and Hill Country Elementary enjoyed a visit from a special guest this week. "Spike", the official mascot of ARAMARK (BISD's Food Service Management Company) visited both campuses and conducted an informative thirty minute interactive program emphasizing three ways to stay healthy: 1) Eating Right, 2) Getting Plenty of Sleep, and 3) Exercising Every Day. Spike's visit was arranged by Bandera ISD's School Nutrition Services Director, Carola Luker.

MISD to examine new TAKS Test at meeting

Parents of Medina ISD students are invited to attend an informational meeting concerning the new State Assessment Instrument. The new assessment instrument is the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafetorium.

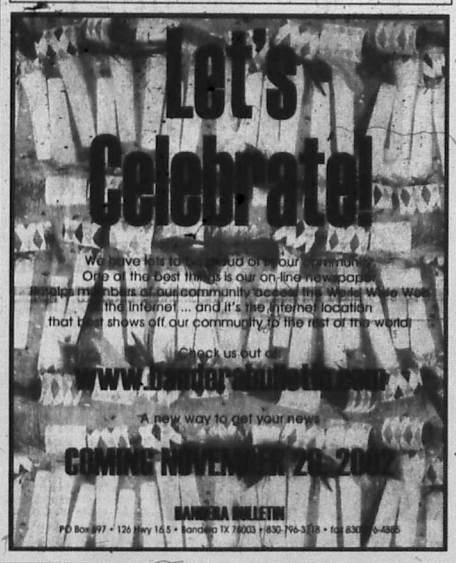
Superintendent Moczygemba, Mr. Naumann and Mr. Hord encourage all interested individuals to come to the meeting.

The State of Texas will be implementing a new assessment instrument called the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). The TAKS assessment is designed to assess student's learning the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), the state approved curriculum. The idea behind this move to change the assessment instrument is so teachers will teach the TEKS and if students meet and learn the standards, they should do well on the TAKS.

The TAKS will require more critical thinking skills than the TAAS. It focuses on students' abilities to apply knowledge rather than just remember facts. Students taking the TAKS must supply their own answers based on higher level thinking and problem solving techniques.

The Spring of 2003, students in grades 3 through 11 will take the TAKS test. This test will be a benchmark test. However, 3rd graders will be required to pass the TAKS in the math and reading portion to be able to be promoted to the sixth grade. The 2007-08 eighth graders must pass the math and reading portion of the TAKS to enter high school. The graduation class of 2004-05 must pass the Exit TAKS as a graduation requirement. The Exit test will consist of reading, writing, mathematics, social studies and science.

Again, the meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafetorium. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 589-2851.





Bulldogs trap Bears in blow out, face Altair Rice Saturday in Seguin

There's a lot to be said for taking the hard road. Take Bandera's win over previously undefeated La Vernia as proof.

While the Bears entered the game with a gaudy 9-0 record and defensive stats that would make Buddy Ryan drool, they walked away at the end of the game looking at San Antonio's Harlandale Memorial Stadium scoreboard that read 45-21 in favor of the Bulldogs. The game wasn't close as the score indicated.

La Vernia won the toss, but apparently expecting a tight game, decided it was better to have the ball to begin the second half. By that time, however, the game was almost out of reach.

Robert Ickes returned the opening kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown and after a Scotty Jennings' kick the Bulldogs led 7-0 with only 20 seconds gone. Bandera pushed its lead to 14-0 with less that four minutes gone when Chris Martinez dashed 49 yards for a touchdown.

"We got off to a good start offensively and that was a great kickoff return," Bandera Coach Mike Williamson said. "It really set the tone for us. Our guys got right down to business today and we were more prepared than they were."



Bandera fans show their allegiances and happiness at the game's outcome at the San Antonio's Harlandale Memorial Stadium. The Bulldogs win over La Vernia earned them a date with Altair Rice in Seguin at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

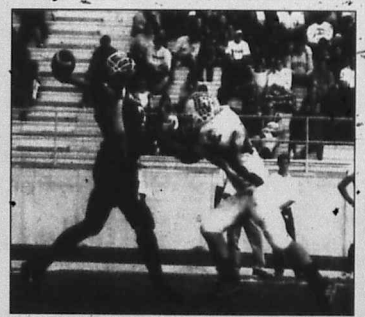


Dustin Heep turns up field for good yardage as Bandera's Casey Young looks for someone to block downfield.

Bandera will play Altair Rice in Seguin this Saturday at 2 p.m. in the second round of the playoffs.

The 14-0 lead turned into a 21-0 advantage when Ickes used his speed again, this time scoring on a 63-yard run with a little more than seven minutes off the clock.

The Bulldogs pushed the lead to an impressive 28-0 with five seconds left on the first quarter clock with Jenning came down with a 17-yard pass from Dietz Hicks. It was Jennings' first action other than as a place kicker, since he hurt his knee in a loss to Burnet. Hicks also hooked with Jennings on the first play of the seven-play drive. A key play in the march came when Dustin Heep picked up two yards on a fourth- and one La Vernia 35-yard line.



"Having him (Jennings) back was really uplifting for the whole team," Williamson said. "He's one of those guys who has been working hard for four years and the rest of kids were just as glad to see him back as I was."

La Vernia showed some fight in the second quarter, striking on a 42-yard scoring pass. Quarterback Patrick Jefferson hit Jake Robbins and Brandon Brooks booted the extra point to trim the lead to 28-7 with two minutes off the second quarter clock.

The Bulldogs answered when Jennings split the uprights on a 34-yard field goal with 51 seconds before half to give Bandera a 31-7 lead, capping a 54-yard, six play drive. The drive almost resulted in a touchdown. Heep made perhaps his most determined run of the season when he picked up 34 yards in the middle of the drive. He shed several tacklers on the sweep left and, if not for a stepping out at the La Vernia 25-yard line, Bandera would have led 35-7 at the half. Heep had 116 yards rushing and receiving.

"Heep had a great game," Williamson said of the senior horse who gained 97 yards on 19 carries. "That run was unbelievable."

As they did to start the second quarter, La Vernia showed some fight to start the third. The Bears scored on another Jefferson to Robbins 84-yard pass play after only 67 seconds of the second half clock had been burned.

"I really wasn't disappointed in the play of our secondary overall," Williamson said. "We haven't been great in the secondary all year and we were pretty close to the ball on those long passes."

An Ickes' return and facemask penalty put Bandera in business at the La Vernia 35-yard line with 5:18 in the third quarter. With 2:57 left in the quarter, Heep wound up in the end zone after a 3-yard run that gave Bandera a 38-14 lead. Hicks found Jennings for a 10 yard gain on a third and one two plays before the Heep score.

The Bulldogs led 45-14 with only 54 seconds gone in the final stanza when Hicks connected with Cody Fields from three yards out. The pass wrapped up a 5-play, 45-yard drive and afforded the regulars some well-deserved rest.

"We've been so beat up with injuries that we didn't hit a lick this week in practice," Williamson said. "We worked on game plan and gave a lot of our guys a chance to heal up."

The rough district schedule left the Bulldogs battered and bruised, but after the playoff game both coaches agreed that part of the reason Bandera won was because it had been battle-tested while La Vernia had begh on cruise control the last couple of weeks of District. All of the District 25-3A teams won their playoff games by comfortable margins.

Bandera ran for 258 yards and passed for 144 against a Bear pass defense that had been giving up only 40 yards per game through the air. Hicks hit ten of 18 passes.

"We knew we had a good chance to win this game coming in, but I didn't think it would be by that kind of score," Williamson said. "We proved a lot today."

Only problem is, as the veteran head coach understands, is that it doesn't do a bit of good against a gritty Altair Rice team that awaits in the next round.

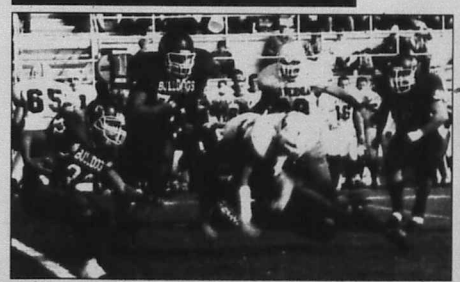
La Vernia Coach Wayne Johnson said his team, which has 20 seniors on it, wasn't sharp. He didn't think of his team as a favorite and said he thought the game was a toss-up coming in. When Bandera and La Vernia were in the same district, they split games during those two years. Bandera won last year.

"We just didn't play very good," he said. "That kickoff kind of the set the tone, but I was still surprised at quick they were able to score on us again after that. In the first half, we didn't hit, we couldn't block and we didn't tackle. Don't get me wrong, though. Bandera has a great football team."

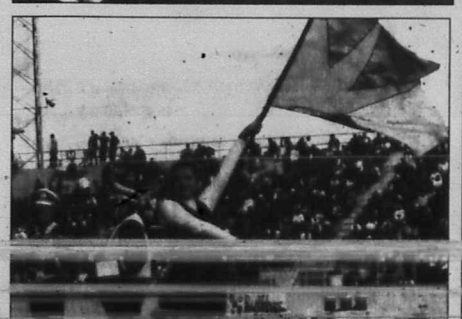
An estimated 2,200 fans attended the bidistrict playoff game. After losses to three undefeated teams during the regular season, Bandera showed teams with perfect records do not intimidate it. In fact, Williamson said after the game that he would love to have another shot at Liberty Hill, one of the then undefeated teams that beat Bandera during the regular season. Bulldog fans are hoping they will get their chance.

-Story and photos by Philip Billnitzer, Bulletin Managing Editor

This week's schedule: Bandera vs. Altair Rice at Seguin, Saturday at 2 p.m.; Burnet vs. Wharton at Round Rock, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Liberty Hill vs. Yoakum at Seguin, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.









(Counterclockwise from top) Gavin Babik Brett Hicks gets rid of the ball in the face of some pressure. Chris Martinez gets a great block as he heads in for a touchdown. Dustin Heep makes a defender miss and gets good lead blocking in the Dogs win over previously unbeaten La Vernia.

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Lindner lines one up

Dustin Lindner, 10, son of Shanna and Larry, shot this 8 point, whitetail deer with his grandfather, Lawrence Lindner on the Lindner Ranch. It had a 15 inch spread and weighed approximately 100 pounds. Dustin shot it from about 30 yards away with a .243.



Maltsberger bags a buck

Trace Maltsberger, 10, son of Wayne and June Maltsberger, shot this 8 point buck on Nov. 2, on the ranch that he lives on in Pipe Creek. Trace shot it with a .223 from 75 yards away.

Funny Thing Happened



Members of the cast of the BHS production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" put on a good show during their three performances last week. The final performance will be held Friday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium.

Jr. stock deadline nearing

The Bandera County Junior Livestock Show will be Jan. 9 - 11 and the deadline for entries is Monday, Dec. 2.

4H and FFA members who plan to exhibit animals or farm mechanic projects at the 2003 Stockshow must have their entry cards and entry fees turned in to the Bandera Co. Jr. Livestock Show Assoc. by 5 p.m. on Dec. 2.

Entry cards can be obtained from the Bandera Co. Extension Service Office, FFA advisors at Bandera and Medina High Schools, and from 4H Club Managers. Entry cards and fees are being accepted during normal business hours (8 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 5 p.m.) at the Livestock Showbarn located in Mansfield Park.

FFA members should coordinate their entries with their respective FFA advisors at their high school. Entry fees are $5 for each Farm Mechanics project entry, $10 for each Hog, Sheep, Goat, Broilers (pen of 3), Turkey, or Rabbits (pen of 3) entry, and $ 15 for each Cattle or Horse entry.

Entries received after 5 p.m. on Dec. 2 will be considered late and assessed a late fee of an additional $25.

Late entries will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20.

No entries will be accepted after Dec. 20.

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Lacy shows Boyle appreciation



Stefanie Lacy with the Bandera County Paper Recycling Program presented Johnny Boyle with a Certificate of Appreciation.

This certificate was to recognize Mr. Boyle in providing a location for the paper-recycling bin since after the July flood. The bin will remain at his location for the present time. Stefanie would like to thank all the Bandera County citizens for doing their part in this recycling program.

Lacy recently received the Brower Youth Award from a Califonia environmental group for her local recycling efforts.

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Seale was cited for outstanding service to investors in the Texas Hill Country area and for financial expertise and dedication to principles of sound mutual and variable annuity investing.

He has been with Edward Jones since 1999. He has been in financial services field for three years.

He graduated from Texas A&M in College Station in 1975, with two Bachelor of Science degrees. He lives in Bandera with his wife, Terry, and their daughter, Ann.

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Texas Friendly Business Assessment Checklist

On Friday, Nov. 15, the Bandera Chamber of Commerce had Paul Serff, Texas Travel Industry Association talk to the group about tourism. He provided the following list to help businesses maximize their images and tourist income.

Exterior of my Business:

Is my sign clearly visible and easy to read?
Is my driveway/parking area clear of obstacles and trash?
Is my sidewalk clear of obstacles and trash?
Do I have trash receptacles outside my business for folks to leave their trash before entering the store i.e. soda cups, candy wrappers, cigarette butts, etc?
Do I display merchandise on the sidewalk and walkway of my entrances to lead visitors into my store?

Inside My Business:

Is my merchandise displayed in a creative and enticing way?
Are my floors and carpet clean and windows clear?
Are the ceiling and walls clear of cob webs?
Do I have business cards available for folks that have my web site on it so that they can visit on online?
Do I have a "fresh smell" to my place of business or do I light a mildly scented candle that gives an odor that is complimentary to my place of business?
Is my restroom clean and well-stocked?
Are my aisles clear of obstacles?
Customer Service
Do I greet customers with a smile and offer assistance?
Can I answer questions about the area and/or direct visitors to where they can get the correct answer?
Do I up-sale and offer suggestive ideas to customers?
Do I thank customers for their purchase and invite them to receive information on future, sales, specials, etc. either by mail or email?
If the customer pays by credit card, do I use their name when thanking them for their business?
Do I invite my customers to visit again?

MLBA Remodeling



Just how big is that dressing room? The Medina Lake Betterment Association directors and members who attended the Nov. 14 membership meeting have a look at the remodeled stage area of the Lakehills Civic Center. The once small, rickety, wooden stage area has been replaced by a larger facility with a concrete floor, cinder

The remodeling of the stage area of the Lakehills Civic Center is nearing completion and will result in a larger stage, a large dressingroom, storage area, and restroom. The remodeling was made possible by agrant from the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation, Medina Lake Betterment Association funds and volunteer labor.

The small, rickety, wooden stage area was torn down by volunteers earlier this year and a new 20-foot by 53-foot slab was poured expanding the floor area. A cinder block wall was constructed around the stage area and a new roof placed over the top. The outside rear of the building has been painted. There's a back entrance and stairway leading up to the stage area of the building.

Frame woodwork has been built to create five rooms — two storagerooms, a huge dressing room, a restroom, and the main stage — inside the stage area of the civic center. Air conditioning duct work has been added to the stage area.

The last remaining garage door on the civic center main hall has been replaced with a conventional door and wall.

Next are doors in the back of the stage area so actors can make stage right and stage left entrances and exits as well as a sliding door at the back. Other work coming includes electrical, plumbing, finishing the inside walls. A new large curtain will be purchased and installed for the front of the stage.

Improvements made earlier in the year include central air conditioning and heating added to the main hall. New ceiling fans were installed. They were made possible because of a $94,359 commitmentmade up of a $61,359 grant from the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation, MLBA funds from this year and last year's Cajun Festival, and volunteer labor credited in monetary amounts.

There will be more work on the civic center in the future. The MLBA will apply for grants to build a new office and foyer entrance to the front of the civic center as well as remodeling of the kitchen. Once the present work is done on the civic center, the building can better be used by the people of the community.

The MLBA is renting the building again for parties, wedding receptions and other functions now that much of the main hall remodeling is complete.

The remodeling will also allow the MLBA to host many activities the association believes people of the community want and need, including youth programs such as after school or summer programs and opportunities for senior citizens to meet at the civic center similar to the way they do now at the Silver Sage Corral in Bandera. To volunteer, call James Hemby (612-3165), Doug Frank (612-2111), Shirley Granberg (612-2818), Norris Warner (510-4334), Tony Quesada (612-2776), Jerry Jilek (612-2785), or Tom Walton (612-2614) or James Frazar (510-4172).

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MISD Board accepts audit

The Medina ISD Board of Directors reviewed and accepted the Financial and Compensatory Education Audits for the 2001-2002 school year as presented by Colgman, Horton & Associates at their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14.

There were no adverse findings presented in either audit. This is the first year for implementation of the new financial audit process called GASB 34 and also for the Compensatory Education Audit. After the review of the audits, the board unanimously approved a letter of engagement with Colgman, Horton & Associates for the 2002-2003 audit process.

There were no resignations or recommendations of professional personnel. Superintendent Randy Moczygemba reported that the first grade enrollment had dropped down to the 22:1 student/teacher ratio and there is no longer a need for a waiver from the Texas Education Agency.

Also, the board approved changes to Policy DEC(LOCAL) on first reading including increasing the number of consecutive days personnel may take as discretionary (personal) leave from two to three. They also approved a student transfer for the Spring semester.

Moczygemba reported to the board that Colleen Davis had been hired to fill the new special education clerk position that was approved by the board in the October meeting.

Medina Girl Scouts Give Plump Pumpkins



Medina Girl Scout Troop #187 presented Halloween pumpkins to Betty Lebo of the Silver Sage Center for the Meals on Wheels program.

The Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts filled each pumpkin with treats and made ghost decorations for the recipients.

Asthma fundraiser to Mico's Magoon

The American Lung Association, in conjunction with QVC and SeaWorld of San Antonio, will be hosting a "Walk to Fight Asthma" on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

The event is being held in memory of local Mico resident Ken Magoon.

He passed away in February as a result of a severe asthma attack. Magoon was within one month of receiving his EMS certification and was very involved in the Mico VFD as a volunteer firefighter. He is survived by his wife, Debbie and his three children, Brett, Bradley and Brittany.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the 3.2-mile walk through SeaWorld will begin at 10:00 AM and end at Shamu Stadium at 11:30 a.m.

Participants may walk, run or use a wheelchair and will receive a goodie bag, one pair of antlers, lunch and be treated to a special show at the Shamu Stadium.

The minimum donation needed to participate is as follows: three and younger are free: 4 -12 is $10 and 13 to adult is $25.

Anybody who collects donations of $ 75 or more will also receive a "Walk to Fight Asthma" t-shirt and donations of $100 or more will be entered into a drawing for grand prizes of a Sony Mavica Digital Still Camera and four season passes to Sea World.

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Family Literacy at Alkek







Alkek Elementary School recently hosted a "Family Literacy Night" for parents, students, and community members.

The well attended event promoting family literacy consisted of several scheduled programs including a Book Fair and special performance by the Children's Artistic Theatre.

For the children, the big highlight was being able to pick out an age appropriate book which they could take home absolutely free.

(Top) Even the smallest of kids enjoyed a good book at Family Literacy Night at Alkek. Pictured is Reagan Mangold. (Middle) Students and teachers check out free books. (below)The Fitzpatrick family and friend enjoy the selection at the Alkek Family Literacy Night's Book Fair. Pictured are (L-R) Treena Fitzpatrick, Kati Fitzpatrick, Montana Hicks and Morgan Fitzpatrick.

Veterans Remembered







Hill Country Elementary School hosted Bandera ISD's Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 1. The celebration opened with the Posting of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance by 2nd Grade Teacher Vince Vincent (Sgt 1st Class, Ret.) and members from the various Girl Scout Troops at Hill Country Elementary.

The Fifth Grade Choir, under the direction of Music Teacher Gay Palmero performed two songs, opening with "The Star Spangled Banner" and closing with "Voices of Pride". After opening remarks by Superintendent Dr. Renee Schulze and Principal Richard Grill, three students presented their award winning prose entries from the 5th Grade class. Katelyn Hayes read an essay, Justin Chestnut recited a poem, and Dylan Hink presented a patriotic story.

Two guest speakers provided the audience with inspirational messages. Sgt. Teresa Waters-Smith a Bandera ISD employee who has now been called into active duty with the National Guard, and Col. Norris Warner (USAF, Ret.) spoke of their pride in serving their country and honored those who have fought so bravely to defend the country's freedom.

The parking lot of the Hill Country Elementary campus was lined with signs paying homage to Veterans both present and past who are related to the students and staff. The interior of the buildings were lined with magnificent art work completed by Kindergarten through 5th Grade students under the direction of Art Teacher Karon Reed.

Following the celebration, a reception was held in the school's library for all of the Veterans and special guests. Many Veterans from the Bandera area, including members of the American Legion post were in attendance.

(Top) Some of the art work which graced the halls of Hill Country Elementary School.(Middle) Guest Speaker Sgt. Teresa Waters-Smith, Principal Richard Grill, and Guest Speaker Col. Norris Warner (USAF, Ret.)Members of the American Legion post in Lakehills who attended the Veterans Day Celebration.

Bandera earns three TEA GPA System Awards

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



RENEE SCHULZE
Superintendent, BISD

Three Bandera ISD schools have received Gold Performance Acknowledgements from the Texas Education Agency.

In 2001, the Texas Legislature enacted the Gold Performance Acknowledgement system to acknowledge districts and campuses for high performance on additional indicators that do not affect accountability ratings.

Schools receiving the awards are: Bandera High School, Bandera Middle School, and Hill Country Elementary.

Gold Performance Awards are given to the school in the group that shows the greatest gains in the number of students not just passing the TAAS, but the number of students performing very well on the TAAS.

Texas Commissioner of Education Felipe Alanis said the award recognizes districts and campuses that have worked hard to maintain exceptional, well-rounded instructional programs while faced with the implementation of new statewide education reforms.

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Refreshments will consist of tamales, cookies, coffee, hot chocolate and Love Creek Orchard will furnish Apple Cider. Donations of cookies will be greatly appreciated. Call 589-7224 for information.

Native Plant Society Fundraiser
Boerne chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas presents its annual Fall fundraiser, "Landscape Designs Inspired by Nature" by author and landscape consultant, Jill Nokes. A book signing will follow with Nokes' How to Grow Native Plants of Texas and the Southwest. This event will be at the Boerne Convention and Community Center, 826 Adler Road at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door. For information, call 830-249-7550.

Basketball League
Students in grades 1-6 who would like to join a youth basketball league should call Jay Dobson at 830/535-4567.

Registration fee will be $50 (includes team t-shirt and trophy). It will be an instructional and fun league. Coaches and referees are also needed. High school basketball players are encouraged to apply for referee positions.

dinner set.

LSVFD Benefit
Walker Memorial Baptist Church and Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Dept. request donations for the First Annual Thanksgiving Community Benefit. Your donations of the following items will be greatly appreciated. Monetary donations can be made to Walker Memorial Baptist Church. Please mark clearly in the memo field LSVFD Thanksgiving Benefit. Collection continues through Friday, Nov. 22, at Walker Memorial Baptist Church Fellowship Hall or Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department. Call (830) 460-7240 for information.

Madrona Garden Club
Madrona Garden Club will meet tomorrow at the new Senior Center at 603 Buck Creek Blvd. in Bandera. The program for the day will be Holiday Flower Arranging by Mary Kitchens, new owner of the Books 'n Blooms shop. This will be a hands- on lesson. Necessary supplies will be available for purchase from Kitchens. For information, call Sherlie Vangsnes at 796-8209.

Asthma Fundraiser
The American Lung Association, QVC and SeaWorld of San Antonio, will host a "Walk to Fight Asthma" on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. The event is in memory of Mico resident Ken Magoon.

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The Bandera Bulletin copy and photo deadline is Friday at noon.

Santa Claus is coming to Medina soon

Better Not Pout, Santa is Coming to Medina

Mark this date on your calendar right now Dec. 5. It's that time of year again for the Annual Tree Lighting ceremony in Downtown Medina sponsored by the Medina Texas Development Cooperation.

This is a magnificent event where the whole town comes out for the traditional lighting of the tree, to watch a special program put on by the MISD Elementary kids, sing Christmas carols and have some first-class food and fellowship. The Highlight of the festivities for kids of all ages though is the arrival of Santa Claus on the time honored red fire truck accompanied by the Apple Festival Royalty.

Santa then will go into his temporary headquarters the building across from the Apple Store which is kindly donated for the event by the Keen Family. The children can then line up to sit on Santa's lap and tell him all their Christmas wishes.

MTDC will be providing as always a free picture of each child with Santa to keep as a memento of the event. While the kids are in line everyone is invited to partake of the assorted superlative munchies and hot apple cider donated by the community and Adams Apple's.

All of this will be available free of charge so come out and have a fantastic time.

Local Womens' Group To

MEDINA SPOTLIGHT



MICHELE BARKER

Hold Bazaar

The Women of the United Methodist Church of Medina will be holding a Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This would be a great time to do some Christmas Shopping as they will have all kinds of crafts and needlework as well as yummy homemade baked goods for sell. They will also have availablaq breakfast and lunch foods for you to purchase so you can spend the entire morning shopping and not have to go hungry. This event will be held inside the Masonic Lodge on Hwy 16 across from the Post Office.

Special Note From Cammie Morgan

Yes Cammie is still at Methodist hospital hanging in there, but is very restless and bored. She has been moved to room 139 and would love to hear from any of you. She especially thanks everyone for the baby shower and all the wonderful gifts, and wishes she could have been there but her husband and little girl did a fantastic job being her understudies. The doctors have told her that if the baby can hold on till Dec. 10, then they will perform a C-section and have a birthday party for the precious new one.

Mrs. Morgan has a special message for all her students past and present. She says to tell all of you how much she adores all the cards, letters, and pictures you are sending her it really makes her day seem brighter and go by faster.

Keep those letters coming guys they are a real high point in an otherwise boring day. Again Cammie wants to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers and especially the prayers for her and the little one who is just waiting to come out and meet all the people who care so much for her family.

Holiday Tamales

A reminder the MVFD will be making Pork Tamales both hot and traditional for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons.

They are eager to manufacture 400 dozen tamales to be included in your epicurean pleasures for the Holidays. Orders will begin now and go on until Dec. 14. Sunday, Nov. 24 is the date set for the first available batch, and Dec. 15 for the last batch. Tamales will be obtainable for pick up at the Medina Fire Station for a donation of only $5- per dozen. To order your batch of magnificent homemade Hot Tamales please give them a call at one of one of the following numbers; 589-

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Jack Frost makes stop at cold Wharton's Dock

Well, we all got a taste of Old Jack Frost over the weekend. It's always kind of neat when the first blast of winter air comes around. It sure makes folks around these parts pick up their pace a little.

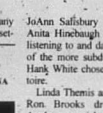
Why do we put things off until the last minute? That's exactly what happened at the Bird House. I have been trying for weeks to get the green house put back together after the flood last summer to no avail. And then suddenly winter was upon us and there were all of those tender plants out there exposed to the elements. You wanna talk about shakin' a leg. Boy, there was a lot of leg shakin' around here this past week!

Thank heavens for friends and neighbors! Some how, with the help of my long time friend Charlene Rannellucci who was visiting the Bird House over the weekend from San Antonio and Hank Halterman, we managed to get the pipes in order and the plastic up around the studio porch just in the nick of time. I even drug Mel Lapham in off the street to carry some of the heavier plants back to the green house.

Here's hoping that everybody else out there got things safely tucked away before the frosty weather got here.

Before we got started on all the work that needed to be done around the Bird House, Hank treated Charlie and I too a hardy breakfast at the Copper Lantern. The only trouble was that after we ate that kitchen omelet and pancakes we were too full to do any work. We had to let our meal settle a little before we tackled the workload.

WHARTON'S DOCK AND LAKE MEDINA SHORES



MARY BIRD 460-7523

Charlene and I were planning on going to Karaoke Saturday Night at the Copper Lantern for a while after dinner, but we were exhausted after pushing ourselves all day trying to beat the weather.

I guess we really missed a good one because I heard all kinds of wild stories on Monday morning at coffee klatch. In addition to the usual stars performing at Karaoke, there were a couple of new headliners this time. Linda Themis' nephew, Jordan Brooks, who is visiting here from Angleton near the coast and Josh Brown teamed up to do a duet that brought down the house.

Josh's older brother, David Brown was celebrating his birthday, but Josh was doing everything in his power to steal his brother's thunder. It would be an understatement to just say that all of the young people had a grand time!

All of the older crowd including Inez Brooks, Archie and JoAnn Salisbury and Dick and Anita Hinebaugh really enjoyed listening to and dancing to some of the more subdued lyrics that Hank White chose for her repertoire.

Linda Themis and her brother, Ron. Brooks drove over to Angleton to pick up their mom, "Inezie" Brooks and Jordan last week just so they could go to Karaoke (and enjoy a little of the other fun things out here in the hills). Linda and Ron have really enjoyed having their mom and Jordan here and are really trying to make the visit worthwhile. Ron and his mom are traveling to west Texas this week to see the Marfa Lights. I hope that they have a clear sky because those lights are really something to see when they are performing. I guess that this is really supposed to be one of the best times of the year to see them. I will be expecting a full report when they get back.

Speaking of lights in the sky-I got up early the other morning to go see a syzygy in the eastern sky. The sky was void of clouds and filled with billions of stars. It was 6 A.M. and the conditions were perfect. There they were-four heavenly bodies lined up in a row in the eastern sky and if you looked off to the left there was a fifth. (I am talking planets here, not liquid refreshment.)

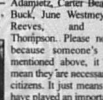
No, I am not crazy. Syzygy has always been one of the family's favorite scrabble words. It got

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Advise offered on policy supplements

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at the senior center, Gale Murden from the Alamo Area Council of Governments will be on hand to discuss supplemental insurance companies.

SILVER SAGE CORRAL



BETTY LEBO 796-4969

We have received several inquiries concerning the recent pull out by Sterling Insurance Company. This will be any opportunity to see what your options are. Beginning around 10:30 a.m., Brian Rosemond with the Texas Medical Foundation will present information on Preventive Services covered by Medicare. Emphasis will be on services for beneficiaries with diabetes.

Covered Dish Luncheon

Bring a covered dish and join us in celebrating our November birthdays on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 11:30 a.m.: Fannie Caffall, Helen Bayliss, Art Bunch, Edwina Daniel, Helen Frazee, Vi Parker, Cleora McMillan, Mary Ann Jureczki, Mada Wedgeworth, Harriet Stricker, Naomi Weckesser, Bill McCoy, Anna Handley, Jewell Cartrett, Rilla Stephens, Betty Avery, Bob Caswell, Judy Rodriguez, Fannie Caffall, Betty Haynes, Clarence Adamietz, Carter Beach, Jacky Buck, June Westmeyer, Elmo Reeves, and Kathryn Thompson. Please note - just because someone's name is mentioned above, it does not mean they are necessarily senior citizens. It just means that they have played an important role in the Corral's existence and we wish them a very happy birthday!

Bandera County Triad

It's time for an update on our local Triad group. Triad is law enforcement and senior citizens working together to reduce the criminal victimization of older citizens and enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to this population.

Our local Triad group meets here at the Corral, 803 Buck Creek Boulevard, the second Thursday of each month, at 2 p.m. The organizer and driving force behind our group is Sheriff James MacMillan. The local organization began in 2000 with a charter signing at the old senior center location. The Attorney General was on hand as well as many local and area dignitaries.

Since that time, the group has conducted a telephone reassurance program. Seniors living alone with no close friends or relatives may request a Triad volunteer to call them once a day, once a week to check on their well being. If you feel the need for this type of service, you may call the sheriff's office at 796-4323 to be

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Lakehills Christmas Bazaar a yuletide success

It was cold and still at night
Stars like lanterns hanging bright
Endless skies with silver tones
Reaching down beyond my mind
Feeling more than what I was
My spirit soaring out beyond
Knowing I could do it now No matter what the world had said.
Seeing grays of starlit forms
Moving thru some unknown power
Believing I could touch the real
Now that time would pass me by.
Endless worlds were opening up
Colors, forms, unknown before
Chromatic tones of harmony
Words no longer seemed of use
Old ways of thinking left behind
Images clear as sunlit dew
Flowing freely thru my mind
Being as the image formed

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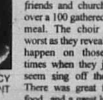
[illegible] dream Only now was real to me
The depth and feeling of its force
Moving me beyond myself.
Hugh Prather

Did you know...

[illegible]

Bazaar met with success selling out of their great soup and tacos, and most of their baked goods giving AARP some greatly needed support. The American Legion had 25 vendors renting tables, and though sales were a bit slow, the vendors beautiful wares sold well. All-in-all, they look forward to another year, next year thanks to the efforts of Evie Angell and the volunteers of AARP and the American Legion

MEDINA LAKE NEWS



NANCY ARCEMENT

Vet Nite at the Lakehill's American Legion was a great success, as well, with 100 [illegible] and their wives gathering for a feast of tamales, chili, beans and rice. A raffle was drawn and the grand prize of an outdoor grill went to Keith Cress, a veteran who had

The Town Meeting is scheduled at the Lakehill's Civic Center on Nov. 23 (Saturday) to discuss the possibility of incorporating Lakehills. This should be a very interesting meeting for all of us, pro or con, if we want to have anything to say about the future of our settlement. For more information call Don Roberts at 612-2665.

Pastor Ellen Ely of the Lakehills United Methodist Church (LUMC) had her birthday party celebration at the Lakehill's Civic Center where a crowd of friends and church members of over a 100 gathered for a pot luck meal. The choir offered their worst as they revealed what could happen on those unfortunate times when they just could not seem sing off the same page. There was great fun and great food and a great happy birthday

The LUMC has the following scheduled events starting Nov. 20, Wednesday - Prayer Group at 6 p.m., and Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. and Administrative Council at 7 p.m.; Thursday - Cottage [illegible] 10:30 a.m.; Friday - Bible School 9:20 a.m., Disciple 1 2 p.m., Bishop's Thanksgiving Gathering at Alamo Heights UMC, Monday - Bread of Life at 6 p.m. and Board of Trustees Meeting 7 p.m.; Tuesday - TWIGS 4:30-6 p.m.

LUMC is collecting non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets for families in our community. There are many in our community who will not enjoy Thanksgiving without some help, so if you'd like to contribute some suggested items include canned vegetables (corn, peas, yams, green beans, etc.), instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, apple sauce.

-The Lighthouse Church of Lakehills has Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m.

In November, the Farmer's Almanac's has to say, for the [illegible] City, 1720; and it is the end of the Pony Express in 1861; on the 21st, "Finlayson plan" saudi revealed as hoax in 1953, and Voltaire was born in 1694; on the 22nd, "Everyone is crazy but me and [illegible] Monday [illegible] Tuesday [illegible] 1870; and [illegible] Wednesday [illegible] 1718; on the 23rd, Doctors banned from prescribing beer in 1921; on the 24th, "Battle above the Clouds" took places in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee in 1863; on the 25th, prune grapevines now, and a meal of soup, steak, coffee, and half a pie cost $0.12 in 1834; on the 26th, Queen Elizabeth II announced she would pay taxes in 1992; and on the 27th, James Agee was born in 1909, a meteor hit Lake Michigan in 1919, and Shakespeare married in 1582.

Volunteers Needed

-Meals on Wheels are in need of drivers and people to ride with the driver to deliver the meal. Just two or three days a month can really help. Somptimes the people who deliver these meals are the only people these shut-ins see all day. For them it's a Godsend, [illegible] everyday, and as just a couple of days a month, if you want to make a real difference in someone's life, this is a wonderful way to do that.

-There are many, many strays everywhere in our neighborhods. Anyone wanting to get or

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7705, 589-7225, 589-7261. Or just track down your favorite Medina Volunteer Fire Fighter and tell them to hook you up with some of their good cooking.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Masons of Medina Lodge #1319 - 1st Monday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge

Medina Athletic Booster Club - 2nd Monday of each month in Coach Dozier's classroom

Medina Garden Club - 2nd Wednesday of each month 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge

Medina Eastern Star Chapter 988 - 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge

Medina EMS Support Team - 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m. at the EMS Bldg.

Medina VFD: 3rd Thursday 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Youth Center

Team Kids Popular For All Denominations

Team Kids is not just a Bible School class but a fun learning event that reaches across denominational boundaries to touch the lives of many local children. This is a weekly group that meets each Wednesday night from 6:45 pm till 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Medina.

This month the kids are learning how to be respectful in their speech, about commitment and faithfulness and how to show loyalty and love in all your relationships. This program is open to the community and available for kid's ages 4 years up to 6th grade. There is also a really great teen youth program which meets in the teenagers building across the street from the church at the same time. For more information on either program call 589-2395

Food Bank Tomorrow

The Food Bank will be open this Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. This program is for Medina Community residents who just might need some help stretching their food dollars.

You don't have to fill out a lot of paperwork just one small form with some basic information on it. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this program please drop by and visit with the great group of volunteers who run the program. If you have any questions you can also call 589-2468 and leave your name and number and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you do not have transportation or can not come during the hours of operation don't worry, just give them a call and they will bring the food to you.

TAKS Meeting

Parents of Medina ISD students are invited to attend an informational meeting concerning the new Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test.

Other school wide programs will be discussed at the meeting Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria

Call Me

If you have any area news please feel free to contact me: Michele Barker at 830-589-2685 or drop me a line at P.O. Box 1472 Medina TX. 78055. If you have access to a computer email me at fivebarkers@indian-creek.net.

Help me spread the word that the Bulletin is the one and only comprehensive purveyor of Medina News and Sports. Tell your friends and neighbors to call up and subscribe to the Bulletin and let them know if you like the Medina News and Sports.

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to be a real joke around the Bird House, because none of us had actually seen a syzygy, but now I can boast that I have!

All kinds of interesting things have been happening in our universe as of late and fortunately we have had clear skies and good weather conditions for a change so that we were actually able to view these amazing phenomena that only happens once every thirty or forty years. Did anybody see the meteor shower on Tuesday?

If you didn't get to see it, stick around for another forty years maybe you can luck out next time.

If you are wondering why the Copper closed early on Sunday it was because David and Marc were invited to visit Paul Boskins, owner of The Oasis on the other side of the lake. They drove over on Sunday afternoon and visited with Paul for a while before Paul took the guys out for a cruise of Medina Lake in his boat. They made a couple of stops along the lake to visit with folks they had met at the Oasis while they were on the cruise. Marc was freezing and turning blue from the crisp cold wind that was blowing on Sunday and he was very glad to get back to the Oasis for a hot meal and quiet comradely with friends.

It was good hearing from our good friend Jeanne Martin the other day. Jeanne called from Oklahoma where she is visiting with her daughters and grandchildren. She has had quite a time watching the children's sports activities and she especially enjoyed taking her younger grandchildren to see the new Harry Potter movie. She wasn't all that impressed with the movie herself, but she said the kids loved it! She is planning on returning to Wharton's Dock on Thanksgiving Day. Her family will be celebrating Thanksgiving on Wednesday so she can get on down the road on Thursday. Here's hoping she has a very safe journey. Jeanne had planned on staying until after Christmas, but she says there's no way because she is already so homesick she can hardly stand it! She has had a grand time with the grandkids, but now it's time to head south.

A lot of folks down here at the end of the road have been getting some news through the mail that isn't so encouraging. Letters from the water district are really beginning to tear down a lot of hopes and dreams of the people that have suffered losses during the flood. According to one family's letter they have been given notice that their land has been reclaimed by the district because it is below the 1084 line. The word is out that all of the septic tanks that were installed years ago before regulations were tightened must all be replaced and certified. At this point it is all speculation. I have not had privy to any of these letters, but am informed of the contents which have made a lot of folks down here very upset. My heart goes out to these people and it seems appropriate that an investigation will follow.

A boundary dispute was finally settled last week over properties in section K of Lake Medina Shores for two property owners. The owner of one property consisting of twelve lots, which had been purchased from Lost Valley (Great Southern Realty) years before T-Con bought the rest of the lots, was in dispute with the adjoining five lots purchased last summer from Lake Medina Shores (T-Con). The new owner was under the impression that he owned sixty-five feet of the other owners land. The two parties have been waiting for months for a survey crew to determine the outcome. The results were in favor of the first owner. Needless to say the gentleman that was told that the particular lot in question is not his is now a very unhappy camper. This is just another good example of why it is so important to have all of the facts and a survey completed when you purchase a piece of property.

A little reminder to all of you Lake Medina Shores Owners Association members-time is running out if you have not cast your vote for the Directors of your choice. The deadline is November 23rd. You must contact the election judge, Eric Barnett in Bandera (next to the Pico station) if you have lost or did not receive a ballot.

Please remember also that on Nov. 23 the Lake Shore EMS Support Group is having a meeting at 11 a.m. at the EMS Building next to the Fire Department. This is a very important meeting. Please plan to attend.

Happy birthday wishes go out to David Brown, who celebrated his birthday on November 16th; Keegan Simmons, who turned thirteen on the 18th and Mike Morgan, who celebrated on Nov. 18. The 18th was also the late Curtis Bird's birthday. Happy birthday everybody, where ever you are.

Congratulations go out to Kristen Adams who made the Deans List at Career Point Technical School in San Antonio where she is studying to be a medical technician. We are all very proud of you. Keep it up!

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Bowman at 612-2612, and give another homeless animal someplace to live.

Let's remember

Charlie Walker's in the hospital. He has pneumonia and we worry about him. Earl Denton was in the hospital, but he's home now. They're going to be OK.

We lost Jerry Willis. Though I didn't know him, those around me did, and there's been a cloud of sadness that started with Harold Keslar and now Jerry Willis - a quiet sorrow.

Doris Keslar Letter

Dearest Friends!

Losing a loved one is never easy, but with God's help and friends, the separation pain is easier to endure.

You have cared for us in so many ways - the food, the donations, hugs and comforting words, your cards, flowers, plants and your attendance at Harold's Memorial Service - all of it has blessed us!

Thank you and God bless each of you.

-The family of Harold Keslar

That's all I've got to say today. If you want me to include something, send me a postcard to Nancy Arcement; P.O. Box 63109; Pipe Creek, Texas 78063; or e-mail me at richardharcement@prodigy.net. I want to know what you're doing - I know everyone else does too.

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placed on the list.

Bandera County Triad also conducts quarterly symposiums at various areas throughout the county in an effort to advertise the many county services available to seniors citizens. Carey Poe, with the 911 Rural Addressing office, also advises that any senior citizen needing a 911 address marker may call her office at 796-8343 and they'll do their best to see that one is provided. Having a visible address marker at your residence could some day mean the difference in life or death in an emergency situation.

Anyone interested in joining this group or acting as a volunteer may join us for any of our monthly meetings. For further information, check with the Sheriff's office.

Center Closed Thanksgiving Day

The Silver Sage will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28. However, if you're in the mood for a good ol' Thanksgiving meal, our menu for Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 11:30 a.m. will include roast turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, cream corn, green beans, roll, pumpkin pie and milk. Yummy!

For those 60 or older, the cost is just $2 each. Under 60, the cost is $3.75. Reservations must be made by 9 a.m. by calling 796-4969. Lunch is served in the dining room at the Corral Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. The meals are prepared by Billy Gene's Restaurant.

Thank Y'all

In thanking Jane Malone for joining our meals on wheels effort, we forgot to mention that Jane's husband, Bobby, is very much a part of her team. So...thank you both for coming to our rescue.

Thank you to Bungy Grant Hartshorn for the generous donation of framed black and white photographs that she donated in memory of her late husband, Larry. They are Larry's photos of various historical sites around the county. They now adorn the entry hall and conference room here at our new center. We love the photographs and we love you, too, Bungy!

Thank you, Becky Tompkins, for your recent donation of large plants for our center. They are gorgeous and we appreciate your effort in delivering them to us - they're huge!

Thank you to Bandera County Regional Foundation for allowing us to host National Philanthropy Day here at our new senior center. It was a great success and we were honored to be included in the festivities. Congratulations to all those receiving awards for their philanthropic endeavors. They are all well deserved.

River Hills residents keep busy

Sunday, Oct. 27, the Church of Christ held Sunday services for the residents.

Monday, Oct. 28, Nancy Westley called bingo. Varney Lucas had Bible class.

Wednesday, Oct. 30, Martin Smith had Bible class and led the residents in singing hymns.

Thursday, Oct. 31, was Halloween and the residents enjoyed a 'creepy' party with plenty of treats for everyone. The VFW Auxilliary #688 sponsored the bingo game that day and was organized by Jocye Swett, Marilyn Bryce, Ann Oliver, and Bill Bryce (MOCA).

Friday, Nov. 1, Chris Henderson led a sing-a-long that was really a lot of fun for the residents.

Sunday, Nov. 3, the Lutheran Church led Sunday Services. Also, members of the Hill Country Chapel came by to visit with the residents.

Monday, Nov. 4, Nancy Westley called bingo. Varney Lucas had Bible class and led the residents in singing hymns.

Tuesday, Nov. 5, the Melodiers came to perform for the residents. This favorite musical group included Marion Bunch, Pat Brown, Norman Mansfield, Bettie Suddath, Bette Bucalo, Beverly Gagliardi, Lois Hayes, Dot Bailey, Bob Bailey, Art Bacanegin, Mimi Bacanegin, Ann Edge, Judy Goodenough, Sam Bayliss, Betty Schultz, Lee Yelton, June Westmeyer, and Waverly Lewis.

Wednesday, Nov. 6, Martin Smith had Bible class and led hymns with the residents.

Thursday, Nov. 7, the residents enjoyed bingo and later that same afternoon played Trivia.

Friday, Nov. 8, the residents listened to Christian tapes narrated by best-selling author and minister, Max Lucado.

Monday, Nov. 11, Nancy Westley called bingo. Varney Lucas had Bible class and sang hymns along with the residents.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, all of the November birthdays were celebrated with a delicious bite of cake. Happy Birthday to residents Catherine Wilmarth, 11-7; John Gallman, 11-16; and Mack Green, 11-19. Staff members who also had birthdays were Ernestina Hernandez, 11-11; Georgiann Singleton, 11-17; and Linda McNeely, 11-18.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, Martin Smith held Bible class and led the singing of hymns with residents.

Thursday, Nov. 14, the Resident Council meeting was convened. A special guest speaker, Patrice Davis, addressed the important topic, "Dementia and Alzheimers". The talk was jointly sponsored by River Hills Care center and VFW Auxiliary #688, the latter represented by Joyce Swett and Marilyn Bryce. Guests who attended were Bethanne P. Sanders, Linda Tinsley, Nancy Bloxham, Robin Tamblin, and Wanda Taylor.

We so much appreciate those who take the time out of their own lives to enrich ours at River Hills Care Center.The month of November is marked by very special dates: Election Day, Nov. 5, Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28. All of these days have something to do with our freedoms and liberties as Americans. Let's not forget our history as we sit down to feast on Thanksgiving Day, and let us give thanks for all of those whose sacrifices and willingness to strive for those freedoms and liberties made the greatness of our nation possible.

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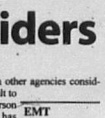
EMS providers take special care with children

The safety and well being of children is a common priority for parents and EMS providers alike. Special considerations for treatment seem somewhat obvious. However, there is an important issue some adults may not be aware exists.

Consent for medical treatment is essential for all patients. Our pediatric patients are unable, by law, to give consent for themselves. I'd like to take some time to share some information with you, which may expedite medical treatment for your children or the children in your care.

Texas law defines an adult as meeting one of several criteria. Although other agencies consider an adult to be a person who has reached or surpassed their 17th birthday, the medical industry considers a person to be an adult upon their 18th birthday. There are a few circumstances that qualify a person as an adult prior to their 18th birthday.

EMT PULSE



MITHRIEL SALMON

An adult, for the purposes of consent for medical treatment, may include someone who is less than 18 years of age and married, pregnant, the primary care giver of a minor child, legally emancipated, or a member of the armed forces.

Now that an adult status has been clarified, it's accurate to state that a minor is anyone not meeting one of the above criteria and has not reached their 18th birthday. Phew! The next question is "Who can consent to medical treatment for a minor?"

Parents are the obvious and preferred people to give consent for medical attention to minors. These are the people we hope are available when the ambulance is needed. Parents will be familiar with important medical history, allergies and other pertinent information.

Unfortunately parents cannot be at their children's side 24 hours a day 365 days a year. There are other adults in our children's lives with whom we place our trust and confidence, and some of these adults are able to give medical consent.

Grandparents, school officials, and police officers are able to give the "OK" to EMS crews should the need arise. All these competent adults have, or are able to claim, custody of our children in the appropriate circumstances.

A sitter or childcare provider is also able to give consent for medical treatment, but only if a written consent has been provided by the minor's parent or legal guardian. Remember to empower these people with written permission and a detailed medical history.

Finally, EMTs are able to treat a minor with "life or limb issues" by implied consent.

Implied consent means that if the minor's parent or guardian could be reached, it is assumed for the purposes of this emergency, they would want their child to receive prompt medical attention.

Consent for medical treatment is an issue most adults seem to be aware of when they receive treatment. Consent for minors has the potential for confusion and a delay in treatment a little preparation will avoid a delay EMS providers are happy to avoid!

NOTE: Next week's column will be dedicated to clarifying consent for medical treatment for adults. There may be more to this issue than we all realize.

Here come bills: Lawmakers line them up for 78th session

AUSTIN - The leaves may be falling from some of the trees shading the park-like Capitol grounds, but politically, it is spring in Texas.

The first of the 5,000-8,000 or so pieces of legislation that will be filed for consideration during the 78th session of the Legislature, began to appear on Nov. 12 like so many wildflowers after a good rain.

Of course, some, depending on their political or business perspective, will view much of this new growth as a noxious weed infestation needing a quick dose of pesticide.

And, like spring, opposites are pairing. Lions and lambs are lying together. Lobbyists and associations that supported losing candidates suddenly seem like the best friends of those who won. The lunch crowd in downtown restaurants and private clubs has picked up. Everyone in politics now appears, at least publicly, to be willing to let bygones and vetoes be bygones.

What a change. For a few days after the election, the Capitol was a pleasant place to visit during a lunch break, a quiet, a stately place of contemplation. After Veteran's Day, parking suddenly became more difficult as men and women with aspirations, dreads and brief cases crowded the sidewalk leading to the Capitol and the various House and Senate offices.

The early bills reflect the politics of their sponsors.

Though the Republicans have control for the first time since Reconstruction in both houses, Democrat Rep. Steve Wolens of Dallas wasted no time filing a tax that would add a half-dollar to the current 41-cent tax on cigarettes.

Bills filed so far range from a measure that would provide capital punishment for those who murder in the name of terrorism to a bill from Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio providing for a moment of silence each day in public schools.

King's X on insurance pullout

In another blossom of civility, thousands of Texans got a price break with the announcement last week that Farmers Insurance Group would postpone by a month its planned exit from the state's home insurance market.

The interim agreement, spearheaded by Republican Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock, includes a 6.8 percent rate cut for Farmers customers whose policies are due for renewal before Dec. 10, the end date of the 30-day truce.

A permanent solution to the dispute between Farmers and the state is still a long way off and insurance reform will be one of many issues in the coming legislative session.

Wild opening day...

Thousands of Texas deer hunters took to the woods Nov. 2 for the first day of deer season, but few had a day like one couple who own a small tract of land down the Colorado from Austin.

STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS



MIKE COX
Texas Press Association

The woman was in one of the blinds on her property before dawn, waiting to see if a good buck would show up. Not long after daylight, a buck silently appeared, grazing on corn broadcast from the feeder.

Shouldering her rifle, she had the cross hairs of her scope squarely on the deer's shoulder and was about to pull the trigger when the deer dropped dead. A few parts of a second later she heard someone else's shot. No one else had permission to be on her property, and her husband, the only other hunter, was in a blind at a different location.

As she watched, a poacher came up and dragged away her deer.

Meanwhile, her husband was sitting in his blind when a bullet ripped through it, barely missing him. The next thing he saw was a man crawling under his fence, a rifle in his hands.

As the startled landowner looked on, the intruder took a second shot, this one knocking down a spike buck. To his amazement, all this was happening on his land.

The couple separately but simultaneously decided they'd had enough hunting for day and hurried home.

The story has a happy ending, at least for the landowners. They called the state Parks and Wildlife Department, and game wardens later arrested the two poachers.

Killing a deer on private property without the owner's permission is a state jail felony and upon conviction, the hunting license is automatically revoked.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Schools Should Give Veterans Day Holiday

Dear Editor,

I am a sixth grade student at Bandera Middle School and I want to say that I think Bandera schools should celebrate Veteran's Day along with the rest of the country. I don't understand why rodeos and stock shows are more important than honoring our country's veterans and people serving in the armed forces currently. I have a cousin serving in Cuba and I know many special people here at home who have already served our country. We should take out one day a year to pay attention to them. I hope that when you set up next year's school schedule, you will include Veterans Day as a holiday.

Jordan Towers
Pipe Creek

Bryce Writes

Dear Editor,

My wife and I are disabled. This does not keep us from helping in our community. We both go to the nursing home once a month, provide medical equipment for the county's disabled. She takes part in the annual VFW Aux. (0688 Aux.) Buddy Poppy Program; I go to Alkek in November to give a talk by Veterans in the classroom. We are not deadbeats in this community.

On Saturday Nov. 9, after returning from her Poppy sales, my wife contracted with some young people to wash our van. They came and did an outstanding job. On the morning of the 10th, when I went out to get the paper, I notices someone had thrown mud on the rear of the van and wrote a name on the van. It may have been their own name. A police report was filed and evidence taken. If who ever did this would direct this energy towards helping others, rather than cause damage, it would enhance their lives. The old adage, "Kids will be kids" doesn't apply.

Bill and Marlene Bryce
Bandera

Parking Policy

Dear Editor,

As concerned business owners in the City of Bandera, we feel that there must be a strong stand against the proposed parking ordinance being read before the City Council on Thursday, Nov. 21.

This ordinance, as it is written and currently stands, would have a highly negative impact on the resale value of any business being held to the standards set forth in the ordinance. Virtually every existing business is in jeopardy under this proposed document. Many businesses would be unable to provide anywhere near the parking required by this ordinance under new ownership.

We urge all business owners to obtain a copy of the proposed ordinance and attend the hearing on Nov. 21. We all want a good, sound plan for Bandera's future, but not at the expense of the businesses that already exist here.

Mary A. Schenk and F.J. Scooter Culbertson
Cabaret Café and Dance Hall

More Parking Policy

Dear Editor,

The City of Bandera is holding a public hearing on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m. on two proposed city ordinances. One of these is a parking ordinance for the city of Bandera. The draft copy of this parking ordinance outlines the number of off street parking spaces various types of business in the city will be required to have. The ordinance, as written, specifically excludes, for all time, all businesses located on Main Street between Cypress and Cedar streets. Isn't this strange considering that one of the Bandera City Councilmen owns a business located in this area? The ordinance further states, that while all existing businesses outside of the area described above will be grand fathered, if those business were to remodel their building to a value exceeding 50 percent of the fair market value, they would then have to comply with the new parking ordinance. If any existing business, which is grand fathered, were sold, the new owner would have to comply with the new parking ordinance. These conditions can not be compiled with in most cases and would render most current business in Bandera unsaleable and thereby reduce their value. In reducing their value the taxes now collected on these business properties would also be reduced shifting that tax burden to the residents of the city. The ordinance as written is capricious, selective, and totally unworkable and flies in the face of reason and common senses. The Bandera City Council must rethink and rewrite this ordinance so as not to unfairly impact the existing businesses and leave the city open to lawsuits.

Bandera is a small town and the parking is what it is. If the city fathers want to pass a parking ordinance it must grand father all existing business property for all time and concentrate on new construction that would have the ability to comply with such a parking ordinance. All business owners and residents of Bandera should plan to attend the Nov. 21 hearing on this ordinance.

Robert Reeder
Bandera

Clerk Credit

Dear Editor,

I want to think our County Clerk, Bernice Bates, and her staff for keeping the poll open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the last week of early voting. The Bandera Democratic Club had presented the Clerk's Office a valid petition requesting the extended hours.

Interestingly, a few minutes after 7 p.m. on the last day of early voting as I was removing the political signs I had placed on the Courthouse lawn, a young woman hurriedly approached me and asked if there was still time to vote. She had come quite a long ways from her college but had missed voting by minutes.

So, maybe our young people do want a voice in our government. Are we old folks listening?

Mary Autry
Pipe Creek

And More Parking

Dear Editor,

The proposed draft for the "City Parking Ordinance" is a fantastic draft for a city four times the size of Bandera. There is very little commercially zoned property in the City of Bandera that would support the provisions of this draft.

Due to the original layout of the city of Bandera, it would be virtually impossible for existing business in the Bandera to comply. There is not enough space to support proposed renovation regulations.

Bandera is a tourist attraction. Being so, the allure of this city is that is continually appears to be very busy. Do you remember the old saying, "They paved paradise, put up a parking lot"? If this ordinance is passed, that is exactly what Bandera will appear to be!

I am not saying that we do not need a parking ordinance, however, a "scaled down" version of this draft could be applicable, providing it excludes all existing businesses, in all facets of this draft, and is applicable only to new large businesses on large enough tracts of commercial property to support the need for regulated parking.

Do we want Bandera turned into a parking lot? Be at City Hall Nov. 21 to address these issues and help save our city.

Vicki Reed
Bandera County

Loyal Reader

Dear Editor,

I appreciate you writing my husband's obit in the paper. He loved getting the Bandera Bulletin and would sit and read it from cover to cover. I knew not to disturb while he was reading it.

Ina B. Morris
San Antonio

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OBITUARIES

ABDUL-RAZIK

Tahir Abdul-Razik, 57, of Medina, died Sunday, Nov. 10, at his residence. He was born in Texarkana, Arkansas on June 10, 1945. Tahir retired from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant after serving more than 20 years, moved to Medina with his family 18 years ago, and was working at the Nix Hospital in San Antonio as a Registered Nurse. Survivors include his wife, Ayeshah Ibraheem of Medina, daughters, Pacitia Sullivan of California, Connie Sue Sullivan of San Antonio, Charlotte Rae Sullivan of San Antonio, Shahrazade Tahirah Abdul-Razik of Medina, Janett Marie Sullivan of California, sons, Tommy Sullivan of the Philippines, Mutalib Jamil Ibrahim of Medina, Muhir S. Abdul-Razik of Medina, and Muktarrif M. Abdul-Razik of Medina, sisters, Carolyn Latimer of Hooks, and Susie Mobley & Mattie McDaniel of Texarkana and one grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Janice Finigan. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

EVANS

James W. Evans, Jr. (Jimmie), 80 of Bandera, died Friday, Nov. 15. He was born in San Antonio on October 18, 1922, the grandson of Bandera County pioneer Amasa Clark, and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio where he was a member of the ROTC. After high school he became a licensed pilot. He had a love of flying and aircraft and served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II from 1943-1946 in Australia and the Philippines and retired from Kelly Air Force Base Civil Service in 1979 after 38 years working in aircraft maintenance. During the time that he worked at Kelly Air Force Base he worked on various aircraft including the B-52 and C-5 and received many sustained superior service awards. Following retirement, he relocated to the family ranch in Bandera, that he loved so much. He was preceded in death by his parents, James W. Evans, Sr. and Kitty Clark Evans. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and will be dearly missed as they remember the patience, gentleness, and love he gave them all. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Louise Sorrells Evans, daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Steve Skipper of Bandera, daughter and son-in-law Martha and Dave Nuth of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, son and daughter-in-law Scott and Nanette Evans of Boerne, sister, Kathleen Eichman of New Braunfels, grandchildren, Kevin and Meredith Skipper, Alexandra Nuth and Austin and Wyatt Evans, great-grandchildren, Jonathon and Cody Skipper, numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapel in Bandera, Monday, Nov. 18, with Pastor Frank Pullin of the First Baptist Church of Bandera officiating.

Graveside Service followed in the Amasa Clark Cemetery located on Amasa Clark Road on the family ranch in Bandera. The family would like to give special thanks to the Bandera EMS staff and the Emergency Room and ICU staff at Christus Santa Rosa Hospital on Babcock Road in San Antonio for their valiant efforts.

The family request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Heart Association or the charity of their choice.

You are invited to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting "Send Condolences" link. Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

SEE

Jean See, 83, of Lubbock, died Oct. 28. She was born March 14, 1919 to A.E. and Martha McClendon. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother E.W. McClendon. She is survived by son, Greg, daughter Sharon Brimer, and sister Mary Jo Alden. Rev. J. Paul Bruhn conducted graveside services in Oak Rest Cemetery in Nov. 9.

JOHNSON

JEtta Ruth Johnson, died, November 12 at Hilltop care center. She was born on August 24, 1951, in Bandera to Carl Johnson and Etta Baker Johnson. She worked as a nurses aid at the state hospital in Kerrville. She' loved country music and to dance.

She is survived by her mother Etta Johnson of Bandera, son, Preston Lee Beggs of La Grange, daughters, Ethel L. Burton of Hondo and Melissa Calloway of Bandera, sisters Jo Basse of Kerrville and Deedie Johnson of Bandera, brothers, Robert Johnson of Junction, Carl Johnson of Sonora, Will Johnson of San Antonio and Leroy Johnson of Bandera, ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Many friends and loved ones will miss her dearly.

Funeral services were Thursday, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. at Wright's Funeral Parlor with Pastor Martin Smith and Pastor Jack Cook officiating. Interment followed at Bandera cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to Vista Care in Kerrville.

All funeral arrangements were under the direction of Wright's Funeral Parlor in Bandera.

BANDERA COUNTY JAIL LOG

The following persons were arrested and booked into the Bandera County jail recently. It should be remembered that a person is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Baltazar Olvera, 24, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/11/02 for assault by contact. Barry Chastain, 42, of Midland, was arrested on 11/11/02 for public intoxication and TABC violation. Kathryn Thieling, 48, of Bandera was arrested on 11/12/02 for public intoxication. Weldon Gibbs, 55, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/12/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. David Pylate, 53, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 11/12/02 for public intoxication. Michael Levy, 29, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/12/02 for public intoxication. Adalberto Delgado, 37, of Boerne, was arrested on 11/12/02 for failure to appear warrant, other violation, and two warrants from an outside agency. Jose Cruz, 23, was arrested on 11/12/02 for two burglary of vehicles and warrant from an outside agency. John Garvick, 22, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 11/13/02 for public intoxication, two traffic offenses, and six issuance's of a bad check. Curtis Warman, 22, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/13/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Thomas Martin, 26, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 11/13/02 for four traffic offenses. Sandra Koch, 32, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/13/02 for public intoxication. Robert Salo, 52, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/13/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of paraphernalia to inhale, and open container. Derek Shannon, 21, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/14/02 for possession of paraphernalia to contain. Matthew Gentler, 19, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 11/14/02 for unlawful carrying. Billy Punted, 20, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 11/14/02 for minor in possession. Brian Chafin, 45, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/15/02 for a court order. John Himes, 41, of Houston, was arrested on 11/15/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of paraphernalia to inhale, public intoxication. Robert Salo, 52, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/15/02 for delivery of dangerous drugs. Manuel Bermudez, 53, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/15/02 for delivery of dangerous drugs. Lynette Fey, 27, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/16/02 for two warrants from an outside agency. Cynthia Necaise, 41, of Boerne, was arrested on 11/17/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Darla Estes, 43, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/17/02 for assault by contact.

Bandera City Police Report

The Bandera Police Department answered 44 calls for service from Nov. 4, through Nov. 18.

2 Alarm
1 Animal Call
6 Minor Accident
1 Arrest/Jackie Cornett/DOB: 01/01/76/Bandera/Out of County Warrant
1 Arrest/Rebecca Cutler/DOB: 07/07/73/Bandera/Unlawfully carrying a weapon.
1 Arrest/Armando Alvarez/DOB: 05/01/71/San Antonio/Public Intoxication and DPS warrants.
1 Arrest/Michael M. Levy/DOB: 04/18/70/Bandera/Public Intoxication.
1 Arrest/Robert Salo/DOB: 02/20/47/Bandera/Possession of drug paraphernalia/possession of marijuana, under two ounces and open container violation.
5 Assist other agency
1 Assault with bodily injury
1 Criminal mischief
1 Disturbance
1 Harassment
1 Information
2 Lost property
1 911 hang-up
1 Reckless Driving
7 Suspicious Circumstances
5 Theft
1 Terroristic threat
1 Traffic offense
1 Welfare concern

Shane Merritt,
Chief of Police
Bandera Police Department

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Bandera well-placed for booming tourism trade, C of C speaker asserts

The President and CEO of the Texas Travel Industry Association delivered a convincing message about the power of tourism at the Bandera Chamber of Commerce luncheon last Friday. Tourism is a roughly $40 billion dollar per year business in Texas, according to TTIA President Paul Serf. He said most international travelers want to experience a taste of rural life when they come to the United States.

"Places like Bandera are perfect for those type of customers," Serff said. "All we have to do is let them know you're here."

However, he warned that the overall image of a community can be easily tarnished.

"People come in and they look at the city as a whole group. It only takes one or two people who don't have the message to make things less positive," Serff said.

He provided attendees with a tourism checklist to help get everyone projecting a polished image for Bandera.

"A city or community is the greatest work of art in the world," Serff said.

Using imagination is a key to tourism. Things taken as commonplace by locals can have a special allure for those who come from thousands of miles away or closer.

Since the 9/11 tragedy, Texans are spending more money in state and Bandera needs to take advantage of that, Serff advised. People see traveling as a way to educate and reconnect with their children.

To illustrate how fast things will change, Serff cited statistics from 1902 when the average life expectancy in the United States was 47 years and there were only 144 miles of paved roads in America. There were only 8,000 cars in the nation.

"The maximum speed limit was 10 mph," Serff said. "The only place I know of now where that's still the case is IH-35 in Austin."

Serff said small communities like Bandera should be in a good position to improve their economy through tourism. He said international tourism has jumped 50 percent during the last ten years. The gains in freedom in Eastern Europe have contributed to large gains in the international market.

Since the 9/11 tragedy, he said the national media has been generating a lot of anxiety and that Bandera would be wise to market itself as oasis that is separate from that anxiety.

Texas is the No. 2 state in the nation as a tourist destination, behind only California. Texas overtook Florida last year.

Serff is the first in a series of Chamber speakers who will help members and guests gain insight into business trends. Love Creek Orchards catered the event.

ORDINANCE

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ally decline the offer to read the proposed ordinance. Copies of the 20-page SOB ordinance are available at Bandera City Hall for anyone interested.

A public hearing on the SOB ordinance and proposed city parking ordinance is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. tomorrow, prior to the council's regular meeting at 6 p.m. Some of the ordinance language is quite sexually specific, in part, because it has to cover an wide variety of businesses.

"It's not the kind of thing you would want your 8-year-old to read," Griffin said.

Work on the SOB began when Jeff Harwood was serving as city manager. Harwood and former City Attorney Vivian Torres worked on the ordinance together. It was modeled after ordinances in similar-sized towns.

The parking ordinance that council will also consider would force new businesses to be accountable for having enough parking, Griffin said. Businesses along Main Street from Cypress to Cedar are exempt because there is not room for them to build parking lots.

"We're parking deficient as it is," Griffin said. "This should be a helpful tool in controlling that."

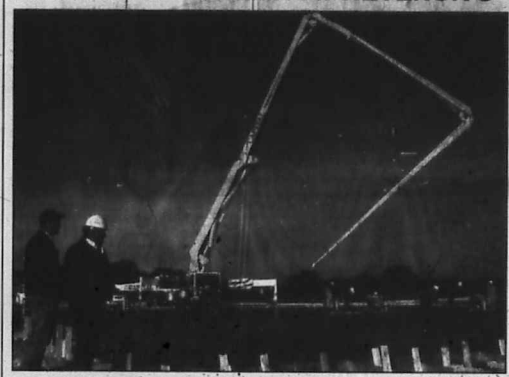
She said the ordinance is designed to keep a business such as Chili's restaurant from constructing a site near the unrestricted area near Main Street and building an insufficient parking lot, which would lead to an even greater shortage of parking on Main Street. Griffin said the ordinance is modeled after a similar one in Boerne. The number of spaces required would vary with the type of business proposed.

The mayor said she is in favor of both ordinances.

Other topics that will be on the agenda of the regular meeting after the public hearing include:

- The place ballot system, which would allow candidates to run for specific seats. Bandera has an at-large system in place.
- Defining, in legal terms, what constitutes a portable building.
- Considering, hiring a new City Attorney to take the position vacated by Torres, who has been elected to a judicial office in Medina County.

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT AT HEVENOR'S



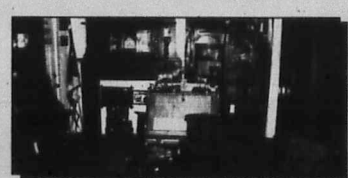
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On Monday, Nov. 18, the largest concrete pump in the world was used to distribute over 300 yards of concrete for the foundation of the new Hevenor Lumber Company 10,000 square foot showroom being constructed just outside of Bandera on Highway 16 South. Owner, Russell Hevenor, left, and Gene Koehler oversee the early phases of the foundation's construction as plans are being made for the next foundation, even larger than this one, to be formed-out soon for the drive-through portion of the lumber yard.

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Pepper, pictured on the right, had to euthanized because of West Nile virus. Her mare (left) has been vaccinated

WEST NILE VIRUS

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once they've been down a couple of days, they begin to thrash around and traumatize themselves and it's just not humane to let then do that to themselves."

The best way to ensure your horse against West Nile Virus is to get it vaccinated. It takes two shots at least a couple of weeks apart and about three to five weeks for the shots to become effective. Each shot costs $21.50, Sells said.

Even vaccinations are not foolproof. About six to ten percent of horse immunity systems do not respond.

"We hated to lose Pepper but by telling other people about it, we hope other people will get their horses vaccinated," Heinen said. One of the horses that had died in Bandera County had been vaccinated.

"We recommend every horse getting a booster every six months or so," Sells said. "There seems to be no particular age of horse that is more susceptible than others."

Sells said other veterinary clinics in the county have also had confirmed cases. County Extension agent Warren Thigpen estimates there are 5,000 to 8,000 horses in Bandera County.

"We knew this was coming," Thigpen said.

"If we get a couple of really good freezes, it will go away for awhile but will be back again in the spring."

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or the children and the smoked turkeys for the food boxes that each family receives.

Donations of non-perishable food are needed for the food boxes. Canned items such as corn, beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, fruit and jello can be dropped off at any of the HISD schools. Why not encourage your church or civic organization to have a food drive? For more information call Jane Dry 796-4331.

The Bandera Middle School Student Council will be collecting wrapping paper, scissors and tape. Any donations would be really appreciated.

The Toys for Kids Trail Ride is always looking for more riders. The Tail Ride will be held, Nov. 23, at the Hill Country State Natural Area beginning at 8 a.m. rain or shine. For more information, contact Leanne or Jeanne Beauxbeannes at (830) 796-7001. Come join the fun!

Boxes are needed for the gifts. Various size boxes, such as cereal and shoe boxes, can be left at the Silver Sage on Buck Creek Drive. On Dec. 12, volunteers will be needed to wrap the boxes. For more information, call Jo Russell at (830) 460-4757.

Santas and Elves will be needed to deliver the toys and food boxes on Dec. 14. If you would like to help, contact Douglas White at (830) 510-4362. What better way to get into the Christmas Spirit.

If you know a family who could use some help, use the request form found elsewhere in this paper to submit the family's name. Please fill out the form carefully, giving all information requested. Deadline for requests is Dec. 12.

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Bulletin Publisher Frank Shubert said the online newspaper will be the best site there is for those seeking information about Bandera County. The web address for the online edition is www.banderabulletin.com.

The online Internet edition will include regular updates of news, photos, display and classified advertising, and considerable local information about Bandera County.

"The Bandera Bulletin historically has been the information leader in this community," Shubert added. "We will continue to bring first class news coverage and advertising to our readers in our print edition, but now our readers will have the added convenience of accessing our news and advertising over the Internet."

The Bandera Bulletin online newspaper will be of particular value to newspaper readers who live out of state or out of the country.

"Persons interested in moving to or visiting this area will have immediate access to the community paper, via the Internet," Shubert said. "The online newspaper will be the perfect site for advertisers who want their own web pages."

Studies show that online newspapers are, by far, the most visited local sites on the Internet. Also available on the website will be Associated Press business news and stock quotations, plus health news from Johns Hopkins University and a special food/recipe section.

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Long term an issue for boomers

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And if you don't plan for these services well before you need them, you could be jeopardizing your financial independence during your retirement years.

You may never have to stay in a nursing home, or require home health care services. But you can't afford to ignore the possibility of needing long-term care - especially when you consider these facts:

The average cost for a year's stay in a nursing home is $50,000 per year, according to the Health Insurance Association of America - and it can reach twice that amount in some major metropolitan areas.

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One out of every three men who live beyond 65 will require nursing-home care, while one out of two women will need these services, according to the American Council of Life Insurers.

These statistics point to one inescapable conclusion: You need to protect yourself from the potentially catastrophic costs of long-term care. If you rack up hundreds of thousands of dollars in nursing home bills, all your financial plans during retirement may go up in smoke. And you could even cause your grown children to assume a burden you'd never want them to have.

What can you do to prevent this from happening? First, you need to be familiar with the funding sources available for long-term care. Many people believe that some federally-sponsored program, such as Medicare or Medicaid, will pay for long-term care costs. But that's just not the case. Medicare only covers a small fraction of long-term care expenses, while Medicaid won't help at all, unless you're willing to "spend down" the vast majority of your financial assets.

In short, when it comes to paying for long-term care, you're going to have to take matters into your own hands. And that's why you should strongly consider purchasing long-term care insurance from a private insurer.

Not all long-term care policies are the same, however. So, before you buy, you'd better shop around. Look for a company that has earned the highest safety ratings from one of the major independent rating agencies, such as A.M. Best Company, Standard & Poor's, Duff & Phelps and Moody's Investors Services. And look for a policy that, at the minimum, has these features:

- Comprehensive coverage - Make sure your policy pays for care in a nursing home, assisted living facility or a private home.
- Inflation protection. - As we've seen, nursing home costs are rising sharply. So you'll want a policy that increases its coverage to keep up with inflation.
- Waiver of premium - If your policy has a "waiver of premium," you won't have to pay additional premiums once you start receiving benefits.

Here's one final suggestion for buying a long-term care policy: Don't wait too long. The younger you are when you get your policy, the lower your premiums will be. Long-term care premiums increase particularly sharply between the ages of 60 and 70.

So, act soon. You may never need to take your long-term care policy out of your desk drawer - but you'll probably be glad it's there.

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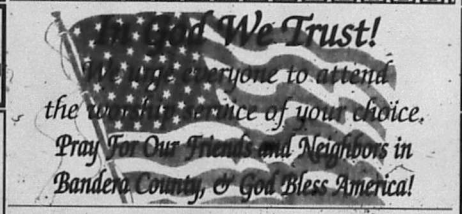
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consideration of Executive Order 11988 and 11990. A more detailed description of the project and the FEMA flood maps are available for citizen review at the Bandera County Courthouse, 500 Main Street, Bandera, TX 78003. Comments will be received until November 22, 2002. The Honorable Richard Evans County Judge, Bandera County Certifying Official.

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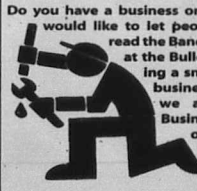
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Medina High Flag girls entertain during halftime of the team's win against Nueces Canyon. MHS cheerleaders and players show plenty of school pride. Senior Matt McWilliams gets in one last halftime saxophone performance.

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extra point for the final points of the night bringing the score to an awesome 35-0.

Medina powered its way to 283 yds in the rushing and balanced its attack with 117 yards in the passing category for a total of 400, Nueces Canyons total for the night was 101.

Individual stats: Chance Haby 18 carries for 151 yds, with 2 TD's and one 2 point conversion. Rusty Bruinsma with 5 receptions for 103 yds, 3 carries for a total of 13 yds, and 1 TD. Aaron Seymor in the passing category held 4 completions out of 9 attempts for a total of 117 yds, with 1 interception and 1 TD. John Ussery had 4 carries for a total of 31 yds. Patrick Windham had 6 carries for a total of 43 yds. Chris Kinsey had 1 carry for a total of 39 yds and 1 TD. And Jacob Bustos had 4 carries for a total of 11 yds. Lead tacklers for the night were Clint Kinsey with 8, and 1 int. Chance LeMeilleur with 9, Matt McWilliams with 6, Paul Droutsas with 4, and Taylor Dabney with 2 and 1 int.

MJH closes with resounding win



MJH's Peter Green breaks to the outside in the Bobcats' 35-0 win against Nueces Canyon.

Perhaps setting the tone for the high school team, the Medina Junior High football team beat Nueces Canyons Junior High 35-0 to end its season on a sweet note.

The Bobcat Junior High football team really worked hard this year and even though they did not end with a winning season they learned teamwork and sportsmanship.

The JH team will be losing several of their 8th graders who will be moving on up to the high school team next year. They are Jake Pullin, Heath Barker, Tyler Eads, Sammy Bradford, Peter Green, and Jonathan Morrison. Medina's Junior High team displayed everything they learned from their Coaches Rick Ingram and Keith Mills in their final game.

Bobcat Cross Country girls run at UIL Regional Event at UTSA

Medina Cross Country Coach Rich Dozier took his talented girls team to the Regional Cross Country Meet at University of Texas on San Antonio on Nov. 2.

The girls who qualified for the Regional Cross Country Meet from Medina H.S. are Anne Crawford, Chelsea Tucker, Suzi Hudson, Sharon Hudson, and Clara Schwendeman. It was very cold and wet. The girls reported running through knee deep water at times. None of the hard working runners qualified for the state event. However, they ran hard and finished the race with smiles and deserve plenty of credit for their great efforts.

-All Medina sports submitted by Michelle Barker

Bandera JV/Freshman football

Llano JV 21
Bandera JV 0

The Bandera junior varsity football team lost its final game of the season, 21-0, to Llano's junior varsity.

Despite the loss, the Bandera JV finished district play at 3-1 and was 5-3 overall. Llano scored 14 points in the first quarter and [illegible] in the second and fourth quarters.

On offense, coaches credited first-string quarterback Josh Everly, Travis Heep, who ran and blocked well, and Kevin West, who had [illegible] play. Channing Obidco, Kyle Jureski, Kenny Retka, Danny Thaler, Ricky Richards, Jerry Word, John Schults, Justin Schenk and Jeremy Hill for playing well on offense.

Defensively, coaches credited Taylor Koerth; and Bridges, who each had interceptions, and Travis Stehling, who made several tackles, for outstanding play. Van Smith, Kyle Bryson, Kevin Ventura, Kevin Martinez, Clyde Doering, Karl Hudson, Zane Rasmussen, Dustin Dees, Christian Hodges and Johnny [illegible] were praised by coaches.

Llano Freshmen 34
Bandera Freshman 6

A 70-yard touchdown run by Eddie Perezwenos was not enough to save the Bandera freshmen football team from a season ending loss to Llano last week.

Perezwenos' run cut Llano's lead to 7-6 in the first quarter, but Llano scored 17 unanswered points on its way to a 24-6 win. The Bandera freshmen finished the season 1-7 overall and 1-3 in district.

Coaches credited Jacob Bodie Bookout, Marian Harrison and Perezwences with outstanding offense. On defense, coaches credited Sean Duggan, Danny Rodriguez, Matt Montes, Michael Mc Whorter, Ryan Hicks, Austin Mosley, Matt Barth, Ryan Taylor, Carter Sells, Cody Kelly, John Deal and Chris Berry with playing well.

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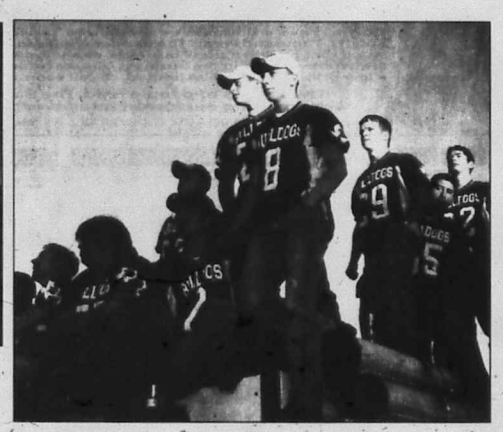
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BANDERA BULLDOG HOMECOMING 2002







(From top, clockwise) Members of the BHS football team let the sun shine on them during Thursday's Homecoming Parade. Groups such as the BHS FFA and Medina Apple Festival were well-represented. These high school students found the viewing fine from the back of their pickup bed. The Star Steppers take pyramid form after their performance. Robert Ickes gets the home fires burning. Coach Mike Williamson gets a handle on the city fire truck with his playoff bound team riding high. The BHS cheerledeaders always keep smiling. Special fans enjoy their part in the parade. Everyone at the bonfire was warm and happy.

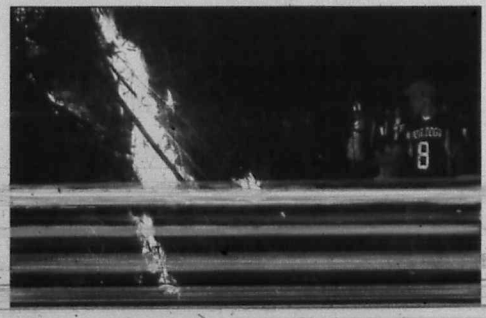














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Childers-Volger Engaged



Kenneth and Linda Childers are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bethany Autumn Childers. Autumn is engaged to be married to Jared Clark Vogler, son of Leroy and Vickie Vogler of O'Donnell.

Autumn is a 2000 graduate of Medina High School. She graduated from the Vocational Nursing Program at Schreiner University. Autumn currently works in the Newborn Nursery at Angelo Community Hospital while pursuing her Bachelor's in Nursing at Angelo State University.

Jared graduated in 1999 from Klondike High School. He graduated from the School of Radiological Science at Midwestern University and was inducted into the Alpha Beta Gamma National Honor Society. Jared currently works at the Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo and is pursuing pre med coursework through Midwestern. The couple will be married in the historic Cactus Hotel in San Antonio on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Smith moves to San Antonio Wells Fargo



Wells Fargo Bank Store Manager Brenda Smith has accepted a promotion to be the position of Phone Bank Manager at the Wells Fargo Military Banking Center located in San Antonio. Smith, a well-regarded citizen in the Bandera community, has been employed at the Bandera location since 1983.

"This is a great opportunity for Brenda and we all wish her well in her new position," said Wells Fargo Bank, Bandera, President Sully Woodland.

Here, Smith is flanked by Virginia Davis and Opal Word.

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Cynthia Williams

6th Grade
Tiffany Leggett

AB Honor Roll

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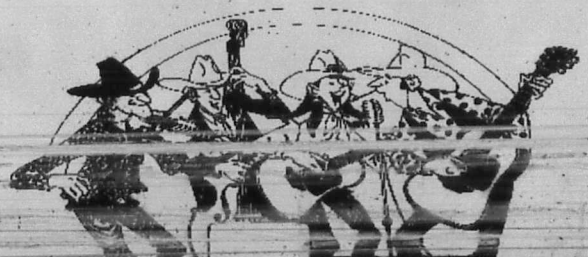
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(Top) Cody Fields fights for yardage in the Bulldogs' playoff clinching win against Llano on Friday. Quarterback Brett Hicks throws a fade route. The senior passed for 282 yards and two touchdowns.

Story and photos by Philip Billnitzer
Bulletin Managing Editor

The Bulldogs' Homecoming Parade and bonfire went off without a hitch this time, but the playoff clinching game against Llano that went down to the last play was enough to get anyone's pulse pumping.

Still, when a Llano pass fell incomplete in the end zone as time expired,

Bandera had what it needed to get into the playoffs - a hard fought 39-32 win and a 3-2 District 25-3A record.

This Saturday, Bandera will play La Vernia in the first round of playoffs at Harlandale Memorial at 1 p.m. in the bi-district round of the Class 3A Division II playoffs.

"I'm glad its our old foe, La Vernia," Coach Mike Williamson said. "Our boys know we will be facing a good football team, but we should have a good chance to win."

Had the final regular season game ended about 18 minutes earlier, Llano (3-7, 1-4 District 25-3A) would have been representing District 25-3A as the third place team instead. The Yellow jackets took their biggest lead of the game, 32-24, when Troy Allen scored on an 11-yard pass from Jason Smith midway through the third quarter. It was to be short-lived, however.

Bandera (7-3) started the ensuing drive on the its 21-yard line and on the first play of the drive, picked up 23 yards on an obvious pass interference infraction. The next play, quarterback Brett Hicks found Robert Ickes on a route over the middle that resulted in a 56-yard touchdown. Hicks hooked up Ickes again on the two-point conversion to tie it at 38-32. A mere 28 seconds had elapsed since what turned out to Llano's final touchdown.

After the teams combined for 64 points in contest's first 40 minutes, the frenzied offensive pace of the game slowed down in the fourth quarter. The big offensive play that Bandera needed came when Dustin Heep ran 75 yards on the first play of the fourth quarter to give Bandera a 39-32 lead.

Williamson had big-time praise for the play of Heep, Hicks, Ickes, Bryan Jacobs and Synjyn Dodd. The Liberty Hill loss was officially the Homecoming game, but the dramatic Llano win will serve as a suitable substitute. The Yellow Jacket Homecoming parade and bonfire were postponed because of soggy weather.

Though the Yellow jackets didn't cross the goal line in the fourth quarter, they did give Bandera fans and coaches a few post-Halloween scares. Their first drive of the fourth quarter stalled at the Bandera 44-yard line when Llano was stuck with a fourth and 31 after two Bulldog sacks. Llano had marched to the Bandera 23-yard line, before the sacks. The drive chewed up almost eight minutes of valuable fourth quarter clock.

"We didn't play much defense until the fourth quarter but we finally played well when it mattered," Williamson said. "We were pretty steady on offense most of the night. Bryan Jacobs and Synjyn Dodd came up with some big plays on defense. Robert Ickes had a chore chasing their No. 1 on defense and still made some big plays on offense. That pals he caught over the middle was big."

Bandera wound up with the ball on its 3-yard line after the long Llano drive. After three downs, Bandera was forced to punt. Llano started its final drive of the night on the its 43-yard line. It looked like the Bandera faithful might get a chance to celebrate before the final play of the game when Llano was left with a fourth and ten with 32 seconds remaining, but Bandera picked up a first down on an 18-yard completion to the Bulldog 14-yard line. Llano spiked the ball to stop the clock and, after two end zone bound incompletions, Bulldogs fans, players and coaches could finally erupt in celebration and relief.



Like any great game, it was filled with big moments. Chris Martinez scored on a 73-yard pass for the Bulldogs' first touchdown. Heep, who finished with 193 yards on 20 carries, scored on a 20-yard run early in the second quarter to give Bandera a 14-13 lead. Just moments earlier, Ickes had made a leaping interception of a deep pass. Scotty Jennings kicked a 35-yard field goal for a 17-13 lead to cap a 48-yard drive in the second quarter. About three minutes later in the second, Brett Hicks threw a perfect pass on a streak route and Cody Fields sprinted the rest of the way for a 59-yard touchdown. The Bandera defense denied Llano on a two-point conversion and Llano missed point-after kicks. Hicks, after throwing an interception behind the line of scrimmage, came up with a touchdown-saving tackle late in the third quarter.

All of these things gave Bandera its fifth straight ticket to the playoffs and kept Coach Williamson's from having to reach for a razor to shave a scruffy beard.

"I started it after we lost the first two district games to Burnet and Liberty Hill," he said of the growth. "I just wanted to let the boys know that thier old man loves them, cares about them and wants them to have success in life. I'm happy for our seniors because this was their last game on this field and they'll keep to get going. They'll have some great memories."

The beard will stay as long as Bandera stays in the playoffs. La Vernia (9-0) tuned up for the playoff game on Saturday by beating West Campus 56-0.

Hicks threw for 282 yards, completing ten of 25. Ickes had 100 yards receiving on five receptions.

Final District 25-3A Standings

Burnet 5-0 10-0
Liberty Hill 4-1 9-1
Bandera 3-2 7-3
Ingram 1-4 5-5
Wimberley 1-4 4-6
Llano 1-4 4-6

Other playoff games involving District 25-3A teams:

Division I: Burnet vs. Somerset, to be announced.

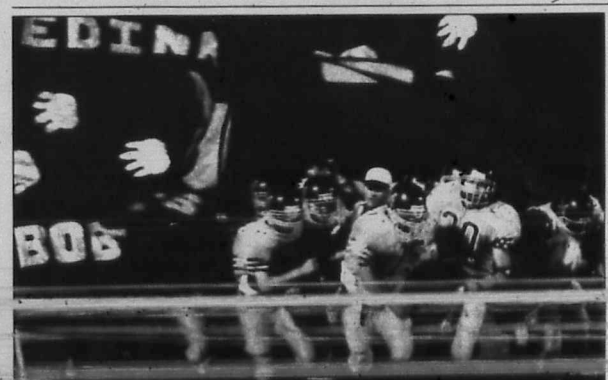
Division II: Liberty Hill (9-1) vs. Poteet (5-5), Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Boerne.







(Top) Seniors Aaron Ellinger, Dustin Heep, D.J. Reed and A.J. Caza have reason to be happy during the playing of the school song. (Top left) Synjyn Dodd chases down Jason Smith (Top right) Bryan Jacobs tackles Troy Allen. (Left) Dustin Heep breaks into the end zone.



The Medina Bobcats break through their banner before their win against Nueces Canyon. After two straight wins to close the season, the Bobcats finished with a 5-5 record.

Medina ends season with 35-0 win over Nueces Canyon

The Medina Bobcats blew away the Nueces Canyon Panthers 35-0 on Friday night to end their season on a high note.

Medina played its best and was determend not to give an inch. This was a bittersweet game for the seniors - being the last football game of their high school years, but they left with their heads held high and full of Bobcat pride. Medina ended this season with 5-5, and 4-2 and placing third in the District 29-A.

The first touchdown of the night came in the first quarter with 7:35 on the clock when senior Chance Haby, with the help of his good-blocking teammates, ran the ball in 23 yards to the end zone. The extra point was blocked.

The next scoring took place when Senior Chris Kinsey took the ball in on a 39-yard run with 0:22 left on the clock in the second quarter.

The excitement was high in the Bobcat stands as the crowd watched senior Aaron Seymor throw a 65-yard touchdown pass to Rusty Bruinsma. Chris Kinsey then made good the extra point with his kicking talent.

Haby recorded his second touchdown of the night in the third quarter on a [illegible] yard run with 7:07 left in the third quarter. Kinsey was again good on the extra point try.

The last game of the season came when Kinsey [illegible] yard away with 7:07 left in the final quarter. Kinsey again added the

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Word Up Students



Alkek Elementary School has announced that Sarah Lovett (4th Grade) and John Clever (5th Grade) are the local winners of the Reader's Digest Vocabulary Contest held at their school. Both are eligible to compete in state contests as a result of their individual victories.

Photo by Susan McCullough

Veterans Day Cards



Art students at Hill Country Elementary completed a collection of greeting cards in honor of Veterans Day. The cards will be distributed to the patients at the Veterans Hospital. "We want all veterans to know that we remember them and we appreciate all they have done for our country," Hill Country Art teacher Karon Reed said.

Alkek goes botanical

Alkek Elementary 2nd Grade Students recently took a field trip to the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. All of the students and parents who went had an enjoyable and educational experience. Students were able to see life-sized dinosaurs, archeological exhibits, rainforests and the plants that grow there. Alkek 2nd Grade Teachers Valerie Bowden and Sunshine Harrison and her class on the steps of the Botanical Garden.



BCRF reception to honor area philanthropists

A reception to honor those who represent "the best in philanthropy" in Bandera County will be at the Silver Sage Corral Senior Activity Center on Friday, Nov. 15, at 4 p.m.

Events will include a brief program introducing National Philanthropy Day in Bandera County, an awards presentation and a pre-opening reception and Open House at Silver Sage Corral.

To learn who represents "the best in philanthropy" in Bandera County, BCRF volunteers sent ballots to all area nonprofit organizations of record.

Recipients were asked to nominate individuals and organizations in eight categories: Philanthropist of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Nonprofit Organization Executive of the Year, Educator of the Year, Philanthropic Foundation of the Year, Corporate Citizen of the Year, Nonprofit Organization of the Year and Hometown Business of the Year.

A committee of BCRF board members tallied the nominations. BCRF president Dave Demers will announce the results of their selection process during the awards program and will present individual awards to each of the winners.

This will be the first opportunity for many people to visit the Senior Center's beautiful new facility, Silver Sage Director Betty Lebo said.

"We are delighted to have the chance to host this event and show off our new building," she said. "Anyone connected with a nonprofit organization-board member, donor, staff or volunteer-in the Bandera County region is invited to attend."

To RSVP to attend the November National Philanthropy Day reception, call BCRF vice president Lynne Sims at 830-796-9033.

The Bandera County Regional Foundation Inc. (BCRF) is partnering with Silver Sage in hosting National Philanthropy Day in Bandera.

BCRF president Dave Demers said it is appropriate to honor those who have given so much to improve the quality of life in our community.

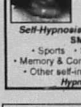
"They deserve the recognition and other people need to know who they are," Dave Demers said. "National Philanthropy Day is a

as well as a time to reflect on the contributions that philanthropy makes in our daily lives."

National Philanthropy Day has been observed in the United States and Canada for the past 16 years. It is when several individuals and organizations in the nonprofit sector, including the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy, Independent Sector, and the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) initiated the first celebration of philanthropy known as National Philanthropy Day.

More than 110 AFP chapters and 40,000 people across North America participated in NPD events and celebrations in 2001. The events included award ceremonies honoring local philanthropists, galas, luncheons, seminars and other functions.

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Vball Playoffs Over





Despite their best efforts, the Bandera High School volleyball was eliminated from the playoffs last Tuesday by La Vernia. (Top) Josie Berg leaps for a spike. (Left) Autumn Cartwright urges on her teammates.

Photos by Jeff Dabney

School board represents will of citizens

The Board of Trustees acts as the school district's policy-making body and is the official representative of the people for all public education in Bandera ISD. This seven-member Board of Trustees serves as the legal agent of the State of Texas in carrying out the will of the citizens of the Bandera ISD in the matters of public education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



RENEE SCHULZE
Superintendent, BISD

In addition to setting policy, the board of education also hires the superintendent of schools, holds regularly scheduled meetings to conduct the business of the district, approves employment and termination of personnel, approves the budget and sets the tax rate, approves property purchases, approves new building plans, awards bids, hears grievances of employees, students, and citizens of the district, and authorizes collection, disbursement and auditing of funds.

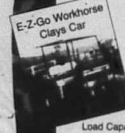
The Board, while composed of individuals, acts officially only as a group. No member or group of members acts in the name of the Board unless authorized by the Board. A majority of the Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Individual trustees, serving without pay, are elected for three-year terms on a rotating basis. Elections are conducted on the first Saturday in May. While candidates run for specific positions on the ballot, they represent the entire district as Board members.

The Board of Trustees elects a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer to serve one-year terms. It selects and employs the superintendent and delegates the responsibility and authority for the operation of the school district to that chief executive officer. The superintendent advises Board members on all matters concerning school management.

The regular business meetings of the Board of Trustees are open to the public and are usually scheduled for 7 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month in the AEP Building located on the Bandera Downs Property Hwy 16. Occasionally, a regular meeting date is changed, or a special meeting is called, but in all cases notice is given. In crisis situations where immediate action is required, Texas law allows the Board to call an emergency meeting.

In accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Law, the Board has the privilege of meeting privately in a closed meeting to discuss matters related to personnel, student discipline, security, land acquisition or to consult with legal counsel. However, no action may be taken at an executive session.

An open forum section is normally designated on the agenda allowing individuals to address the Board. However, those wishing to do so must sign in before the meeting begins.

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AREA LIONS HELP WITH HEARING TESTS

Several members of the Bandera Area and Center Point Lion's Club assisted Hill Country Elementary School Nurse Terry Heyroth conduct Hearing Screening tests for all Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 3rd Grade, and 5th Grade students. Pictured are (L-R) Bill Ellis, Don Watson, Tommy Beer, Delmas Hesseltine, Terry Heyroth RN and Charles Young.



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Six Bandera residents split $10K from Bandera County Regional Foundation

Six Bandera area residents' hopes are a little brighter thanks to receiving a total of $10,000 in awards from the Bandera County Regional Foundation.

"These awards will provide some relief from the effect of the floods of 2002 and help them put their lives back in order," Dave Demers, BCRF President, said.

The awards are from the proceeds of the "Celebrate Bandera" event held at the Mansfield Park Show Barn on Sept. 14.

"The generosity of the event sponsors, vendors, entertainers and especially the folks who attended or contributed to our disaster relief accounts are responsible for these gifts," Demers said.

"Each recipient wanted to make sure that the contributors know how much there help was appreciated."

After careful application of the applications received, the six recipients were selected on the basis of highest demonstrated need, he said.

"Regardless of the type of grant, there is never enough money available to make an award to every deserving recipient. However, the Foundation and the 'Celebrate Bandera' committee continually seek ways to help those in need."

Donations to the BCRF Disaster Relief Endowment Fund so we can assist more of our neighbors recover from future catastrophic events," Demers said.

Donations can be mailed to the BCRF, PMB 300436, Bandera TX 78003.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
by John M. Grimes



Today tolerance is very much on the lips of modern man. Too many times it means, "I will go my way with my beliefs, my ideas, my views, and you go your way! Let us not annoy one another with dissent or arguments." Is this true tolerance?...I think not...This is a weak, wishy-washy type of tolerance if, indeed, it can be called tolerance at all. For true tolerance is a very vital matter, intellectually defensible and capable of bringing forth good fruit. John Cogley expressed true tolerance, very beautifully, this way: "Tolerance does not lie in denying the possibility of truth or its claim on man, as some would have it. To deprive a man of the right to live according to the truth, as he understands it, is to rob him of all that makes life human. Each man has to [illegible] the truth even though some men who think [illegible] superstition or ignorance. False ideas have no claim on tolerance. The central figure in tolerance is the person, infinitely worthy of respect..."

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Lakehills Library To Hold Meeting, Sale

Lakehills Library will hold a Board of Directors meeting on a monthly basis starting Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at 9587 FM 1283, Lakehills. Call 612-2777 for more information.

Native Plant Society Fundraiser

Boerne chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas presents its annual Fall fundraiser, "Landscape Designs Inspired by Nature" by popular author and landscape consultant, Jill Nokes. A book signing will follow with Nokes' How to Grow Native Plants of Texas and the Southwest. This event will be at the Boerne Convention and Community Center, 820 Adler Road at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door. For more information, call 830-249-7550.

Oxfam dinner set

The Bendera County Christian Fellowship is inviting the entire community to the annual Oxfam dinner on at the St. Stanislaus Parish Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17. Also known as the hunger meal, it consists of rice, beans, and water and will be prepared by St. Stanislaus and St. Victor's youth. Participants are urged to donate to Oxfam the same amount they would spend on a restaurant meal. Guest speaker will be James W. Donovan, Executive Director of Socially Responsible Coalition. Chairpersons are Bob and Mary Lutton, St. Stanislaus Parish. Call Susan Schmidke at 796-3003 for more information.

Bear Springs Nature Tours

Bear Springs Blossom Nature Trails is offering guided tours on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 9.30 a.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 9.30 a.m.

Tree Talk Today

Today at 5:30 p.m., Billy Walker and Tom Kiepfer will talk during the Kronkosky Library's series on Tree Talk. They will discuss trees most likely to be fast-growing in Bandera County. They lead others on a short walking tour of selected trees and present slides as well. Walker is a world champions big Tree finder. Commercial tree grower and the father of the Texas Apple Industry, G. Baxter Adams, will also be a featured speaker.

Townsend Trust Fund

A trust fund for the family of Townsend has been established at Guaranty Bank in Bandera. Persons wishing to contribute can go by the bank on Main Street or mail them to Bridgette Townsend Fund, P.O. Box 1299, Bandera, TX 78003. Several local businesses have also put collection jars near their registers for persons wishing to make contributions.

Those wishing to submit items for FYI can email banderabulletin@indian-creek.net.

DEATH NOTICES

The Bandera Bulletin copy and photo deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

Thank you.

MVFD wild game dinner a big success

MEDINA VOLUNTER FIRE DEPT. WILD GAME DINNER A SUCCESS

The MVFD would like to extend their thanks for all contributors to the Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2. The dinner was a huge success despite the cold and very wet weather. The MVFD would like to especially thank the following people and ranches for their donations: Madrona Ranch, Robert Selement for donating two hogs, and a Sika. Deer Valley Ranch; Frank Siebert for donating a hog. Mike Harvey for the donation of two hogs and the cold storage. Jesse Burger for the donation of a hog. Horse Valley Ranch; Terry Word for the donation of two hogs and two axis deer. John Ivy Jr. for the donation of three goats. Lee Bailey for his donation of two axis deer. Many thanks to Two Bow Ranch for the large donation. A good deal of thanks goes to champion sausage makers Mike Harvey, Shane Keese, Eric Cook and Terry Word. We all wish to extend a very special thank you to Marcie Gillaspy who coordinated the entire event, and to Terry Word who was in charge of the cooking. A huge thank you to the Medina community, and MVFD members for all the wonderful donations of cornbread, potato salad, spiced potatoes, coffee, and deserts that complemented the meal. With all this help, and the mailed in donations received, the event netted the MVFD $4,200. All proceeds will benefit the MVFD in the protection of the community and the 385 square mile Medina fire area.

MEDINA SPOTLIGHT



MICHELE BARKER

The MVFD will hold its Regular Monthly Meeting Thursday, Nov. 21 at the United Methodist Church Youth Center at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting, the election for the 2003-2004 term of office for President, Treasurer, Fire Chief, Sergeant at Arms, Directors #2, #4, and #6, Firefighter Training Sessions are on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The community is invited and encouraged to attend their meetings and their training sessions. Do not forget they are always in need of new volunteers. So please attend a meeting, meet their members, and donate some of your time toward helping your community.

MVFD DEPT WANTS TO LIGHT A FIRE WITH HOT TAMALES

The MVFD Firefighters will be making hot and traditional pork Tamales for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. They are hoping to produce 400 dozen tamales to add to your eating joys. Order will begin now and go on until Dec. 14. The Firefighters have set Sunday, Nov. 24 for the first batch, and Dec. 15 for the last batch. The tamales will be available to be picked up at the Medina Fire Station for a donation of $5 per dozen. To order your batch of wonderful homemade hot tamales just give us a call at one of these numbers; 589-7705, 589-7225, 589-7261 or you can always just contact any MVFD Firefighter.

LOCAL THEATER PRODUCTION COMEMING SOON

The Medina High School Theatre Arts Class will be presenting there next production called "Christmas Comes To Detroit Louie" by Bobby G. Wood. The play will be Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m. I hope all of you folks out there put this date on your calender because you would really be missing a wonderful time if you don't go. For those of you who missed the Theatre Arts Class last production you don't know the good time you missed out on. These students really work hard and they are a top notch group with wonderful acting skills. So get up right now and circle that date on your calendars and support your local theater group.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Masons of Medina Lodge #1319 1st Monday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge

Medina Athletic Booster Club 2nd Mon of each month in Coach

Christmas shopping time dwindling down

Here it is almost the middle of November, which means that we only have about forty more shopping days till Christmas! Can you even believe it? Where in the world has the time gone?

Well, the ticks down here at the end of the road stay so busy that time just seems to slip away. There is never enough time to get everything done! And before long the cold winter season will be upon us. The last little cool spell reminded all of us of that.

I have been trying to winterize the Bird House and grounds in preparation for the colder weather, but it is a long process. The hardest part is finding all of the tools needed to make the repairs and close in the greenhouse and make room for all of the tender vegetation. After the flood everything got disarranged and misplaced. I am still looking for tools and was forced to go out and buy some new ones. That's a bummer. And I am sure that is a familiar scene at many of the homes in our neighborhood.

We shouldn't complain, however. Just look at the folks that still haven't been able to move back in to their homes or haven't even got a home to move in to yet. Dump trucks filled with gravel and soil have been bee-lining it down Wharton's Dock Road for weeks hauling fill dirt and gravel to the low lying areas where folks are building up properties to put homes out of harms way. All of the rain slowed that process down and many property owners are still waiting for the new homes to be brought in after the ground is dry enough.

Thank heavens we have some diversion from the humdrum everyday drudge of trying to bear the clock to get things back in order before the cold season down here at the end of the road.

WHARTON'S DOCK AND LAKE MEDINA SHORES



MARY BIRD 460-7523

There is always something to divert the attention of the otherwise depressing situation over the weekends down at the end of the road. Cherise and Ray McBride have been having a band at Wharton's Dock on the River on Friday nights along with All You Can Eat Catfish. Last Week the Dock introduced a new band to our area called Rough Stock. Everyone that was there said the band was outstanding! Ray is hoping that the band will be back on the 22nd. This coming Friday the Big Hands Band will play at the Dock. Sounds like a County Western Band to me, what do you think? There's no better way to shake the wintertime blues than to get out and shake your bootie! Hope to see you there!

If that isn't enough to get you rocking on Saturday night there is going to be Karaoke at the Copper Lantern. And you know how much everybody enjoys that! It's a lot of fun to just watch if you are not among the braver ones who do their thing at the microphone.

Wharton's Dock on the River is now open for Monday Night Football for all of you football fans. They open up about five in the afternoon on Monday and everybody is welcome to come watch the game. The grill is closed that night but chips and snacks are available and of course the beverage of your choice is on hand as well.

People have a way of finding things to celebrate around these parts. On Thursday, Nov. 7, it was time to celebrate Corey Flores' birthday. Everyone gathered at his mom's house over on the other side of the river for the occasion. Ruth and Richie Cunningham have a lovely spot out in the hills. The guys built a bonfire in the designated area along with a horseshoe pit while the girls entertained themselves with a game of cards. Ritchie built a really neat picnic area with wooden benches in a circle around a large fire pit. It's a good and safe way to keep the kids from getting too close to the fire. In a way it was reminiscent of ancient times. It was easy to imagine folks in colonial dress shuttling around that large cleared area in the center of a ring of oak trees while gazing into those flickering flames. Ruth busied herself in the kitchen as usual and took the opportunity to spend some time with her grandson Lucas Archer and Robbie and Jennifer Jung's

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Silver Sage to host warm event

SILVER SAGE CORRAL



BETTY CEBO 796-4969

The Bandera County Regional Foundation (BCRF) and the Silver Sage Corral are joining hands to host National Philanthropy Day in Bandera. A reception honoring those who represent the best in philanthropy in Bandera County will be held at our new location at 803 Buck Creek Boulevard this Friday, Nov. 15, at 4 p.m.

National Philanthropy Day is the special day set aside to recognize and pay tribute to the great contributions that philanthropy, and those people active in the philanthropic community, have made to our lives, our communities, our nation and our world.

Awards will be presented in the following categories: Volunteer of the Year, Business of the Year, Corporate Citizen of the Year, Nonprofit Organization of the Year, Nonprofit Organization Executive of the Year, Philanthropic Foundation of the Year, and Philanthropist of the Year. These awards will go to those in the Bandera area whom we all know and this will be the perfect time for us to let them know how much we appreciate them.

Those of us here at the Corral can certainly appreciate the impact that philanthropy makes in our community. The individuals, businesses and private foundations involved in philanthropic endeavors are directly responsible for making it possible to build our new senior center. We are looking forward to this opportunity to show off our new building and hope you will take a few minutes to drop by, look around and say "thank you" to all the wonderful folks who make this community a great place to call home.

For further information, please call BCRF vice president, Lynne Sims at 830-796-9033.

LOW VISION CAREGIVERS WORKSHOP

Tomorrow, Thursday, November 14, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., here at the Corral, The Lighthouse of San Antonio, will host a workshop for low vision caregivers. We hope members of our local VIP group (Visually Impaired Persons) and their families can attend this informative workshop. Of course, anyone who has a loved one with low vision is welcome.

MEDICARE PREVENTIVE SERVICES

Next week on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 9:30 a.m., Gale Murden with the Alamo Area Agency on Aging will discuss Original Medicare and your options (HMOs, etc.). Brian Rosemond with the Texas Medical Foundation will presented information on preventive services covered by Medicare - emphasis will be on services for beneficiaries with diabetes.

WHAT'S RUSTLIN?

Bungy finds Bandera's news even in California

by Bungy

Imagine spending three weeks in the Environmental Capital of the World, California, and reading about a young gal from "Bandera, Cowboy Capital of the World" who has won the prestigious Brower Youth Award!

Stephanie Lacy has diverted more than 280 tons of paper from the landfill, and because of her tremendous effort, she was awarded this honor and was recognized nationwide because of it!

And more on the environment. I had the privilege of driving around a new Toyota Prius, which is a "hybrid electric-gasoline auto, which can claim a $2000 clean burning fuel tax each year! It gets up to 52 milesper gallon on the open road, goes 566 miles on one tank of gasoline, runs up to 80 mph, and does not need to be plugged in. The only draw back is that it is a bit expensive.

line pump, but produces hydrogen from water! A consortium of auto makers and oil companies is developing various kinds of hydrogen fueled vehicles running on California roads by the end of next year!

I went to my 50th High School Reunion and it was the first time I had seen all but one of my fellow students in all that time! What a night! We cried and we laughed! It was just so much fun!

My family and I took Amtrak up the California Coast, along the glorious Pacific Ocean, and mixed and mingled with a lot of interesting folk. You felt like you were in an old movie or novel. Try it! You'll like it!

Going down Main Street, the other day, and thinking of the beautiful Medina River, meandering along all on its lonesome during the winter, a light bulb went off when I saw the stacks of unused kayaks just sitting around.

All up and down the California coast, even in the north, where the water is 45 degrees, most of the time, there were loads of surfers, and divers heading out in their kayaks... they all had on WET SUITS!

Why, we could all wear wet suits to toob and kayak the Medina during the winter, and be called "The toobing capital of Texas!"

The only draw back would be that the water [illegible] patches on hand!

And an idea for the animal shelters and their fund raising.

"A ball up behind the Longhorn Arena" Dog and Alley Cat Dinner Dance"! All were encouraged to dress up as their favorite animal. I

as horses, in ye olde "Cowboy Capital"?

Road Production



Members of the cast of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" work to the road during the Homecoming Parade last week to plug their show. Opening night will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Bandera High School Auditorium. There will also be a [illegible] p.m. at the same venue. For information, call 796-8254.

Veterans Remembered





With the United Staes Flag projected in the background, Medina Elementary Students Colton Baker, Leianna Rich and Brittany Selement added a Constitutional flavor to the Veterans Day Ceremony at Medina Elementary.

Veterans on their day in Medina included (front, L) Boyd Reed, WWII; Wilton Crider, Coast Guard, WWII; James Gallant, Air Force, WWII; Kenneth Griban, Korea; Michael Barnes, Air Force, active duty; (middle row) Dayton Whitehead, WWII; Tom "Randy" Barker, 101st Airborne, Desert Storm; Neil Keiser, WWII; (top row) John Derry, 780th Field Artillery, Korea; Ernest Gibson, 405th Fighter Receptor, Korea; Cole Moore, Marine Corps, Korea.

WHARTON'S DOCK

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little Emileigh Dawn when it got too dark and too chilly for the little ones to be outside. The only drawback of the afternoon and evening was getting the guys to stop playing horseshoes long enough to get the fire in the barbecue pit ready for the main course of baby back ribs. Thank goodness there were hot dogs and marshmallows to tie the kids over until the meat was finally ready!

It was happy birthday time again on Sunday for all the November babies in the family when everyone gathered at the Skating Rink on Bandera Road in San Antonio to celebrate Michael Aaron Jung's 8th birthday. All the November babies - Emileigh Jung- 1 year- Nov. 2; Robbie Jung-31 years, Nov. 4; Corey Flores – Nov. 7, 30 years; Billy Stewart-31 years, Nov. 8 and of course Michael on Nov. 10. Everyone got his or her own cup cake with a candle in it. Michael was the star of the day, however. Mike's dad, Buddy Jung stole the show and won the prize for the best Hokie Pokie dancer. But when 5-year-old Alyssa Jung arrived and put on her skates, helmet and knee and elbow pads and got out there amongst all those big guys skating like a pro, Buddy had to relinquish his crown. All eyes were on Alyssa. Uncle Corey thought he was going to assist her at first, but after about twenty-five feet of holding his hand she was off in a flash leaving him eating her dust! It was too funny! Nobody ever did figure out if she was actually skating or running on her skates. Happy birthday to each of you!

That's just a few of the November birthdays. Also celebrating this month are Jesse Clark on November 2nd, David Reed on Nov. 6, John Clark on Nov. 14, Gary Behrends on Nov. 14, Leanne Clark on Nov. 20, Mary Wilson on Nov. 23, and Donna Stoebee on Nov. 27. Here's hoping that everyone has a wonderful birthday and many, many more!

There are a couple of very important dates on the calendar this month. The Lake Shore EMS Support Group will be meeting on Nov. 25 at the EMS Station at 11 a.m. Please come out and show your support for this very important and most needed service to our community.

The Lake Medina Shores Owners Association election ballots were late being sent out and plainly state that each ballot must be returned to Eric Barnett, Election Judge by Nov. 9. Due to the fact that many of the ballots were not received in time for the deadline it has been changed. The deadline is Nov. 23. Please do not throw your ballot away.

If you did dispose of the ballot you may obtain another one from Eric Barnett in Bandera (next to the Pic-N-Sav gas station and convenience store) or stop by the Lake Medina Shore Owners Association Office (at the pool) for information on obtaining a new ballot. Your vote is very important! We were all sorry to hear that Jeanne Martin was in the hospital again with pneumonia. She has gone to Oklahoma for a recuperation period where she will be staying with her daughter throughout the holidays. We will miss you Jeanne, but we hope the change will be good for you.

It seems that when things are going badly everything hits at once. So it is with Hank Halterman. Things have been so rocky for them after the flood and with Jeanne's illness, now Hank is burdened with the fact that his son's illness is escalating. Everyone wants you to know that our hearts and prayers are with you and your family, Hank.

Thank You Pct. 3 Voters For Your Votes.

I would like to extend best wishes and congratulations to Frances Kaiser.

- Jack Pope

Pol. Pd. Adv. by: Jack Pope, Medina, TX 78055

Telebration Time

The Backroads Bookstore and The Texas Hillcountry Talespinners are proud to present Bandera's 5th annual Tellabration... "An Evening of Storytelling" on Friday, Nov. 22, from 7-9 p.m. at the bookstore's location on 1107 Cedar.

"Tellabration" is a special storytelling event that takes place simultaneously all over the U.S. and many countries in the world. It coincides with National Storytelling Week.

This year's annual concert should be the best ever! Storytellers from as far away as Missouri and as close as Bandera will entertain listeners with a wide variety of tales in the bookstore's quaint setting. The audience may hear anything from Native American legends, folk myths, fractured fairy-tales, personal accounts, tall Texas tales, love stories, humorous cowboy poetry and maybe even an "out-right lie"!

The Texas Hillcountry Talespinners will have a donation box for those wishing to contribute. For more information, call Karen Reinartz Haile 562-3612.



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OPINIONS

Viruses, cats strike quickly in the night

PHILLER SPACE

A lot of people have been sick lately and I've been one of them. Call it post 9-11 thinking but last week as fiery liquids forced themselves from body, my thoughts turned to terrorism and if I had been a victim of biological warfare.

Somewhere in a cave in Afghanistan, I envisioned Osama Bin Laden watching me through some remote hook-up. As I began to look pale, his followers began to get excited. "Be patient," he told them. "The best is yet to come." Then, as I vomited, I envisioned them dancing gleefully as their evil intestinal virus took hold.

Speaking of terrorism, I think the senior cat in our house, Grimace, views our younger, much peskier, cat named Bitey, as a terrorist. Bitey often attacks irrationally and without warning. I eagerly await the day Grimace, a mighty Calico in her right, starts giving State Department-like briefings in our kitchen.

"Good morning. I am pleased to inform you that the Al Bitah terrorists have been repelled and are on the run. However, they appear to be regrouping and we will use force again as necessary."

"Secretary Grimace, were any innocent civilians hurt or killed in the attacks?"

"There were no civilian injuries, but a bowl of cat food was knocked over in the course of the anti-terrorist action. We, of course, regret this."

However, when Bitey's violent tendencies were needed recently for mousing she was of no help at all. She went to my father-in-law's and added to her already considerable girth, but not by eating any rodents.

Really, when it gets right down to it, the only thing Bitey is good for is amusement. She growls like a dog and lies down in the sink and lets water run on her.

She is so lazy that when I don't see her in the night and accidentally kick her, it is like kicking a velvet brick. She just won't move.

And, yet, somehow, Bitey has fans. My brother loves her and my father-in-law wouldn't mind having her either. She'll never go, though. The kids wouldn't let us give her away and she'd keep coming back just to spite Grimace.



PHILIP BILLNITZER

Certification options are many for EMT's

EMT PULSE

MITHRIEL SALMON

Last week's column addressed the time commitment and the certifications for becoming an EMT in Texas.

In this week's column, I'll take a few words to describe the job opportunities available after completing an EMT program and passing the National Certification exam. There are several directions an EMT can pursue in and around Texas. Recently the Texas Department of Health phased out the state exam in favor of the National Certification Exam. This has made the testing more challenging, but has also opened up a wider geographical distribution of job opportunities. Many states have reciprocity.

This means that an EMT passing the National Exam may be eligible for working as an EMT in many other states, although some do require an application and fee for the privilege.

First, I'd like to point out that Bandera County always benefits from having EMT's on the rewards of volunteering have been hailed in this column more than a few times. Most Bandera County EMT's also have another job while they volunteer part-time.

Certification as an EMT opens prospects for a paycheck in many different organizations. The positions that may be the most obvious are the private ambulance services. These companies primarily transport patients between medical facilities such as nursing homes, appointments with physicians, treatment for therapy and wound care centers. The private companies have a majority of non-critical patients that need a stretcher instead of a vehicle to be transported where they need to be for care.

There are, of course, exceptions. Emergency transports are part of the job as well and there are private companies that support the fire departments with 911 response.

Emergency Rooms often hire EMT's as E.R. Technicians to support the nursing staff. The EMT's are practicing under the direction of the nursing and physician staff, who recognize our skills as a benefit to the team. Because hospitals are open 24/7, the availability of hours are flexible for a second job or a night owl.

EMT-paramedics may have their sites set on something with a faster pace. Services such as Airlife and Critical Air hire paramedics for their medical flight teams.

The best of the best have a shot at these positions after several years of experience on the ground as a paramedic. Flight paramedics receive the most critical patients for air transport. Many of the insurance companies give a discount to corporations who have EMT's on site and available for employee emergencies. Pay from these companies varies a great deal and a little bit of research may pay off. Sea World and Fiesta Texas have EMT's on site and having free access to the fun at either of these parks as a job perk isn't a bad one.

The paid EMS services around the country generally are set up in one of two ways. The fire department and the EMS may be one and the same, or the two services may be independent of each other. The EMS services that are "an integral part of the fire department" usually require EMT's to be fire certified and often have certification as a paramedic be a route to promotion. There are exceptions, but the services may have an age limit and/or a physical fitness requirement. The payoff is the positions often have great benefits and are on the high side of the pay scale for the profession.

Certification programs for EMT's are moving towards the university settings. Although there are still instructors teaching in bullying communities. Instructors have the option to teach the shorter specialized certifications, which augment the EMT's skills, or the entire certification course for the EMT at each level.

Pay varies as the time and number of classes are scheduled, and many EMT's supplement their income with teaching.

Paramedics may be interested in attending a paramedic-to-nurse program after certification. Nurses may be interested in the nurse-to-paramedic program. Starting with your patch as a paramedic lets you see if this is the right career for you before undertaking the longer commitment and expense of a degree in nursing. Nurses may want more field action or desire a position as a trauma nurse on the flight services.

All in all, there are many opportunities for an EMT in paying and volunteer positions. The scope includes the fast pace as well as the predictable. The profession is still relatively new and always growing.

The Bandera Fire Department is offering an ECA class after the first of the year and Bandera County EMS is working on setting up an EMT-B program. Either class is a great opportunity!

Bush, Republicans reap midterm election rewards

CAPITAL VOICE

LAMAR SMITH

Americans are blessed with a privilege and a responsibility to select, by secret ballot, those who represent us in government. The founders of our country knew that if our fledgling republic were to survive, it would require civic participation. Our leaders are neither hereditary heirs nor aristocratic monarchs given positions of authority without accountability. We elect them.

Midterm elections, held two years after a presidential election, usually result in a loss for the party that holds the White House. The President's party has lost House seats in 32 of the last 34 midterm elections. The average number of House seats lost in midterm elections during the 20th Century is 30.

This election was different. It was the first time since 1928 that a Republican House majority has gained seats. And only three times since the Civil War has the President's party added House seats in midterm elections.

In 1902, during Theodore Roosevelt's first presidential term as successor to William McKinley, Republicans actually lost ground to the Democrats, but gained numerically because of the expansion of the House size.

In 1934, Franklin Roosevelt's Democrats won seats during the Great Depression.

And in 1998, during President Clinton's second term, Democrats picked up seats in the House.

The GOP also regained control of the Senate, Since the start of direct Senate elections, no party holding the White House has taken control of the Senate in a President's first midterm.

I am grateful for the large margin of victory I received. The best way to thank my constituents is to work even harder in the next Congress on issues they care about.

The White House and Congressional leaders are already drafting an agenda for the next Congress. These are some of the issues that I would like included:

- Reform the Medicare system by adding a prescription drug benefit.
- Create a Department of Homeland Security.
- Pass terrorism insurance legislation to provide insurers with federal assistance to cover claims resulting from future terrorism attacks.
- Make last year's tax cuts permanent.
- Pass an economic package with new investment tax breaks.
- Reauthorize welfare reform legislation that promotes work and strengthens the path toward independence.
- Enact President Bush's faith-based charities legislation.
- Pass a comprehensive energy bill.

The vote counting is over. It's now time for action. The best way to achieve results is with bipartisan support. I look forward to being a part of that process.

Capital Highlights: Demos barely standing afterstate elections

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN — As the election results came in last week and it quickly became apparent that all the Republicans on the statewide ticket were winning big, a retired librarian remembered her days as a teenage reporter in Sweetwater shortly after World War II.

She had been dispatched by her editor to the old Bluebonnet Hotel to interview three visitors to town — Republicans.

The trio, then about as welcome in rural Texas as union organizers, had come to Nolan County to see if there was any interest in organizing a local Republican party.

"From what I'd always heard and read about Republicans," she remembered, "I was a little scared."

One of them later complimented her father, the local Chamber of Commerce manager, on her politeness in listening to their case and her fairness in writing about it.

Back then, Republicans in Texas were as scarce as pine trees in Monahans.

Many Texans had heard from their parents or grandparents about the near-despotic reign of Reconstruction era Republic Gov. E.J. Davis in the early 1870s and they figured Republicans were still not to be trusted.

Not until Ronald Reagan went to the White House in 1980 did Texans begin voting for Republicans in any significant numbers. Eventually, the tidal change was so powerful that Democrats began announcing their conversion to the Republican side of politics like so many saved souls at a brush arbor revival.

Given the results from the 2002 midterm elections, it now seems as if it's the Democrats who are in short supply in the Lone Star state. More than 2 million of them did vote for John Sharp in his race for lieutenant governor, but 2.3 million Republicans voted for his opponent, David Dewhurst.

The race for lt. gov. attracted more Democratic votes than for any other Democrat statewide officer seeker on the ballot. Sharp got 46 percent of the vote.

Republican Carole Keeton Rylander got 64.21 percent of the vote in her successful bid to continue as comptroller. (And Democrat Marty Akins, running against her, got the lowest percentage of any of the Democratic candidates, 32.8.)

Laredo oil millionaire Tony Sanchez didn't break the 2 million mark in his effort to unseat Gov. Rick Perry, but he spent more than 30 times that many million in his unsuccessful bid.

"Talk about Texas values," one old time Texan said the day after. "What's Texas coming to when $70 million won't buy the Governor's Mansion?"

Even some Democrats were taken aback by Sanchez' "I'm not conceding" speech, delivered in time for Austin and other big TV market newscasts Nov. 5.

A smiling Sanchez, clearly already defeated, said he was going to continue to give Perry "hell" and later repeated it, comparing the contest to 1948. (That was a reference to the famous "Dewey Defeats Truman" newspaper headline, not to the 1948 Senate race that made Lyndon Johnson a U.S. senator.)

With only a couple hundred of 8,554 precincts counted, Perry had received 57.88 percent of the vote to Sanchez' 39.92 percent.

So what happened? Clearly, the name "Bush" continues to have political clout in Texas, even though the name was not on the ballot this time — the first time, in fact, in 22 years. The negative advertising probably cost both sides some points or fractions thereof. Finally, it just may be that Texas is a Republican state.

The day after the election, another important political campaign resumed after a pre-election hiatus: the behind-the-scenes work that will determine who will preside as speaker of the House when the Legislature meets in Austin in January.

Republican Tom Craddick of Midland was expected to announce that he had the votes to take over the job from incumbent Pete Laney of Hale Center, Texas' sole Democrat as a position of statewide power. That question will be settled Jan. 14.

Twenty-four hours after the polls closed, parking on 11th Street in front of the Capitol was even tougher than usual because of all the television station remote broadcast vans.

The scene in downtown Austin was of TV reporters standing in the bright, generator-powered light trying to explain to the voters of Texas what had happened the day before.

No matter what they said, no matter who won or lost, no matter how much money was spent by those who tried to get elected or didn't get elected, the big pink building at the head of Congress Avenue still stood.

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RECORDS

OBITUARIES

WILLIS

Gerald Alfred "Jerry" Willis, 67, died Saturday, Nov. 9, at his residence in Lakehills. He was born March 17, 1935 to Foy and Bernice Willis in Dexter, New Mexico. Jerry had resided at Lakehills for about 22 years and was a brick mason, having been in masonry business in and around Bandera County and San Antonio for over 35 years. He was a devout Christian, being an Elder and a faithful member of the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church. He was also very active in the Walk to Emmaus. On April 20, 1984, in Pipe Creek, he married Joan Echols Caddel, who survives him. Other survivors include sons, Billy Willis of Brownwood, and Steve Smith of San Diego, CA, grandsons, Adam, Zack, and Lincoln Willis and Travis Smith, sisters, Pat Freeman of Fort Worth, and Glenda Garner of Tucson, AZ, brothers, Ron Willis of Rowlett, and Hugh Willis of Tucson, AZ, step-children, Steve Caddel of Lexington, KY, Sandra Martin of San Antonio, and Dianne McHugh of Uvalde, and step-grandchildren, Katey and Jessie Caddel, Andrew, Alexa, and Henry Martin, and Ryan and Avery McHugh. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a granddaughter, Samantha Smith. Visitation was held at Grimes Funeral Chapel in Bandera from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. at Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church with Reverends Raymond and Becky Powell officiating. In lieu of flowers, "memorials may be made to the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church. You are invited to send condolences to the family at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapels of Bandera.

PLUMMER

Charlotte Plummer, 93, of Rockport and formerly of Kerrville, died Saturday, Nov. 9 in a New Braunfels care center. She was born April 13, 1909 in St. Louis, Missouri to D.D. and Anna Heinen. She was formerly a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kerrville for many years. Mrs. Plummer was a member of Order of the Eastern Star and founding member of the Madrona Garden Club in Bandera. She was co-owner of Plummer Funeral Homes in Kerrville, Bandera, Rocksprings, and Junction from 1939 through 1978. Mrs. Plummer owned Charlotte Plummer Seafare Restaurant in Rockport, for several years.

She is survived by three children, Al Plummer, Jr. of San Antonio, Anna Marie Johnston of Harlingen and Tina Muse of Tyler, nine grandchildren, Junie Plummer, Bill Plummer, Christina Taylor, Anita Laurie Rambeau, John B. Johnston IV, Shawnie Wimberly, Christy Weaver, James Muse, Jr., and Lindsay Muse, 14 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Graveside services were Monday, Nov. 11 at the Garden of Memories cemetery in Kerrville with Pastor John C. Rambeau officiating. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of New Braunfels, 611 N. Walnut, New Braunfels, Texas 78130. Overby Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

ABDUL-RAZIK

Tahir Abdul-Razik, 57, of Medina, died Sunday, Nov. 10 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending with Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

COTTINGHAM

Mabel Cottingham, 98, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, at her residence in Bandera. On June 19, 1904, she was born near Whitson, in Coryell County, to Minnie Toliver Williams and John F. Williams. She married Marvin D. Cottingham on January 14, 1933 in Corpus Christi, where they resided until moving to Bandera in 1942. During the 1930's the Cottingham family owned Cottingham Sash & Door Company in Corpus Christi. Beginning in 1946, they were proprietors of Cottingham Lumber Company in Bandera until their retirement in the 1970's when they sold the business to Hevenors. Mrs. Cottingham was a devout member of the Church of Christ in Bandera, where she taught a Sunday School class for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, M.D., on Jantary 29, 1988, also by sisters, Lillie, Jewel, Bill, Beulah, and Dick, and two brothers, Chester and Henry Williams. Survivors include sons, Jerry Cottingham and wife Marguerite, of Vanderpool, Dr. James Cottingham and wife Aniette of Corpus Christi, and Lolf Cottingham and wife, of Martha of Kingwood, grandchildren, Philip, Kenneth, Kathryn, Renee, Lara and Sara and great grandchildren, Zachary, Lilith, and Emily and brothers, J.D. Williams of Midland, and Freeman Williams of Gatesville. Funeral services were held Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. at Grimes Chapel in Bandera with Martin Smith officiating. Interment followed in Bandera Cemetery with Thomas H. Keese, Ray Marvin Hay, Albert J. Orgon, Charles Green, Kenneth Cottingham and Robert Gulley serving as pallbearers. You are invited to send condolences to the family at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

WEED

Bobby Preston Weed died Tuesday, Nov. 5 in Ft. Worth.

Bobby was born Oct. 3, 1937 to Earl & Mellie Weed at home on a ranch in Bandera County. He attended Medina High School, Texas A&M University, received a master's degree from the University of Southern California and did doctoral work at the University of North Texas. He served as a pilot in the US Air Force and a captain with American Airlines, retiring after 31 years.

At the time of his death, he was a member of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Ft. Worth and served on the Vestry, Senior Warden; Worship Commission, Diocesan Delegate and on the finance, personnel and facilities committees.

Survivors: Wife, Holly Hunter Weed of Ft. Worth. Son: Michael Preston Weed of Atlanta; Robert Hunter Hendricks of Ft. Worth; Daughter: Sharon Weed Wicker and her husband, Thomas, of Carrboro, N.C.; Sister: Charlotte Weed Jetton and her husband, Jerry, of San Antonio; Nephews: Kevin Jetton and Keith Jetton, both of San Antonio; Robert Earl Weed of Kingman, AZ and Lee Roy Weed of Temple; Niece: Trish White of Tyler.

Requiem Eucharist and Entombment in the All Saints' Episcopal Church Columbarium was held Nov. 8, 2002.

BANDERA COUNTY JAIL LOG

The following persons were arrested and booked into the Bandera County jail recently. It should be remembered that a person is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Aleisha Elliot, 17, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/4/02 for possession of a controlled substance, under one gram. Cathy Wheeler, 28, of Devine, was arrested on 11/4/02 for possession of a controlled substance, under one gram. Georgina Dominguez, 34, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/4/02, for public intoxication. William Hall, 32, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/5/02 for driving with a suspended license. Spencer Hicks, 22, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/5/02 for misdemeanor motion to revoke probation warrant. Jonathan Wilhelm, 21, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/5/02 for a traffic offense. Danita Wheeler, 30, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/6/02 for an outside warrant, two traffic warrants, possession of paraphernalia to inject, possession of marijuana under two ounces, and possession of a controlled substance. Sherry Edmondson, 30, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/6/02 for possession of paraphernalia to inject, possession of marijuana under two ounces, and possession of a controlled substance, under one gram. Cathy Butler, 36, of Kerrville, was arrested on 11/6/02 for an outside warrant. Guadalupe Marquez, 18, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/6/02 for possession of a controlled substance, under one gram. Charles Keller, 18, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/7/02 for burglary of a habitat, four failures to appear, and order for incarceration. Angela Hoover, 38, of Castroville, was arrested on 11/7/02 for an outside warrant. Jackie Cornet, 26, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/7/02 for an outside warrant. Sidney Skinner, was arrested on 11/7/02 for driving with a suspended license, possession of marijuana, under two ounces, and possession of paraphernalia to inhale. Jimmy Flurry, 36, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/7/02 for public intoxication. Betty Arevedo, 35, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/8/02 for four traffic offenses, two failure to appear warrants and disorderly conduct. Juan Rivas, 32, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/9/02 for public intoxication, driving without a license and open container. Guadalupe Barrera, 46, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/9/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Christopher Valdez, 24, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/10/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces, and possession of paraphernalia to inhale. James Carpenter, 52, of Utopia, was arrested on 11/10/02 for driving while intoxicated, third offense, and for a prohibited weapon/switchblade. Ryan Caraballo, 21, of Medina, was arrested on 11/10/02 for assault with bodily injury. Armando Alvarez, 31, of New Braunfels, was arrested on 11/10/02 for public intoxication and speeding. Rebecca Cutler, 29, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/10/02 for unlawful carrying. John Mallis, 27, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/10/02 for reckless driving.

Bandera City Police Report

The Bandera Police Department answered 46 calls for service from October 28 through November 4.

2 Animal Call
2 Alarm
3 Minor Accident
4 Assist Other Agency
7 Assist the Public
3 Burglary of a Building
1 Civil Matter
2 Criminal Mischief
1 Disturbance
1 Disorderly Conduct
1 Information
2 Loud Music
1 911 Hang up
2 Property
2 Suspicious Circumstances
3 Suspicious Vehicle
3 Suspicious Person
4 Theft
2 Traffic Offense

Just a reminder that no refrigerators, freezers, or air conditioners will be picked up during the fall clean up in the city.

Shane Merritt,
Chief of Police
City of Bandera

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	Roger Sullivan	42 *59*	222 *70*	142 *30*	244 *49*	116 *101*	65 *54*	97 *97*	22 *14*	41 *20*	44 *11*	1,035 *505*	28.93	1,540
Comm. PCT. 2	Ronald Basinger			290 *95*	255 *34*							545 *129*	55.61	674
	Bob Keepers			143 *29*	304 *62*							447 *91*	44.39	538
J.P. PCT. 3	Frances Kaiser					380 *310*	326 *162*					706 *472*	93.05	1,178
	A.J. Pope					21 *18*	26 *23*					47 *41*	6.95	88
J.P. PCT. 4	Mike Smith							268 *257*	49 *37*	91 *49*	85 *38*	493 *381*	64.93	874
	Stephen Schaefer							115 *109*	26 *14*	71 *24*	98 *15*	310 *162*	35.07	472
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Evans has been County Judge since 1996. He ran unopposed in 2000 after being elected with 83 percent of the vote in 1996. On Nov. 19, he will mark his six anniversary of being County Judge.

Sullivan is a Pipe Creek resident who owns a recreational vehicle business in Boerne and had an unsuccessful campaign for county commissioner previously. He said he plans to issue a statement on the campaign later. When contacted by the Bulletin, Sullivan said he was not disappointed in the results and that he was glad to have been a part of the process.

Evans said both candidates ran clean races and positive campaigns.

"After the Republican sweep of the state, we'll have no excuses for poor performance. We have the people in place in make things happen," Evans said.

Evans said he was pleased to see Pct. 2 Commissioner Ronald Basinger returned to office. He defeated write-in candidate Bob Keepers, 674-538.

"Obviously, I can't support any candidate during the election, but I'm glad he won," Evans said. "He's a hard worker with the best interests of the county in mind."

Evans welcomed Doug King as the new Pct. 4 Commissioner, calling him well-respected and personable.

Controlling growth and flood recovery are major county issues, Evans said.

"We need to develop user-friendly subdivision rules and get away from ad valorem taxes," Evans said. "I support user fees, where somebody who buys a lot pays a lot."

He added there are capital needs. The courthouse leaks and needs office space. Also, Bandera County is housing prisoners in Medina and Kerr Counties at a cost of $200,000 per year. Evans said those figures do not include travel costs and other factors, such as liability while in travel. He said the county should be debt free if it can recover from the flood without borrowing money.

"We hope to get the go-ahead from FEMA in a couple of weeks," Evans said of many repair projects. "We could have started things and gotten some things done by now, but we need to turn every quarter we have into a dollar."

Evans was referring the reimbursement system used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Bandera County will be reimbursed 75 percent of its costs by the federal agency, but would not be reimbursed for any costs incurred prior to project worksheet approval.

He said the budget shortfall facing the legislature during its upcoming session would be challenging for all involved. He added rural counties in particular have lost many friends in the legislature. Nonetheless, he intends to try for Bandera to gets its share.

"After you've been in office for a while, you learn the system," Evans said. "Everything in the legislature is based on institutional knowledge of the system."

Despite the many challenges, Evans said he enjoys the job.

"I wouldn't have run for office again if I didn't enjoy the job," Evans said. "I enjoy addressing problems, getting people to come a consensus and hopefully solving problems."

Evans would not commit to seeking the County Judge's office again in 2004.

"I'll say what I said when I was asked that question before: I'll assess the question at that time and if I feel like I'm a weight on progress, I'll let it go," he said, adding many factors will be a part of the decision.

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He said he supports continuing block grants for the libraries and for Silver Sage and letting them manage the money and apply for grants, which are easier for them to obtain as non-profit groups.

"Libraries deserve tax support, but government should not do anything the private sector can do better," he said.

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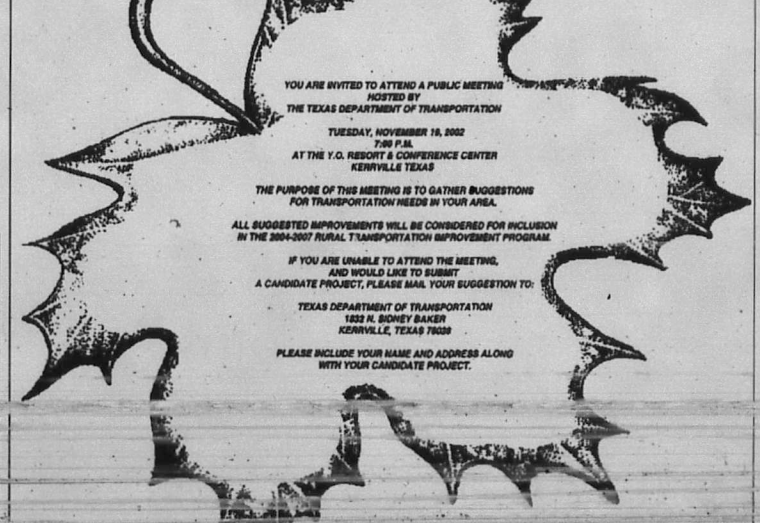
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Peggy Huffman of Bandera was the winner of a drawing by Bob Bomer Chevrolet last weekend at the Hunters BBQ. Vince Rathke, left, and Bomer General Manager Grady Chason hand over the check to Mrs. Huffman, a longtime Chamber of Commerce volunteer. Huffman joked she plans to spend half of the money just calling all of her friends and telling them she won.

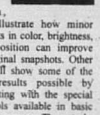
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The talk will include a demonstration, first to illustrate how minor adjustments in color, brightness, and composition can improve even marginal snapshots. Other images will show some of the creative results possible by experimenting with the special effects tools available in basic software programs. These techniques will be illustrated with "before" and "after" pictures and some live step-by-step demonstrations on the computer.

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Studies show that online newspapers are, by far, the most visited local sites on the Internet. Also available on the website will be Associated Press business news and stock quotations, plus health news from Johns Hopkins University and a special food/recipe section.

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Spirit of Christmas in its 24 year

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For 23 years a very special group of area volunteers has been doing just that. The Spirit of Christmas Present has been providing Christmas for those in Bandera County who may be struggling and in need of a little help. Last year this group provided Christmas dinners for 173 families and gifts for 600 children. Age appropriate gifts are provided for each child in the household. Examples of gifts are games, books, puzzles, jewelry, makeup and clothing such as infant sleepers, shirts and sweaters. In addition each family receives a large box of canned foods and a smoked turkey.

Businesses, organizations, churches and citizens of Bandera County have generously supported the work of Spirit of Christmas Present for more than two decades.

This year your support is needed more than ever. When the July floods destroyed the Helping Hands building it also destroyed Spirit of Christmas toys, wrapping paper and supplies that were stored there. Your contributions will be even more important to help replace

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(Clockwise, from left) A young child scoops up some fun at the Medina Lake Betterment Association's Halloween Party at the Lakehills Civic Center on Oct. 26. Melanie Perez, 5, of San Antonio and Travis Lopez, 7, of Lakehills were the two youth costume contest winners at the party, which also had games; marshmallow roasting, a hayride and a haunted house operated by the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Delila Redden was the adult costume contest winner . Some of the decorations were made by art students at Hill Country Elementary.



DONATION FIGHTS DRUGS



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The Ranch FM 92.3 KRNH recently presented the Bandera County Sheriff's Office with a check from the Hill Country Opry Sept. 22. The proceeds benefit the Hill Country K-9 units.

BHS grad honored as teacher

A 1980 graduate of Bandera High School, Beth Ann Brady, is in the running for an elite educator's award.

Brady, a teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School in San Antonio, has been selected as one of the Texas state-level finalists in the 2002 Presidential Awards for Excellence in a Science and Mathematics Teaching Program. With the honor, she becomes a candidate for a national Presidential Award. Her last name when she attended BHS was Mulqueeny.

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County Appraisal District seeks ARB members

The Bandera County Appraisal District is accepting applications for two positions on its Review Board.

Any person who has resided in Bandera County for at least two years may apply for the seats. Compensation is $50 per day for every day the board is in session for taxpayer protests. Mileage reimbursement is included.

A day of training will be required next March in San Antonio. A request in writing to be considered for the positions should be submitted at the CAD. The request should contain background information and brief statement why you desire to be on the review board. Requests will be considered in December.

In other news from the Bandera CAD, Boyd Peters and Inman Dabney were presented service awards in Kerrville. Peters is leaving the ARB. Dabney's position was filled by Gary Johnston in the spring of 2002.

Also, members received training on Wildlife Management from Linda MacMurray of Texas Parks and Wildlife. She reviewed the new rules for changing agriculture to wildlife. The percentage selected for Bandera County is 95 percent or an equivalent of 20 acres. All properties with in the management area must have deed restrictions; property owner agreement or conservation ease-

to perform required wildlife management activities. There must be an overall wildlife plan and each owner must practice three of the seven required wildlife practices.

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A Thought for the Week
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What does Veteran's Day mean to you? To a number of youth, it simply means a day off from school; to many a day off from work; to others a special meeting or dinner to attend. But to every red-blooded "American", this Veteran's Day, should represent pride, sadness, and a great responsibility...PRIDE for the deeds of all the men and women, who when needed, put on uniforms and did what had to be done for their country; SADNESS for those who never came back from the battlefield; sadness for those who came back maimed and ill; sadness for mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, and children who will never see their loved ones again; RESPONSIBILITY this is the greatest bequest that they could leave us. . . the responsibility of seeing that they didn't fight and die for nothing. So on this Veteran's Day, let us all count our blessings and thank God that there were those willing to be called "Veteran's".

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GIANT YARD SALE Ridge , Route Rd. Across from Roger Stevens Contr. November 8 through 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tools-Tools-Tools, Auto Parts, Household and misc. NO EARLY BIRDS. Rain Date-Following weekend.

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- **Medina** - 34 acres
- **Sanders** - 157 acres, 5 minutes to town. A beautiful ranch with a nice home, barn and tank. The home was originally built by the late Hilly Evans and has been totally remodeled. $699,000.
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Keeping investments balanced is important

Good for you if cast your vote in the recent election, but you might also want to participate in a different type of election - the choice of investments for your 401(k).

Depending on where you work, your company may have offered an "official" window of time for you to increase contributions to your 401(k) plan.

However, you can generally change your 401(k)'s investment mix at any time of the year. And now might be a particularly good time to act because your 401(k)'s holdings may be out of balance with your desired asset allocation.

The mix of investments that reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And your 401(k) may have become unbalanced without you having done anything.

To understand why this is the case, you need to examine how the different investments in your 401(k) have performed recently.

You're probably painfully aware that the equity side of your 401(k) portfolio has slumped. At the same time, your fixed-income investments, such as bonds, have probably done relatively well. In fact, they may have done so well that they now make up a much greater percentage of the total value of your 401(k). And that could be a problem you'll have to address.

When you first set up your 401(k), you decided on a suitable asset allocation, with different percentages of your total portfolio going to stocks, bonds, money market accounts, government securities and other holdings. During periods of significant market fluctuations, these percentages can vary greatly. For example, during the long bull market of the 1990s, the equity portion of your 401(k) may have grown to such levels that your portfolio was taking on a higher level of risk than you were comfortable with. You may well have recognized this. If so, you may have rebalanced your portfolio by shifting some assets out of equities and into other areas.

Now, though, the situation is reversed. Within your overall portfolio, the value of stocks may be down, while the value of bonds may be up. Over the short term, you might not mind having a greater exposure to bonds while the market is so turbulent.

But over the long term, stocks have historically outperformed bonds - and every other financial asset, too. Remember that past performance is no guarantee of future results. So, if your 401(k) is heavy with bonds or other fixed-income investments, your progress toward your retirement goals could be slowed.

Consequently, you may want to consider adjusting the percentages of your stock and bond investments within your 401(k).

You may find it hard to put more money into stocks when the market is volatile. But when you invest in a 401(k), you are dollar-cost averaging - putting the same amount of money into the same investments, at regular intervals.

While this strategy can't guarantee a profit or prevent a loss, you buy more shares when the price is low, and fewer shares when the price is high. Over time, this technique can reduce your overall cost of investing. And when the market turns around, all those low-priced shares you bought can be worth more. Take a close look at your 401(k).

If it needs rebalancing, you may want to meet with your investment professional and take action soon. Remember, you can hardly find a better retirement vehicle than your 401(k) plan - so get the most out of it.

FINANCIAL FOCUS



LAMAR SEALE

Former Bulletin editor buys newspapers

After 17 years of ownership by Terry Lantrip, the Lake Cities Sun and Argyle Sun have been purchased by Mark Henry and Sean French. The two new owners have formed Lake Cities Publications, L.P., dba Lake Cities Sun and Argyle Sun and assumed management and operational duties on Nov. 1.

Henry, a community newspaper veteran of over 20 years, has filled posts as advertising manager, circulation director and editor and publisher for several community newspapers across Texas. Before forming a company with French, he served as president of Granite Publications and is also a director for the South Texas Press Association and the Texas Gulf Coast Press Association. Henry and his wife of 24 years, Karel, have two daughters, Beth and Erin.

French's newspaper career began in 1992. Before joining Henry in their companies, he served as a publisher and group manager for Granite Publications. His most recent posts include those as editor and publisher of the Bandera Bulletin, Burnet Bulletin, Kingsland Current and The Highlander in Marble Falls. He is active in many civic and community organizations and serves on local boards for the Boys and Girls Club and American Heart Association.

Henry and French also own community newspapers in Zapata and Flour Bluff, both South Texas communities. They plan to take active roles in the operation of the Sun and said they plan to serve in many local organizations, as well.

"We are very happy about our new association with the newspaper and the Lake Cities area," said Henry. "Sean and I look forward to helping publish the kind of community newspaper our readers and advertisers want and deserve."

Sometimes Social Security Administration considers real estate earnings as income

By Oscar H. Garcia
Social Security Administration

Q: I would like to retire at the end of December 2002. Over the years, I have invested in numerous duplex properties. I have commissioned a property management company to handle all aspects of these investments. Periodically, the company sends me a check for the accumulated profits. Do I have to sell this retirement investment in order to receive my Social Security?

A: If you work for someone else or are self-employed, your earnings can affect your Social Security benefit. However, there are some types of incomes that do not count as earnings for Social Security purposes. We do not include rentals from real estate in figuring your net earnings, unless you are a real estate dealer or regularly provide services mostly for the convenience of the occupant. Dividends from shares of stock and interest on bonds are not counted, unless you receive them as a dealer in stocks and securities. Interest from loans is excluded, unless your business is lending money. Income received from a limited partnership is also excluded. Also, pension payments, annuities, and the interest or dividends from your savings and investments are not earnings for Social Security purposes. Only your earned income--that is, your wages or net income from self-employment--is covered by Social Security. You may have to pay income tax on pensions, annuities, interest or dividends, but you do not pay Social Security taxes on those types of income and they are not on your Social Security record.

Q: My annual statement shows I can receive $499 a month when I am 62. I am 52 right now. My husband will start his Social Security in two years when he turns 62, and I will stop working at that time. Will I still be eligible for my $499 a month? What if he passes away before receiving his benefit? Am I eligible on his record as a widow?

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It does not matter if your husband starts getting benefits before, after, or at the same time you do--we will check both records to make sure that you receive the highest amount possible.

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PUBLIC HEARING
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COMBINED NOTICE* BY BANDERA COUNTY NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS Seventeen (17) days after this publication, Bandera County, Texas intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release Federal funds under the Title I of the Housing and Community Development act of 1975 (P.L. 93-383) for project no. 721076. Exempt Activities: Administration Planning and Engineering. Categorically Excluded Activities: None Environmental Assessment Activities: Installation of a well, 50,000 gallon storage tank, 11,550 linear feet of 8" and 6" water line, 15 fire hydrants, and 28 first time water connections. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: It has been determined that, such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, Bandera County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated. An Environmental Assessment respecting the within project has been made by Bandera County which documents the environmental review of the project, and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the County Judge's office, 500 Main Street, Bandera, TX 78003-0877 and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Further, the County has determined that although a portion of the project area occupies the 100 year flood plain, the Executive Order 11988 eight step review process is not applicable to this first time water project. The County shall complete this project using mitigation measures in compliance with the intent and directives of E.O. 11988. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING: All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by Bandera County to the address as set forth below. Such written comments must be received at the addresses specified within fifteen (15) days after this publication. Such written comments so recgived must be considered and Bandera County will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the project before the date specified in the preceding sentence. Bandera County will undertake the activities described above with the Community Development Block Grant Funds under Title I from its Program Year 2002 under grant number 721076 from Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Bandera County is certifying to the ORCA that Richard Evans in his official capacity as County Judge, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and, that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Bandera County may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P.O. Box 12877, Capital Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the ORCA. No objections received later than thirty-five (35) days after this publication will be considered by ORCA. The Honorable Judge Evans County Judge, Bandera County 500 Main Street Bandera, TX 78003-0877.

Floodplains and Wetlands Early Public Notice
Bandera County is considering implementation of a public services project in the unincorporated community of Medina, Texas. This is a Community Development Project funded by the Texas Community Development Program for non-entitlement cities and counties. Since Medina is located in the 100-year flood-plain, the County is interested in discussing alternatives to this project, securing public perceptions of possible adverse impacts that could result from the project, and discussing possible measures to minimize any adverse impacts. A public hearing is scheduled for 2 PM on November 12, 2002 at the Bandera County Courthouse located at 500 Main Street, Bandera, TX 78003 to discuss the proposed project. Please extend or send written comments to Doyle Haner, Flood Plain Administrator, PO Box 877, Bandera, TX 78003-0877. Comments will be received until November 22, 2002. The Honorable Richard Evans Bandera County Judge Certifying Official.

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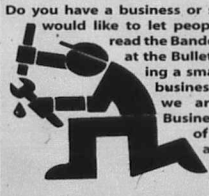
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By Michelle Barker
Medina Correspondent

Even the cold and rain could not put a damper on the Medina Cats Spirit as they posted a 28-14 Homecoming win over the Sabinal Yellow jackets last Friday.

They showed the real grit and determination of the Bobcats we know and love. The stands were filled with loyal fans, former and present alumni, and not one was disappointed by the night's outcome. Sabinal won the coin toss before the game, but that was the last advantage they would have for a while. With 4:52 seconds on the first quarter clock, Medina's Rusty Bruinsma took second on a 3-yard run for the first touchdown of the night and Chris Kinsey made good the extra point.

The next scoring came in the second quarter by Sabinal's Meliton Borregoto who took the ball 56 yards on a pass play for a touchdown and no extra point.



The third quarter was a head-to-head battle between the two teams and with 3:16 on the clock Sabinal's David Rodriquez made a 2-yard touchdown run with the extra point being good. The Yellow Jackets then kicked off into the end zone and the ball was brought out to Medina's 20-yard line.

The Bobcats were ready to finish off their opposition and on the very next play Medina's running back Chance Haby had a phenomenal 80- yard dash for a touchdown. Medina missed the extra point and the Yellow Jackets took possession of the ball, but received a penalty that put the ball back in Medina's possession.

The Bobcats then went for a two-point conversion bringing the score to 7-8 with 2:56 on the clock in the third quarter. The final score of the night came with 1:52 left on the clock in the fourth quarter. The Bobcats exceptional team playing and fantastic blocking allowed Haby to run a final three yards in for a touchdown with Rusty Bruinsma putting the icing on the cake with the extra point. Thus bringing victory and winning pride to the Cats. The extra point was made good finalizing the score of a triumphant Homecoming culmination of 28-14.

Team Stats:
Medina had a total of 15 first downs, ran the ball 43 times for a total of 272 yards. They passed the ball 10 times with five completions, for a total of 52 yards. Return yards were 1 for 19 yards, they had 2 punts with an average of 34 yards.

Medina fumbled three times and lost two of those. Medina was penalized five times for a total of 40 yards compared to Sabinal's 8 times for 70 yards. Medina's

Individual stats:
Rushing: Chance Haby 29 carries for 240 yards, John Linsey 5 carries for 30 yards. Rusty Bruinsma 6 carries for 13 yards. Passing: Aaron Seymour 5 for 10 for 52 yd's.

Receiving: Rusty Bruinsma two catches for 28 yards. Paul Droutsas 1 catch for 12 yards. Chris Kinsey 1 catch for 8 yards. Chance Haby 1 catch for 4 yards. The leading tacklers were Chance LeMeilleur with 11. Rusty Bruinsma with 8. Wyatt Lautzenheiser with 8 and one interception and Paul Droutsas with 6. Cinco Coates with 6, and David Windham with 5 and one interception.







(Top center photo) Chance Haby breaks free for a big gain, thanks in large part to the lead blocking of David Windham and Henry Reyna. (Above) Rusty Bruinsma, David Windham, DeAndrey Wingwood and Chris Kinsey converge on to make a tackle on a defenseless Sabinal Yellowjacket during the Bobcats' 28-14 win. Medina High's Marching Band put on a good show for fans and alumni during the team's homecoming win. This week, Medina closes its season at Nueces Canyon.

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Quilt Winner



Pam Studstill Qwest '(left) presents the beautiful Pipe Creek Community Center's (PCCC) 2002 raffled quilt to J.B. Edwards. J.B. and Helen Edwards were the winners of the PCCC's Oct. 26 quilt raffle. This lovely quilt won an Honorable Mention at the Oct.12 quilt show. Pam and her mother, Betty Studstill, made the quilt and it was machine -quilted by Karen Hoskelis of Bandera.

Top Shooters



Bandera Gun Club High All-Around Runner-up Don Snyder (left), Third Place Shooter Greg Pallisx, and Champion Bret Rahe put on impressive displays of marksmanship at the Club's recent competition.

Pipe Creek Calendar

The Pipe Creek Fall Days BBQ and Carnival was a fun filled event for the more than 300 people who attended on Oct. 26, according to Eva Evans, PCCC Vice-President.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious free BBQ dinner, a haunted house, cake walk, country store, chicken air-bounce, and face-painting. The finale of the evening consisted of awesome costume presentations by children an adults and the quilt-raffle-ticket drawing. The quilt raffle ticket winner was JB and Helen Edwards.

Thank you to everyone who helped, supported, and participated in the Pipe Creek Fall Days barbecue and carnival. Special thanks go to Margaret Carter and Mary Allen for organization and decorations; Meat Works of Bandera, Charlie Harris and Jim Klapach for the delicious barbecue.

Also to Doug White for being Master of Ceremony and providing the Gigantic Chicken Air-Bounce, Rusty Dowda for providing the Spooky Haunted House, Ronnie Sutton for carnival set-up, and Pam Studstill Qwest and Betty Studstill for providing the lovely raffle quilt.

Our other wonderful volunteers & donators include the following: Clara Albright, Chris Allen, Dorothy Allen, Sue Burkhart, Jennifer Burkhart, Dave Davis, Rosie & Ralph Drapella, Sharon Dowda, Jess Edwards, J.B. and Helen Edwards, Kate Edwards, Shiloh Edwards, Eva and David Evans, Jim and Cyndi Holden, Dr. Holland, Lori and Casandra Hurbsleb, Sandy Kellogg, Josefine Kluna, Sylvia Lawrence and Hermann Son's Dancers, Tana Martin, Allen and Mae Von Meyer, Cheryl Meyer, Tiger Meyer, Jeariene and Keith Mansfield, Lillie Putney, Jenny Reader, Tracy Sutton, Jan Turner, Nancy Westley, Betty White and the Spooky Haunted House Workers. Thanks to those wonderful folks who helped out at the last minute and may not have been mentioned by name.

Upcoming Events at Pipe Creek Community Center,

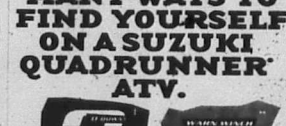
Saturday, Nov. 9 - Awesome Craft Show sponsored by Pet Area League. For information, call Marlene Heavner at 510 - 6879.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2-4 p.m. - Coffee. Please bring a dessert or snack to share. As there was no memorial for Mrs. McKandles , we would like our coffee to serve also as a memorial for her and invite her friends to come join us.

Thursday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m. - Come listen to an informative public talk on Bio-terrorism, West Nile Virus, Pertussus and Small Pox vaccination protocol. Dr. Riggins, the Texas Health Department Regional Director, will be speaking.

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SPORTS

One win would mean playoffs for Dogs

Bandera battered its way to 293 yards rushing to keep its playoff hopes quite healthy in a 41-26 win at Wimberley Friday night.

The Bulldogs (6-2, 2-2 District 25-3A) set the tone for the game on the opening drive, going 79 yards in ten plays en route to a 7-0 lead. Quarterback Brett Hicks, who had his best rushing night of the season with 94 yards on seven carries, went the final seven yards and Scotty Jennings kicked the extra point.

"The offensive line was the key to the game," Coach Mike Williamson said. "It was probably the best night as a unit that they've had all season. Synjyn Dodd did an excellent job at the fullback position, too."

Jennings kicked his extra point since injuring his left knee a few weeks ago against Burnet. The senior did not see time as a wide receiver or defensive back, but might be back in the regular line-up by playoff time.

"Just having him back as a kicker was uplifting for the kids," Williamson said. "I know a lot of the kids were concerned about him."

The home game will be preceded by a belated homecoming parade and, if the Bulldogs win, it will assure them of third place and a berth in the playoffs. Llano (3-6, 1-3 District) lost 35-0 to Liberty Hill on Friday. The numbers appear to favor Bandera this week. The Bulldogs have a collective 335-192 scoring edge over their opponents. Llano has been outscored 250-210 by its opposition.



(Top) Despite a pair of lost fumbles, Bandera managed to take a 41-26 win at Wimberley last Friday. (Right) Good line blocking allowed quarterback Brett Hicks time to throw and provided holes for backs.



"I've been looking at Llano on film all weekend and, like Wimberley, it's hard to figure out why they haven't won more football games," Williamson said.

Bandera led 21-7 at the half against Wimberley. The Bulldogs scored on a 4-yard run by Dustin Heep in the second quarter to clip a 30-yard drive that consumed two minutes and 20 seconds off the clock to take a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter.

With about a minute and half left in the second quarter, Bandera stretched its lead again when Hicks found Jesse Sierra for a 15-yard touchdown pass. Bandera's defense set up the drive with a key stop on fourth and one inside the Bulldog 30-yard line with about three minutes earlier in the second quarter.

The lone touchdown of the third quarter came when Bandera's Heep, who had 112 yards rushing, rammed in from nine yards out with 1:51 remaining. His run capped a well-oiled 92-yard drive that took nine plays and almost four minutes. The biggest play of the drive was a shovel pass to Heep for 35 yards. Bandera took a comfortable 28-7 lead into the final stanza.

Wimberley (0-6, 0-3 District 25-3A) trimmed the lead to 28-14 early in the fourth quarter when Heath Churchman found Zach Byers for a 15-yard touchdown pass, but Bandera came up with a quick response on its next drive. The Bulldogs scored on their first play from scrimmage after the ensuing kickoff when Hicks went 48 yards on a keeper off left tackle for a 34-14 lead.

Story and photos by
Phillip Billnitzer
Bulletin Managing Editor

"There were a lot of smiles on the sideline when he did because that's something we've been needing all season," Williamson said. "It gives the teams trying to defend against us another dimension to worry about. He's been somewhat apprehensive at times this season, and that's understandable with his knee, but he really cut loose the other night."

Bandera's final touchdown came on a 26-yard run with a little over eight minutes that marked Heep's third trip to the end zone against the Texans.

Statistically, the game looked close, with each team netting more than 400 yards in offense, but there was little doubt throughout most of the evening that Bandera would win. Wimberley appeared most threatening in the first quarter when it tied the game at 7-7 on a 34-yard run by Blake Fernandez on a well-executed reverse. The Texans were also aided by a questionable interference call on the drive.

Cody Fields wound up being the Bulldogs' leading receiver, hauling in three receptions for 43 yards. Hicks passed for 143 yards and appeared more confident on his surgically repaired knee than at any other time this season. His 94 yards rushing surpassed his entire season total of 81 yards. However, that rushing figure is somewhat deceptive because in high school football sack yardage counts against a quarterback's rushing yardage. He has 1,364 passing with seven interceptions and 16 touchdowns. Heep has powered his way to 895 yards rushing on 139 attempts.

Going into the final week of the regular season, all of the teams that have beaten Bandera remain all but perfect. Liberty Hill and Burnet clash for the district crown this week. Class 4A Fredericksburg pushed its record to 8-1 after an impressive win over Boerne on Friday.

"I feel like we're back on focus," Williamson said.

Starting strong safety Ryan Tierney injured his knee against Wimberley. His status for the Llano showdown was questionable. Bandera will shift Robert Ickes and Cody Fields into the secondary and possibly move up a few guys from the junior varsity to adjust.

District 25-3A Standings

Burnet	4-0	9-0
Liberty Hill	4-0	9-0
Bandera	2-2	6-3
Ingram	1-3	5-4
Llano	1-3	3-6
Wimberley	0-4	3-6

This week's schedule: Burnet at Liberty Hill; Llano at Bandera; Wimberley at Ingram.







(Top) Fullback Synjyn Dodd rushed for 47 yards on seven carries against Wimberley.(Top, right) A trio of tacklers closes in a on Wimberley running back. Defensive Tackle Brian Jacobs makes a tackle behind the line of scrimmage.



B.J. Reed of Bandera breaks up a pass in the second half. He also intercepted a pass against the Texans.

Freshman/J V Football Report

Bandera JV 24 Wimberley JV 18

The Bandera High junior varsity football team kept its district record at 3-0 with a 24-18 win over Wimberley on Thursday.

Travis Heep had touchdown runs of 1 and 2 yards and Travis Moseley had a 14-yard touchdown scamper for Bulldogs. Also key were a pair of two point conversion runs by Gary Barton and one by Moseley.

Bandera scored all of its points [illegible]

Coaches praised the play of Barton, Moseley and Heep on offense as well as the play of Taylor Koerth and Johnny Mhoney. Defensively, coaches were pleased by the play of Kevin West, Justin Bridges and [illegible] Bridges and Ventura each snagged interceptions.

Wimberley Fresh 26 Bandera Fresh 13

The Bandera High freshman football team lost 26-13 to Wimberley on Thursday.

Bandera jumped to a 7-0 advantage in the first quarter, but did not score again until getting a touchdown in the final stanza. The loss put the freshman at 1-6 overall and 1-2 in district. Jacob Ellark scored on a 1-yard run and yard scoring run. Coaches cited the offensive play of Danny Rodriguez, Ellark, Van Wagner, Marlan Harrison, John Dial and Austin Medley. Defensively, standouts were [illegible] Harrison, Van Wagner and Dial.

PLAYOFF BOUND



Members of the BMS volleyball team including Anale Baca, who is seen serving here, recently [illegible] a perfect season with a win over Liberty Hill last Tuesday.

BMS spikers wrap up successful seasons

The Bandera Middle School volleyball teams finished their season against the Burnet Bulldogs with a less-than-hoped for ending on Oct. 28.

All four games ended with a loss for Bandera. The 7th grade B-team lost with scores of 9-15 and 3-15, and the A-team had final scores of 12-15 and 11-15. Top players for the A-team were Carla Finley and Courtney Skelly, and top players for the A-team were Lyndsey Dubose and [illegible]

The B-team ended the season with a district record of 6-4. The A-team's district record was also 6-4.

The 8th grade A and B teams also lost in two games. The B-team's games ended 8-15 and 11-15 and the A-team's games ended 9-15 and 9-15. The B-team finished their season with a district record of 8-2, and the A-team's district record was 7-3.

Top players for the B-team were Sydney Parker and Leslie Reyes. Top players for the A-team were Courtney Immel and Brittany Black.

"What a fantastic season for the Lady Bulldogs," Coach Cummings said. "All the teams ended their season with a winning record. The teams' success even extended beyond the district games. The girls and coaches long road trips. We look forward to the upcoming basketball season as the Lady Bulldogs continue with their winning attitude and success."

The 7th grade B-team had a great time winning the Boerne Tournament on the 8th grade A team winning the Hondo tournament, he added.

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October Students of the Month



The Bandera Optimist Club Students of the Month for October are Colton Seles and Heather Nesbit. Both are seniors ranking in the top ten percent of their class and members of the National Honor Society.

Heather is the daughter of Michael and Rachel Nesbit. With the ability to play four instruments, it's not surprising that she has been a member of the BHS marching and concert bands for the past four years and is also in this year's jazz band. Heather also competes in University Interscholastic League Literary Criticism. She plans to attend Southwestern Assembly of God in Waxahachie.

Colton is the son of Dr. Stephen and Carolyn Sells. He has played football for four years and plans to compete on the BHS Track and Field team for the fourth consecutive year. In addition to being on the student council, he is Senior Class Treasurer. The student body voted Colton as Mr. BHS. He plans to study biomedical science at Texas A&M at College Station.

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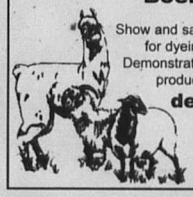
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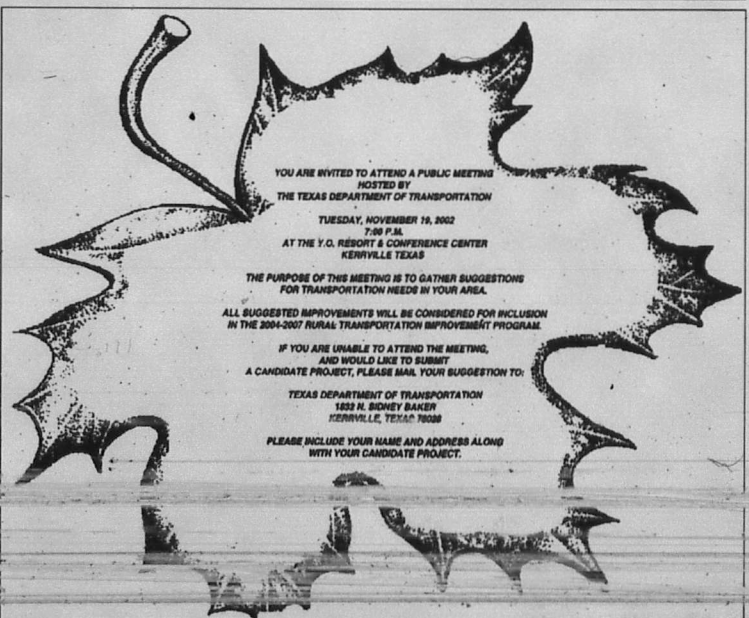
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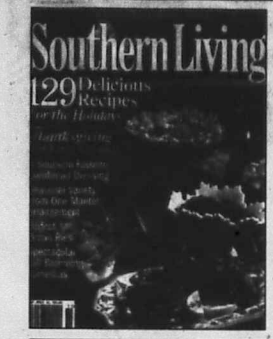


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Southern Living's November issue is keen on Bandera's Robert Earl

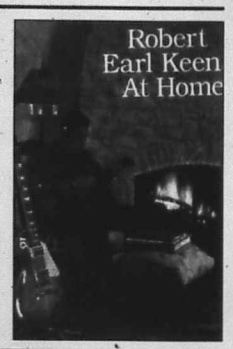
An article on Bandera's Robert Earl Keen anchors the special "Texas Living" section in the November edition of Southern Living.

The well-written article focuses on the musician's home, family and music. Keen says the move to Bandera helped him to write better songs. Prior to moving here, he lived in Nashville where he said he wrote some of the worst songs you ever heard. Keen says he draws songwriting inspiration from the landscapes and people in Bandera.

Keen says he enjoys spending time with his wife Kathleen and his two young daughters and tubing down the Medina River when he's not playing gigs, something that happens frequently these days. He also enjoys making homemade pizza for the family. His wife never asks him to clean up because he does "too many other things for us."

There is some bad news for local fans of the talented musician, however. He reveals he had no plans to play concerts in Bandera because it's his home.

There is one big exception, though. He loves to play out on his porch and in his well-tooled home studio.



Halloween Happy at Bandera Bank



Having fun with Halloween at Bandera Bank were (front, from left) Judy Duhn, Rue Browning, Jadie Morris, (back row) Donna Alexander, Andrea Fair, Megan Martinez, Sylvia Terry, Wendy Guerra and Terry West.

Art Past Dark

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Friday, Nov. 8th:
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- Registration Reception, 5-10pm

Saturday, Nov. 9th
- Lecture series: Mexican photographer Francisco Mata-Rosas (translated by Dr. Jose Lopez) 2-3pm; Jack Terry, painter, 3-4pm; and Charles Artal, veteran Antique appraiser, 4-5pm.

Saturday Night, Nov. 9th
- Mini-Gala: 7-9pm, food by Rather Sweet, wine by Becker Vineyards, music by Bill Smallwood, exclusive theater performance by Fredericksburg Theater company, silent auction and special middle school student photography exhibit.

Sunday, Nov. 10th
- Trolley tour to artists studios: 10am-noon. 5 studios, a stained glass studio recently recognized with an installation in the Pentagon, Woodcarver Al Carr, portrait artist Roy Below, Carroll Studios, and Contemporary painter Cynthia Marietta.

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ORCA aims to improve water needs education

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) will work with a new federal project designed to educate rural Texans about local, regional, and state water issues.

The recently formed agency will work with the US Army Corps of Engineers to implement projects designed to develop initiatives that prepare the state for future water needs, which, according to the Corps, will increase 10.6 percent by the year 2030.

Robert Tessen, ORCA's Executive Director, said the project will help give local leaders the skills and expertise they need to understand and deal with the complex and diverse water issues facing their rural communities.

"Combined with projects of other agencies, it will help increase the level of awareness of water issues in rural areas," he said.

The project promises to reach beyond the local leadership level with all rural Texans being encouraged to participate in the effort.

Rural residents throughout the state will be invited to learn about local, regional, andstate water issues, including supply, conservation, drought planning and recycling.

The goals of the project, "Water: Preparing Today for Texas' Future in the 21st Century," include:

- Conducting an inventory of small water projects and technologies
- Hosting a conference on small size water technology
- Providing leadership development to help educate local leaders on the various aspects of water issues

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Health & Wellness Clinics is providing therapists to administer weight loss and stop smoking group hypnotic therapy.

For many people, this therapy reduces 2-3 clothing sizes and/or stops smoking.

Funding for this project came from public donations. Any resident who wants treatment will receive professional hypnotherapy free from charge.

An appointment is not necessary. Sign in at the session and immediately receive treatment.

Health & Wellness Clinics is a Non-Profit organization. They rely on donations to make treatment available to those in need. A modest $5 donation from each person is appreciated.

Only one 2-hour session is needed for desirable results.

Sign in 30 minutes early!
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Fredericksburg Inn & Suites
201 S. Washington
(South of Main/290)
FREDERICKSBURG
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday House
2124 Sidney Baker
(16 South - Exit 508)
KERRVILLE
HealthAndWellnessClinics.org
(713) 278-2700

The Friends of the Bandera County Library wish to thank the following for making the Annual Barbeque held on October 5, a great success:

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BANDERA COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Our 2002 Bake Show and Appreciation Dinner Was A Huge Success

A SPECIAL THANKS TO BUYERS AT THE 2002 BAKE SHOW AUCTION:

Eleanor Miller	John & Anna Lee Tucker
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Barbara Clark	Dan & Sheila Zavorka
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The Farm Country Club	Dominick's Painting
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Hondo National Bank	Buddy & Marianne Sandidge
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Rick Groomer	Hill Country Appraisal Service
Richard Evans	Mr & Mrs J A Mack

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone, adults and young people, who helped so much in the planning, purchasing, setting up, cooking, serving, and clean up.

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40TH ANNUAL HUNTERS BBQ & OUTDOOR EXPO

Charlie Robison Rocks Hunters BBQ 2002



Robison played many of his favorite tunes to the roar of the crowd.



Bandera folks; Suzy and Bob Thompson couldn't wait to make tracks, two steps at a time.





In the foreground, Lucie Sides, daughter Stacey Kendrick and her husband, Michiel Kendrick pay close attention to every Robison song. In the back, chamber director, John Bruce's Hunters BBQ hat can be seen perched on top of is cowboy hat.





Robison gets a little help from the angelic voices of (L-R) Abby Nightingale of Bandera, Sylvia Lagunas of Houston and Carrie King of Humble during his tune, "The Wedding Song", which he performed last Saturday night at the Hunters BBQ and Outdoor Expo. This is the second time Nightingale, an accomplished singer, has been on stage with Robison adding her voice to the song he originally recorded with his sister-in-law, Dixie Chick Natalie Maines.

On Saturday, November 2, home-grown recording artist and performer, Charlie Robison, played for the grand finale of the 40th Annual Hunters BBQ & Outdoor Expo. The concert was a huge hit and the perfect high note in an exciting weekend of fun around Bandera County. Businesses were crowded with hunters, local folks and visitors all wanting to be a part of the action.

Photos by Frank Shubert



Dylan Stone, of Bandera, center, joined the line dance with a couple of very happy Charlie Robison fans.



Robison's smile, by nightfall, was hard to resist no matter where you were from. The song generated one of the biggest smiles of the night from the artist, clearly happy to be back in Bandera.



Left, Shelia Click, of the Bandera General Store in Bandera, snags her barbecue dinner.



Hunters BBQ greeters were (L-R) Dan Reese, County Commissioner Rex Cox, County Commissioner Ronnie Basinger, Babo Teich and Pat Breedlove.



Warren Lee and Bonnie Huir always give the dance floor a terrific show.



Maria Ahlers makes sure all the folks from the Bar-Double R Ranch have their tickets for the big raffle.



Garrett Clark and Chase Kirchner help welcome one of the Miller Lite Girls to the Hunters BBQ.



Perennial volunteers (L-R) Z Riley, Flossie Lentz, Nancy Crowfoot are all guests of the Farm Country RV Park and familiar faces all over Bandera County.



Dusty Britches and Sally Gibson, long-time supporters of all Chamber activities, entertained the crowd at the barbecue on Friday evening.



At left, Henry Adams, Sr., one of the founders of the Hunters BBQ, was introduced to the crowd by Chamber Director John Bruce. Some of the early Hunter BBQ's were held on the showroom floor of Adams' Chevrolet dealership.



Two-year-old Sydney Graves gives a thumbs-up on the barbecue dinner with a little help from mom, Sonya Graves.



Five-year-old Hunter Roos of Bandera was proud as pie of his major purchase of a sheep skin at the auction.



Seven-year-old J.C. Short (L) of Bandera sharpened his skills at the BB gun shoot.



The Hunters BBQ Auction always draws a huge crowd. Here, auction spotter, Victor Buchanan, encourages the assembled guests to bid on everything and as much as possible.

Photos by Frank Shubert



Bob Bohler Chevrolet, one of the events largest sponsors, sent their finest representatives to visit with customers at the Hunters BBQ. These guys were having almost too much fun.

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SPINNIN' YARNS

FYI

Lakehills American Legion Bazaar
The Lakehills American Legion Aux. is planning a Christmas Bazaar for Nov. 9. Start making goodies and reserving tables now. Call Evie Angell at (830) 612-2817 for more information.

Lakehills Library To Hold Meeting, Sale
Lakehills Library will hold a Board of Directors meeting on a monthly basis starting Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at 9587 FM 1283, Lakehills. Call 612-2777 for more information.
The Lakehills Library will have a book sale Nov. 2 in front of the library from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. Call 612-2777 for more information.

Bandera Library Book Club To Meet
The Bandera County Library Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the library at 11 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12. The November selection is "The Passion of Artemisia" by Susan Vreeland. "Beach Music" by Pat Conroy is the January book. The December meeting will be our annual Christmas luncheon. Information is available at the library or call Eileen Hadep, 460-7807 or Peg Boren, 796-8481.

NAMI To Meet on Second Thursdays
NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. This is an informal family support group. For information, call (830) 460-6030.

Lake Medina Conservation Society
The Lake Medina Conservation Society will have its annual business meeting and dinner at the civic center Thursday, Nov. 7. A covered dish dinner will be at 6:45 p.m. with a business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Native Plant Society Fundraiser
Boerne chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas presents its annual Fall fundraiser, "Landscape Designs Inspired by Nature" by popular author and landscape consultant, Jill Nokes. A book signing will follow with Nokes' How to Grow Native Plants of Texas and the Southwest. This event will be at the Boerne Convention and Community Center, 820 Adler Road at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door. For more information, call 830-249-7550.

MU Delta Sale Set
MU Delta will have a benefit scholarship garage sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bandera Firehouse. All Proceeds will benefit the Katy Kidd Scholarship fund.

Oxfam dinner set
The Bandera County Christian Fellowship is inviting the entire community to the annual Oxfam dinner on at the St. Stanislaus Parish Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17. Also known as the hunger meal, it consists of rice, beans, and water and will be prepared by St. Stanislaus and St. Victor's [illegible] to donate to Oxfam the same amount they would spend on a restaurant meal. Guest speaker will be James W. [illegible] of Society Responsible Coalition. Chairpersons are [illegible]

Medina ISD sets Veterans Day program

The Medina ISD sends a cordial invitation to all Veterans to attend a program honoring you and all your Brothers and Sisters in Arms. This tribute will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the High School's cafeteria. This event is open to all those in the community who would like to help us show our respect to Heroes past and present.

BABY SHOWER STILL ON
A baby shower will be held in honor of Cammie Morgan Nov. 10, even though Cammie is in the hospital and will have to stay there until the birth of their precious little one. The shower will take place at the Methodist Church and will start at 2 p.m. with her husband Steve and daughter Hailey standing in as surrogates. Everyone who knows and loves her is invited to attend. If you have questions about the shower please contact Misty or Christina.
I had the pleasure of visiting with Cammie recently and she is in very good spirits, but says she really misses her students and can not wait to get back to all of them. She especially wants to thank everyone for the prayers and good wishes for her and the baby. If anyone wants to send her a card or letter she is in room 154 at Methodist Hospital in SA.

MEDINA SPOTLIGHT



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ALUMNI REUNION
Members of the honored classes ending in "3" had a fantastic time reminiscing and catching up on each others lives during

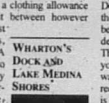
MEDINA HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES
Roll call is as follows:
Class of 1933: Charles Walker Pipe Creek, and Allie Allsup Medina. Class of 1943: H.L. Porter Arlington, Bobby Freeman Dallas, Doyle Gougler College Station, Blix Fee Gamerthaler New Braunfels, Helen Moore Hicks Medina, and Bill Moore Medina. Class of 1953: Warren Wheeler Bandera, Kenneth Greebon Medina and Dorothy Mayfield Pue Medina.
Class of 1963: Carol Hubble Bronstad Jourdation, Edna Haggerton Neal Pleasanton, Shirlene Dale Stornis Willis, Irlene Dale Wymore Bandera, Lois Myers Derry Medina. Class of 1973: Charles "Billy" Walker Lancaster, Milton Mudd Dallas, Ronnie Swanker Hearne, Nancy Kimball Moore Bryan, Neil Anderson San Marcos, Roy DeLeon Center Point, Guy Smith Center Point, Roger Baker Medina, aLinda Buckelew Medina, and Nancy Porter Craddock Medina. Class of 1983: Warren Klinger San Francisco CA, Kyla Green Nashville TN, James Craig Kinsey Alamogordo NM, William Tabor Garland, Lisa Britt Shope Frisco; John Brown San Antonio, Kelly Rambin Bergheim, Bryan Keeling Vanderpool, Robert Carrales Bandera, Christine Ortiz Markel Medina, and Robin Seale Swint Medina.
Class of 1993: Jim Keeling Waverly WV, Fred Sides Browns Summit NC, Ritchie Mims Teague, Chris Lewis Liberty Hill, Missy Phipps Hatfield Canyon Lake, Rhett Johnson Kyle, Tiffany Baker San Antonio, Amanda Long Garrett Kerrville, and Jennifer Evans Medina.

MONTHLY MEETINGS
Masons of Medina Lodge #1319 1st Mon of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge
Medina Athletic Booster Club 2nd Mon of each month in Coach Dozier's classroom Medina Garden Club 2nd Wed of each month, 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge
Medina Eastern Star Chapter 988: 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge
Medina EMS Support Team: 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m. at the EMS Bldg.

Wharton's Dock faces scary need for EMT's

Hey Wharton's Dock and Lake Medina Shores! Hopefully everyone made it through Halloween in good spirits. Now, if you want to hear something really scary—get ready for this!
We are in serious trouble out here at the end of the road and evidently only a small minority of our community knows it!. As some of you may know and all of you should, several years ago a hand full of our concerned citizens formed a support group for developing an EMS station out here for all of our protection and welfare. This hand full of people managed to raise the funds to build a great building to house an ambulance and tried with all of their might to get enough people interested in accomplishing perhaps the most important thing our community could do for all of us. We are miles away from the nearest EMS station, which jeopardizes each and every one of us. What? Are you waiting for tragedy to strike your home and loved ones before you come to the realization that we need an ambulance and a crew to man it out here to transport us in our time of need?
How many of you knew that there was a meeting of the Lake Shore EMS Support Group held at the EMS Station on Saturday morning at 10 a.m.? Well there was. The group was lucky enough to have Bandera County EMS Director, Doyle Hanner as a speaker. He cleared up many issues in question. One of the most important things was that there is no cost out of pocket for anyone who volunteers to help and there is a clothing allowance that is split between however many first responders, EMT or ECA show up to assist at any given circumstance. Also, and perhaps the most important, requirements have changed recently and now we can get an ambulance if we have at least four, preferably five or six, ECA (Emergency Trained Attendant) to be first responder to assist in a crisis and to at least drive the ambulance to a meeting point where there is a certified EMT on duty.

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MARY BIRD 460-7523

After all of these years we still have no personnel who are a trained and certified EMT or ECA. We could have had an ambulance if we could have gotten enough people to train for these positions. There is an ambulance waiting for us if we could get six people to sign up for the classes to become an ECA or EMT. Now the county is willing to give us an ambulance (it is ready and waiting for us) if we can get six people to step forward to take the class that will be offered in January and assure us this ambulance. The ECA class that is being offered at the Bandera Volunteer Fire Department in conjunction with the Kerrville Fire Department will be funded by county and local fire departments and EMS funds. There will be no cost to those of you who are willing to step forward for your community. It requires no medical experience. It is a basic class much like a CPR class sponsored by the Red Cross. Later in March there will be a class for EMT training, which is a little more demanding and requires that you sign up for at least one year of duty (which consists of three 12 hour shifts per month).
There is going to be a follow up meeting on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the EMS Building next door to the LSVFD at 11 a.m. Everyone out here should attend this meeting! You can find out for yourself what is going on if you attend this meeting. If you are relatively healthy and have a few hours a month to spare and are interested in helping your community as well as your family, you can get all of the pertinent information at the meeting.
Thirty or forty minutes can mean life or death when there is an emergency out here at the end of the road. That is the least amount of time that it takes for an ambulance to get out here to help the sick and dying from Bandera and the Lord only knows how long it takes if they are coming from Medina or Lakehills. Is this what you want for your family? Let's support our local EMS

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Carpenter gone, but not forgotten

FAREWELL TO MARY-
The Silver Sage and our community lost a treasured friend this past week. On Oct. 29, our beloved Mary Carpenter made her transition to that higher realm where angels like Mary make their home.
Mary served as a member of our Board of Directors for nine or ten years and on practically every committee ever established during those years. One of Mary's fellow parishioners, Tom Beer, at the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church (the Little Rock Church), tells us that she and husband, Roy, were among the approximately 36 folks who organized the Pipe Creek Fellowship in 1985. They were also among the charter members when the church was organized in 1988. Mary served as a Session Member and as an Elder, served on the Nurture Committee, Outreach Committee, Worship Committee, played the piano and was a member of the choir.
Mary was very active with the Pipe Creek Community Center and the Helping Hand Center.You could say that where there was a need in the community, Mary was there. Mary, Roy and Mary's twin sister, Jacky Buck, have been like the Three Musketeers - "Here we come to save the day"! Since Jacky lives in town, we folks here at the Corral have relied on her heavily as a volunteer and as a substitute when other volunteers were unable to get here. When that happened, Mary and Roy were not far behind.

SILVER SAGE CORRAL



BETTY LEBO 796-4969

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jacky, Roy and family, however, we all know that Mary is already up there in heaven getting everything organized. We'll miss her terribly, but we know when we go to our reward that Mary will have everything ready for our arrival.

COFFEE BREAK FOR CAREGIVERS
As a part of the Kerrville Satellite of the Alzheimer's Association's Workshops for Caregivers, on Thursday, Nov. 7, a program will be presented concerning activities for daily living, i.e., bathing, dressing, eating. The meeting will be held here at the Corral, 803 Buck Creek Boulevard, at 10:00 a.m. These workshops are helpful to professional as well as family caregivers. Please join us, learn and compare notes.

SURPRISE VISIT
On Halloween - Day, we enjoyed a visit from Amy

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Sweet holiday plans take shape at Lake

MEDINA LAKE
The holiday season is beginning and plans are shaping up. Families are deciding where they're going, which family they're going to visit for Thanksgiving and which for Christmas, or which they're going to eat with at noon, and which they're going to eat with at dinner. Next the assignments of who will bring what as we prepare for days of feasting followed by days of shopping.
My brother's going to Disneyworld, so mom's coming here - she can't take the walking and the crowds anymore. Some families will be bigger than usual with additional members moving closer to them, some will be smaller as members pass on. My mom used to have the need to refurbish the house when people [illegible] and think how hopeless that idea is. Besides, she made me promise not to go crazy with that kind of thinking. A lot of years [illegible] I wish I had a movie, not of the celebration, but of all the preparations. I would take the kodak moments. The gathering of leaves to decorate the house, the adding of tables, setting the best china and flatware, waking up in the middle of the night to start cooking, finding time to dress in the best clothes - what a show we'd put on. But I'm laid back. Good food, comfort, warm conversation, laughs, snoozes wherever. That's what makes a great day for me - and that's pretty much everyday. Everyday's a holiday at my house, so I'm not too sure what I suppose to be doing. It feels like its happening' all around me, or maybe the spirit is just part of me all the time.

Did you know?
-This Saturday, the Lakehill's American Legion from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. is hosting its Annual Christmas Bazaar. Whether it be cold, wet, dry, hot, cool, whatever - you can shop in the warmth [illegible] morning or sipping on warm soup in the afternoon. A fine collection of wares - local craftsman - will be presenting their [illegible] to have just the right gift for each of your special relatives and friends. Support the Legion, our local artisans, and get your Christmas shopping done early

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NANCY ARCEMENT

at the Annual Christmas Bazaar. For more information, Evie Angell at 612-2817.
Also, in honor of Veteran's Day on Nov. 11, the Lakehill's American Legion is hosting Vet Nite. So all you "Vet's" - go to the hall, get together, reminisce, and enjoy. We all will be paying tribute to the sacrifices you made for our country in our thoughts and our prayers.
Lakehill's Civic Center on Saturday, Nov. 23. Lakehill's Incorporated is an attempt to [illegible] ing sewage in the lake, ward off the threat of San Antonio, and provide us with a governing organization through which we [illegible] further develop and improve our community. For more information, call Don Roberts at 612-2665.
-The Lakehills United Methodist Church (LUMC) has the following scheduled events starting Nov. 6, Wednesday - Prayer Group at 6 p.m., and Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. and Cottage Meeting at 7 p.m.; Friday - Koinonia Emmaus gathering in Hondo; Saturday - Trustees' Workday Rainout Day; Sunday - Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:20 a.m., Disciple I 2 pm, Cottage Meeting 6 p.m.; Monday - Bread of Life at 6:00 p.m. and Finance Committee 7pm; Tuesday - TWIGS 4:30-6 p.m.
Did you know there was a Bandera County Public Transportation system? It was news to me. LUMC published it in their monthly newsletter. It offers rides within Bandera, to and from Lakehills on Tuesdays, to Kerrville and San Antonio [illegible] dules and times, and a fee schedule, but those that are Medicaid patients can receive free transportation with 24 hour advance notice (call 1-877-633-8747). [illegible] schedule, as well. All appointments should be [illegible] between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (830) 7758.
I know how difficult transportation is, especially without a car, and many disabled don't have licenses. I've tried to provide transportation, but time and expense trying to help someone straighten out problems with social security, which is in Kerrville, or VA appointments which can take you from San Antonio to Kerrville and back again, is difficult, even for a family member. For those without any support, this is something that can help so many people. What a blessing!
-The Lighthouse Church of Lakehills has Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m.
-November, the beginning of the Holiday Season, the Farmer's Almanac's has to say, for the 7th, the suspension bridge known as "Shoelace Castle" [illegible] Tacoma, on the 8th, Pigeons darkened sky over Boston in 1630 and the Louvre opened in Paris in 1793; on the 9th, the x-15 rockets swam 4,093 mph in [illegible] and [illegible] Mount in Northeast in 1963; on the 10th, [illegible]

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Medina Homecoming 2002









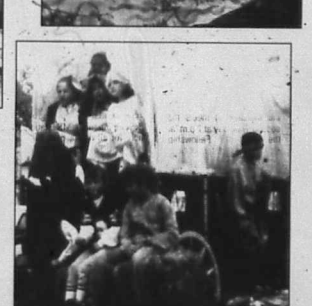
(Above) Jacob Bustos is thrown in air by Aaron Seymour, Chance Hatsy, Taylor Dabney, Wyatt Lautzenheiser, and Matt McWilliams. (Below) Disco was the theme for the fifth graders while the fourth graders went with a Pioneer theme. (Counterclockwise) Cleo Geils, Miss Apple Blossom, rides with Travis Dunlap and Hannah Michelle; The MHS Elementary Homecoming Court; Seniors played musical chairs at the pep rally. Homecoming King Chance Heby and Queen Suzi Hudson; Football sweethearts Melinda Waters and Matt Williams; Thelma Gallant and Judy Moore take part in Homecoming activities.











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Buell, Director of Nurses at River Hills Care Center, and Carol Kimbro from accounting. They arrived in full costume bearing a pumpkin full of goodies. We like those kind of visits! Following a discussion concerning a shortage of vehicles in which to deliver meals on Friday, Amy volunteered to bring her personal vehicle and help deliver the meals.
Sounds like the start of a wonderful relationship, don't you think?

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CORRAL
Low Vision Caregivers Workshop presented by the Lighthouse of San Antonio, Thursday, Nov. 14, 1:00 to 3 p.m.
National Philanthropy Day sponsored by Bandera County Regional Foundation and Silver Sage Corral Senior Activity Center, Friday, Nov. 15, at 4 p.m. For further information, call 830-796-4969 or 796-9033. More on this next week.

WHARTON'S DOCK

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Support Group and show a little community interest. How about it? Are you up to it?
The one good thing going for the EMS Support Group and our community is the fact that we do have a trained air-life paramedic who will soon be joining the Bandera County EMS who live at Madrona Ridge. That means that when this person is a member of the County EMS he will be at our disposal and in our own community. That cuts down the number of people we need by one.
I am sure that all of you are tired of reading my comments on our bad situation. You can bet if my one hundred pound frame could man a person on a stretcher that out weighed me by a hundred pounds and I were in good health, I would be the first to sign up to take this class. I am, however, a bit incapacitated at the time. For that I apologize.
And now for the lighter side. Yes indeed, it was Halloween this past week. And the little ghosts and goblins were out in full force in spite of the weather. The Bird House had most of the regulars that appear each year for their treats. We did however, miss seeing Samantha Adkins and her little treasures this year. Samantha has been under the weather and ended up in the hospital with an asthma ailment. We are so sorry that you are feeling puny, Samantha and we all hope that you are feeling better and can come home soon.
I took pictures of all the little spooks that appeared at the Bird House on Halloween and if any of you would like copies of the pictures just let me know so I can get the copies for you.
There has been a lot of flu and colds going around and unfortunately it always hits home the hardest. It might be advisable if you have little ones or seniors in your home to ask your doctor about the new flu shot that is available. Unfortunately I guess some of us waited a little too long. Or did the cooler weather appear sooner than usual?
Blackie Leaprance must be feeling better these days. Or perhaps it is just the cooler weather that prompted him to get in the mood to make a batch of beef jerky. A little birdie told me that he and Don Baker conjured up a batch of jerky fit to feed a king. I wonder when it is going to be ready? I am ready!
I guess a lot of folks will be making jerky and sausage and all that good stuff now that deer season is open. I haven't seen John Adams in the last few days and I really don't expect to for at least the first two weeks of deer season, but I can almost smell that sausage smoking right now. My freezer is getting kinda low, John.
Margaret Smith and some of her cronies got together this weekend out at the Natural Wildlife Park for a camping trip and trail ride. I was invited, but was under the weather and couldn't participate. I know they had a grand time. A little wet and cold weather never puts a damper on those gals. And I was really looking forward to riding one of Margaret's mules. Darn!
Okay! Coming up this Saturday is the big election that all of Lake Medina Shores has been waiting for – for the last year or so. We are finally going to be able to elect a Board of Directors of our choice. So, come on down and cast your votes Lake Medina Shores Owners Association members on Saturday, Nov. 9th at 10 a.m. at the LMSOA Pavilion.
By the time the paper comes out on Wednesday we will all know the results of the General Election on Tuesday. I certainly hope that all of you turned out to vote!
Sunday morning you can get the best breakfast in town if you go to the breakfast buffet at the Copper Lantern around ten o'clock. The fellows down there at the end of the road put on a feed you wouldn't believe. So, if you haven't bagged that deer by ten, drag yourself out of the blind and come on down and join in on the good ole home-style breakfast.
You won't regret it that's for sure!
Happy birthday wishes go out to Michael Aaron Jung who will be celebrating his 8th birthday on Sunday, Nov. 10. Michael's Uncle Billy (my boy Bill) will be coming into town from the Rio Grande Valley to celebrate his birthday on Nov. 8 with Michael as well as with his brother Robbie Jung whose birthday is Nov. 4 and Robbie's little Emleigh Dawn's birthday who turned a year old on the 2nd. Boy! November is a busy month! Let's not forget Uncle Corey who celebrates his on Nov. 7! Happy. birthday to all of you! It's going to be quite a celebration at the skating rink on Bandera Road that day! I can't wait to see all of those guys and gals on skates.
Should we call the EMS now or later?

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the "Unknown Soldier" was dedicated in 1921; on the 12th, the [illegible] of Judge Solomon Hindes [illegible] now on the 13th, Post "Dust Bowl" storm was in 1933; [illegible] get used to how old you are.

Let's remember....

There are some folks having some hard times right now: Lois [illegible] Carpenter, Margy Whitmire, Bonnie Brown, Richard Neidlinger, Carpenter, and Harold Kesler - you will be missed.
And for those we have lost, thoughts and prayers are with you.
I don't know Harold. As far as I know he's been working down at the gas station forever. Doris would be'd close up the shop, and a few of his buddies would sit with him or he would sit with one of them and [illegible] a few jokes and relax before he went home. Even when he was sick, I could feel his presence quiet, somewhat hidden, with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.
That's it! I've got to say today. If you want me to include something, send me a postcard to Nancy Arcement; P.O. Box [illegible] or e-mail me at richardnancyment@prodigy.net.
I would like to [illegible] doing. I [illegible] does too.

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OPINIONS

Veterans Day Tribute: For Those Who Serve

Every Veterans Day Americans publicly acknowledge the sacrifices of our veterans and thank them for preserving our nation's legacy of liberty.

The men and women who serve in our military today follow a long line of brave Americans who answered the call to defend our freedoms. Each swore an oath to live by a common code and a cherished set of values. That bond links veterans of every generation, from those who served in World War I to those who fought in Desert Storm. These veterans have inspired a new generation – many of whom have joined the fight against terrorism and are serving in Operation Enduring Freedom today.

Since November 11, 1918, when Armistice Day was set aside to honor those who fought in World War I, until 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed November 11 as Veterans Day to honor all veterans, Americans have commemorated the legacy of service of our Armed Forces.

America's commitment to the finest training, equipment, education, and quality of life for our military make the U.S. Armed Forces the envy of nations around the globe. Our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines go to battle with the respect and admiration of our country.

Ours sons and daughters stand guard so the rest of us may live freely. And that freedom comes with a price. Thousands who answered the call to duty during America's history never lived to be called veterans. But none served in vain.

The Lone Star State has a rich tradition of military leadership. Our young men and women have signed up to serve their nation and are stationed here and in all corners of the globe. More Marines join the Corps from Texas per capita than any other state. And we are home to more Army and Air Force bases than any state.

I have been privileged to visit Texas troops at many foreign posts, from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to Saudi Arabia to Macedonia. One of the highlights of my overseas trips was my visit to spend Easter 2000 with the members of the Texas Army National Guard's 49th Armored Division commanding the military mission in Bosnia. I observed first-hand the crucial role the Guard played in maintaining the fragile stability in Europe, the first such mission in the Guard's history. For the troopers of the Lone Star Division, it was their finest hour.

National Guardsmen and reservists have become increasingly vital to our nation's overall military might. Their expanding role in our national security efforts must not be overlooked.

It is not only overseas where our veterans answer the call to arms. On September 11, 2001, three F-16 pilots from the Texas Air National Guard were sent on a mission so secret that their commander could not brief them on the details until they were airborne. Three officers from the 147th Fighter Wing in Houston were not told who they were protecting until they were in sight of Air Force One. They guarded the President during those tumultuous hours after the terror attacks.

On this Veterans Day, we express our heartfelt gratitude to our nation's veterans for a debt we can never repay. We remember those who have gone before and honor tomorrow's veterans who serve our country today.

People always show interest in EMT work

EMT PULSE



MITHRIEL SALMON

Last Friday night I was sitting in the stands at the Homecoming game with Nikki, my EMS partner for this season's home football games, and John, another Bandera EMT. We were, of course, in uniform. Another fan sitting two rows in front of us noticed our uniforms, and soon we were all engaged in a conversation revolving around the process and opportunities of being an EMT.

This particular scenario is far from unique. I'm often approached, as are other EMTs, with the same questions. What is the time commitment for studying to be an EMT? What is the financial commitment? Where are the job opportunities and what will be the pay? I'd like to answer some of these questions.

The time commitment for becoming an EMT is variable. There are four levels of EMT certification. Each certification represents a level of care. Each level of care advances with an increase in study time, hospital emergency room rotations and ambulance ride outs.

In a nut shell here's how it works. The ECA level is the first responder. This course is the shortest and is usually completed in a matter of 8 – 10 weeks. After completing the course and passing a certification test, an ECA is prepared to initiate care for a patient and drive the ambulance for transport.

EMT basic is the next level of certification. Skills are advanced to a higher level of care including a greater understanding of disease process, patient assessment, and administer a few medications. A certification proving competency is also required at this level. The EMT-B consists of approximately 280 hours of classroom along with hospital and ambulance rotations.

The EMT-Intermediate possesses all the skills of the EMT-B with advancement including administration of additional medications, initiating IV therapy, and the placement of a tube for patients in need of advanced airway management. Certification as an EMT-B and an additional 175 hours of classroom are required.

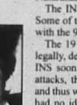
Paramedic is the highest level of certification. At this level of care, an EMT-P will have completed at least a year of in depth studies, preceded by either an EMT-B or EMT-I certification. Hospital rotations, ambulance rotations and classes encompass advanced pre hospital care including cardiac care, administration of medications, advanced airway and treatment of trauma. The Paramedic assumes the role of a team leader on scene. Skills include well being of the patient as well as the well being of every member on the EMS team.

Leadership as a positive crew role model is included among the essential skills in for a paramedic.

All levels of certification are required to participate in continuing education to maintain skills and keep current in this dynamic field of medicine. Most services provide monthly continuing education. Conferences and distance learning are other options for participation. Bandera will be offering EMT courses very soon. In next week's column I'll be outlining what the cost will be and what you can do to be an EMT patch on your sleeve. Maybe, just maybe, you'll decide to join us in responding to our neighbors medical emergencies as a Bandera County Emergency Medical Technician.

Immigration Service in great need of improvement

CAPITAL VOICE



LAMAR SMITH

By Congressman Lamar Smith

Several weeks ago in our nation's capital, a sniper was on the loose, shooting innocent citizens in a seemingly random manner. Before the case was solved, 10 people were killed and three more were wounded.

What happened in DC could have happened anywhere in the country. Thankfully, the suspects are now locked up. Normalcy has returned because of a successful investigation.

In most high-profile investigations with overlapping jurisdictional boundaries, the respective law enforcement agencies involved have a difficult time working together. This case was an exception. Credit is due to the task force that investigated the sniper case for being able to pool their collective resources from federal, state, county and local authorities.

As Chairman of the Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee, I have the opportunity to meet with a wide range of law enforcement officials. These men and women are part of an honorable profession, dedicated to protecting all Americans.

Laws help us maintain order. But merely creating laws do not keep us safe; it is the enforcement of laws that deter crime and increase safety. Among the government agencies with a poor track record of enforcement, the Immigration and NaturalizationService tops the list.

The INS has dropped the ball countless times. Some of the most glaring examples are associated with the 9/11 attacks.

The 19 hijackers of 9/11 arrived on our shores legally, despite questionable visa applications. The INS soon lost track of them. At the time of the attacks, three of them had overstayed their visas and thus were in the country illegally. And the INS had no idea where they were or what they were doing.

Those failures were further highlighted six months later. Two of the terrorists had requested student visa renewals, which were approved shortly before Sept. 11, 2001. Inexplicably, the notices were then mailed months after the attacks despite the fact that these individuals were guilty of terrorism. One would assume the INS would learn from these mistakes. But the INS has failed again.

One of the two suspected snipers in the DC case is John Lee Malvo, 17, a Jamaican and an illegal alien. The Border Patrol in Washington State arrested Malvo along with his mother in December of last year as illegal alien stowaways. But he wasn't deported because the INS overruled a Border Patrol recommendation to send Malvo home.

According to the law, Malvo and his mother should have been detained and deported. Instead another illegal alien was released to roam free. As we now know, his release led him to John Muhammad and their deadly criminal activities.

The INS has long been known as the worst-run federal agency. If we are serious about strengthening our security, we must institute real reform. We can only expect more security lapses if we don't.

Water as important as good as candidates in Texas' picture

While candidates from both parties have been figuratively slugging away at each other in the most mean-spirited political campaigns in years, if not ever, a story of huge consequence to much of the state has been unfolding largely unnoticed.

The issue is water, not votes.

The short version of the problem is that the Rio Grande Valley and other areas upstream are not getting much water out of the river that separates Texas and Mexico. The reason, compounded by drought, is that Mexico is taking out most of the water before it can get to Texas. Mexico's water debt amounts to some 1.5 million acre feet, much more water than it looks like.

Though Mexico disagrees, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality continues to maintain that Mexico is in "material breach" of the 1944 treaty that stipulates how the United States and that country will share water.

To underscore its point, the newly-renamed agency released a summary of Texas' position in the dispute called 'The Legal Status of the 1944 Utilization of Waters Treaty Between the United States of America and Mexico."

The document is as dry as the Rio Grande, but the bottom line is that while Texas has no legal remedy against Mexico, the U.S. could terminate the treaty without performance or insist on reparation—in both kinds of liquidity, water and money.

This argument involves only South Texas, but it foreshadows a huge future problem for Texans: water supply.

More worries...

As if water supply was not enough to worry about, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is cautioning the state's several hundred thousand deer hunters to be extra cautious in handling their kill this season. The reason is Chronic Wasting Disease.

While CWD has not been found yet in Texas, it could be a serious threat to the state's herd, one of its most important wildlife assets. Though not dangerous to humans, the disease could have a terrible economic impact on Texas.

Even though there is no known danger to humans, the Parks and Wildlife officials say that if a deer looks ill, don't shoot it or if you do, don't eat it. Hunters are advised to wear rubber gloves when dressing game, to remove the bones from all meat and to not consume any neural issue.

For more information on the issue, check the agency's Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

Watch your track...

Nationally, the most stolen vehicle is the Toyota Camry. But that's nationally.

In the Lone Star state, 20 of the 25 most-stolen vehicles in 2002 were pick-up trucks. The favorite with vehicle rustlers that year was the Chevrolet C1500 4x2, according to data compiled by CCC Information Services, Inc. and released by the Comptroller's Office.

Tea from Taiwan...

The results are in from Sept. 21's annual Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup. According to the General Land Office, nearly 10,000 volunteers collected 150 tons of trash from 208 miles of Texas' shoreline.

Among the more interesting items found this year: a Russian shaving cream can, a package of jelly from Japan, bottle caps from Argentina to Nigeria and tea packets from Taiwan.

Other debris that somehow ended up washing ashore in Texas included a water fountain, an artificial leg, a car door, a refrigerator and a piano top.

You probably remembered...

With the helpful slogan, "Fall back, spring forward," what to do when Daylight Savings Time changes is pretty easy to remember.

But the Department of Insurance reminds Texans they also should change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

This simple procedure can help detect a potential fire in the home.

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OBITUARIES

CARPENTER

Mary Carpenter, 76, of Pipe Creek, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, in a San Antonio hospital. She was born Nov. 23, 1925 in Mexia to Franklin David Nicholson, Sr. and Ella Joe Ruble Nicholson. On January 23, 1949 she married Roy Carpenter in San Antonio. Mary was instrumental in starting the Pipe Creek, Presbyterian Church, was very active in Helping Hands, active in the Senior Citizens Center, and she was a member of the Pipe Creek EMS Support Team. Survivors including her husband Roy of Pipe Creek, sons, Steven Carpenter and wife Arielle of San Leon, and Glenn Carpenter and wife Melynda of League City, twin sister, Jacky Buck of Bandera, and grandchildren, Danna and Sam Carpenter and Kristie Cardin. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Franklin David Nicholson, Jr. Graveside services were held at Glenwood Cemetery in Beeville on Friday, Nov. 1 at 11 a.m. with Reverend Phineas Washer officiating. A memorial service was held on Friday, Nov. 1 at 4 p.m. at the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church with Reverends Raymond and Becky Powell officiating. Memorials may be made to Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church P.O. Box 63377, Pipe Creek, TX 78063. The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

GEER

Jocelyn "Peanut" Geer, age 51, a longtime resident of Helotes, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 31. She was born Nov. 14, 1950, in San Antonio, Texas, the daughter of Jack and Joyce Phillips Sales. She was preceded in death by her father Jack Sales and Nephew, Marcus Jansen.

"Peanut" is survived by Her mother, Joyce Austin and Stepfather, Ed; Daughters, Tammy McDonald and her husband, Jiminy, Karen James and her Father Donald James, and Crystal Geer; Brothers and Sisters, Jackie Scharmann and her husband, John, Rebecca Jansen and her husband, Mike, Frank "Butch" Sales, Gene "Itsy" Sales and his wife, Barbara, Golda Quipp and her husband, Butch, Marshall Sales and his wife, Tammy and Todd Sales; Two Grandchildren, Brittany Dawn McDonald and Lauren Jean McDonald; Numerous Nieces and Nephews.

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 4 at 2:30 p.m. at Vaughan's Funeral Home, with Dr. David



Geer

B. Vaughan, Officiating. Pallbearers were Butch Sales, Marshall Sales, Itsy Sales, Cody Sales, Clifton Sales, Jack Quipp, Jason Birdie, and Todd Sales, Jr. Burial followed in the Pipe Creek Cemetery. To send a message or tribute to the family, please visitwww.vaughanfuneralhome.com and select the obituary icon. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Vaughan's Funeral Home of Boerne.

HANER

Arthur Haner, a Bandera resident since 1982, died in his sleep of heart failure at the age of 77. Art was born and raised in San Antonio and served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. In the late 1940's, he lived and worked in Bandera, where he played on the city softball team and served on the volunteer fire department. From the early 1950's until shortly before his retirement from Southwestern Motor Transport, Art and his family lived in San Antonio. He was preceded in death by his parents, Celia and Don Hiner, his brothers, Roland and William, and his wife of 44 years, Margaret Haner. Art's survivors include his daughters, Sharon Schafnitz and Cynthia Holt, granddaughters, Ronda Forsyth, Rebecca Holt, and Kara Holt, and one great grandson, Córey Forsyth. In lieu of flowers, please celebrate Art's life by enjoying a hearty meal at your favorite restaurant or playing a full round of golf. You are invited to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the Send Condolences link. Arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

KESLAR

Harold C. Keslar, Jr., 65, of Lakehills, died on Nov. 1, after a long illness of emphysema and congestive heart failure. He went to our Lord's presence on All Saint's Day at 8:40 p.m. at his residence.

He was born on March 5, 1937 in Union Town, Pennsylvania to Harold Keslar Sr. and Dorothy Jenkins Keslar. Harold Khslar married Doris Meyer on Sept. 3, 1965 at St. Marks United Methodist Church in San Antonio. Harold and his wife Doris own D&H Automotive in Lakehills. He loved to take care of the people of Lakehills, because he thought they were wonderful. He was a member of the Lakehills United Methodist Church in Lakehills.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years Doris Keslar, son Harold Keslar III and wife Susan of San Antonio, sister, Joann Bussey and husband H.P. of San Antonio, five grandchildren, Kristi Bollinger, Josh, Amy, Scott and Tim Keslar all of San Antonio, niece, Cindy Bussey of San Antonio, nephew Duke Bussey of California and many loved ones and friends will miss him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harold Keslar Sr. and Dorothy Keslar.

A memorial service was Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 11 a.m. at the Lakehills United Methodist Church, with Pastor Ellen Ely officiating the services.

All funeral arrangements are under the direction of Wright's Funeral Parlor in Bandera.

ROGERS

Kayte Jane Rogers, 82, of Medina, died Thursday, Oct. 31, at a care center in Kerrville. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapel in Bandera with Brother Rodger Bonnet officiating. Interment will follow in Oak Rest Cemetery at Medina with Doug Watkins, Matthew Keating, Kimbeau Keating, Mack Rogers, Lindon Kelley, and Randy Wall serving as pallbearers. Mrs. Rogers was born Dec. 29, 1919 in Provident City, to Jimmie Ryan Sims and Bettie Orinda Newman Sims. In Houston, on Feb. 24, 1948 she married Herman Rogers. Prior to moving to a Medina in 1978, they resided in Lake Barbara, where she was employed in food service in the Clute School District and he served as a municipal judge. After moving to Medina, Mr. Rogers was elected Justice of the Peace of Bandera County Precinct 3 and Mrs. Rogers assisted him with secretarial duties. They were affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He retired as Justice of the Peace in 1994 and passed away on March 20, 1997. Surviving Mrs. Rogers are a son, Gil Rogers and wife, Doris of Medina, sisters, Elizabeth Keating of Medina and Eunice Branscum of Louise, two brothers, Branch Sims and Lloyd Sims, both of Louise, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. You are invited to send condolences to the family at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

WHEELER

Paul Elbert Wheeler was born June 4, 1916 in San Antonio. He was the second son of Carl F. and Mary Larman Wheeler. He died October 29 in Bandera, at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Preston, Linden and Carl Jr. and sister, Ella Calloway.

He is survived by one sister, Laura Nelson of Temple, four nephews and four nieces and two step-sons, Sally Wheeler Lorayne Wheeler, and a host of other relatives.

Elbert never married and lived his life on the Wheeler Ranch at the head of the Medina River. He graduated valedictorian of Medina High School in 1933 and graduated from Palmer Chiropractic College, but this time he made a lasting impression on many children and young people. Elbert devoted his life to helping his many friends and thousands of poor and needy.

Elbert joined the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in early childhood and served as an Elder most of his adult life. He served as Pastor of the Bandera Church two different periods of time for a total of 25 years.

Services were conducted at Grimes Funeral Chapel on Monday, November 4, at 2 p.m. with burial at Oak Rest cemetery in Medina. Services were conducted by Reverend Charles Renfroe, Reverend Gerald Evans and Reverend Jim Arnold.

Pallbearers were Troyce Wheeler, Preston (Sandy) Wheeler, Robert (Bob) Wheeler, Jessie Faglie, Adolph Stricher, Jr. and Antonio Tamayo.

BANDERA COUNTY JAIL LOG

The following persons were arrested and booked into the Bandera County jail recently. It should be remembered that a person is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

John Heinen, 26, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/28/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Luis Lemas, 43, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/28/02 for assault with bodily injury. Jason Cuellar, 17, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/28/02 for assault by contact. Jacob Folkerts, 20, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/28/02 for a motion to revoke probation felony warrant. Carl Johnson, 17, of Tarpley, was arrested on 10/29/02 for carrying a prohibited weapon in a weapon free zone. Jesse Ramirez, 37, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/29/02 for theft by check and failure to appear. Odis Evans, 48, of Medina, was arrested of 10/30/02 for three warrant from an outside agency. Richard Martin, 40, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/31/02 for burglary of a habitat. Theresa Presez, 31, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/31/02 for a traffic warrant Manuel Bermudez, 32, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/31/02 for three capias profine warrants and on warrant from an outside agency. Barbara Flint, 40, of Medina, was arrested on 11/01/02 for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of paraphernalia to inhale and other violation. Franklin Ferry, 48, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/01/02 for theft $1,500-20,000. Don Cox, 45, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/01/02, for a warrant from an outside agency. Timothy Delrie, 24, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/01/02, for burglary of a building. Robert Hurley, 30, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/01/02 for motion to revoke probation, felony warrant and aggravated assault with serious bodily injury. Mark Villarreal, 36, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/01/02 for motion to revoke probation, misdemeanor warrant. Garick Clayton, 17, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/01/02 for a capias pro fine warrant, tampering with ID numbers, false report to police officer, theft $50-$500, possession of paraphernalia to inhale, and unlawful carrying. Roger Warman, 18, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/01/02 for unlawful carrying, possession of a controlled substance, tampering with ID numbers, and burglary of a habitat. Misty Howton, 20 issuance's of a bad check. Mark Hilbig, 43, of Lavernia, was arrested on 11/02/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Anthony Andrade, 31, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 11/02/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Sheran Fisher, 46, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/02/02 for public intoxication. Sara Roach, 47, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/02/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Brigid Wood, 42, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/02/02 driving while intoxicated, first offense. Jerome Engebos, 20, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/02/02 for theft $50-$500. Michelle Fowler, 26, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/02/02 for assault with bodily injury. Katherine White, 49, of Lakehills, was arrested on 11/02/02 for public intoxication. Gary Crossley, 55, of Elmendorf, was arrested on 11/03/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. William Furguson, 26, of Spring, was arrested on 11/03/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Ronnie Thomas, 55, of Resharon, was arrested on 11/03/02 for public intoxication. Todd Weinert, 40, of Tomball, was arrested on 11/03/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Robert Clark, 34, of San Antonio, was arrested on 11/03/02 for public intoxication and open container. Don Martin, 35, of Houston, was arrested on 11/03/02 for public intoxication. Brian White, 35, of Dayton, was arrested on 11/03/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Antonio Maldonado, 60, of Moore, was arrested on 11/03/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Stephen Fitzgerald, 32, of Bandera, was arrested on 11/03/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

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Red Ribbon Week at BMS and BHS







Bandera Middle School and High School continued the Red Ribbon Celebration through Oct. 31. Several events were scheduled at both campuses including "Shattered Dreams" at the High School sponsored by the Students Against Drunk Driving organization. Front row (from left) Emily Pease, Linsey Brunner, Taylor Williamson, Brittany Dinhoble, Veronica Hernandez (back row) Wheeler Hanks, Christopher Stone and Thomas Jones. (Far right) Atom Baker from Perfection on Wheels demonstrates a flip in the Bandera Middle School Gymnasium as part of Red Ribbon Week.

CHAMBER

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Antonio. Just before joining TTIA, Serff served as Manager of Fiesta Texas.

In addition, Serff has served as the president of the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions. He was a member of the U.S. Congressional Tourism Caucus Advisory Board, a gubernatorial appointee of the White House Conference on Tourism, chair of the Tourism Advisory Committee of the Texas Department of Economic Development, chair of the Greater San Antonio Chamber's Tourism Council and serves as a board member of the Travel Industry Association of America. Attendance at the luncheon is by reservation.

Love Creek will be catering the event. Lunch will feature their ever-popular chicken salad along with ham salad and pimento cheese salad. Cost is $7 per person.

Reservations need to be received by Wednesday, Nov. 13. For more information or to make reservations call the Chamber office at (830) 796-3045.

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Horse owners urged to guard against West Nile Virus

Area veterinarians urging area horse owners to have their horses vaccinated against West Nile Virus.

The vaccination takes four to six weeks to become effective and is relatively inexpensive. There has been at least one confirmed case in Bandera County.

Neighboring counties have also had confirmed cases. Statewide, there have been more than 700 cases confirmed.

Horses afflicted with the virus can become wobbly and weaker – horses can die as a result of the disease, which is carried by mosquitoes.

For more information on horses and West Nile Virus, call the Kendall County equine clinic at 830-336-2041. According to the clinic about 40 percent of those horses that contract the virus will die. There is no cure for the disease once a horse gets it.

More information on West Nile Virus is available at www.equinewestnile.com Vaccinations for horses generally cost in the $20-$25 range. The first injection must be administered by a veterinarian.

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Although WNV is not a regulatory disease, TAHC veterinarians and animal health inspectors have worked to increase awareness about the disease that can cause equids to suffer swelling of the brain, develop [illegible] or become unable to rise.

According to national statistics, WNV infection can lead to death in up to a third of infected equids, she noted.

WNV vaccine is produced by Fort Dodge Animal Health and is conditionally licensed by the USDA, explained veterinarian Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. Aside from mosquito repellents, he said the vaccine, available through veterinarians, is the only protection available against the disease that has affected nearly 12,000 horses in 38 states in 2002.

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Brigitte Steyer and Joel Brent Neuenschwander were united in marriage on Oct. 12, in Landau, Germany. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl-Heinz Steyer of Hackenheim, Germany and the granddaughter of Elwina Huber of Hohenems, Austria. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Neuenschwander of Bandera and the grandson of Mrs. Esther Everett of Bandera and Mrs. Joyce Neuenschwander of Rowlett, Texas.

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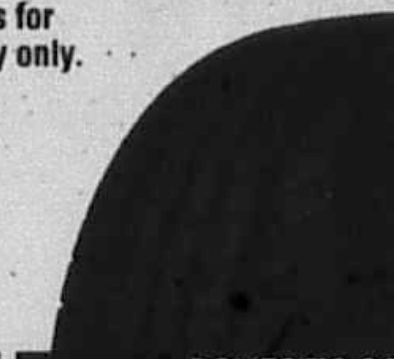


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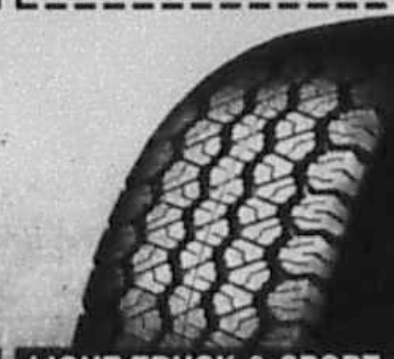


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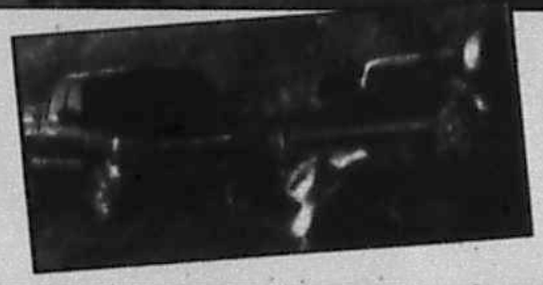
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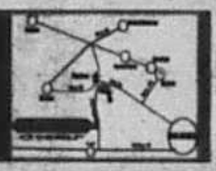






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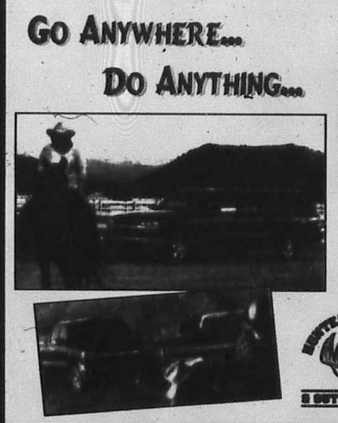
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"You can't lay brick without two hands," Kay said.

Before his accident, Mike made regular hunting trips to Colorado, for elk and mule deer.

"I do like to go. I bowhunt some, although I had to go to a crossbow, because I can't hold a regular bow anymore."

Adjustments like that are ways Mike hasn't let the accident stop him from hunting. For example, he now shoots prone or from a rest, instead off-hand, because his arm has less strength to hold a rifle. He has substituted more determination, patience and making the most of cover to be a more effective hunter.

His other passion is hunting feral hogs in the same rugged canyons where he deer hunts.

"I go pig hunting a lot, almost every week. Occasionally, I've shot some hogs over 400 (pounds). We used to make a lot of sausage, so I now how much a hog weighs. We shoot a lot of 250s."

Mike also believes in passing on his love of the outdoors. Since Kay's husband Randy has been deployed to active duty, Mike has started taking Kay and Randy's son, Josh, 14, along on feral hog hunts.

"Josh went with me the other day and shot two with three shots!" Mike said proudly.

Denise and Kay agree that it was Mike's love of hunting, and his determination to get back in the field as soon as possible, that sped his miraculous recovery.

Mike doesn't much care to talk about the accident. But he loves to talk about hunting. Here's his recount of that memorable hunt last November.

"I was hunting by myself, in Armstrong County, actually between Claude and Silverton. I've been hunting this place seven or eight years, and it has some decent mule deer. But I never killed a deer of this caliber there. I didn't think there were any bucks that big."

The ranch is broken with small canyons and draws that provide ideal cover for mule deer.

"It was about 10:30 or 11 in the morning. I was glassing, driving the back pasture roads. I glassed into the different canyons on this place. The wind was blowing hard that day, and I saw three does real far away, bedded down in a little draw out of the wind.

"I got to looking better and saw a good set of horns. I pulled out my scope and turned it up to 20x. I could see that it was a good animal, but at this point it was about 1 1/2 miles away, so it was hard to see exactly what he was, although I could see he a good animal.

"So I drive back around and got within 3/4 mile of them. Then I used the draws and canyons to get up to within about 300 yard, then crawled out onto a hill. Lying there on the ground, I could see this deer lying there with the does. I watched them for about 15 minutes. I knew it was about 300 yards, but I finally decided to just take him."

Mike unlimbered his trusty .270 and took advantage of his prone position to get a solid rest. With limited strength in his arms, he has to use a rest or shoot prone, which for this long-range shot was just the ticket.

"When I shot, there were deer running everywhere! I lost track of the buck. There were 13 deer there all together, back where I couldn't see them. I sat there and watched them go about 100 yards, and then they began to bed down again.

"I sat there on the hill for a while, and never saw the buck again, so I finally snuck up within 40 yards of them, to see if I could see the buck, and finally spooked the others.

"I never did see the buck, and was thinking maybe I'd missed. I couldn't find any blood trail and was fixing to go over the hill, but thought I better check one little side creek and there he lay."

Mike ranged the distance to the deer at 285 yards.

With the help of friends, Mike, hauled the big-bodied old buck out of that canyon. And a huge buck it is, by Texas or any other stands.

Basically a 17-point rack, the buck has 9 points on one side, eight on the other. The rack grossed 216 B&C and nets 207 4/8 B&C after deductions, just enough to drop the buck below the minimum score for the Boone & Crockett Record Book, but plenty large enough to make it the largest non-typical mule deer taken in Texas last year. Mike received top honors from the Texas Big Game Awards Program for his buck last month in San Antonio.

As we said, he doesn't spend much time thinking about the twists of fate that nearly took his life and also brought him back to the outdoors he loves.

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Want a real trophy? How you can age deer on the hoof

By Lee Laschper

Within the next two weeks, hundreds of thousands of Texas deer hunters were make the ultimate decision of their hunt-to shoot or not to shoot.

But we've come a long way from the days of "shoot the first buck you see."

Texas hunters and managers have evolved from just shooting deer to managing deer, and evaluating deer on the hoof has become very important.

Today, identifying the age of a deer--buck or doe--is more important than almost any criteria, including angler points, spread or score. Obviously a "book" deer is just as impressive, whether it's four or eight years old. But for most hunters and managers, the trick is telling the difference between a hand-some 3-year-old and a mature 5-year-old, regardless of the headgear they're carrying.

But this determination is only important while the deer is alive. And judging deer age by tooth wear, the traditional method, isn't much use on judging a deer before it's been reduced to possession.

So the ability to judge a live deer "on the hoof" becomes invaluable.

Although deer fanz agree on very little, most admit that with practice even an occasional hunter can quickly tell whether a deer is a yearling, older than a yearling but not mature, or mature.

Dr. Jim Kroll, director of the Institute for Whitetail Deer Management and Research at Stephenville F. Austin University in east Texas, has studied and managed deer long enough to earn the nickname "Dr. Deer."

"The level of accuracy that we need for most private land owners is the ability to divide deer into four or maybe three age classes--yearlings, immature deer, mature deer and over-mature deer.

"You don't really need to know exactly how old they are," Kroll said. "You just need to know if they're ready to cull from the herd. Yearlings, for example, usually are not, and techniques are fairly accurate for aging them. Fawns are a piece of cake."

"I've found that it is very easy to train people to age live deer. Humans are visual animals, and just as we can age every person we meet within 10 years or so, we can learn to age deer.

"I try to just get people to actually look at deer. I like to say the average deer hunter looks at a buck for a count of three--Deer! Buck! Boom!"

"(With training) we find no significant difference between the ability of (trained) laymen and professionals in aging deer."

The institute works with dozens of hunting clubs each year to manage their deer herds.

"We first give them hands-on training in live aging and jawbone aging, through a video, book and aging card the institute provides. It's mandatory that they keep records on every deer every year.

"The whole secret of deer manage is touching people, and knowledge is power."

Most references agree that deer's body conformation change in predictable ways as the deer ages. By looking closely, a hunter can predict reasonably well if a deer is young, middle-aged or past its prime.

Start by looking at the deer's head. A young deer's head appears long and skinny. A mature deer's head will be about as thick as it long, while an older deer (more than five years old) will have a head that appears stubby--thicker than it is long.

A yearling will look thin and have a "doe-like face." Its neck will look like long and skinny, noticeably smaller than the shoulders. Its legs will look long and thin and it's hindquarters will look taller and larger than

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Two different references guides, each offering quick tips on how body conformation can help estimate a deer's age.



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Before his accident, Mike made regular hunting trips to Colorado, for elk and mule deer.

"I do like to go I bowhunt some, although I had to go to a crossbow, because I can't hold a regular bow anymore."

Adjustments like that are ways Mike hasn't let the accident stop him from hunting. For example, he now shoots prone or from a rest, instead off-hand, because his arm has less strength to hold a rifle. He has substituted more determination, patience and making the most of cover to be a more effective hunter.

His other passion is hunting feral hogs in the same rugged canyons where he deer hunts.

"I go pig hunting a lot, almost every week. Occasionally I've shot some hogs over 400 (pounds). We used to make a lot of sausage, so I now how much a hog weighs. We shoot a lot of 250s."

Mike also believes in passing on his love of the outdoors. Since Kay's husband Randy has been deployed to active duty, Mike has started taking Kay and Randy's son, Josh, 14, along on feral hog hunts.

"Josh went with me the other day and shot two with three shots!" Mike said proudly.

Denise and Kay agree that it was Mike's love of hunting, and his determination to get back in the field as soon as possible, that sped his miraculous recovery.

Mike doesn't much care to talk about the accident. But he loves to talk about hunting. Here's his recount of that memorable hunt last November.

"I was hunting by myself, in Armstrong County, actually between Claude and Silverton. I've been hunting this place seven or eight years, and it has some decent mule deer. But I never killed a deer of this caliber there. I didn't think there were any bucks that big."

The ranch is broken with small canyons and draws that provide ideal cover for mule deer.

"It was about 10:30 or 11 in the morning. I was glassing, driving the back pasture roads. I glassed into the different canyons on this place. The wind was blowing hard that day, and I saw three does real far away, bedded down in a little draw out of the wind.

"I got to looking better and saw a good set of horns. I pulled out my scope and turned it up to 20x. I could see that it was a good animal, but at this point it was about 1 1/2 miles away, so it was hard to see exactly what he was, although I could see he a good animal.

"So I drive back around and got within 3/4 mile of them. Then I used the draws and canyons to get up to within about 300 yard, then crawled out onto a hill. Lying there on the ground, I could see this deer lying there with the does. I watched them for about 15 minutes. I knew it was about 300 yards, but I finally decided to just take him."

Mike unlimbered his trusty .270 and took advantage of his prone position to get a solid rest. With limited strength in his arms, he has to use a rest or shoot prone, which for this long-range shot was just the ticket.

"When I shot, there were deer running everywhere! I lost track of the buck. There were 13 deer there all together, back where I couldn't see them. I sat there and watched them go about 100 yards, and then they began to bed down again.

"I sat there on the hill for a while, and never saw the buck again, so I finally snuck up within 40 yards of them, to see if I could see the buck, and finally spooked the others.

"I never did see the buck, and was thinking maybe I'd missed. I couldn't find any blood trail and was fixing to go over the hill, but thought I better check one little side creek and there he lay."

Mike ranged the distance to the deer at 285 yards.

With the help of friends, Mike hauled the big-bodied old buck out of that canyon. And a huge buck it is, by Texas or any other stands.

Basically a 17-point rack, the buck has 9 points on one side, eight on the other. The rack grossed 216 B&C and nets 207 4/8 B&C after deductions, just enough to drop the buck below the minimum score for the Boone & Crockett Record Book, but plenty large enough to make it the largest non-typical mule deer taken in Texas last year. Mike received top honors from the Texas Big Game Awards Program for his buck last month in San Antonio.

As we said, he doesn't spend much time thinking about the twists of fate that nearly took his life and also brought him back to the outdoors he loves.

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Want a real trophy? How you can age deer on the hoof

By Lee Leschper

Within the next two weeks, hundreds of thousands of Texas deer hunters were make the ultimate decision of their hunt-to shoot or not to shoot.

But we've come a long way from the days of "shoot the first buck you see."

Texas hunters and managers have evolved from just shooting deer to managing deer, and evaluating deer on the hoof has become very important.

Today, identifying the age of a deer--buck or doe--is more important than almost any criteria, including antler points, spread or score. Obviously a "book" deer is just as impressive, whether it's four or eight years old. But for most hunters and managers, the trick is telling the difference between a handsome 3-year-old and a mature 5-year-old, regardless of the headgear they're carrying.

But this determination is only important while the deer is alive. And judging deer age by tooth wear, the traditional method, isn't much use on judging a deer before it's been reduced to possession.

So the ability to judge a live deer "on the hoof" becomes invaluable.

Although deer fans agree on very little, most admit that with practice even an occasional hunter can quickly tell whether a deer is a yearling, older than a yearling but not mature, or mature.

Dr. Jim Kroll, director of the Institute for Whitetail Deer Management and Research at Stephenville F. Austin University in east Texas, has studied and managed deer long enough to earn the nickname "Dr. Deer."

"The level of accuracy that we need for most private land owners is the ability to divide deer into four or maybe three age classes--yearlings, immature deer, mature deer and over-mature deer.

"You don't really need to know exactly how old they are," Kroll said. "You just need to know if they're ready to cull from the herd. Yearlings, for example, usually are not, and techniques are fairly accurate for aging them. Fawns are a piece of cake."

"I've found that it is very easy to train people to age live deer. Humans are visual animals, and just as we can age every person we meet within 10 years or so, we can learn to age deer.

"I try to just get people to actually look at deer. I like to say the average deer hunter looks at a buck for a count of three--Deer! Buck! Boom!"

"(With training) we find no significant difference between the ability of (trained) laymen and professionals in aging deer."

The institute works with dozens of hunting clubs each year to manage their deer herds.

"We first give them hands-on training in live aging and jawbone aging, through a video, book and aging card the institute provides. It's mandatory that they keep records on every deer every year.

"The whole secret of deer manage is touching people, and khowledge is power."

Most references agree that deer's body conformation change in predictable ways as the deer ages. By looking closely, a hunter can predict reasonably well if a deer is young, middle-aged or past its prime.

Start by looking at the deer's head. A young deer's head appears long and skinny. A mature deer's head will be about as thick as it is long, while an oldeadeer (more than five years old) will have a head that appears stubby--thicker than it is long.



Two different references guides, each offering quick tips on how body conformation can help estimate a deer's age.

A yearling will look thin and have a "doe-like face." Its neck will look like long and skinny, noticeably smaller than the shoulders. Its legs will look long and thin and it's hindquarters will look taller and larger than

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Texas Outdoors



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Why do I hunt? Because hunting is who I am

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Why was I here? Why do I hunt? To kill a deer? Yes. And no.

The 65-pound compound bow in my hand could certainly dispatch the little 6-point buck in seconds. A smooth draw, sight pin low behind the shoulder, quiet release and he'd be mine. Yet I make no move to draw the razorsharp broadhead.

Why had a I planned for months to be here? Why had I risen before dawn, walked half a mile through the brush by starlight, climbed into this tree? Why, and then not shoot?

Because I am a hunter.

So often these modern days, as more and more of our human cohabitants ask why we still hunt, we struggle for answers to justify what is so basic.

Hunting is just not something I do.

Hunting is who I am.

Hunting is where I want to be.

Because those minutes, seconds, hours in wild places, among wild things, are among the most alive ones I know. Because of the places and times it give me the excuse to see and spend. Secret wooded and quiet shaded and starlight night places. Simple places, so clean and free of modern disguises.

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Not all great friendships are born on a deer lease. But good ones can be strengthened or reborn. That's why so many us won't hunt alone. I like to hunt alone. But that's my time. I also hunt with my brothers and good friends.

That's our time. Also our choice to include only those who have shown the spirit and good manners to enhance, not distract from the time. That's why an invitation to the woods is often more dear than that to any party or dinner or executive retreat.

Why hunt? Because it's a challenge. Non-hunting friends love to belittle hunting, lecturing me on scope-sighted rifles and gunning down Bambi's mama over a pile of corn.

These are the same people who have never seen a wild deer up close, never listened to the crunch of a deer's teeth on acorns, never smelled a lovesick buck, never heard a deer snort in the darkness so close that you hear, feel, it on every side at once. These modern city-dwellers can't understand that there is nothing easy, ever, about taking the life of a wild animal. I pity them.

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Why then? Because hunting is not something I do. It is something I am.

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It's a question biologists commonly hear in the fall. Many hunters want to make sure that they plan hunting vacations to include that magical time when bucks lose all caution and deer are moving.

Can hunting the rut help? You bet. Anything that encourages bucks to move enhances the chance of seeing one. Buck deer, like most male mammals, seem to lose a lot of their natural caution when the scent of a receptive female is in the air.

One of the tips gained from this study is that rutting bucks can be found during most of the hunting season in many regions of the state.

Consistently successful hunters spend a lot of time in the field throughout the hunting season, not just during the peak of the rut.

Hunters and ranchers often encourage Texas Parks and Wildlife to move the season later to give deer a chance to breed.

The study showed that no matter when the rut occurred, the vast majority of does were bred. Individual ranch and deer herd management are much more important than timing of the hunting season.

The data will assist TPWD in determining whether the number of bucks in an area has an effect on breeding season length and success. There are many interacting factors which affect breeding.

The breeding study involved the examination of 2,436 does, the largest number of deer ever utilized in a Texas breeding study.

The date of conception can be determined by looking at fetus length. An average of 200 days from conception was used to determine fawning dates.

Biologists got as much information as they could from the does collected. They looked at the timing of the rut and at breeding success on 16 study areas throughout Texas for three years.

In most areas the rut varied very little from year to year. Will the information help with the planning of your hunt? You be the judge.

Breeding Success and Fawn Survival

In some Texas circles, you still hear people talk about the "old barren doe" that lives in a certain pasture.

This train of thought blames poor fawn production on the idea that many older does do not get pregnant. In reality, if the doe isn't bred during the first estrous period, she will be receptive again in 28 days.

This explains the high breeding success in white-tailed deer even when bucks are scarce. We found that on the average, 92 of every 100 does sampled in the state were pregnant.

Life is full of dangers for a fawn, and food and cover (the fawning habitat) is the difference in living and dying for fawns. In many parts of the state, predation is severe unless there is adequate hiding cover

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Timing for the rut can increase your odds of success

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for young fawns.

Imported fire-ants are a problem for fawns in heavily infested areas, but their impact can often mask the real problem. Adequate nutrition is often limiting, and if fawns make it past fire-ants and predators to weaning, they still face the challenge of finding food and cover.

Fawn survival depends primarily on habitat quality. Malnutrition and associated problems are probably responsible for poor fawn survival in much of the state.

Dry conditions aggravate the problem of inadequate food. "Empty belly disease" is the most limiting factor on whitetails in Texas.

Delayed breeding could cause fawns to be born late, which would be a disadvantage on ranges where food is scarce.

The Early and Late Ruts

What about the early and late ruts? Hunters and outdoor writers often talk about the rut being early or late. In Texas, at least, the breeding season for white-tailed deer is fairly predictable from year to year.

Within a specific area, habitat conditions not only affect fawn survival, but can affect the timing of breeding. A doe in poor condition or a young doe may not breed until late in the season.

A doe may be attractive to bucks for about five days, but may be willing to breed for a period of only 24 hours. If the doe is not bred during her first cycle, she will generally come into heat again about 28 days later.

In areas where there are few bucks, a doe may not encounter a buck when she is first receptive and may not be bred until one of her later cycles.

A hunter, landowner or biologist who sees the late breeding activity may be convinced that there was a late rut.

On the other hand, those who see does attended by bucks in the early part of the season believe there was an early rut. This helps explain the wide variety of opinions on the timing of the rut during a particular year.

"Hunter chronology" has a lot to do with the perceived timing of the rut. Traditionally, hunters are more likely to be afield during cool weather.

They will usually be out in force with the onset of the first weekend norther during the deer season. When there are many observers spending time in the field it is more likely that breeding activity will be noticed.

Bucks, like hunters, have a tendency to move around during cool weather. Bucks with hardened antlers are ready to breed and are looking for a willing doe.

More movement means more opportunity to encounter a receptive doe. This increased movement helps give rise to the idea that cold weather causes the rut. However, this theory is disproved by white-tailed deer breeding in tropical climates.

South Texas has the latest breeding period. Even there, fawns are born before August and are weaned by October.

The Rut in the Edwards Plateau

Conception dates for this region ranged from as early as October 9 to a late date of January 30.

The Edwards Plateau, Texas' highest deer production region, was divided into three areas for the study.

The eastern part had a peak breeding date of November 7.

Peak breeding for the central portion was November 24, and the western area had a peak date of December 5.

An average of 90 percent of the does were bred and the average number of fetuses found was 1.3 per doe.

The majority (90%) of the fawns are born by June 26 in the central area, and by July 13 in the western area.



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Imported fire-ants are a problem for fawns in heavily infested areas, but their impact can often mask the real problem. Adequate nutrition is often limiting, and if fawns make it past fire-ants and predators to weaning, they still face the challenge of finding food and cover.

Fawn survival depends primarily on habitat quality. Malnutrition and associated problems are probably responsible for poor fawn survival in much of the state.

Dry conditions aggravate the problem of inadequate food. "Empty belly disease" is the most limiting factor on whitetails in Texas.

Delayed breeding could cause fawns to be born late, which would be a disadvantage on ranges where food is scarce.

The Early and Late Ruts

What about the early and late ruts? Hunters and outdoor writers often talk about the rut being early or late. In Texas, at least, the breeding season for white-tailed deer is fairly predictable from year to year.

Within a specific area, habitat conditions not only affect fawn survival, but can affect the timing of breeding. A doe in poor condition or a young doe may not breed until late in the season.

A doe may be attractive to bucks for about five days, but may be willing to breed for a period of only 24 hours. If the doe is not bred during her first cycle, she will generally come into heat again about 28 days later.

In areas where there are few bucks, a doe may not encounter a buck when she is first receptive and may not be bred until one of her later cycles.

A hunter, landowner or biologist who sees the late breeding activity may be convinced that there was a late rut.

On the other hand, those who see does attended by bucks in the early part of the season believe there was an early rut. This helps explain the wide variety of opinions on the timing of the rut during a particular year.

"Hunter chronology" has a lot to do with the perceived timing of the rut. Traditionally, hunters are more likely to be afield during cool weather.

They will usually be out in force with the onset of the first weekend norther during the deer season. When there are many observers spending time in the field it is more likely that breeding activity will be noticed.

Bucks, like hunters, have a tendency to move around during cool weather. Bucks with hardened antlers are ready to breed and are looking for a willing doe.

More movement means more opportunity to encounter a receptive doe. This increased movement helps give rise to the idea that cold weather causes the rut. However, this theory is disproved by white-tailed deer breeding in tropical climates.

South Texas has the latest breeding period. Even there, fawns are born before August and are weaned by October.

The Rut in the Edwards Plateau

Conception dates for this region ranged from as early as October 9 to a late date of January 30.

The Edwards Plateau, Texas' highest deer production region, was divided into three areas for the study.

The eastern part had a peak breeding date of Novyember 7.

Peak breeding for the central portion was November 24, and the western area had a peak date of December 5.

An average of 90 percent of the does were bred and the average number of fetuses found was 1.3 per doe.

The majority (90%) of the fawns are born by June 26 in the central area, and by July 13 in the western area.



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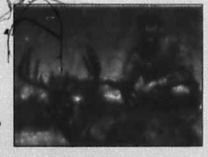
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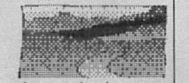
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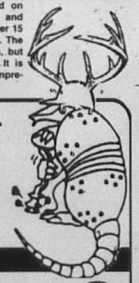
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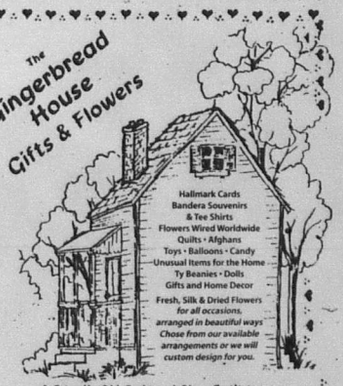
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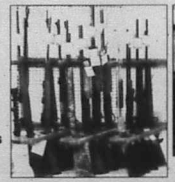




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The arctic cold front expected to hit Bandera County this week will be the icing on the cake for organizers of the 40th Annual Hunters BBQ & Outdoor Expo which starts with the meal, auction and entertainment on Friday afternoon, November 1 and continues with a Charlie Robison concert on Saturday night, November 2.

"There's nothing like a Texas Blue Norther to get hunters ready for opening day," said Frank Shubert, Bandera County Chamber of Commerce Vice President and event chairman for this year's barbecue.

"We want everyone to be as excited as we are about this being at the 40th Annual BBQ."

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce is making final preparations for this social event of the season This year the event has been expanded to two days to celebrate 40 years of honoring the hunters who return annually for the opening weekend of deer hunting season. The grand finale will be a concert on Saturday, Nov. 2 featuring Country Western recording star, and Bandra's own home-grown entertainer, Charlie Robison.



Festivities kickoff on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. The highlights of the Expo will be exhibitors and displays showcasing the latest in hunting equipment, guns, knives, recreational vehicles, deer blinds, feeders and outdoor supplies, as well as local exhibitor's wares and gift ideas.

At 4:30 p.m., mounds of succulent barbecue with all the trimmings will be served. Live country music will fill the venue all afternoon provided by the talents of Dusty Britches and the Rhythm Ranch Hands.

After the meal follows the famous giant auction which has something for everyone including quality hunting equipment, hunting trips, gifts and much more. Kids as well as adults can relax and enjoy the BB gun shooting gallery and interactive hunting exhibits.

Saturday, Nov. 2, starting at 6 p.m., will showcase a continuation of the Outdoor Expo as well as many hunting demonstrations, family fun activities, great food, interactive displays and more! The Grand Finale will be the concert Saturday evening featuring Country Western star and Bandera's

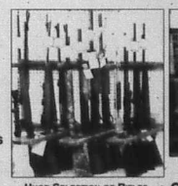
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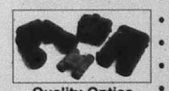


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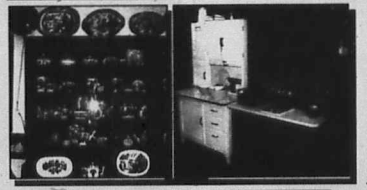
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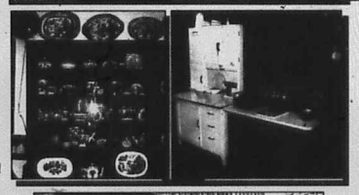
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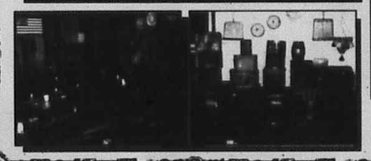






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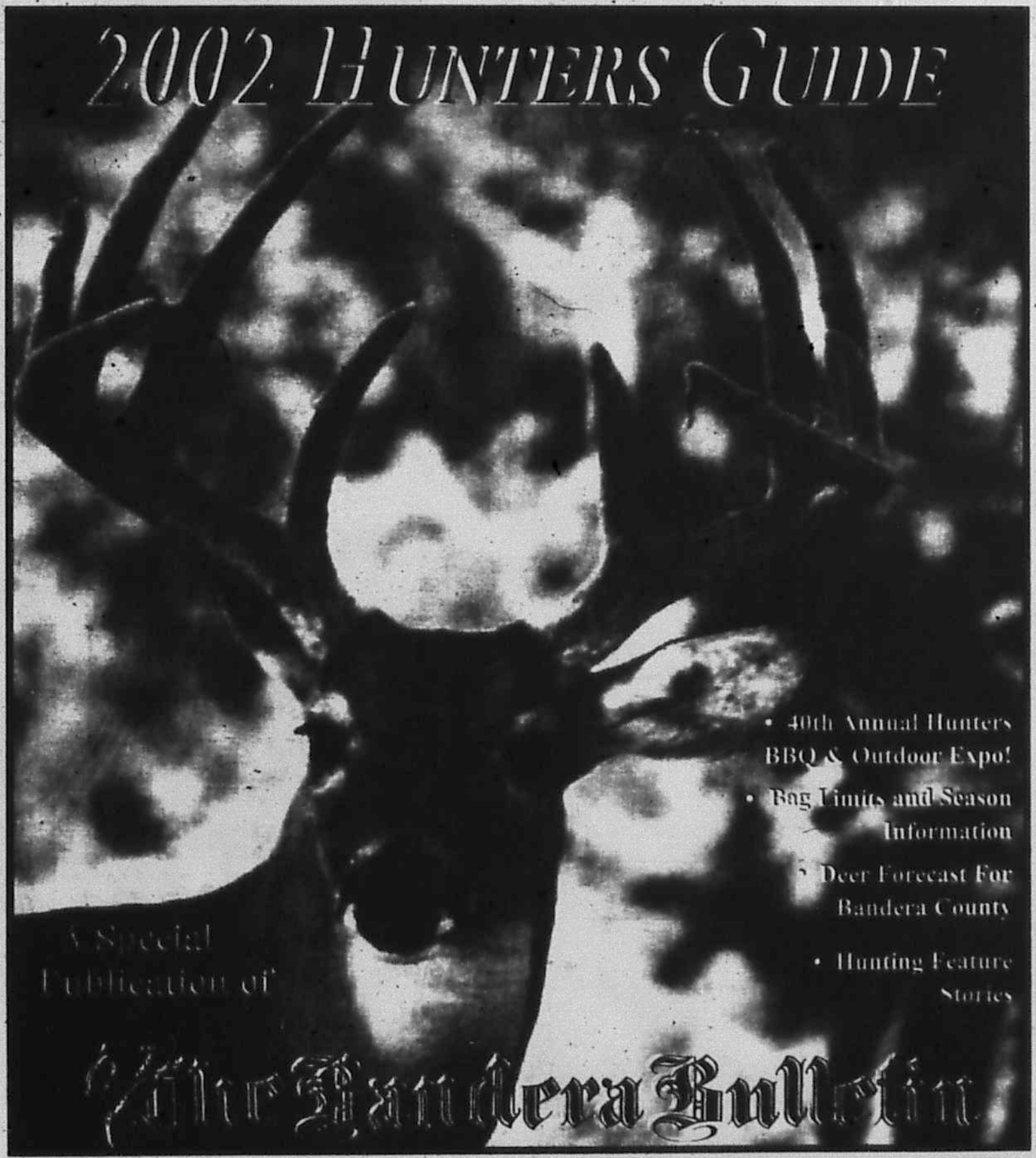
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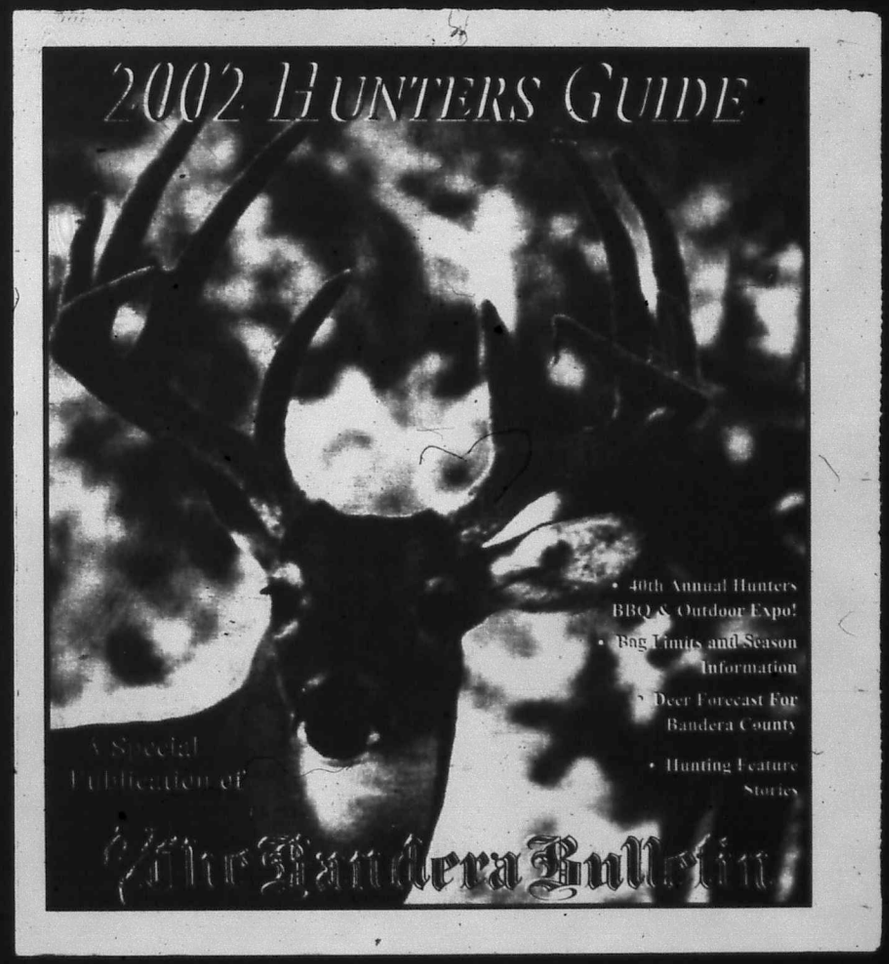


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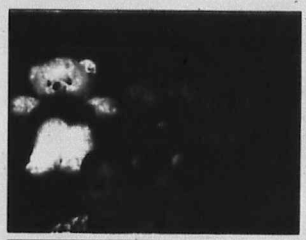




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Socks/Teddy Bear photos by Jodi Chesshir

Hill Country Elementary students joined together to "Stomp Out Drugs!" during Red Ribbon Week celebrations. The campus fused prevention lesson plans with regular academic activities to promote the anti-drug campaign. Organized by Counselor Casey Jansen the entire campus rallied during: Crazy Sock Day, Wear Your Clothes Backwards Day, Crazy Hat Day and Bring Your Teddy Bear To School Day. The week culminated with the dedication of two new trees in front of the school with the promise to be drug-free.
(Center photo) Hill Country Elementary Faculty show off their Crazy Hats.
(Photo, left) Students were encouraged to bring their Teddy Bears to school for the "Hugs, Not Drugs! Day. Pictured with Dr. Renee Schultz are John Pierce, Kayleen Schenk, and Blake Alanis.
(Photo to the right) Shae Hopf, Jessica Bowen, Layne Albrecht, Justin Hartmann, Shelby Colsten show off their crazy socks.





Alkek students celebrated "Red Ribbon Week" by shouting "We're too cool to do drugs!" Students Chelsea Cheswick, Jimmy Monroe, Rayne Hicks, Kaitlyn Robinson, and Jessie Alba pose with Principal Tracy Thayer and Counselor Carrie Ferguson

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• 4B 3B Inground Pool, Barn, 25+ acres, Ag Exempt, Medina River access, coastal field. (Ad#381) $450,000.
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• 5B,4B,2 car garage, formals, sun room, 6+ acres, Horses allowed (319) $299,000.
• 3B,2B,2 guest cottages, 9+ acres, horse barn, creek on property, sun porch, hot tub, many extras (247) $367,900.
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• 20.9 ac Bear Springs Ranch, Great Hunting on Homesite (344) $83,600.
• 10 acres Bandera Ranch Acres, cleared, Horse Property (350) REDUCED TO $49,000.
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• 3B,2B, 2 car garage, Lake Medina, Deep water dock, Lake access, Ag Exempt, Lakefront (Ad#368) $3,500.
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Stone Alvarez
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Marshall Beightol
Aaron Berry
Bo Brasher
Logan Breen
Josie Burnes
Austin Carroll
Julian Casarez
Maria De La Rosa
Remijio Deleon
Donald Ekman
Jacoobh Erfurt
Darwin Esquibel
Catalina Galvan
Kendall Gooding
Shannon Granger
Ethan Green
Ruben Guel
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Nicky Schoolcraft
Taylor Schultz
Christopher Shade
Casey Starr
Jonathan Stauffer
Jerica Strother
Cheyenne Sutherland
Jacob Tarr
Christopher Thenes
Brandon Watson
Haley Wilhelm
Cori Wright
Marcus Zamora

2nd Grade

Joseph Batto
Yvette Camacho
Emily Campbell
Samantha Chacon
OK Correll
Kasandra Cruz
Ashley Dowda
Trinity Hansen
Alix Hay
Megan Hernandez
Eleri Hevener
Sierra Hickman
Montana Hicks
David Howton
Madelynn Kinsel
Alexandra Machin
McKenna Mangold
Cullen McGuire
Brittney Palacios
Brandon Pina
Lauren Ramsey
Blake Sali
Kayla White
Stephanie Williams
Keir Wisner
Charles Wyatt
Jaycee Zamora

3rd Grade

Colleen Battle
Sarah Culley
Bryan Hicks
Brittany Leibourgeon
Kyle Monroe
Brittany Nixon
Nicholas Palacios
Jeremy Salazar
Shelby Sill
Weston Stanglin
Colby Stewart
Alexis Torres
Justice Young

4th Grade

Cheyenne Adcock
Morgan Alf
Gretchen Brust
Derrick Chenevix
Alec Cassidy
Joseph Cruz
Adam Goodenough
Matthew Groff
Bec Harvester
Jeffery Jensen
David Kassai
Emily King
Jade Kotz
Lindsay Kramer
Dustin Lindner
Sarah Lovett
Samantha Mandrell
Antonio Morales
Cole Neff
Lorraine Ortiz
Rusti Shoemaker
Tyler Stanglin
Cassidy Stanley
Cassidy Tobin
Zachary Varner
Jordan Washburn
Brayte Hicks
Peyton Mata
Tyler Mata
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Jeremy Ochoa
Jordan Wall

5th Grade

Ryan Albrecht
Lauren Baker
Zadie Baker
Jessica Bowen
Mariah Brown
Alexander Calder
Shelby Colsten
Hunter Copeland
Amanda Devers
Wyatt Evans
Nicole Fries
Thomas Garcia
Ryan Gonzalez
Justin Hartmann
Shae Hopf
Cody Jacobson
Courtney Kuykendall
Timothy Lovett
Joshua Lundquist
Bethlinney MacDonald
Macie Malone
John McCoy
Kelly Nelson
Courtney Netherton
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Audrey Perna
John Pierce
April Knoffel
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Zachary Roberts
Catrina Sampson
Greer Schantz
Kaylees Schenk
Austin Sultenfuss
Shawn Sultenfuss
Lucas Taulli
Jessica Tirado
Troy Tripp

10th Grade

Jason Norton
Megan Tracy

2nd Grade

Kristyn Beauchamp
Jacob Berger
Shelby Blair
Matthew Burke
Steven Chesshir
Travis Dunlap
Deborah Jennings
Justin Dickson
Shelby Lester
Owen Love
Richard McIver
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12th Grade

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Anthony Cahill

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Miliam Bonilla
Jonseee Burton
Courtney Cleveland
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Virginia Diaz
Darren Diggs
Bryce Dowda
Michael Edwards
Richard Espinosa
Tyler Fitzgerald
Alex Gonzales
Abraham Gonzales
Austin Hernandez
Kylor Jewell
Joshua Kinsey
Kasserow Lacey
Thomas Sharpe

4th Grade

William Barton
Tyler Brown
Cassie Campbell
Aimee Denham
Elijah Escobedo
Alexandra Fries
Cassidy Gose
Megan Greebon
Taylor Hayes
Brody Lester
Rhiannon Lewis
Cassandra Lutz
Thomas Martinez
Morgan McEuen
Jeremy Salazar
Shelby Sill

5th Grade

Justin Chesnut
Kyle Crenshaw
Robert Esparza
Holly Garwood
Lauren Lyssy
Tyler Stevens
Benjamin Thomas
Danielle Wilke
Sara Zavorka

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2nd Grade

Courtney Backer
Matthew Bellamy
Dawn Cagle
Audrey Cannon
Rachel Chandler
Amanda Cherry
Maione Sorah
Rachel Madison
Elizabeth Marrs
Marlon Marsar
Hannah Forsyo
Robert Schoel
Cassandra Simmons
Christina Flores
Ryan Garcia
Mitchell Hall
Cameron Hutton
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Tricia Bishop
Nikole Gose
Mindy Gotthardt
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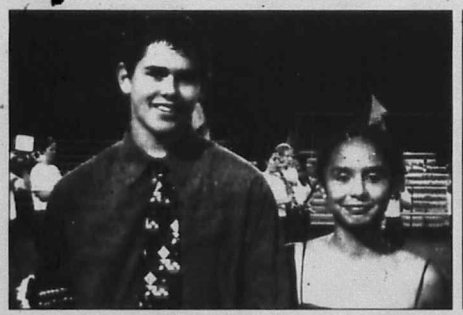




(Clockwise, from right) Kevin Kinney showed his support for the football team and the Starsteppers by body-painting himself as Spiderman. As the ball comes into view, Jessie Sierra stretches in an attempt to catch a long pass. Mum's the word at any homecoming event as this fan shows. A Lady Bulldog pops a spike, but a Liberty Hill blocker is there. Bandera's defense drops a runner behind the line of scrimmage. The band put on a great show as always.



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Local Angora breeders fared extremely well at the Angora Goat Show at the Dallas State Fair on Oct. 11. (Left) Beverly Short of Pipe Creek exhibited the Champion Doe and (right) Bonnie and Dale Naumman showed the Reserve Champion Doe. Other exhibitors from Bandera were Bo Evans, Stephanie Kendrick and Michele Kendrick at the State Fair, which was from Sept. 27 to Oct. 20.

SCOTT RECEIVES PIONEER AWARD



A lifetime resident of Bandera County, Rudolph R. Scott, is the recipient of the 2002 District 10 Farm Bureau Pioneer Award. A driving force behind the organization of the Bandera County Farm Bureau, he has been a member since its formation in 1959 and served as an officer for a total of 22 years. A well-known man, he served on several state and local committees also and gave generously of his time by promoting agricultural programs.


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Anderson attends financial conference

Dan Anderson, was one of more than 2,300 Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. (RJFS) Financial Advisors, sponsors, associates and guests to attend the company's 2002 National Conference for Professional Development Oct. 13-17 in Nashville.

"My clients depend on me to educate and inform them about economic and financial issues that may affect their investments, Anderson, a Financial Advisor at the RJFS office in Bandera, said. "This conference allowed me to learn valuable information that I can put to work for them."

Financial advisors spent a busy week attending workshops and lectures on a variety of investment and financial subjects.

Topics included retirement and estate planning, tax-free investing, asset allocation, mutual funds, equity research, asset management, insurance, and an economic and interest rate outlook for 2002.

The guest speaker was Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House of Representatives.

He offered insight into what is achievable in the information age in the global market world and showed what can be learned from history to address new challenges, while drawing parallels between the Digital and Industrial Ages.

He also offered his view of the way today's advances will affect tomorrow's reality – as consumers, as citizens, as business people and as families.

Raymond James Financial Chairman/CEO Thomas A. James and President/COO Chet Helck also addressed the group, sharing philosophies that have contributed to the firm's success, as well as their expectations and goals for the future. RJFS Chairman/CEO Richard G. Averitt III also addressed the gathering.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
by John M. Grimes



Is there such a thing as a 'born leader? Indeed not! Qualities of leadership, good or bad, must be developed. It is not an outright gift at birth to any one.

Leadership requires certain abilities. Reasoning power is probably the most important. Man is born with a power to reason. Therefore, first of all, to be a good leader, it is obvious that one must learn to live in obedience to reason.

Other abilities are also needed. Talent, skill, aptitude, (and some mysterious qualities!) all these, and more are individualities that must be developed and acquired. In acquiring these abilities, an important factor is an attitude toward time, new ideas and innovations.

Leadership requires a knack to overcome time pressures. A man who is continually fighting time fractures his potential for leadership. Good leaders budget part of their time every day for constructive ideas and innovations. Some call it self-improvement. Receptiveness to new ideas is needed but receptiveness in itself is not enough. Evaluation of ideas is far more important. Mismanaged time and mistaken evaluation of ideas limit the leadership potential of any man.

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Bobcats start slowly 20-6 loss to D'Hanis

The Medina Bobcats had a tough time getting started in a 20-6 loss to the D'Hanis Cowboys last Friday.

The first score of the night came in the first quarter with 22 seconds left on the clock by D'Hanis Mitchell Rothe with the extra point being made by John McCauley. The second quarter saw the Cowboys scoring the only points by Rothe again and extra point by McCauley. In the 3rd quarter McCauley again made the Cowboys final scoring of the night with the extra point being blocked by the Bobcats. The Bobcats finally seemed to come alive in the 4th quarter with 7:42 on the clock with Aaron Seymour passing the ball to Rusty Bruinsma who ran 55 yards for a TD play and no extra point being made.

Medina's Team Statistics: Medina had a total of 8 first downs, rushing the ball 27 times for a total of 47 yards. Medina's passing was 6 for 12 for a total of 127yards with 2 interceptions. The Bobcats had a total of 34 yards in kick-off returns. Medina punted the ball 3 times for an average of 38 yards, and fumbled the ball 2 times and lost 1. Medina was penalized 5 times for a total of 30 yards.

Individual Statistics: Chance Haby rushed the ball 12 times for a total of 41 yards, John Usery carried the ball 4 times for a total of 10 yards, Aaron Seymour carried the ball 5 times for a total of 2 yards, and Quarterback Rusty Bruinsma carried 6 times for 2 yards. **In the passing game:** Aaron Seymour was 6-12-2 for 127 yards and one touchdown with Chance Haby ending up with 0-1-0. On the receiving end Rusty Bruinsma gathered in 2 passes for a total of 64 yards with 1 TD, Chance Haby gathered 1 for a total of 30 yards, Chris Kinsey caught 1 for 14 yards, Cinco Coats also catching 1 for 11 yards, and Wyatt Lautzenheiser caught 1 for a total of 8 yards.

-Story and statistics submitted by Michelle Barker

Medina Season Statistics

(through Oct. 25)

1st Downs	109
Rushing	264-1575
Passing	39-105-9
Pass Att.	
Fumbles/Lost	24-12
Penalties	74
Punts	

PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	TDs	Int.	Yds.
Aaron Seymour					

RUSHING

	No.	Yds.	TDs
Chance Haby	154	975	10
Rusty Bruinsma	40		4
John Usery	19	11	2

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	TDs
Chance Haby	10	71	
Rusty Bruinsma 15	39		2
Wyatt Lautzenheiser		97	

SCORING

	TDs	2 Pt. Conv.	Pts.	Total Points
Chance Haby	11			66
Rusty Bruinsma 6	4			24

INTERCEPTIONS

Chance Haby	2

Remaining Games:
Nov. 1 vs. Cabinal (Homecoming)
Canyon
Games begin at 7:30 p.m.

Frosh defeat Llano

The Lady Bulldogs freshman volleyball team defeated Llano 15-4,15-10 last Thursday.

Coach Paty Cardenas credited Chrystal Ruiz played outstanding game. She scored 11 points, three by serving aces and four each by blocks and hits. Shannon Hempstead also had eight points to contribute to the win.

Devin Jackson had four assists and five points while Kayla Bents chipped in four points.

"The girls played an outstanding game," Cardenas said. "All of them contributed in one way of another. They each have a job to do and they do it well: I'm very proud of them."

The Lady Bulldogs improved their overall record to 11-13 and 3-5 in district play under first year volleyball coach Cardenas.



Allie Duennenburg was a picture of concentration during Bandera's varsity match against Liberty Hill last week.

OUTDOORS



Wells Fargo, Bandera President, Sully Woodland, bagged this 155-pounder during the 1999 season. This season, tagging it will be easier with state's new system.

New tag system aims to reduce hunter confusion

This year's Texas hunting license include a new system for tagging deer, intended to reduce hunter confusion.

"Under the old system the various tags could be confusing," said David Sinclair, TPWD law enforcement chief of wildlife enforcement. "One tag was for a one-buck county in the West zone or a three buck county and one was for a one-buck county in the East zone or a two or three-buck county so it was confusing to know which was the right tag."

The 2002-03 hunting license has been simplified and includes five generic white-tailed deer tags - three can be used to tag a buck or antlerless deer and two are antlerless only.

"Now, in addition to filling out a generic carcass tag, the hunter will complete the harvest log on the back of the license," Sinclair said.

"That's where we look to see if the hunter is in compliance with county bag limits and harvest restrictions."

Hunters should also be aware of the documentation requirements for a harvested animal that leaves their possession prior to reaching its final destination such as a meat processor or taxidermist.

No wildlife resource document is required when the entire carcass of a deer including head, which may be skinned or unskinned, is given to, ortransported by another person until the carcass reaches its final destination and is finally processed, so long as appropriate tags are attached.

"Hunters will take an animal to a taxidermist and are not sure where the tag should stay, with the meat or the antlers," "Keep in mind the tag always stays with the carcass," said Sinclair. "So if you leave the antlers and cape (with a taxidermist), then you have to leave a Wildlife Resource Document and get a statement from the taxidermist declaring proof of sex to accompany the carcass."

Also new this year is the elimination of a requirement that an unskinned head must accompany a carcass as proof of sex.

Hunters can go ahead and preserve a cape in camp for taxidermy purposes as long as the head (skinned or unskinned) with antlers attached is present with the carcass and other tagging and documentation requirements have been satisfied.

BMS volleyball teams sweep Ingram netters in four matches

By Mark Cummings
BMS Coach

The 7th grade volleyball teams each won matches against Ingram last week, though they each went about it in different ways.

On Monday, Oct. 21, the 7th grade B-team played one of their finest matches. In the first game, Courtney Skelly served 15 points in a row. The team once again showed their determination and dominating prowess winning the second game with great defense. Outstanding players were Jessica Holt and Erin Sanders. Final scores for the 7th grade B-team were 15-0 and 15-9.

The A-team played their normal roller coaster style of volleyball Monday night. They blew away Ingram in the first game, lost the second game, and came back to win the third game. Great passes by Kara Quarles and Katie Miller set the stage for great setting by Lyndsee Jacobs. The sets were then followed by some fabulous spiking by Katie Miller, Kelli Shearhart and Cynthia Chandler. Final scores for the 7th grade A-team were 15-13, 8-15, and 15-13.

Last Thursday, the 8th grade Lady Bulldogs also did a fantastic job beating the Ingram Warriors. Both the A and B-teams were able to go home early by winning their first two games.

The B-team made some excellent passes to set up an offensive attack that put their team ahead of the competition. The B-team improved their performance this week on the court and with the score, winning their games 15-8 and 15-6.

The A-team, despite making slow starts in each game, showed excellent strategy by catching the Warriors off guard by hitting the ball to the holes in the Warriors' defense. The Warriors showed tremendous hustle keeping the ball in play, but the offensive attacks from Bulldogs allowed them to win their games 15-9 and 15-9. Top players for the B-team were Leslie Reyes and Charlene Johnstone, and top players for the A-team were Riane Nickle and Caitlin Gayle.

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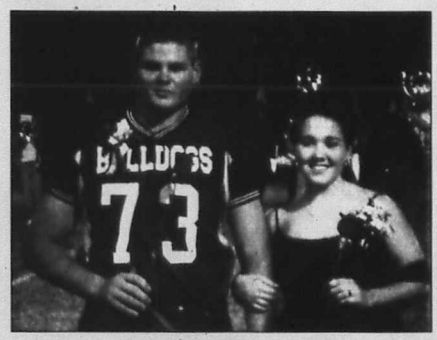
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* Judge Evans served as an effective leader during two major flood events (1997 and 2002) and worked with FEMA and the State Office of Emergency Management to assure that Bandera County and its citizens received the maximum available assistance possible.

* Judge Evans has been active in the state wide organizations representing Bandera County
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  b. Executive Board member of Association of Rural Communities in Texas (ARCIT)
  c. Appointed by Bob Turner as member of the Rural Community Leader's Advisory Group to the State Legislature

* Judge Evans served has been invited by legislators to testify before the Texas House and Senate committees on issues that affect rural Texas and Bandera County in particular. Currently we have legislation ready to be pre-filed this session to enable Bandera County to manage our growth and give ad valorem tax relief to our citizens.

* Judge Evans has been endorsed by Congressman Lamar Smith and State Representative Bob Turner.

State of Texas
House of Representatives

ROBERT TURNER
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The Honorable Richard Evans
County Judge, Bandera County
P O Box 877
Bandera, TX 78003

Dear Judge Evans:

As my tenure in the Texas House of Representatives draws near an end, I wanted to share several observations and thoughts with you. These thoughts should be most important for the tax paying citizens of Bandera County. One of the highlights of my twelve years in the legislature has been working with your informal group of rural county judges. The leadership role that you have played in this group, in such areas as working on new ways to generate funds for the local county government is most appreciated. As you know, research is being done and legislation prepared for the next legislative session that would provide a badly needed increase in funding for not only your county, but for all counties.

Your having helped in the creation of this group of rural county judges, and the vital role that you have played in getting them engaged in presenting and protecting the county's interests before the legislature is to be commended. It was your insight that helped that group provide legislative support which will enable county government to deal with the issues of growth and expansion, especially in counties such as Bandera, which are adjacent to cities such as San Antonio. The part that you have played in making members of the legislature aware of the growing problems that such rural counties have, as well as their inability to control their own destinies is crucial.

Perhaps most important of all, I want to personally thank you for always being available to come to the Capitol to testify before committee hearings when issues concerning our rural counties were being heard and discussed. Your first hand knowledge coupled with the understandable manner in which you presented it to a group of urban and suburban legislators was noteworthy. A simple "thank you" seems inadequate, but I wanted you to know how much I have appreciated your participation, leadership and friendship during my career in the state legislature.

Judge - it has been an honor working with you and your group of county judges. Keep up the good work. I wish you the very best as you continue to provide leadership for those of us who live and earn our livelihood in the rural areas of Texas.

Sincerely,

ROBERT E. (Bob) TURNER
State Representative - Dist 73



DISTRICT 73

* Without borrowing ANY funds, The Ray Mauer Annex building was purchased and remodeled to house the tax and treasurer's offices as well as a multipurpose conference and court room.

* Without borrowing ANY funds, the Silver Sage leasehold was purchased and we are currently relocating county offices there. This will enable the county to do away with rental costs and better serve the public at a central location.

* Established Bandera County's first juvenile probation department and served as its chairman since its formation.

* Helped establish the Plateau Water Planning Group to assure Bandera County adequate representation in the management of our aquifer.

* Secured over $5,000,000.00 dollars in grant funds from federal and state agencies for the people of Bandera County during my term as County Judge.

* During Judge Evans' term Bandera County made EMS self sufficient by going to a fee based system. It operates without tax money. During this time we have purchased four (4) new ambulances and upgraded equipment.

"Serving as Bandera County Judge for a rapidly growing and evolving county requires total commitment to the job. I have and will continue to devote my full attention to the challenges facing Bandera County."

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SPORTS

Unscathed Panthers scratch Bulldogs

With dreams of a mud-soaked miracle, the faithful stayed until the very end. But, just like the rained out Homecoming Parade earlier the week, it was not meant to be for the Bulldogs.

Bandera lost its Homecoming game to Liberty Hill 35-28 due to mostly to 393 yards rushing by the opposition. The Panthers' Ty Winstead had 268 yards on 37 carries to spearhead their ground game.

The loss left Bandera at 5-3 overall and 1-2 in District 25-3A. The Bulldogs will need to win their final two games in order to make the playoffs. This Friday, Bandera will travel to Wimberley for a 7:30 p.m. clash and next week they will host Llano. Wimberley is 0-3 in district, but has lost two of those games by close margins.

"I know it's a cliché, but we have our destiny in our hands," Coach Mike Williamson said. "We need to get this bad taste out of our mouths and do what we need to do."

The opening kickoff got Bandera in a hole from which it could never dig out. The Bulldogs watched as the ball bounced inside the 10-yard line and then rolled to 5-yard without the return man ever making a serious attempt to field the ball. Liberty Hill (7-0, 3-0 District 25-3A) wound up the end zone two plays later scored the first of his five touchdowns on the night. With less than a minute gone, the Panthers led 7-0 after a Miguel Magellan kick.

"That put us behind the 8-ball early and we never really got in synch," Williamson said. "I don't want to blame everything on that or take anything away from Liberty Hill, but that really hurt us."

If it were not for undefeated teams, Bandera might be undefeated itself. The loss to Liberty Hill was preceded by losses to Burnet and Fredericksburg, which are also undefeated teams.

When Winstead rambled 63 yards late in the first quarter, it appeared Bandera might be in for a long night as Liberty Hill captured a 14-0 lead. They stretched their lead to 21-0 with 3:37 left in the second quarter when Winstead slammed in from 18 yards away to cap a 74-yard drive that consisted of seven running plays.

"It was hard for kids to get their feet planted on that field and use their physical size to their advantage," Williamson said. "They executed their running game very well, but I was not disappointed in our kids' efforts. They did all we could ever ask of them."

Bandera, which had a couple of scoring chances in the first half brown out, finally cashed when Chris Martinez got behind the Panther defense and scored on a 56-yard pass from Brett Hicks. Roberts Ickes kicked the extra point to give Bandera a glimmer of hope at the half, trailing 21-7.

The Bulldogs first possession of the night ate up almost 5.5 minutes off the clock and covered 60 yards but resulted in no points. Bandera went out-on downs at the Panther 9-yard line.

"If had it to do over again, I would probably go for the field goal," Williamson said. "but, we were running the ball pretty well at the time with Heep."

Spotting the ball for a field goal on the mud wouldn't have exactly been easy either.

Bandera's second possession ended with a Hicks pass went through a receiver's fingertips in the back of the end zone.

"Brett had a good night and that was a perfectly thrown ball," Williamson said. "it would have been a difficult catch, but it was catchable."

Liberty Hill was deep in Bandera territory after the Bulldogs had trimmed the lead to 21-7, but the drive stalled after the Panthers tried to pass in order to stop the clock. The Panthers ended the evening with zero passing yards and it was their passing game that allowed Bandera to draw within a touchdown with a little more than two minutes to go in the third quarter when Bandera's Cody Fields picked off a ball in the middle of the field and made a brilliant 70-yard return for a touchdown. Ickes' kick after made it 28-21.

Bandera recovered a Liberty Hill fumble in early in the fourth quarter but after three straight incompletions was forced to make its only punt of the night. Liberty Hill's punter wound up taking the night off.

The Panthers responded with 77-yard drive that chewed up almost six minutes of clock. Winstead scored on a 1-yard run to culminate the 11-play drive.

With just under four minutes remaining, Bandera trailed 35-21.

Bandera's big play passing attack kept it interesting to the end. Hicks hooked up Martinez for a 53-yard scoring pass with just less than three minutes left. Hicks threw for 273 yards, hitting nine of 17 passes with no interceptions. Martinez lit up the Liberty Hill secondary for 182 receiving yards on four receptions. Ickes also had a 55-yard catch.

Liberty Hill did a good job against Bandera's rushing game, limiting the Bulldogs to only 76 yards on 22 muddy carries. Dustin Heep managed to average almost five yards per carry, but the early deficit and the Panther's ball control offense kept Bandera from relying on the run.

Liberty Hill ran 68 plays, compared to only 39 for the Bulldogs. Other the opening mistake the return game was effective for Bandera, accounting for 151 yards.

When Bandera was unable to force Liberty Hill to go out on downs, the Panthers ran out the clock and escaped the swamp-like conditions on Bulldog field with a hardfought victory.

In addition to the usual distractions that go along with Homecoming, Bandera also had schedule distractions at school.

"I'm not taking a thing away from Liberty Hill because they have a very good football team, but everything was out of synch all week and it carried over to our performance on the field," Williamson said.

"We put that game behind us, starting Saturday," Williamson said. "We have to focus on the task at hand. One good thing about playing at Wimberley, we'll be playing on artificial turf so footing shouldn't be a problem."

Story and photos by
Phillip Billnitzer
Bulletin Managing Editor



Brett Hicks threw for 273 yards, but Liberty Hill's ground game proved to be too much in the end, amassing almost 400 yards as the Panthers played excellent ball control offense to ruin the Bulldogs' Homecoming last Friday. Bandera is hoping to win its final two games and cash in a playoff berth.





Slippery field conditions played a big part in the game. (Above photo) Bandera's Jessie Seirra slips as punts, but still manages 35 yards on the kick. (Below) Bandera's defensive line digs in for a goal-line stance but never could keep their feet from slipping out from under them against Liberty Hill. (Below right) Aaron Ellinger (#29) closes in as several other Bulldogs make a gang tackle on the Panthers running back Ty Winstead as he rushes for some of his 268 yards.

Cody Fields takes off on a brilliant 70-yard interception return for a touchdown the in second half of Bandera's loss to Liberty Hill.







Panthers spike BHS in Vball match

The Bandera High School volleyball team lost its homecoming match to Liberty Hill in three games.

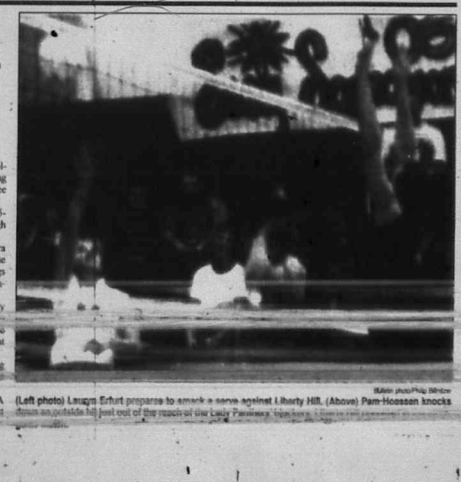
Bandera lost the first game 15-11 after leading midway through the game.

In the second game, Bandera turned the tables, going on a late run of its own. The Lady Bulldogs trailed 7-8 but wound up winning 15-9.

In the deciding game, the Lady [illegible] and were tied at 4-4 before the Lady Panthers scored eight unanswered points.

Bandera fought back, cutting the lead to 13-10 at one point, but lost 15-10.

Bandera has District 25-3A matches remaining against [illegible]



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(Left photo) Lauren Erfurt prepares to smack a serve against Liberty Hill. (Above) Pam Hoessen knocks down an outside hit just out of the reach of the Lady Panthers' [illegible]

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FINE ARTS TO MEET AT HISTORIC H-I-X RANCH

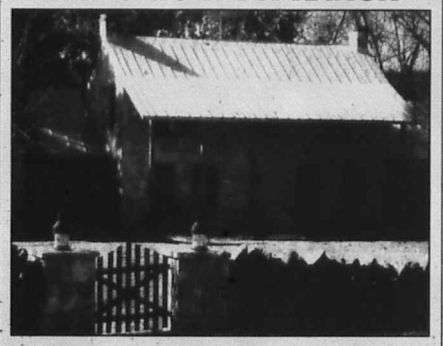


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The Fine Arts Club of Bandera will hold its Nov. 5, meeting at the historical H-I-X Ranch founded by H-I-X Bandera Store owner, Jeanine Hick's great-grandfather, Fabian Lucius Hicks in 1855. The present ranch house was built in 1875. H-I-X- Ranch is located on the corner of FM 3240 (Ridge Route) and Peaceful Valley Road. The meeting will be held at the ranch at 2 p.m.

Jeanine Hicks is a fourth generation Bandera native. Her great-grandfather was a cattleman and rancher, as well as a Texas Ranger. Her grandfather was Elnius Hicks, Sheriff of Bandera County and her father, Speedy Hicks was a prominent citizen of the community. Her mother, Carmen, was a gracious lady and hostess. She was a founder and the first president of the Bandera Fine Arts Club. Jeanine is a graduate of Baylor University and was a sales representative at the Dallas Apparel Market for ten years. She also had boutiques in Austin prior to owning H-I-X Bandera.

She has proudly named the store in honor of her family heritage where the legacy lives on.

The present Director of Public Relations and Marketing and Co-manager of the H-I-X Bandera Store is Judy Barbour. Her background is prestigious. She is high fashion leather and jewelry designer, and a professional model. She is author of six nationally acclaimed cookbooks. Judy has shown her leather designs at many apparel markets, and for five seasons had some shown in Cosmopolitan and Women's Wear Daily. She dressed the host of the Oprah Winfrey Productions, Oxygen which was filmed in Bandera. It will air in December. Judy will participate in presenting the program for the Fine Arts Club meeting on Tuesday, November 5.

Also participating in the program will be Heidi Schneider. Heidi has also been a jewelry and clothing designer. Now, though, she has changed her focus to more natural products, candles made from rock, marble and granite. Each is a one-of-a-kind, and unique in its beauty. She calls her line Divine Lights.

The program will be fascinating, and it will be held in a historical ranch which also will be of great interest to many.

Medina VFD to host Wild Game Dinner

The Medina Volunteer Fire Department is planning for its next fund raising event, a Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marcie Gillaspy is in charge of the publicity, silent auction, and procurement of supplies. Terry Word is in charge of the Wild Game preparation and cooking. On the menu; sika stew, venison chili, wild hog, goat beans, German potatoes, cornbread and deserts. Tea, coffee and water will be served with meals. Everyone is invited to attend, donations of $6 per plate. All proceeds will benefit the MVFD in the protection of the community and fire area.

Anyone who would like to donate a desert and/or cornbread for the event should contact Marcie Gillaspy at (830) 589-7705.

The MVFD holds its regular monthly meetings every third Thursday of the month at the United Methodist Church Youth Center at 7:30 p.m. Firefighter training sessions are the second and fourth Monday of each month. The community is invited and encouraged to attend their meetings and their training sessions.

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would like to express its sincere thanks for the patience and understanding displayed by those Members of the Cooperative living in and around the City of Bandera. The Cooperative is in the process of completing a major upgrade to its Bandera substation. This improvement is necessary to sustain load growth experienced in the area and improve reliability. While in the process of transferring load on Thursday, October 24th, an automatic protection device interrupted the flow of electricity to the substation transformer. Our service crews were dispatched immediately to locate the problem. It was determined that the wiring within a piece of equipment had been mislabeled at the factory. The piece of equipment causing the interruption was temporarily bypassed and power was restored as quickly as possible. Our crews later rewired this equipment and the device has since been placed back on line. Again, we appreciate the patience and understanding displayed by our Members when these unexpected interruptions of electric service occur.

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FOR
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✓Graduate of Texas A&M University and of Baylor School of Law
✓Married to Karol (25 years), father of 4 (2 graduates, & 2 current students, of Boerne ISD)
✓President, Kendall County Bar Association
✓Founding President, About Boerne's Children (ABC), a latch-key childcare program
✓Board member, Comal County Area American Red Cross Association
✓Former board member, Texas Conservancy

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Pol. Adv. Virgil Yanta, 140 Hwy. 46 W., Boerne, Texas

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Medina Lake Betterment Association Treasurer Tom Walton, left, and MLBA President Ray White, right, present Lakehills EMT Dot McCracken with a $350 donation for the Lakehills EMS Support Team. The donation will help kick-off their "shake the can" fund drive that will be going on Nov. 2 at the intersection of FM 1283 and Park Road 37 in Lakehills.

Extracurricular activities enrich

Student activities beyond the classroom are an important complement to a child's education. They support the academic mission of the school by stressing class attendance and higher grades. For every student's benefit, BISD offers a wide array of extracurricular activities, from sports and fine arts to academic and vocational organizations. We welcome your child's participation, and we encourage parents to become actively involve in the associated booster clubs.

Students involved in extracurricular activities share common interests with others, build lifelong friendships and develop talents that can be the spring-board for future careers. Many successful BISD graduates applied the experience they gained through similar "beyond the classroom" activities in meeting their goals.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



RENEE SCHULZE
Superintendent, BISD

The cost of participation in extracurricular activities is minimal. Annual physicals for athletes are provided at a nominal cost, and BISD provides a major portion of funding for uniforms and equipment necessary for participation in programs.

Voluntary accident insurance is available; it serves as a supplemental policy to parents' health or accident insurance coverage.

Some activities involve students in fund raising to cover travel costs for special performances or activities.

Schedules vary with each activity. Athletic and fine arts classes are held during the academic day with additional practices held after the school day during each sport's or activity's particular season as outlined by UIL guidelines.

Encourage you child to experience the thrill of achievement, the discipline and competitive spirit of achievement.

For additional information, call the school counselor.

Bandera girl in SA Junior pageant



Amanda Marie Garnica recently took part in the Miss Junior Teen Pageant of San Antonio. She is the daughter of Ramon and Frances Lopez of Bandera.

Amanda Marie Garnica, the daughter of Ramon and Frances Lopez of Bandera, participated in the 2002 Miss Junior Teen Pageant of San Antonio on Oct. 20.

A freshman at Christ the King Christian Academy in Kerrville, she was selected by judges the basis of an application and interview. She also participated in the school volleyball team as well as school and church plays. Future plans include forays into singing, modeling or possibly studying law in college, Garnica says.

DPS offers safety tips

With scary ghouls and goblins on the way, the Texas Department of Public Safety is reminding Texans to be safe and responsible this Halloween.

On Halloween of 2000, there were 546 injuries accidents and 11 fatalities in Texas.

Motorists are urged to drive slowly in neighborhoods and to look out for trick-or-treaters. Safety tips for pedestrians include:

•Look both ways before crossing roadways. Walk, don't run.

•Cross the roadway at intersections and crosswalks.

•Avoid toy guns and knives – they could be mistaken for the real thing.

•Wear costumes that are light in color, and short enough to avoid tripping.

•Reflective material of some kind on the costume is strongly encouraged.

•Avoid masks. Use face paint instead for better visibility and peripheral vision.

•Travel in groups with adult supervision.

•Do not enter the cars and homes of strangers. Avoid homes without visible porch lights.

•Carry a flashlight and make sure an adult accompanies small children.

•Take all treats home for inspection before eating.

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Foundation gives $3,130 to aging group

The Albert and Bessie Mae Konkosky Charitable Foundation has awarded $926,455 to 18 organizations in its are of emphasis, which includes Bandera County.

The Bandera County Committe on Aging received a grant for $3,130. The grant is a technical assistance for the Board of Directors.

To find out more the Kronkonsky foundation, log on to kronkosky.org.

The largest grant, which was worth $100,000, benefitted the elderly went to the San Antonio Housing Corp.

The Lyric Opera of San Antonio also received a grant valued at $100,000. Boerne's Roy Maas Youth Alternatives received a grant valued at $70,000. Grants supporting the arts and culture comprised nearly $300,000 during this round of funding. The mission of the Kronkosky Foundation isto produce profound good that is tangible and measurable in the counties it serves. The nonprofit group serves Bandera, Kendall, Bexar and Comal counties.

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River Hills says good-bye to a pair of good friends

RIVER HILLS CARE CENTER OF BANDERA



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Last week, on Monday and Tuesday respectively, two of our friends passed away. Services for L.D. "Chan" Chandler were on Thursday, Oct. 10, with Dr. Allie Balko officiating.

Services for Alvin Clarence "Buster" Bausch were on Friday, Oct. 11, with Mr. Martin Smith officiating. Our friends will be missed and we extend our condolences to the families.

On Sunday, Oct. 13, the First Baptist Church had church services for our residents.

Monday, Oct. 14, was Columbus Day, a national holiday which celebrates the discovery of the New World. National holiday or not, Nancy Westley still came to call bingo for the residents. Varney Lucas had Bible class.

Tuesday, Oct. 15, John Graham had his weekly reading session.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, Martin Smith taught Bible class and sang the old-fashioned and well-beloved hymns with the residents. The Baptist Youth group from the First Baptist Church visited. It is always a treat for our residents when young people take the time to come by.

Thursday, Oct. 17, the residents held their monthly council meeting.

Friday, Oct. 18, the residents embarked on a much-anticipated field trip to Wal-Mart in Boerne. This was one of the highlights of the week. All sorts of great things were discovered and carried back by the residents.

Sunday, Oct. 20, the Methodist Church held Sunday church services.

Monday, Oct. 21, Nancy Westley was back to call bingo.

Tuesday, Oct. 22, John Graham read to the residents in his inimitable style. The Lesturgeon Band came to sing, wrapping up a great day.

Wednesday, Oct. 23, Martin Smith led Bible class. The residents sang hymns with him. The Baptist Youth group made a welcome return visit. It was also craft day and Tiffany McGough showed the residents how to do a great new project.

Thursday, Oct. 24, the residents played bingo while enjoying bags of fresh popcorn.

Friday, Oct. 25, Tiffany McGough returned to give gleaming manicures to the residents. There's nothing like a little frou-frou to start the weekend!

The days are getting shorter as the cooler weather of winter approaches. Make the best of it and always remember to make a difference, visit a friend.



Junior Girl Scout Troop #111 of Pipe Creek experienced their first overnight tent camping at Kerrville Shriner State Park on Oct. 4-6. The girls practiced setting up their tents in the dark, preparing their food over the open fire and hiking in the beautiful Hill Country. If anyone is interested in joining Girl Scouts or would like to Volunteer, call Kathryn Foley at 1-866-460-4883.

State EMT convention nears with many reasons to attend in Austin

EMT PULSE



MITHRIEL SALMON

The Texas EMS Conference is approaching bringing the opportunity for EMT's to participate in a broad spectrum of activities.

Participation in the conference provides continuing education (CE) in services, as well as exposure to new technologys Austin hosts the yearly event in November during the week of Thanksgiving.

EMT's are required by the Texas Department of Health to fulfill a minimum number of continuing education hours. The goal is to keep this group of medical professionals current with ever-changing technology and strategies revolving around prehospital patient care.

Classes are taught by physicians and instructors from all over the state of Texas. Gaining the required CE credits is stimulating and interesting in an atmosphere with so much excitement.

By design, the event enables EMT's to attend classes covering areas of interest or need. The Sunday kick off includes 8 hour inservices.

This year's agenda includes a day of prehospital Spanish and prehospital American Sign Language. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday have one-hour classes aimed at improving skills used in EMS.

The exhibit hall is also open Sunday hosting vendors with an incredible array of equipment, services, and clothing on sale.

Last year was the first conference I attended, and the exhibit hall was all but overwhelming. Photos of EMT's on scene were a part of the display shortly after 911.

Several EMS helicopters and their crews answered questions about their services. T-shirts, stethoscopes, and jackets were tempting purchases.

The conference draws many EMT's in Bandera County to Austin. It's a chance to walk around and chat with the people with whom we volunteer.

It's also the time we are introduced to other EMT's from around Texas. The atmosphere is upbeat. The crowd shares a common interest.

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BROTHERS NEFF BAG BUCKS



Courtesy Photos

The Youth Hunting Season was very good to the Neff family of Bandera. At left, Cale Neff, 10-years-old bagged a heavy seven-point whitetail with a 70-yard shot from his .270 rifle. At right, his brother, six-year-old Ty Neff, also nailed his eight-point buck from 70 yards using his 22.250 rifle. Both bucks were harvested on the Ponderosa Ranch in Bandera County on October 25.

Medina Elementary A Honor Roll- First Six Weeks

First Grade
Mitchell Black
Hannah Buettner
Dylan Campbell
Cody Goode
Amanda Rider
Abigail Seyfhour
Brittany Sullivan

Second Grade
Joel Arreola
Garrett Collins
Devin Dews
Krystal Green
Elise Harbour
MaryEllen Mills

Thomas Wheatley
Third Grade
Cooper Ellis
Chaney Hill
Kendra Larson
Kendall Richardson
Anson Thomas

Fourth Grade
Brittany Akins
Nicole Collins
Emily Dabney
Michelle Derry
Camp Dozier
Callie duPerier
Renee Mazurek

Brooke Ortiz
Courtney Richter
Gabriela Rivers
Ashley Townley

Fifth Grade
Colton Baker
Heather Brown
Michael Harbour
Graham Ten Eyck

Sixth Grade
Jake Dabney
Preston Horejsi

Medina Elementary B Honor Roll First Six Weeks

First Grade
Samantha Barnes
Brittany Cippingham
John Derry
Naomi Dozier
Matthew Dudley
Brittany Harrison
Alex Keiser
Micheal Sheridan
Jessica Stuebing
Gloria Vaca

Second Grade
Shelby Baker
Brandon Caballero
Jerry Daniels
Katie Green
Clara Keer
Michele Kupchick
Jacob Ortiz
Yazzin Perez
Beverly Pitts
Chris Saltsman
Ariel Wubker
Cody Wubker

Third Grade
Kristin Boyd
Chelcey Faglie
Tyler Farris
Brennan Fertig
Courtney Gillaspy
Kaitlin Graves
Kyla Richardson
Ryder Rodriguez
Cassy Sheridan
Desiree Simons
Laura Walling

Fourth Grade
Garrett Allen
Cyril Barnes
K-Cey Faglie
Lauren Gemma
Katelyn Markel
Bobby Martin
Allen Perez
Armando Rodriguez
Kasey Trammel
Travis Weary
Hansen Zambrano

Fifth Grade
Davis Buettner
Cade Horn
Sara Hudson
Brittany Kemp
Justin Ofsow
Kara Price
Leianna Rich
Lucia Rivera
Stephen Sewell
Abbey Smith
Taylor Swint

Sixth Grade
Rosalie Bomer
Kelly Boyd
Jameson Campbell
Curtis Davis
Cooper Dozier
Gaylyn Jones
Cole Keese
Daniel Koch
Courtney Morris
Kelsey Word

Vietnam Moving Wall on display in Natalia

The Moving Wall, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, will be displayed in Natalia Oct. 27 through Nov. 2. The Wall's visit is being hosted and coordinated by the City of Natalia and the Veterans Memorial Monument Association.

The Moving Wall tours the United States at the direction of the Vietnam Combat Veterans, a non-profit organization based in San Jose, California. This group has been touring The Moving Wall since 1984 when it first appeared in Tyler. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC opened in 1982. The Memorial includes the names of the 58,225 American men and women that died fighting in the Vietnam War.

Opening Ceremonies at the Memorial will be Sunday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. R.H. "Paul" Davis, Jr., U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran, assigned to A Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Brigade of the 9th Infantry Division will be the keynote speaker, in addition to National and State dignitaries. Additionally, the United San Antonio Powwow committee will be sponsoring a special ceremonial memorial gourd dance to pay tribute to all Native American whose name are on the Wall. Representatives from Native American organizations from San Antonio, Laredo, Houston, Corpus Christi and McAllen will participate. This portion of the program will follow immediately after the opening ceremonies.

Monday, Oct. 28 has been designated Army Day; Tuesday, Oct. 29 designated Navy Day; Wednesday, Oct. 30 an Interfaith Candle Light ceremony is planned; Thursday, Oct. 31 designated Marine Corps Day; Friday, Nov. 1 designated Air Force Day.

Weekend ceremonies will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. and TAPS will be played every night at 10 p.m.

Closing ceremonies will take place on Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. It is our intention to honor all Veterans who have served on our Nation's Armed Services. All ceremonies will be held at Memorial Plaza.

The Moving Wall will be open to the public 24 hours a day to view the Wall, locate names of friends and loved-ones and perform a "name rubbing" during this entire time.

There is no charge to visit the Memorial, but donations to the organization that tours the wall are encouraged. Visitors from throughout South Texas area are expected to visit the Memorial. Natalia is the only location that The Moving Wall will visit in the South Texas area this year.

For more information about the Memorial's visit to Natalia, please call (830) 663-2926 or (830) 665-2206.

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The Bandera County Historical Commission needs your help to identify any such sites located in our country. Some examples would be draft board office, canteen recruitment center, civilian defense office, or training center. If anyone knows of wartime facilities anywhere in Bandera County, call Barbara Merrell at (830) 796-8016 or e-mail bdmerrell@indian-creek.net.

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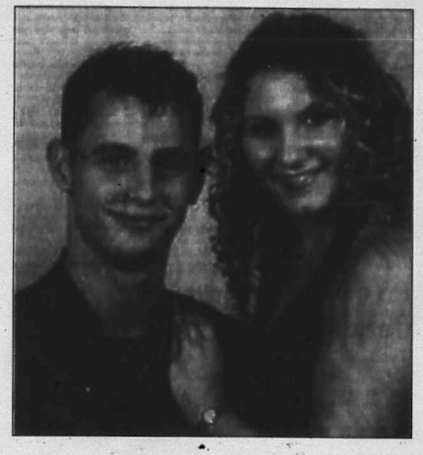
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Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hardwick of Callahan, Florida announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lee, to Shaelen Ray Haralson, son of Richard and Lenora Shope of Bandera.

The bride, a 2001 graduate of West Nassau High School in Callahan, is a marketing consultant in Jacksonville, FL. The groom is a 1999 high school graduate from Bandera and is a Petty Officer in the United States Navy, currently stationed at NAS Jacksonville. The couple will be married Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. in Jacksonville, Florida.

MLBA announces 2003 calendar, Halloween event set for Oct. 26

The Medina Lake Betterment Association will host a Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 6-10 p.m. at the Lakehills Civic Center for children of the Medina Lake area.

Children (with their parents) are invited to attend the event, which is free of charge. The party will offer a variety of games with candy and party prizes, a hayride, costume contest, and refreshments. There will also be a haunted house operated by the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department. There's also a bonfire.

"Come show off your Halloween costume," said Halloween Party co-chair Tony Quesada. The costume contest will be at 8 p.m. with winners in three divisions: up to 4 years, 5-12, and over 12 including adults. "You must be there to win," said party coordinator Shirley Granberry. Winners will receive prizes.

The hayride is from 7-9 p.m. At the bonfire, Halloweeners will roast marshmallows.

The next MLBA general membership meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the civic center. The public is invited to membership meetings the second Thursday of each month. To vote at the meeting, a person must be a member of the association. Membership dues are $5.

The Lakehills Civic Center is located on Park Road 37, west of FM Road 1283 in the heart of Lakehills. Persons can call the civic center at 751-9904. The MLBA and the Lakehills Civic Center serve the Pipe Creek, Lakehills, and Mico areas.

2003 MLBA Calendar

The Medina Lake Betterment Association set its calendar for 2003 at its October general membership meeting and there are still plenty of activities left at the Lakehills Civic Center in 2002.

Events scheduled for the year 2003 sponsored by the MLBA at the civic center include: a community garage sale Saturday, April 5; an Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 19; and the major fund-raiser of the MLBA, and the 23rd annual Medina Lake Cajun Festival, on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Final events in 2003 include: a children's Halloween party Friday, Oct. 31; a Santa Claus party for children Saturday, Dec. 20, and a New Year's Eve dance Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Other events in 2003 at the civic center include: the Lakehills United Methodist Church Fish Fry Saturday, March 22, and the Hermann Sons Youth Appreciation Day Saturday in April and the Hermann Sons Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 14.

The remaining events for the year 2002 at the civic center are: Halloween Party Saturday, Oct. 26; Santa's Party Saturday, Dec. 21; and New Year's Eve Dance Tuesday, Dec. 31.

The Halloween Party will be expanded from previous years, adding a haunted house (run by the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department), hayride, and bonfire.

Santa's Party is an opportunity for children to tell Santa Claus what they want for Christmas and to get their picture taken with the Jolly Old Elf. The Mike Clancey Band will play the New Year's Eve dance.

Other events at the civic center include the Hermann Sons Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 8.

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In addition to a visit from the BHS Band, football players and mascot, Noah's Ark named its Kings and Queens Toddler Class; King: Tanner Gooding; Queen: Nicole Artega; Two-Year-Old Class: King: Dakota Utterback; Queen: Amber Watson; Three-Year-Old Class King: Mason Rogers, Queen: Lilly Friedrichs; Preschool Class: King: Seva Nix; Queen: Hanna Lowe.

Robbins says family key to 4-H

The Bandera Jr. 4-H Club met Monday, Oct. 21, at Allek Elementary. During the meeting all validation dates and project meetings were discussed. It was discussed about getting club t-shirts. - 2 parent volunteers are needed to gather information about the t-shirts and report at the next meeting.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Mr. Telvy Robbins, Ag teacher at Bandera High School for over 30 years.

He told the club about taking care of your animals and that 4-H takes family involvement.

We thank everyone for their many kindnesses to our sister, Helen Pickens McCandlas, during her illness and passing. Your prayers, calls, visits, flowers, food, assistance, and other expressions of love and concern were greatly appreciated by her and us.

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Chelsee Cheswick - Champion Pie


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Jordan Hamilton - Reserve Champion Cookie


Cassie Juenke - Champion Cookie


Brittany Diggs - Champion Cake

Gina Zavorka - 2nd Place Yeast Bread
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Champion Bread
-Briana Perez
Reserve Champion Bread-Brittany Dowda

Senior Quick Bread
1 Brittany Dowda
2 Kristina Miller
3 Amy Kretschmer

Junior Quick Bread
1 Briana Perez
2 Jessica McCain
3 Kaitlyn Correll
4 Jenna Dobson
5 A.J. Kretschmer
6 Kaylee Reeves
7 Shanda Moreno
8 Stephanie Zook
9 Cheyenne Schultz

Junior Yeast Bread
1 Cassidy Gase
2 Gina Zavorka
3 Dustin Lindner
4 Barrett White
5 Curtis Davis
6 Karley Griffin
Ashley Johnson

Senior Yeast Bread
1 Courtney Bonner

CAKE DIVISION
Champion Cake
-Brittany Diggs
Reserve Champion Cake -Candice Boysen

Junior Frosted Cakes
1 Brittany Diggs
2 Misty Rymers
3 Mandy Stewart
4 Chance Haynie
5 Mison Winters
6 Cameron Planas
7 Jeffrey Dabney, Jr.
8 Jamya Buckley
9 Cheyenne Adcock

Junior Unfrosted Cakes
1 Rozlyn Reeves
2 Zackory Schmidt
3 Jennifer Widner
4 Brittney Malicoat
5 Micaela Keese
6 Stacy Widner
7 Animate Mazurek
8 Samantha Johnson

Senior Frosted Cakes
1 Candice Boysen
2 Katie Kunkel
3 Roger Roberts
4 Nicole Griffin
5 Ashley Chaney
6 Stefanie Lacy
7 Monica Johnson
8 Kimberly Walker
9 Rachel Calloway
10 Randi Whitlock
11 Rebekah Small

Senior Unfrosted Cakes
1 Wade Winters
2 Christina Kretschmer
3 Meagan Godfrey

Senior Decorated Cakes
1 Katie Quarles

COBBLER DIVISION
Champion Cobbler
-Eric Raab
Reserve Champion Cobbler- Reannah Wyatt

Junior Cobblers
1 Reannah Wyatt
2 Colby Stewart
3 Joey Swarthout

Senior Cobblers
1 Eric Raab
2 Heidi Hay
3 Trey Brzezinski
4 Lyneigh Perez
5 Ashley Wehmeyer
6 Shannon Reyes

COOKIE DIVISION
Champion Cookies
-Kassie Juenke
Reserve Champion Cookies-Jordan Hamilton

Junior Bar Cookies
1 Shelbie Martin
2 Amanda Thaler
3 Kara Quarles
4 Courtney Vogt
5 Jenna Sab
6 Sterling Tobin
7 Savanah Thaler
8 Michael Mazurek

Senior Bar Cookies
1 Jena Johnson
2 Adam Hay
3 Lindzey Perez
4 Lacy Richards
B Melinda Griffin

Junior Drop Cookies
1 Jordan Hamilton
2 Michael Dobson
3 Levi Hay
4 Ryan McCain
5 Brynn Hicks
6 Sara Zavorka
7 Katie Mangold
8 Megan Greebon
9 Brandon Zook
10 Justin Winters
11 Janelle Perez

Senior Drop Cookies
1 Kassie Juenke
2 Courtney Davis
3 James Gallwitz

PIE DIVISION
Champion Pie
-Chelsea Cheswick
Reserve Champion Pie
-Taylor Brzezinski

Junior Pies
1 Chelsea Cheswick
2 Brindy Hay
3 Myrissa Barnet
4 Rayne Hicks
5 Stephanie McCain
6 Emily Dabney
7 Katelyn Markel
8 Rani Reynolds
9 Nikole Gase

Senior Pies
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Hunters BBQ has fun for everyone

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something for everyone including quality hunting equipment, hunting trips, gifts and much more. Kids as well as adults can relax and enjoy the BB gun shooting gallery and interactive hunting exhibits.

Saturday, Nov. 2, starting at 6 p.m., will showcase a continuation of the Outdoor Expo as well as many hunting demonstrations, family fun activities, great food, interactive displays and more! The Grand Finale will be the concert Saturday evening featuring Country Western star and Bandera's own Charlie Robison! This is an action-packed weekend...you won't want to miss a single event!

Ticket prices for Saturday's concert are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Tickets are available at The Bandera Bulletin and the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce office. This year, special souvenir caps and t-shirts will be available. The caps are $15 and the T-shirts are $12 and $15.

Raffle tickets $5 each or 5 for $20 and are available at the Bandera Ranch Store, Bandera True Value, Country Accents Antiques, The Bandera Bulletin, Love Creek Cider Mill Store and the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce office at 1134 Main Street in Bandera.

Chamber signs Event Sponsors

The Hunters BBQ Committee announced recently the signing of major sponsors for this year's 40th annual Hunters BBQ.


Hunters from all over the United States have been visiting Bandera to celebrate opening weekend for many years.

Major sponsors of the event include Bob Bomer Chevrolet, Jerry and Sons Plumbing Service, Bud Light, KFAN/KEEP Radio, Miller Lite by Carson Distributing, Billy Gene's Restaurant, The Bandera Bulletin, Country Accents Antiques, Bandera True Value Hardware, Wells Fargo Bank, Flying A Ranch, Bandera Bank, Indian Creek Internet, Five Star Rentals, Super S Foods and Gamemaster Feeders, Dziuks Meat Market, Big Red Bottling Company, Red McCombs Dodge, Affordable Grapgics and Art Gallery and Academy Sports and Outdoors.

"Without these corporate sponsors' support, this event would not be possible," said event chairman, and Bandera Bulletin Publisher, Frank Shubert. "We wanted this year to be very special and it's these sponsors, as well as countless volunteers and committee members, that will make it one of the biggest events to ever hit Bandera County."

Hunters BBQ History

Forty years ago, the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce decided it was high time to show appreciation to the hundreds of deer hunters who visited Bandera County each fall. The hunters were fed by the local ranchers in those early days. The Bandera Hunters Bar-B-Q was an instant success and has become a true Hill Country tradition.

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce Hunters Bar-B-Q and Outdoor Expo has become a community event. It is one of the most entertaining and anticipated events as well as the primary fundraiser for the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce. Over 350 volunteers work hard during the festivities, some throughout the entire year, to produce this classic Fall event that has helped make Bandera famous.

This fun-filled extravaganza not only signals the start of whitetail deer hunting season in Texas, but also welcomes a huge number of hunters and visitors to Bandera County. Approximately 5,000 folks attend, including retailers, ranchers, families and professionals. They all mingle for the fun and thrill of the hunt and the friendship and good times that follow!

Charlie Robison Biography

You can't swing a cat in Music City without hitting a ruggedly handsome, would-be cowpoke of a singer, but--like a parking lot full of SUV's--


The huge auction on Friday night has something for everyone on your Christmas list. Here, Chamber Director, John Bruce, demonstrates ther proper method to secure your auction bid.

there's only a precious few of them that ever actually get down'n'dirty. Columbia/Lucky Dog recording artist Charlie Robison is one of those rare birds who talk the talk and walk the walk.

Born and raised in Bandera in a ranching family that's worked the same stretch of Hill Country since the 1840s, Robison spent his time growing up on a full plate of time-honored Lone Star endeavors--working the ranch, playing football, singing country songs and raising his fair share of heck.

Charlie's honest, "what you see is what you get" stance has helped him to become a true "crossover" entertainer.

For more information about this exciting event call (830) 796-3045 or (800) 364-3833 or visit the Hunters BBQ & Outdoor Expo website at www.banderahuntersbbq.com.


Dan Reese, owner of Vortex Water Systems, has donated to the Hunters BBQ Auction a water purification system valued at over $2,500. Another example of the wide variety of valuable merchandise available at bargain prices at the Auction.


Bandera High School Cheerleaders, (L-R) Samantha Teich, Jennifer Wilson and Lacy Richards model several different apparel items available at this year's 40th Annual Hunters BBQ & Outdoor Expo. Screen-printed t-shirts, embroidered caps and embroidered T-shirts

Bandera.

TEXAS-SIZE LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION

AT THE 40TH ANNUAL HUNTERS BAR-B-Q & OUTDOOR EXPO
7:00 PM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2002
MANSFIELD PARK • BANDERA, TEXAS

The Auction has become a big part of the fun at the Hunters Bar-B-Q. All items have been generously donated by area businesses. Show your support to those that give back to the community. This is the only fundraiser for the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce. We have hunts, hunting equipment, antiques, furniture, home furnishings, meals, gift items, overnight stays, clothing, accessories, meals, something for everyone! The Expo begins at 3 PM. Dinner begins serving at 4:30 PM. Admission to the Expo and Auction are free. Come out and join in the fun!


2003 KAWASAKI BAYOU 300 2X4 4-WHEELER
Donated by
Bandera County Chamber of Commerce

LIVE AUCTION 7:00 PM

ITEM	DONOR
Mounted Pair"Romeo & Juliet" Jackalopes	Americah Indian Jewelry
Hunting Cabin Table w/Four Chairs	Anonymous Donor
Antler Knife & Wineholder	Antler Creations
Archery Target	The Archery Shop
$50 Gift Certificate For RV Parts & Assessories	Arhmadigger
Pearl/Quartz Necklace/Silver Bracelet	Avalon Jewelry
Three Wildlife Books	Backroads Books
Pair of Handmade Oak Rockers	Bandera Beverage Barn
Columbia Camo Shirt	Bandera General Store
Mini-Cross Bow w/Bolts	Bandera Gun & Pawn
Two First Aid Kits	Bandera Medical Clinic
Ten 50-lb Bags of Corn	Bandera Ranch Store
Spay/Neuter or Comparable Service	Bandera Vet Clinic
Bottle of Bacardi Rum	Bandera Wine & Spirits
Five Deer Blocks/Five 50 lb Bags of Corn	Barrel House Fee & Hardware
Dinner for Four	Billy Gene's Restaurant
Special Design BBQ Belt Buckle	Black Gold Buckles
Fresh Flower Arrangement	Books N Bloom
Pin	Broken China Jewelry
Two Dinners for Four	Buzzie's BBQ
Custom Cake	Cakes by Dan
Gift Basket	Chukka Creek General Store
Deer Boot Scaper/Deer Bell	Country Accent Antiques
Concrete Deer Items	Country Accent Antiques
Oil Painting w/Custom Frame	Cowboys Window
Whitetail Shoulder Mount	Deer Run Taxidermy
Deer Weather Vane	Designs in Nature
Three Dozen Quail	Diamond H Game Procesing
Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner for Four	Dixie Dude Ranch
Set of Oldtimer Knives	D'Spain Sales & Service
25 Pounds of Link Sausage	The Farm Country Club/Bernhard's Meat Processing
Gamemaster Turkey Feeder	Super S Foods/Gamemaster Products
Round of Golf for Four w/Cart	Flying L Guest Ranch
Zebra Rug	Friend of the Chamber
Buffalo Hide	Friend of the Chamber
Four Handblown Glass Christmas Ornaments	GGM Trading Enterprise
Handmade Quilt	Gingerbread House
Gift Basket of Hair Care Products	Hair Unlimited
Spay/Neuter or Comparable Service	Hill Country Vet Hospital
John Wayne Print	H-I-X Bandera
Timothy Woods Horsehead Purse	H-I-X Bandera
Complete Ground Deer Blind Kit	Home Depot of Boerne
Silver Cross Cuff Bracelet	Hy O Silver
Five Yards Ready Mix Concrete	Ingram Ready Mix
Silver Earrings w Peridot & Citrine	I Told You So
Gift Basket w/CDs & Other Goodies	KFAN/KEEP Radio
Beveled Glass Ornament	KPE Inc.
Fallow Buck Hunt	Kyle Ranch
Signed Limited Edition Painting	Lakehills Art Gallery
Complete 6' Deer Blind Kit	Home Depot of Boerne
One Hour Scenic Helicopter Ride	Land/Water & Sky
Exam/X-Rays/Cleaning	John LeLand, DDS
One Case Bloody Bull Mix	LeSpurgeon Enterprises
Sterling Silver Earrings	Lopez Bros. Silversmiths
One Apple Pie	Love Creek Orchards
Gamemaster Protein Feeder	Super S Foods/Gamemaster Products
One Billionaire Pie	Love Creek Orchards
Custom Animal Portrait w/Frame	Karen Mangold Western & Equestrian Art
Dinner for Two	Mansion in Bandera
Digital Camera	Joe McMullan Insurance
Dinner for Four	Mayan Guest Ranch
Set of Gear Wrenches	NAPA Automotive Supply
$75 Gift Certificate for Food & Drink	Oasis Bar & Grill
Assorted Camo Duffle Bags	Ocean Graphics
Indian Girl Statue	Old West Imports
$50 Gift Certificate	Pipe Creek Animal Clinic
Five 50 lb Bags Deer Corn	Pipe Creek Feed Store
Five Homeade Pies	Pipe Creek Junction Cafe
Cowhide	Pipe Creek Realty
$100 in Gasoline Coupons	Purple Sage Ranch/Conoco Phillips
Boot Scraper & Towel Bar	Quality Ironworks
Radio Shack Home Police Scanner	Radio Shack
Drip Torch for Controlled Burns	Red Buffalo LLC
Painted Tin Flag	Republican Party of Bandera County
Exotic Black Antelope Pillow	Rhodes Boys Taxidermy/Kerrville
Two Weekend Hunts	River Front Motel
Four One-Night Stays	River Front Motel
Knitted Wildlife Vest	Shoe Biz
Handmade Hunting Knife	Howard Smith Knives
Global Positioning System	Southwest Texas ACA/Cabaret Cafe & Dancehall
Outdoor Cooker w/Peanut Oil	Super S Foods/Gamemaster Products
Cooler of Hunting/Camping Goodies	Super S Foods
Twelve Yards Pea Gravel	Roger Stevens Contractors/M&P Construction
Gamemaster Ladder Barrel Feeder w/Motor	Super S Foods/Gamemaster Products
Custom-made Queen Bed	Texas Country Furniture
Texas Window/Door Swag	Texas Rose Realty
$200 Gift Certificate for Tree Service	Tree Masters
Two Night Stay/Two Adults w/Horseback Riding	Twin Elm Guest Ranch
Rebel Yell Whiskey w/Rebel Flag	USA Flooring
Water Cleaning System	Vortex Water System
Camo-Dressed Doll	Yellow Rose Dolls

SILENT AUCTION 3:00 PM

ITEM	DONOR
One Two-Year Subscription	The Bandera Bulletin
Hill Country Cookbook	Bandera Electric Cooperative
One-month Tanning or Gym Membership	Bandera Gym
One-Year Subscription	The Bandera Review
$25 Gift Certificate	Barrel House Convenience Store
Double Nine Domino Set w/Case	Braun Drug
$25 Gift Certificate	Church's Chicken
Hair Cut & Coloring Services	Salon David
$25 Gift Certificate For Wood Sign	Fred Collins Workshop
Four $25 Gift Certificates	Country Wood Barbers
$25 Gift Certificate	El Jacalito
Four Quart Slow Cooker	Family Dollar
Pair of Jumper Cables	Fellows Auto Parts
One Night Stay/Cabin or RV Hook-up	Knuckle Ranch
One Night Free w/One Night Paid	MeMow's House
Canine Cap, Dip & Bath	Precision Grooming
Wild Game Processing	Rhodes Boys Taxidermy/Kerrville
Hair Cut & Coloring Services	Salon David
Four Hamburgers & Four Drinks	Sonic Drive In
$10 Gift Certificate	Taco's N More
Indoor/Outdoor General Spray	Team Pest Control
Radiator & Transmission Flush	Texaco Express Lube
$50 Gift Certificate for Private Catering	Touchdown Diner/Cafe
Christmas Cards	USA Postal
One Month Tanning	USA Tan

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FYI

HC Chapel Hosts Festival

Hill Country Chapel in Pipe Creek is hosting the Festival For The Lord's Harvest on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Join us in our theme of "Noah's Ark" and come dressed as your favorite animal. Some exciting things to look forward to are storytelling tents, cakewalks, hay rides, games, gifts for mom and dad and blessings for all. Call Skip Marks, Pastor and Eric Hinton, Youth Minister at the church at (830) 510-4731 for more information.

Health Fair Planned

The 8th annual Bandera Health Fair will take place on Monday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the new Silver Sage Corral Sr. Activity Center on Buck Creek Drive in Bandera. Approximately 15 health care vendors and informational services will be participating in this community-wide effort.

Flu shots will "headline" this year's Health Fair. In addition, there will be blood glucose screenings, ear health exams, spinal screenings, and massage therapy, just to name a few. Information booths will include: TRIAD, hospice, assisted living, and asthma & allergy information.

American Legion To Hold Bazaar

The Lakehills American Legion Aux. is planning a Christmas Bazaar for Nov. 9. Start making goodies and reserving tables now. Call Evie Angell at (830) 612-2817 for more information.

Friday Night Live Concert

Friday Night Live at Lakehills Baptist Church, presents an outdoor concert with Lance Jones and The Fanatics from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 1, at Lakehills Baptist Church. Subway sandwiches, cokes, chips and snacks will be provided. Middle and high school students are invited to attend this free event. Foosball, a pool table, an air hockey table, basketball, volleyball, video games and computers will be provided.

Lakehills Library To Hold Meeting, Sale

Lakehills Library will hold a Board of Directors meeting on a monthly basis starting: Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at 9587 FM 1283, Lakehills. Call 612-2777 for more information.

The Lakehills Library will have a book sale Nov. 2 in front of the library from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. Call 612-2777 for more information.

Bandera Library Book Club To Meet

The Bandera County Library Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the library at 11 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 12. The November selection is "The Passion of Artemisia" by Susan Vreeland. "Beach Music" by Pat Conroy is the January book. The December meeting will be our annual Christmas luncheon. Information is available at the library or call Eileen Haden, 460-7807 or Peg Boren, 796-8481.

NEW DEADLINES

As of Oct. 1, The

copy and photo deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

Thank you

First Baptist Church offers safe Halloween

Thursday night the First Baptist Church of Medina will be offering an alternative to Halloween trick or treating with a "Fall Fun Night". There will be lots of games, food, fun, and candy for all ages. The fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be a costume contest so come dressed as something God made and not something scary or spooky. Don't Forget no Team Kids this week only.

HOMECOMING WEEK FOR MEDINA

Friday's Homecoming Activities:

Coronation will begin at 6 p.m. on the Football Field

Homecoming game against Sabinal begins at 7:30 pm

Saturday's Homecoming Activities:

Honored Classes will meet at 9:30 am at the float staging area.

Homecoming Parade: Parade will begin at the parking lot between the Methodist Church and the Baptist Church at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "A Blast From the Past." Homecoming Carnival booths will open at 11a.m.

Honored classes: Registration table manned by the Honor Society will be in the front hall of the High School at 1:30 p.m., where you will find out what room you are assigned to.

Exes program: Program will begin in the cafeteria at 2p.m. The Master of ceremonies for the program will be Dale Naumann, who will avail you with his charm and wit. Refreshments will be served for honored classes and their families.

PARKING INFORMATION

Please do not park in the area behind the High School by the bus barns. This area will be used for the Carnival only. Please make sure you use the parking area in the front of the High School or the Elementary School Parking Lot.

MEDINA'S HOMECOMING COURT

Suzanne Hudson is the daughter of Tom and Judy Lovelady. Suzanne is involved with many things at Medina ISD. This year as part of the Varsity Cross Country team she qualified for the Regional Cross Country meet. She has also been an active participant in the Bandera Country 4-H program for the last five years.

After graduation she plans to attend college and become a Special Education Teacher.

Kellie Singleton is the daughter of John and D'Ann Singleton. Kellie has attended MISD since Kindergarten and has been a class officer for the past four years and part of Student Council for the past two years. She has qualified for the Texas High School Rodeo Assoc. State Finals three straight years and is on her way back for another consecutive year. Along with competing at the state level, she has competed internationally as well.

After graduation, Kellie plans to attend Texas Tech. University in the fall and major in Communications with a minor in Public Relations.

Melinda Waters is the daughter of Mark and Cindi Waters. Melinda has attended MISD since the 8th grade and has been very active in many extracurricular activities. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years and is serving as Vice-President this year. For the past two years, she has been a varsity cheerleader and was voted captain this year and was named UCA All Star at camp this summer. She has been a member of Student Council for three years and FCCLA for two years.

Melinda plans on attending Abilene Christian University in the fall and major in Chemistry with a minor in Biology, where she will study to become a Pharmacist.

Rusty Bruinsma is the son of Ray and Carolyn Bruinsma. He has attended MISD since Kindergarten. He has served as a Class Officer for three years and has been part of the Medina FFA Chapter for four years. Rusty played an important role on the 2000-2001 District 29-A champion football team, and was named to the 2nd team all district squad as a defensive back. He also was honored to receive awards for all-district first team-wide receiver and all-district 1st team defensive back for the Medina Bobcat football team 2001-2002. Rusty won the Twin Elm's Bull riding year-end buckle and is still actively participating in rodeos every weekend.

After graduation, Rusty plans to enlist in the military, most likely the Marines.

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MEDINA SPOTLIGHT



MICHELE BARKERB

Chance Haby is the son of Kevin and Patty Haby and has been attending MISD since the 7th grade. Chance has realized many accomplishments in the years he has been here, including being a significant part of the Bobcat football and basketball programs for the past four years. Chance has earned Honorable Mention Tailback during his sophomore year, and first team tailback and first team defensive back his junior year. Also that year he earned MVP and first team all district in varsity basketball. Chance has been very active for the last six years with the Bandera County 4-H Program.

Upon graduation he plans to attend Mary-Hardin Baylor University, play college football, and major in Computer Graphics.

Aaron Seymour is the son of Joe Seymour and Cheryl Montez. He attended MISD Kindergarten through 9th grade and moved for a brief time and came back for his Junior and Senior year. Aaron has been an active participant in a number of extra-curricular activities. He has been on the varsity football team for three years, as well as the basketball, baseball and track teams. Aaron had the privilege of being chosen to attend a Bio-Medical Camp at the UT Health Science Center this past summer.

After Graduation, Aaron plans to attend UCLA on a Naval ROTC scholarship with a Marine Corps Commission.

Medina girls win big at state

Kellie Singleton daughter of John and D'Ann Singleton was the winner of the Miss Farm Bureau Contest, receiving a $1000.00 scholarship and the opportunity to compete at the State Farm Bureau Contest in Corpus Christi in December. Candice Moczygemba daughter of Randy and Stephanie Moczygemba was the winner of the Free Enterprise Speech Contest. She also was awarded a $1000.00 scholarship and will compete at the State contest. Chelsea Tucker daughter of Weldon and Nancy Tucker was first runner up in the Talent Contest.

THEATER PRESENTATION A HIT

Seven Wives for Dracula was a smash hit and received a resounding standing ovation at the close of the production.

Mrs Nancy Tucker and her cast Sarah Kline, Sabrina Clark, Ben Villarreal, Kymber Tucker, Vanessa McWilliams, Brandon Rodriquez, Kevin Nieto, Katie Caddell, Clara Schwendeman, Jack Russell, Candice Moczygemba, Angelina Mullins, Melinda Waters, Elizabeth Dabney, Israel Contreras and Joseph Marange really deserve kudos for all the hard work they put in on a job well done. The rewriting of the play was brilliant and now we all know to watch out for things slinking through Moffit Park, and those pesky neighbors in Orchard Park.

Those of you who did not attend make sure you don't miss out on the next performance of this talented cast. This wacky group is already hard at work on their next production with the debut on Saturday Dec. 14. The title of the next engagement is It's Sad So Sad When an Elf Goes Bad . From the sound of that name, I for one don't want to miss out on the fun.

MEDINA VFD GOES WILD

MVFD invites everyone to go wild with them after the Homecoming Parade from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Apple Festival Grounds. Donations of deserts that can be served easily are still needed as well as cornbread. If you plan on donating any food items you could let Marcie Gillespie know at 589-7705. Donations can be dropped off as early as 6 a.m. at the Festival grounds or you can drop them off at Culp's Creations the day before.

EMS COOKBOOK

I made an error in last week's column. The cookbooks are sold on the Internet for $15, but you can by them locally for only $10. There would make great Christmas presents so get yours now. Please make check or money-order payable to: Medina EMS Support Team - PO Box 1558 - Medina, TX 78055

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Masons of Medina Lodge #1319 1st Mon of each month 7:30pm. at the Lodge

Medina Athletic Booster Club 2nd Mon of each month in Coach Dozier's classroom Medina Garden Club 2nd Wed of each month, 2pm at the Masonic Lodge

Medina Eastern Star Chapter 988: 1st Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Lodge

Medina EMS Support Team: 4th Tuesday, 7 pm at the EMS Bldg.

Medina VFD: 3rd Thursday 7:30 pm at the Methodist Church Youth Center

MEDINA SCHOOLS LEARN HOW TO STAY DRUG FREE

Last Monday the group "Four Guys" entertained the students with songs and comedy while stressing the importance of staying drug free. All the students had a blast, and it seems there sure are a lot of hams out there. Students are realizing the importance of staying drug free and I am hearing lots of positive things from kids of all ages about staying clean and sober.

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower will be held in honor of Carmine Morgan Nov. 10, 02. The shower will be at the Methodist Church and will start at 2 p.m. Everyone who knows and loves her is invited to attend.

DAVIS ON D'HANIS

And finally, some coaches comments from Coach Glenn Davis Head Athletic Director of MISD regarding last Saturday's game against D'Hanis. Coach Davis said, "I will not make any excuses for the team. The whole team worked very hard all week and was prepared both mentally and physically. But, since my own high school days of playing football for Medina I have found it very hard to break your routine and play on a Saturday in D'Hanis. Missing a day of school as well as not having a school wide pep rally to send you off is hard to overcome."

"The team made some mistakes but should have been able to come back after the second quarter," he said.

"For the last two games we will be playing for Bobcat Pride and for the seniors to go out as winners," he added."If we finish 5-5 the team will have the second best three-year record 18-14.

We will have the pride of rebounding, and if we go out as 4-2 we will place third. I have every confidence that they will come back with full force against Sabinal."





Medina's Homecoming Court is (from left) Aaron Seymour, Chance Haby, Rusty Bruinsma, (bottom row) Kellie Singleton, Suzanne Hudson and Melinda Waters.

(From left) Chelsea Tucker was first runner-up in the Farm Bureau Talent Contest. Kellie Singleton was the winner of the Miss Farm Bureau Contest, receiving a $1,000scholarship and the opportunity to compete at the State Farm Bureau Contest in Corpus Christi in December. Candice was the winner of the Free Enterprise Speech Contest. She also was awarded a $1,000scholarship and will compete at the state contest.

Return from Port A trip comes at the right time

I guess I got back from the coast just in time. I spoke with our friends Meg and Ted Seideman who used to live here in our little corner of the world, but who now live in Port Aransas shortly after I got home from the island last week. They had some very serious storms on the island as well as all around the Corpus area.

The Seidemans work at Beach Gate Condos where the Sharyland Golden Girls had their reunion last week. Meg and Ted send their best regards to all of their friends here in the Bandera area. They experienced some flooding like we did back in July. The water was lapping at the door, but fortunately it did not get in their home. They did have to evacuate, however.

It looked like we were in for some more flooding here after all the rain we've had for the past week. A lot of folks down here at the end of the road were really getting nervous as they watched the river slowly rising again.

Buddy and Diane Nall just got back into their home a couple of weeks ago. They watched the water rising in their back yard the other day and figured they were in for another go round. So far so good. They are steadily keeping on with the remodeling. Buddy and Diane have different views on the matter.

WHARTON'S DOCK AND LAKE MEDINA SHORES



MARY BIRD 460-7523

Diane says it doesn't matter how cluttered things are they are there at home making it easier to work whenever the mood hits them and besides, there is no place like home. Buddy on the other hand says, when they were living away from it, they had time to have their coffee in the morning and plan a strategy before embarking on the arduous task of getting back to the clean up process. Now they are there amongst the work all of the time. Different strokes for different strokes, I guess.

Buddy and Diane took a time out on Saturday to go to the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department Turkey Shoot Fund Raiser. They like so many other folks out here, had a great time taking their chances on the firing line and visiting with friends and neighbors while having a bite to eat and checking out all the activities.

Bitsie Tschirhart called last week and made his apologies for not being able to attend the Turkey Shoot this year because he had a prior commitment. He has been a main stay at the Turkey Shoot for years. He always makes things lively. We missed you, Bitsie. He told me that he and Donna are looking at an Air Stream Trailer that they are thinking of buying to bring to their property that got washed away in the flood. We will sure be glad to have them back in the neighborhood again.

Ben Bird came out for the shoot from San Antonio in all of his glory. I guess he still holds the record of ten turkeys. But then, he shoots in every round at least once and there are forty rounds. Everybody (I think) was glad to see him again this year. Some of us even lucked out and got a free turkey from Ben. Thanks, brother!

Thanks to all the folks who came out to support their local fire department the Turkey Shoot was a roaring success. Everyone was surprised that

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Help for hip, knee pain is on the way

On Thursday, Oct. 31, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:3 a.m., in the meeting room at the new Silver Sage Corral at 830 Buck Creek Blvd. the Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center is sponsoring a free Knee & Hip Pain Seminar. They will provide lots of helpful information to control and/or avoid pain. It's time to start feeling better, so drop by and find out how to do that.

SILVER SAGE CORRAL



BETTY LEBO 796-4969

Cowboy Breakfast at the New Corral

Doesn't this nice cool weather we've been experiencing whet your appetite for some delicious pancakes and/or breakfast tacos? This Friday, Nov. 1, from 7-9 a.m., our Board of Directors will be in their brand new kitchen preparing tasty things just for you. Just $2.75 for pancakes with bacon or sausage, orange juice and coffee and $1.10 each for tacos. There's no better way to start Hunters Weekend in Bandera!

Free Health Fair

Jana Osbourn over at the Ag Extension Office has put together a Health Fair again this year. It will take place here at the new senior center at the above address on Monday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. 1:30 a.m. Some of the things the fair will include are: Flu & Pneumonia Shots, Blood Glucose Screenings, Ear Health Screenings, Spinal Health Screenings, and Message Therapy. Informational booths will include: American Red Cross, Triad, Vista Care/Family Hospice, Assisted Living/Alzheimer & Dementia Patients/The Haven in the Hill Country; Alamo Area Agency on Aging; Texas Cooperative Extension/Info on Cancer, Allergies & Asthma. Flu shots are free if you have Medicare.

Donations Appreciated

The Heritage Study Group Quilt Show in October proved to be quite profitable for the Silver Sage. The efforts of this hard working and talented group produced over $1,100 for our new center. Add that to the $1,000 from the Bandera Quilt Guild mentioned last week and you can understand why we are

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MLVFD elects slate of officers for the year

"We try to evade the question (of existence) with property, prestige, power, production, fun, and ultimately, by trying to forget that we - that I - exist. No matter how often he thinks of God or goes to church, or how much he believes in religious ideas, if he, the whole man, is deaf to the question of existence, if he does not have an answer to it, he is marking time; and he lives and dies like one of the million things he produces. He thinks of God, instead of experiencing God."

-Erich Fromm

Did you know...

-The headlights hit your eyes as the siren sounded - and you knew you were in

MEDINA LAKE NEWS



NANCY ARCEMENT

fire to spark the mystery of a night filled with the spell of Halloween come early. Hats off to this combined effort of the Lakehills's Betterment Association and the Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. for an evening of hair-raising, spine tingling horror to thrill the spirit of any child, young or old, who loves the season.

The MLVFD held its elections with the following results:

President: Don Roberts
Vice President: K.K. Barnes
Secretary: Carol Lobert
Treasury: Mary Sharp
Fire Chief: Ben Hicks, III
MLVFD Directors-At-Large: Bob Elliott, Jim

willing to contribute their skills and talents to ensure the safety and well-being of each of use within our community.

The recent 'boot' collection at the four way stop brought in $1,900 for the MLVFD - and excellent fund-raising effort. Also, Todd Perner, a young man who worked for the

Ladkehill's incorporation. Several issues concerning the threat of San Antonio takeover, problems of sewage in the lake, development of city water and sewage for our area, plus other issues are possible concerns that incorporation could empower us to solve. By incorporating, the possibility of grants and low interest loans through government programs, become possible. This town meeting is an attempt to empower our community by providing us with the information we need to hopefully strengthen the future of our community. For more information, call Don Roberts at 612-2665.

Don't forget to join

As the Lakehill's Library begins the groundwork for its building, it still must maintain our current library. So let's be sure and support their first Saturday of the month Book Sale on Nov. 2. Even if you're perfectly happy checking out the books you want to read and don't want to buy books, they've got some great breakfast tacos and baked goodies they're going to be selling as well. Perhaps you'll find that perfect Christmas book you've been meaning to give your friend, after all. Help the library while you enjoy a little shopping and good food. (I'm sure if you want to endorse you're tax rule back check over to them, they'd be

I'm going to get this right sooner or later. I must have gotten hooked on writing about the Hunter's Supper because I thought I got the date right. I got the name of the supper wrong.

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honored to have these ladies associated with our center.

We deeply appreciate as well the many donations we have received from tax rollback checks, memorial donations and the continued donations to our building fund. We have a lengthy wish list of items we'll need to make the new building complete, including landscaping, added kitchen equipment, and furniture. These generous donations will go a long way towards completing our dream.

In answer to several inquiries we've had recently - our new 11,000 square foot building was paid for through grants from three private foundations as well as contributions from the local community. The land was donated by Indian Waters Inc. No tax money was involved and there is no debt owing. This is quite an accomplishment for which we have the entire community to thank. Thank you, one and all.

Our fund raising will continue indefinitely since the current building is just the first phase or our project. Phase Two and Three will include more classrooms, a swimming pool and gift/tuft shop. We will appreciate everyone's suggestions with regard to desired classes and workshops.

The meeting room will accommodate 200 to 250 people and is available for rent to the public, as well as other areas of the building. For further information, you may call 830-796-4969 or write us at P.O. Box 1416, Bandera, Tx. 78003.

WHARTON'S DOCK

FROM PAGE 6A

there was such a good turn out in spite of the weather. We were all a little skeptical when the rain started that morning. But it did dissipate and everything worked out great. It was a little slow in the beginning, but we had our usual die-hards that would forge any elements to compete in the shoot.

Thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time and energy to putting this fund raiser together by helping Jean Feeney make and serve breakfast, make and donate cakes to the cake walk, endless jobs on the firing line, selling raffle tickets, helping with Bingo and every other aspect of the whole endeavor including clean up, the department hit an all -time high in the final outcome.

A special thanks goes out Barbara and Norman Riley who donated all of the prizes for the children's games and BB shoot. A special thanks goes out to T-Con for donating the turkeys for the shoot and Kim Federici for the donation of the beautiful handmade quilt that was raffled off. Without generous donations from all of the contributors this fundraiser never could have had such wonderful results.

We mustn't forget to thank Jane Amberson who works at the Senior Center in Bandera for taking out time from her busy schedule to help sell tickets for the raffle. And also to Jennifer Jung who sold tickets in San Antonio where she works at the American Craft Mall on Ingram and Wurzbach across from the mall.

After the Turkey Shoot members of the Bird family gathered at the home of Robbie Jung to celebrate the birthdays of Alyssa who turned five on Oct. 24 and Emileigh Dawn who will turn one-year-old on Nov. 2. Jennifer Jung brought her boys Logan, Brian, and Michael out for the shoot and the party. Corey and Lisa Flores brought little Lucas to join in on the fun. Also attending from out of town was the girls Aunt Kathryn Robinson. The girls had a great time playing with their cousins and they really hit the jackpot on the birthday gifts! Happy birthday, Alyssa and Emileigh Dawn!

On Sunday afternoon, it was party time again down at the Copper Lantern. There was a Halloween Costume Party and barbecue along with Lanette Pennell, Vicki Gillespie and friends playing and singing all of the favorites. There were goblins and witches, princesses and cows and even Howard Stern having a grand ole time! Lanette's mom, Barbara stole the show when she knocked out "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey". Other locals did their turn at the microphone and that just added to the fun. The party was inside because of the ominous weather, but it sure didn't put a damper on the party!

Coming up on first Saturday, things will be popping again at the Copper. It will be Saturday night live in beautiful downtown Wharton's Dock when the fellows have Karaoke Saturday night. We're all looking forward to that!

Coming up on First Saturday the LSVFD will be having Fire Training at the usual time of 10 a.m. Please plan to attend. We all know how important this training is for the whole community!

For all of you Lake Medina Shores Owners Association members, don't forget about the up coming election in early November. Your vote is needed to elect the peoples' choice for three positions on the Board of Directors.

And for heavens sake, don't forget to vote in our country's upcoming election on Nov. 5. See you there!

MEDINA LAKE

FROM PAGE 6A

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remembering those who have passed away in the past year) Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:20, and Communion Monday - Bread of Life at 6:00 p.m. and Fish Fry Meeting 7 p.m.

Almanac's, this last day of October, All Hallow Eve 'Now the tourists clog the notches, gapes of roads, streets, alleys, yellow busses, hacks and vans, maniac's scarlet cymbal clash! Till, by rain and wind

2nd, Daniel Boone was born in 1734; 4th, 'nothing is easy to the unwilling," and Will Rogers was born in 1879; 5th, Rudolph Valentino's message to Jean Acker lasted 6 hours in 1919; 6th, Nosh was born in 2948

This kind of weather is hard on those whose lungs are compromised and need clean air. Sometimes just having a friend to sit with them helps. It may feel like your spending the day counting breaths, but it's a long

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OPINIONS

Thoughts of honeymoons, doughnuts abound

My column did not go on vacation last week. It went on honeymoon.

Because so many people stopped me the street to tell me they I enjoyed the column I wrote a just before the wedding and to wish me the best of luck, it's all the excuse I need to write a post-wedding column. Besides, would you really rather have me write a column about something as dreadful as the Tony Sanchez-Rick Perry gubernatorial race or something of that ilk?

The wedding at Nolte Farms in Seguin on Oct. 13 went fine, for the most part. The wild card in the wedding was the participation of Asia, who is three and half years old. She is a child of Beth's previous marriage and I love her like my own. Prior to the wedding, she was real big on her role as flower girl. But, when the big flower-passing moment arrived she had other priorities. As the rest of us were readying for the wedding, she ran around with her similarly aged cousin, Laura, and a great time. So much so, in fact, she decided she would rather sit in the back row with Laura than hand out flowers or take part in the processional with me. Because they could be no uglier scene than dragging a three-and-half year-old down a wedding isle, we decided to let her have her way. Oh, we tried to get her to give out flowers to Laura and then hoped she would enjoy it so much that she would go the down isle with me, but there was no way. Not with Asia Jane.

Finally just as Beth and I were about to say our vows, Asia decided to come up to the area near the Guadalupe River where Beth and I were being married. Thank God she did. Our pastor, Paul Warren, ad-libbed well. "Now that you have made your vows in front of God - and Asia - You may kiss the bride," he said.

At least two of relatives, thought I had made a startling announcement during my vows. As part of my vows, I said to Beth, "I vow to love and guide your children, and our children, as best I can." One word can make a big difference. Let me make this perfectly clear. Beth and I are not planning to have children of our own. Then again, my parents never planned to have me either.

It rained during the reception, but even that was a good thing. It brought people physically closer together inside and produced



warmth and new friendships. They had a chance to enjoy the outdoors prior to the rain, so it was all-good. About 100 people attended.

I wished my dad could have been there in the flesh. I was surprised at how emotional I was the voice almost exactly like Dad's.

"With my bend toward athletics, direct manner and abundant black body hair, I'm generally considered the manly type so don't think me soft when I say I discovered that I actually enjoy writing thank-you notes. I like being able event and his absence. My Uncle Carl reminds me more my late father than anyone on this earth. I was particularly happy to have him there. He is a gentle soul with to sum it all up in three or four lines. "Dear Uncle Cliff and Aunt Rose, Thank you for the lovely candle lamp with the chicken design. My wife literally clucked with delight when she saw it."

It's true, my sophisticated, art-loving wife wants a to keep a laying hen in our yard in urban San Antonio, but that's another column.

Beth and I had a blast during the honeymoon, which was spent mostly in Galveston. It was only my second trip to Galveston and I submit the following recommendations: eat at Gaido's; go to the Moody Gardens and don't stay at the Galvez Hotel. It was a cool idea to stay the famous Galvez Hotel, where my parents had spent their honeymoon, but overall the service was lacking. Also, if you're going to rent one of the Eastern Seaboard bicycles built for two, be ready to pedal hard and check the air pressure in the tires before you go out. It was fun," but it was much more fun after spending fifty cents on air.

Again, thanks to all of the people who have gone out their way to wish us a happy marriage. Beth and I are well on our way.

And speaking of things sweet, there is one more recent experience I want to share with you. A couple of weeks ago, I decided to stop by Krispy Kreme doughnuts on my way home. "The crowds are bound to have died down by now," I thought to myself. "The kids will love it."

As it turned out, there were still three presumably off-duty law enforcement officers on the scene to direct traffic. The line outside the door was about 50 people long and that many cars were in the drive-through. I give KK credit, though. I was out of there in about 20 minutes and the doughnuts, particularly the glazed, are incomparable.

While waiting in line, there was one guy who was filming so he was hamming it up in an effort to get some good videotape. He bowed down in the parking lot and said something that sounded like, "Ollie, ollie, allah. I worship Krispy Kreme. Ollie, allie, allie."

The guy behind on his cell phone called his wife and said, "Honey, you won't believe it, but there's one of those nuts who worship Allah out here."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KEEP RACETRACK CLEAN

Dear Editor,

If you had a piece of property for sale would you try to keep it looking nice for prospective buyers?

I would. That is, if I really wanted to sell it. Have you looked at the racetrack property lately? It looks awful. Although the BISD tax office is located on that property, it is overgrown with weeds and looks anything but attractive. If I were the school board, I'd clean it up and keep it clean. That is, if I really wanted to sell it.

Van Cook
Bandera

DON'T CROSS THAT LINE

Dear Editor,

How tragic the accident that killed five teenagers was! My heart goes out to the parents! How tragic any accident is when someone is killed.

Regarding Nancy Arcement's article on the major accident that killed five teenagers, it is not just teenagers who are foolish enough to "fly through the canyon" around here.

Everytime I drive any of the roads in the hill country, I am passed by at least one fool (usually an adult) in a yellow lined area. Yes, adults are foolish too, not just teens. At least teens have the excuse of "they're young and foolish". What excuse do these adults have other than "I'm a fool who is in a hurry and have to do 80 miles an hour?" I do not appreciate it when I am passed, especially in a yellow line area, by someone who disregards how much danger they are putting everyone in by doing this. I have been passed on the bridge (on 1283 that goes over Red Bluff Creek, how stupid is that?

A very high percent of wrecks are due to drivers being impatient! I drive the speed limit, not 35 miles an hour in a 70 mile per hour zone. Driving too slow is just as dangerous!

The comment about the parents having "new ideas for suggested guideline to other parents of teenagers for developing rules to keep our young people safe" - how cruel! Don't you think they feel bad enough? I have been through raising a teenager. You teach them the best you can and what they do out of your sight usually can not be controlled. It was the driver's decision to cross that yellow line - not the parents. My teenager did not have a car until she was 19 years old and survived it. Did she hate it? Yes! Did she make it to school, work, and other places? Yes, most of the time via the parent bus. Yes, she went with friends at times and I prayed. She had rules. Did she break them? Yes. Did she get away with it? Not when she was caught!

I would rephrase "One teenager per car would, at least, save three" to everyone drive the speed limit, have some patience, think before you pass and follow the rules of the road and save lives. Don't cross the yellow line - ever

Gina G. Domitrovich
Pipe Creek

LETTER TO THREE DRIVERS

Dear Editor,

The three drivers who passed me on a hill on 1283 when I was traveling to work this morning (Was going 65!)

The semi driver who barreled across a double line last week, determined to get ahead of me. The countless drivers, day in and day out, who pass on narrow roads, regardless of hills or double stripes.

Every time we listen to just one edition of the evening news, we learn more about terrorists, murderers and snipers than we ever wanted to know. Out of self-defense, many of us have become hardened. These days it seems that highway death, on a scale of intolerable to acceptable, doesn't rate much higher than dead deer we passed on our way to the Ice House last night.

But when we of our falls victim, it becomes personal: And when that one is a child, an entire community grieves. This was the situation a couple of weeks ago when five children died senseless and violent deaths as they traveled the road I travel every morning.

I had never met the young man from Pipe Creek, but he was a neighbor, a child on his way to church. I didn't know the four young people from San Antonio, but they were a part of the neighborhood where I have taught for ten years.

Perhaps the connections are fragile, but they bind me nevertheless. With each and every senseless death, I remember Rusty. And I remember Lee. I remember those whose names I never knew. I am deeply saddened, and I need answers. Why did this happen? Could anything have prevented it?

After hearing the news, the children at the middle school where I teach were anxious to talk about it. "It was a tradition" they wailed, "for the four of them to go to Lake Medina." And Miss, "they weren't even drinking!"

"But they passed on a double line", I gently reminded them. "That's why they have those yellow lines, to warn you that it's dangerous to pass."

"My father does it all the time, Miss", a student shared, then clarified, "but he always sticks his head out of the window and looks, that way he knows if another car is coming."

After much discussion and collaboration, the others agreed. These are the rules: If a car is going too slow, then you must pass it. If you stick your head the window and make a show of being careful, then it is perfectly all right to pass on a double line. If you make it safely and do not kill anyone, then your actions are vindicated.

I attempted to persuade them to my point of view, but it soon became obvious that nothing I could say would change their minds. Their logic was infallible; the adults in their lives had proved it to them daily. Perhaps it will strike you as odd that these kids had listened, much less thought about what their parents were saying. After all, you can ask anyone who has ever parented a teenager, and they will tell you that young people don't listen to adults. They listen to loud music. And they listen to their friends. They can sit slack-jawed for hours pouring over violent video games. But they don't listen to adults. Anyone can tell you that. But anyone would be wrong. Kids do listen, and they watch. They just don't want to admit it. They are as stubborn as their elders, and they frustrate us daily. But because they are the children we cherish, we must ask ourselves, do they deserve to die following our examples?

Sincerely,
Sharon Boyd Pipe Creek

RAMIREZ RELATIVE WRITES

Dear Editor,

First off I would like to say that from the Gonzales family, we send our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bridget Fay Townsend. Also, in no way are we trying to justify the horrible tragedy that has occured. As I read the other paper's weekly reports, I have come to find that many people in this community have forgotten that the victims go much farther than just Ms. Townsends' family and friends. My grandparents and aunt are the people that raised my cousin Ramiro Gonzales and in no way are to blame for what he has confessed to committing.

So often I have heard that children learn from their family, but are there exceptions in every situation. I would just like to address that Ramiro was not the only grandchild raised by my grandparents, but the other child has turned out to be a wonderful person and mother to her child. I would just like everyone to know that there are other children in this community that are affected by the ridicule and gossip these people are so quick to say. My family's children range from Pre-K through 12th grade are becoming victims. There have been reported incidents of teachers speaking in the schools of this horrendous tragedy. Shouldn't they be teaching the children right from wrong instead of exploiting the wrongful things that one of their past students has committed?

If everyone is quick to come together for people in need, then they need to realize that the emotional strain that one's gossip can put on a child, can not be good for anyone.

I would also like to address the fact that we as a family are not a disgrace and will continue to hold our heads up high, for we know that we had no effect on the decisions that Ramiro Gonzales has made. Basically I would like everyone to know that before they speak about a situation, please know the facts.

Once again we as a family send our deepest regards to Ms. Townsend's friends and family. We are truly sorry for your loss and you will continue to be in our prayers.

Jessica Keegan
Bandera

SOFTBALL CREDIT DUE

Dear Editor,

After the Girl's Softball play-offs ended I anxiously awaited to see which girls from our history making team would be awarded All-State. None of our girls received this award because someone "dropped the ball". This atrocity happened due to the coach not being a member of the High School Women's Softball Association. I can assure you that if this had been boys baseball or any other sport with the boys this would not have happened.

Does the Athletic Department, School Board and Administration realize the injustice they bestowed upon these girls? Like a thief in the night they stole their chance of receiving the extremely prestigious award of All-State. These girls played their hearts out for their school and this is how they were rewarded. I hope the school learned a lesson from their mistake and that they won't allow history to be repeated.

Margie Salyers
Bandera

IN PRAISE OF TEACHERS

Dear Editor,

While sitting on the bench in front of Alkek, waiting for school to be out, the conversation among parents will eventually turn to how their children are progressing in school and about the teachers who teach them. It seams that all parents, whom I have heard in those conversations, believe that our teachers are devoted and work very hard to education our children.

I firmly believe that school teachers are the hardest working people in the world. I make this statement based on the fact that I am married to a teacher and know what she goes through to get the job done. I speak on my own behalf; however, I know that most parents are in agreement with me. Whether in our schools or in our churches, to all teachers: Many Thanks!

Ralph Williams,
Bandera

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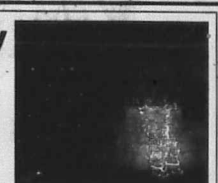
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AFFILIATIONS

Let's get ready to light up Bandera for Christmas



A group of concerned business owners, citizens, the Bandera Business (BBA), the Bandera Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Corp. (EDC) is asking the merchants to work together to build a dynamic Holiday Season for the Bandera Community.

The EDC has donated $1,000 to decorate the new town Plaza (corner of Hackberry and Main St.). The BBA has donated up to $500 that will be donated to various youth groups for them to help merchants put up and take down their decorations.

"We're going to light up this town," said Pat Breedlove

What are we asking you to do?

1. Merchants extend their business hours until 8 p.m. each Saturday in December beginning December 7 until Christmas. A total of three Saturdays.

2. Make an all out effort to decorate your business for the Holidays.

3. Make a monetary donation that would be used toward the Plaza donations.

What we will do:

1. Coordinate youth groups that will volunteer their time to work with merchants to help decorate their businesses.

2. Coordinate entertainment for the Community to enjoy at the Plaza each Saturday evening beginning Dec. 7 until Christmas.

3. Coordinate the decorating and designing of the Christmas decorations at the Plaza.

4. Fund raise for this project. Donations to be sent to Pat Harrison, Attn. Christmas Lighting, P.O. Box 967, Bandera, Texas 78003.

It is our desire for Bandera to be added to the Texas Hill County Regional Christmas Lighting Trail in the future but we must start now. We all know that a beautifully decorated town will attract shoppers thus boost our economy and image.

We ask for your help.

For information call Pat Breedlove at (830) 460-7479, Pat Harrison at (830) 796-7748, Patricia Moore at 796-3045, or Nancy Barnett at 796-4590.

BANDERA COUNTY JAIL LOG

The following persons were arrested and booked into the Bandera County jail recently. It should be remembered that a person is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Kimberly Duncan, 32, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/21/02 for other violation.

Moses Zamora, 38, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/21/02 for a warrant from an outside agency.

Dustin Marcee, 18, of Comfort, was arrested on 10/21/02 for theft, under $50 and minor in possession. Kate Edwards, 18, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 10/21/02 for theft under $50, minor in possession and evading arrest with a vehicle. Christina Mills, 18, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 10/21/02 for theft under $50, minor in possession. Robert Griego, 55, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/22/02 for driving while intoxicated, first and prohibited weapon, switchblade.

Angela Baker, 21, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/22/02 for a warrant from an outside agency.

Joseph Crowder, 31, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/22/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces, driving with a suspended license and unlawful carrying.

Gene Martinez, 24, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/23/02 for driving with a suspended license.

H.L. (Hank) Halterman, 50, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/23/02 for possession of marijuana. Bruce Clendenin, 47, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/23/02 for public intoxication.

Norma Lipsey, 49, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/24/02 for public intoxication.

Paul Quiroga, 43, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/24/02 for public intoxication. Demetrio Hernadez, 45, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/24/02 for public intoxication. John Burnette, 46, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/24/02 for driving while intoxicated, second offense. David Piccini, 49, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 10/24/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Samuel McNeely, 20, of Medina, was arrested on 10/25/02 for possession of paraphernalia to inhale, and disorderly conduct. Spencer Hicks, 21, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/26/02 for driving while intoxicated, possession of paraphernalia to inhale and open container. Clayton Gober, 40, of Medina, was arrested on 10/26/02 for assault with bodily injury. Steven Rogiers, 47, of Converse, was arrested on 10/26/02 for driving while intoxicated, third offense, unlawful carrying, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Lawrence Primeau, 55, of Corpus Christi, was arrested on 10/27/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Stephen Diaz, 17, of Utopia, was arrested on 10/27/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces. Timothy Angel, 17, of Utopia, was arrested on 10/27/02 for failure to register as a sex offender with in 90 days. Pamela Lugo, 44, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/27/02 for public intoxication. Erlene Griffin, 50, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/27/02 for assault by contact.

BANDERA CITY POLICE REPORT

The Bandera Police Department answered 25 calls for service from October 21 through October 28.

1 Alarm
2 Minor Accident
2 Assist Other Agency
1 Assist the Public
1 Dispute
2 Loud Music
1 Property
1 Runaway
6 Suspicious Circumstances
1 Suspicious Vehicle
1 Structure Fire
1 Terrorist Threat
4 Theft
1 Welfare Concern

Shane Merritt,
Chief of Police
Bandera Police
Department

Medina VFD to host a Wild Game Dinner November 2

The Medina Volunteer Fire Department is planning for its next fund raising event, a Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marcie Gillaspy is in charge of the publicity, silent auction, and procurement of supplies. Terry Word is in charge of the Wild Game preparation and cooking. On the menu, sika stew, venison chili, wild hog, goat beans, German potatoes, cornbread and deserts. Tea, coffee and water will be served with meals. Everyone is invited to attend, donations of $6 per plate. All proceeds will benefit the MVFD in the protection of the community and fire area.

Anyone who would like to donate a desert and/or cornbread for the event should contact Marcie Gillaspy at (830) 589-7705.

The MVFD holds its regular monthly meetings every third Thursday of the month at the United Methodist Church Youth Center at 7:30 p.m. Firefighter training sessions are the second and fourth Monday of each month. The community is invited and encouraged to attend their meetings and their meetings and their training sessions.

OBITUARIES

STEWART

William A. Stewart, 92, of Bandera, died Wednesday, October 23, in a San Antonio Care Center. He was born January 27, 1910 in Clarksville, Texas to Walter G. and Maude Self Stewart. On August 27, 1931, he married Nancy Rosita Wilkins in Carlsbad, New Mexico. She preceded him in death on September 6, 1991. Mr. Stewart was a retired oil well driller and had been a Bandera County resident for over 30 years. Survivors include his nieces, Dorothy Darden of Bandera; Juanita Zellars and her husband Guy, of Odessa, Texas; and Joanne Sampson and husband, Joe, of Tomball, Texas; Nephews, Wendel Don Darden and wife, Jo, of Wascom, Texas; Guy Wilkins and wife, Norma, of Ogden, Utah; and Ray Wilkins and wife, Billie, of Odessa; numerous grand and great nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 26, at 2 p.m., at Grimes Chapel with Mr. Martin Smith officiating. Interment followed in Bandera Cemetery with Terry Qarden, Patrick Grams, Randall Muster, Guy Wilkins, Matthew Darden, and Nathan Muster serving as pallbearers. The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Silver Sage Center in Bandera.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

LIPSEY

Danny Ray Lipsey, died Oct. 21 in Lubbock at the age of 30. He was born on July 13, 1972 in Albany to James Lipsey and Norma Godfrey.

He is survived by his father James Lipsey and mother Norma Lipsey Godfrey, brothers, Michael Wade Lipsey of San Antonio, and John Ryan Lipsey of Washington, father Danny Hudson, grandparents Donald and Charlotte Godfrey, aunts Brenda and Debbie Godfrey, uncle Lee Ray Godfrey, sister Donna Hans and husband Bobby, many nephews, nieces and cousins. He will be loved and missed by many friends and family.

Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 at Wright's Funeral parlor, Bandera.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Helotes.'

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The county has the option of paying $9,000 for the plan if it pays all of the money up front or paying $10,000 with 50 percent of the money being paid in advance, 40 percent being paid upon the report being sent to FEMA and ten percent being paid after FEMA approval. A decision on how to pay for the plan was delayed until county officials have a chance to confer with the county auditor, who was not at the meeting.

Dobb told Dresser the plan would be complete with nine months. FEMA originally asked for such a plan in 1988, Dresser said at the meeting. Bandera County must have a mitigation plan submitted by 2004 or it risks being turned out for future disaster assistance requests.

"Getting the community involved in the process will be the key to it," Dobb said. "We plan to start immediately and will create a committee that will include people in home owner associations and really anyone in the community who has a vested interest in these type of things."

County Judge Richard Evans said the City of Bandera has indicated an interest in participating in the plan and he hopes the city will be able to lend financial support to the important project.

Dobb has a master's degree in natural resource management from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos with a special emphasis in natural disaster management. He first became interested in helping rural and small urban communities in dealing with natural disasters when he was an undergraduate geology student at SWT and assisted governmental entities and relief agencies with disaster relief during the '98 floods. Since then, he has gone to FEMA and Alamo Area Council of government training events to learn more about disaster mitigation.

Dobb's firm is assisting Refugio County and five Central Texas cities with similar disaster management plans. He will begin the process of creating a flood hazard mitigation plan by researching local ordinances. He said it is difficult to pinpoint how many pages the mitigation plan will be, but it could wind up to be in the neighborhood of 400 pages. The plan will include maps and detailed geographic information.

Dresser said as the county's EMC he is working on three areas simultaneously. First, he is working to establish a functional, interim emergency operations center as quickly as possible. He is also planning a complete emergency operations plan through the use of local people.

"This will take the commitment of some of most talented local people," Dresser told the court.

Third, he is also looking for grants to offset the cost to the county. The plans must focus on mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, he said. He said it is difficult to estimate, but the final plan could consist of eight to 10 notebooks, with each one being as long as 400 pages each. He emphasized they all must function as working, flexible, documents.

While the county continues to prepare for the next emergency, officials also received a little good news about July's flooding.

County Treasurer Kay Welch said she expects FEMA to approve the $1.2 million in Bandera County funding requests within a few weeks. The County is also seeking a $350,000 state grant from the Office of Rural and Community Affairs to cover the 25 percent that FEMA grants will not cover. Though it is a state agency, ORCA grants are also channeled through the federal government. Unlike in 1997, the lot slower than we would like."

Until funding is approved, counties are not supposed to start any work. Items less than $52,000 are considered small projects by FEMA so the county tried to fit as many projects as possible into that category.

The county recently was approved for a $500,000 ORCA grant for work being done on water systems near Bandera Estates. One of the biggest projects for which the county has sought funding is Goat Ridge in the Pipe Creek area.

In other items from the meeting, commissioners approved a public auction for a large number of delinquent tax properties. Tax Assessor Collector Mae Vion Meyer suggested that delinquent properties, some which she said date back to as far as 1962, be sold to the highest bidder in an effort to get them on the tax rolls.

Commissioner Ronald Basinger asked if the properties could be sold in groups. The auction, which could put some 400 or more properties up for sale, will still have to be approved by the school district and the Spring Hills Water District. Many of the properties in the Avalon Ranch development in precinct three are expected to be difficult to sell at any price, Basinger said.

Also, Basinger's suggestion that the county give two-thirds of the rollback checks being returned to the three libraries and one-third to other county entities that were also funded by block grants on a percentage basis died for a lack of a second motion.

Saying they wanted to wait and see how much money comes in from FEMA, ORCA and rollback checks first, commissioners and the County Judge said they weren't necessarily opposed to the idea but wanted to see how the fiscal picture was shaping up as a whole first.

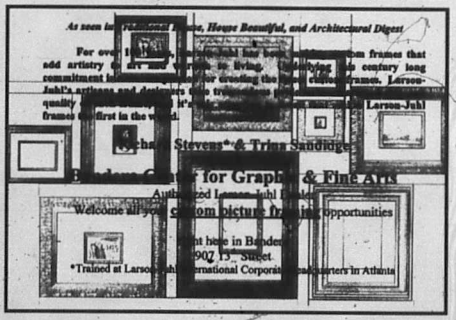
In other items from the roughly 3.5 hour meeting (not including breaks)

- The speed limit on Mountain Creek Road in was reduced to 25 mph after commissioners voted unanimously to approve the reduction.
- An $850 donation from Helping Hand to assist the county with debris removal will be returned to the nonprofit group
- Julie Shackleford of American Farmland Trust said she would present commissioners with a study later in the year on the amount of tax revenue commercial, residential and rural land produce in comparison to what counties have to spend in order to maintain those type of properties. She said no county money was being spent on the project. The group has performed a similar study in Hays County. Commissioners were supplied with that report.
- Commissioners listened to a brief presentation by Peter Bonenberger of Bear Springs Blossom Nature Conservation Group, who would like to see recycling bins put into the county's compacter centers. He said Bandera spends roughly $280,000 per year hauling its garbage to San Antonio. If all the paper, aluminum and tin were recycled, the county could reduce its waste load by 33 percent. He said he would like the county to supply a dozen 55-gallon containers in all at a cost of $1,500 each and that the county would not incur hauling costs for the recycled materials. If everyone recycled, the county could save about $80,000, Bonnenberg said.

Regular meetings this month will be Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 because schedule conflicts.




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money in order to have flood repairs made.

There were 29 counties in Texas declared federal disaster areas and FEMA approved help with repairs, which said. "The good news is that it's going better

Early Voting

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Thursday. She also clarified the location of the precinct 407 polling place. It is the old Silver Sage Corral Center at 11th and Hackberry and not the new Silver Sage Corral Center.

"We hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunity to vote," Bates said.

There are more than 12,000 registered voters in Bandera County.

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Open letter to stock show supporters

Dear Stock Show Supporters,

The Bandera County Junior Livestock Show Association sponsors three main events annually. The largest of these is the Junior Livestock Show in January each year. The 2002 Stock Show involved over 395 youth and many unpaid adult volunteers. This show paid our young exhibitors over $160,000.00 for their projects.

The Association uses a fund-raiser in September each year to help retire our building loan debt. The devastation of the flood and another event very close to our scheduled date caused us to postpone our fund-raiser from this year until April 2003.

We did, however, collect $31,800.00 in restitution this year. Of this restitution amount, over $30,00.00 was applied to our building loan. The loan balance as of October 2002 is now $33,000.00.

To alleviate time constraints during the stock show, our third main event, the Junior Bake Show and Sale was moved to happen in conjunction with our annual Appreciation Dinner. This is another opportunity to train our youth in needed life skills.

We could not exist and function without our many supporters. The Appreciation Dinner is one of the ways we use to say thank you for your support.

The meal last weekend was prepared by 4-H mothers, 4-H members and other volunteers. Thank you again for your support. We hope you enjoyed the evening.

Sincerely,
BCJLSA Directors

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lake Shore EMS Support Group will be holding their semi-annual membership meeting on Nov. 2nd at 10 a.m. at the EMS building located at 8963 Wharton Dock Rd. The Board of Directors are asking all interested individuals to attend this very important meeting. The main subject will be future of the EMS and we need all suggestions and opinions to make this decision.

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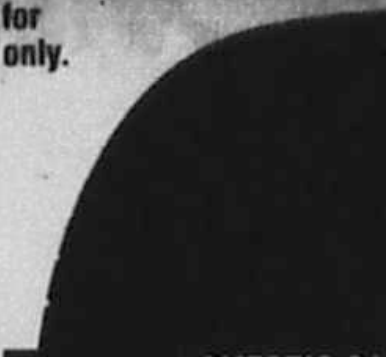


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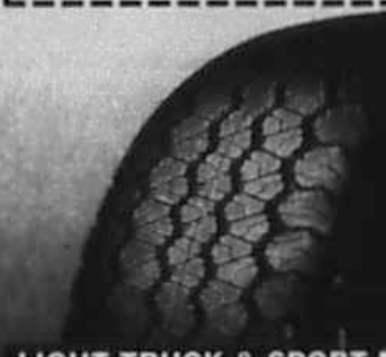


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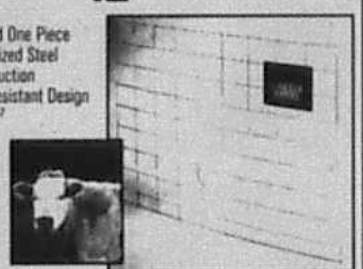
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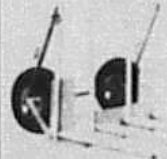
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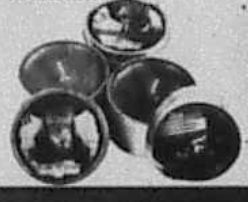
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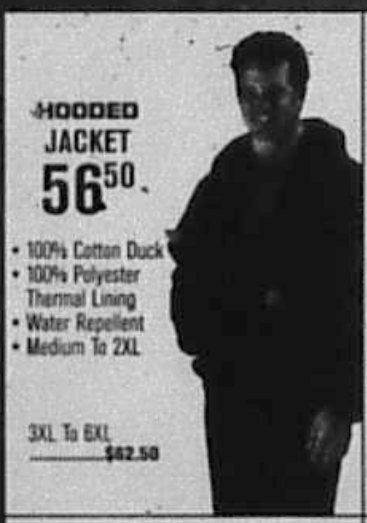
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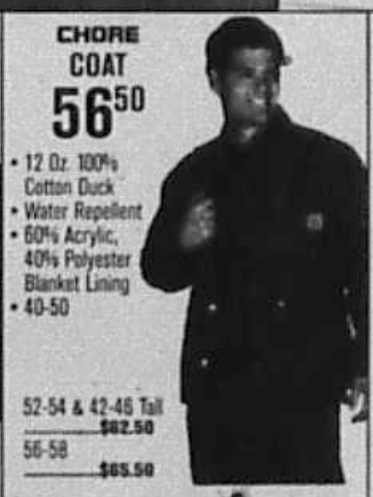
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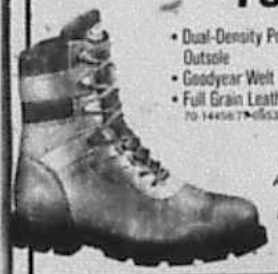


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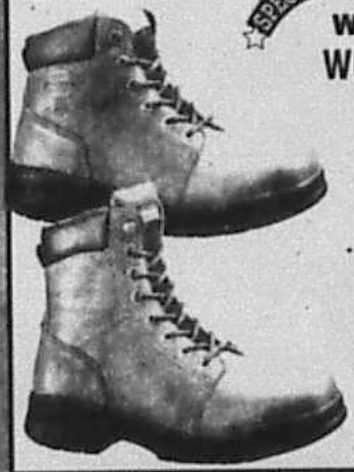
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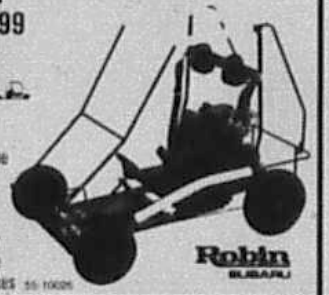
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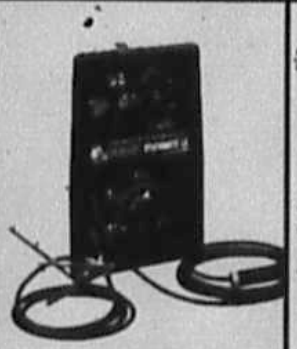
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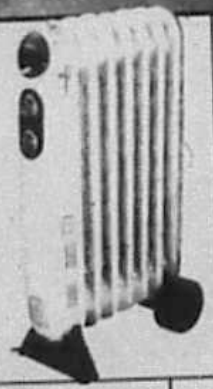


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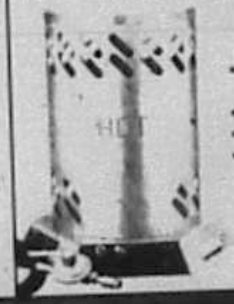
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Medina Lake Jazz Festival celebrated at Oasis



The First Annual Medina Lake Jazz Fest was held at the Oasis Bar and Grill at Medina Lake on Saturday, October 12 from noon to 11 p.m. The beautiful hill country lakeside atmosphere was a perfect setting for the three jazz bands that were featured.

"La Bella", a San Antonio favorite featuring native San Antonians, Steve Doctor, composer and guitarist, and David Menchaca, percussionist, performed from noon to 4 p.m. Their smooth, contemporary sound is a mix between the Latin world and popular jazz.

Henry Rivas and Jazz Katz were featured at the Jazz Fest from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Henry plays regularly at the Oasis, "Sax at Sunset" features Henry playing the soothing music of his saxophone as the sun sets on the lake every Friday evening. Jazz Katz provides live jazz during the Oasis Sunday Brunch from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Sunday.

Second Nature Band, another popular San Antonio favorite, was featured from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and performed jazz, Caribbean music, rhythm and blues, and lively dance music. The crowd loved their high energy level and the dance floor was packed from start to finish.

Special guest, popular San Antonio radio personality, David Munoz, from Soft Rock 101.9 was on hand giving away door prizes, many donated by the artisans and craftsmen selling jewelry, pottery, fine art, clothing, etc. at the Jazz Fest.

Admission was free and there were fun things going on for the kids, Halloween arts and crafts projects, moonwalk and giant slide. There were approximately 1,000 people in attendance and proceeds will go to LAMCOS (Lake Medina Conservation Society). The Jazz Festival is scheduled to return next year.

Cohn awarded scholarship

Tiffany Nicole Cohn, a graduate of Medina High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Cohn received one of 40 Spalding Sports Worldwide awards in the amount of $1,000, payable $500 each semester of the first year. The Spalding Sports award was awarded to 40 students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

This year the TILF awarded 450 new awards and will renew approximately 260 awards for a total of 710 scholarships for 2002-03 with an approximate value of $1,386,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Cohn competed in cross examination debate at the 2001 UIL Academic State Meet, and one act play at the 2002 State Meet. She also participated in UIL band, volleyball, basketball, tennis, track, and golf throughout her high school career. She was involved in National Honor Society, Student Council and drill team.

Cohn plans to attend University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and major in psychology/religion.



Tiffany Cohn

Daughters of the Republic of Texas sponsors essay contest

Each year the Caddel-Smith Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, join other chapters in the state in offering schools, teachers and students the opportunity to participate in their Texas History essay contests. The organization offers this as an incentive for enthusiastic teaching of Texas history.

The topic for the 4th grade contest this year is "Susana and Angelina Dickinson, Survivors of the Alamo." "The Three Navies of Texas-Their Battles, Ships, and Leaders" is the topic selected for the 7th grade contest.

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade from our area will be invited to read their essays at the March, 2003 DRT meeting, which will be on a Saturday. First place winners will receive a cash prize of $50, second place $30, and third place $20. The first place winners will be eligible for a scholarship at the time of their graduation from high school, as well as having their essays submitted for state competition. Caddel-Smith Chapter's seventh grade winner last year ended up winning the regional competition and eventually was the state winner.

Any seventh grade teacher of Texas History is invited to enter the "Outstanding Texas History Teacher Contest." The applicant should submit his/her thoughts about teaching Texas history, manner of instruction in the classroom; innovations conceived and executed; and response of the students. The winning teacher will be invited to attend the DRT Convention in May in Austin where he/she will receive an award of $400, which will be presented at the Historical Evening dinner.

The purposes of these contests is to stimulate interest in the early history of Texas in the schools. As an organization with the object to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas', these contests are one of the ways to achieve that goal.

The chapter held its regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Uvalde Country Club with 32 members and guests in attendance, including Tarpley residents Carolyn Lester and Pricilla Montgomery. DRT Treasurer General Billie Bryan was guest speaker.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas is open to any female over the age of 18 years who can prove her lineal ancestor lived in Texas during the time it was a Republic. For further information, contact any DRT member.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Leo H. Meyer, Deceased, were issued on October 4, 2002, in Cause No. 4063-02, pending in the County Court of Bandera County, Texas, to: Elinor E. Meyer. The residence of the Independent Executrix is 154 Church Cove Road, Bandera County, Lakehills, Texas; the post office address is: P.O. Box 675, Lakehills, Texas 78063. **c/o: Marsha Anthony, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 6311B Pipe Creek, Texas 78063-6311B**

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. **DATED** the 17 day of October, 2002. By Marsha Anthony, Attorney for the Estate.

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• Flying L Golf Community, 1-lot close to Bandera (Adr#375) $8,900.
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• 2B,1B on 3.28 acres, EZ Terms (657) $57,900.
• 4 Lots in Alamo Beach, $4,000 each or 4 for $14,500 (328)
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• 2B, 1B, gated community, Medina River access, great weekend (314) $72,500
• 3B,2B, Clayton Sngl/wide, 5+ acs, Castle Land. (298) $68,000

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• City lot zoned B-2 on the corner of Oak and 13th All utilities in place (270) $65,000"

RENTALS
• 3B, 1 1/2B, Ready Nov. 1 $650/mth
• 1B/1B Efficiency, PK RD. 37 $350 mth/ $300 Dep.
• 3B/2B - 11+ acres, horse property, $850/mth $800. dep. Ready Nov.

LAND
• **NEW LISTING** - 3/2/1 Great Lakeside on 4.2 acres on CR 357, city water, well, carport, decks, (390) $120,000.
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• 3B,2B, carport, Sngl/wide, 10+ acs, fenced, & fenced barn, horses allowed (268) REDUCED TO $72,000
• 3B,2B, 11+ acres near Bandera, Great horse property $69,500
• 3B,2B, Open Floor Plan, 1/2 acre, large master & bath. (333) $84,500
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Vanderpool - 1,100 acres, nice home, Sabinal River, Lots of trophies! $2,250,000.

Bandera - 2,698 acres South of town on Hwy 173. Two creeks, lakes, good road system. All or part. $2,300/acre.

Bandera - 60 acres on private lake. Close to Bandera. Medina River, creek, and fenced and paved road frontage. Nice rock home of over 3,000 sf. Great fishing in the lake. A1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 garage/barn with

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Stock prices fluctuate every single day. During a stretch of months or even years, the stock market can, in general, move up or move down. No one can really predict when a bear market will replace a bull market, or vice versa, but one thing is clear: Sooner or later, all stock market trends start to change direction - and when that happens, you'll want to be prepared.

Sadly, some investors make exactly the wrong moves during any given market trend. In the midst of a long bull market, some investors gain so much confidence that they keep pouring their dollars into investments that have already soared to record highs. Conversely, a prolonged bear market can cause some investors to act in an unduly pessimistic manner - so much so, in fact, that they may head to the sidelines to wait for better times.

Of course, it's not all that hard to understand these types of investment behaviors. When other investors are either gleefully snapping up stocks or hastily fleeing the market, you might feel pressured to do the same. After all, you may reason, these people can't be wrong - they must know something. However, when masses of people decide it's time to either buy or sell, their decisions may be based on greed or fear, rather than rational analysis.

This type of emotional investing frequently leads to bad decision-making. For example, investors who jump out of a long bear market may end up missing the early stages of a recovery - and that's often when the biggest gains are recorded. Unfortunately, neither you nor anyone else can pinpoint precisely when today's bear market will become tomorrow's bull market.

But even if you don't know exactly when one trend will end, you can still position yourself for the next one. How? By following some investment techniques that are valid during all types of markets. Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Stay invested - If you have a long-term time horizon, you need to stay invested all the time. If you pull out of the market when it's been down for awhile, you won't have your money working for you when prices start going up again. Plus, good investment opportunities are still available in "bear" markets.
- Stay diversified - Even if you make no changes, your portfolio can become over-concentrated in a few areas if the value of a particular asset, or group of assets, rises or falls significantly during market run-ups or declines. When that happens, you may want to rebalance your portfolio so that it's once again properly diversified - and appropriate for your risk tolerance, your goals and your time horizon.
- Stay disciplined - Try to avoid "start-and-stop" investing. Instead, try putting the same amount, in regular intervals, into your investments. By doing so, you'll buy more shares of an investment when the price is low, and fewer shares when the price is high. Although this technique won't guarantee you a profit or protect your from a loss, it should help you become a more disciplined investor.

By definition, market trends come and go - although some of them stay longer than we'd like. By recognizing the transient nature of every bull or bear market, and by following these investment strategies, you can take advantage of the possibilities that come your way - no matter where the current trend is heading.

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Photo by Diane Shubert

On Thursday, Oct. 17, Bandera County Chamber of Commerce members, business owners and community leaders gathered at the offices of The Bandera Bulletin for the October Mixer and Kick-off to Hunters BBQ celebration. Over 200 people attended the event. Tickets to the November 2 Charlie Robison concert were awarded to the best-cammo-dressed male and female attendee. The winners were (L-R) Chris Graves, Pat Breedlove, Kathy Clamon and Bonnie Noe. The 40th Annual Hunters BBQ and Outdoor Expo is set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1-2 at the Mansfield Park Showbarn in Bandera. This event is the only fund-raiser for the chamber and will feature the barbecue dinner, expo and auction on Friday night and the continuation of the expo, raffle and Charlie Robison concert on Saturday night. For more information, call the chamber of commerce office at (830)796-3718.

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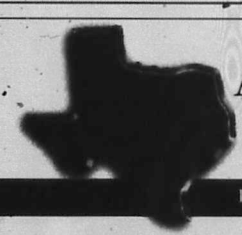
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and the publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S) District: San Antonio Contract 6089-43-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in BANDERA County will be opened on November 20, 2002 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of $219,456.00. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TXDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bud date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 7870 State Office Construction Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540. District Engineer 4615 NWLoop 410 San Antonio, Texas 78229-0928 Phone: 210-615-1110. Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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To the registered voters of the County of BANDERA, Texas.
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de BANDERA, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 5, 2002, for voting in a general election to elect Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county, and precinct officers; and FOR the purposes of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 77th Legislature, Regular session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que los casillas electorales situdes abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de noviembre de 2002 para votar en la Elección General para elegir Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precincto y PARA adoptar o rechazar la enmienda propuesta constitucional así como fueron sometida por la 77th Legislatura Regular Sesión, de la Estado de Texas.)

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(Above) Medina High School Cheerleaders form an impressive tower cheer at a recent competition. (Right) Rain or shine, Medina fans always have a good time at their football games.

Track and football photos submitted by Michele Baker.

Leaky, rain no match for Bobcats

Friday night's rain did not stop Medina's Varsity Football Team from plowing in like a steam roller over the Leaky Eagles in a spirited 45-6 Homecoming win.

The Bobcats had a fierce determination to take it to the limits and that is just what they accomplished in what was one of the most exciting games of the season. Medina's Chance Haby started the night off by taking the ball in from 5 yards out for the first of many touchdowns that night. Rusty Bruinsma added the extra point. Haby again took the ball from 1 yard out bringing Medina another TD, with Bruinsma adding the extra point with 2:46 seconds left in the 1st quarter.

Just minutes into the 2nd quarter Haby ran 26 yards for his third touchdown. With nine seconds left in the second quarter, Medina struck again on a 43-yard pass play by Aaron Seymor on a half-back pass to Bruinsma scoring a TD with no extra point being made. In the third quarter with 3:05 seconds, John Ussery carried the ball in from 10 yards out for a TD with Taylor Dabney making the extra point.

Medina fans roared their support for the Bobcats and even the falling rain would not deter their support at the start of the fourth quarter. The cheers spurred on the team as Rusty Bruinsma took the ball in 19 yards for a touchdown.

The only glimmer of hope Leaky had was when Ronny Ramirez took the ball for 85 yards for six points and its only score of the game. Medina retaliated immediately when Bruinsma caught the ball on a kick-off-return for 75 yards giving Medina their final touchdown of the night.

Medina's Team Statistics: Medina had a total of 22 first downs, rushing the ball 42 times for a total of 348 yards. Medina's passing was 3 for-13 for a total of 53 yards and no interceptions. The Bobcats had a total of 95 yards in kickoff returns. Medina punted the ball three times for an average of 31 yards and fumbled the ball three times, losing two.



The Bobcats were penalized six times for a total of 55 yards compared to Leakey's 12 penalties for a total of 125 yards.

Individual Statistics: Chance Haby with a total of 214 yards 21 carries and 3 touchdowns, 1 reception for a total of 3 yards, and 4 tackles asbdefensive back. Also in the rushing category, John Ussery had 69 yards with a total of nine carries, and Rusty Bruinsma had 85 yards on four carries. In the passing category Aaron Seymor had three of 12 for 53 yards. In the receiving category, Bruinsma had two catches for a total of 50 yards.

Remaining Games:
Oct. 26 @ O'Hanis
Nov. 1 vs. Sabinal (Homecoming)
Nov. 8 @ Nueces Canyon
All games begin at 7:30 p.m.

Medina track team members advance to regional competition





(Top photo) Medina High School Regional qualifiers are (from left) Sharon Hudson, Susan Hudson, Anne Crawford, Clara Schwendeman and Chelsea Tucker.
(Above) Members of the Medain Junior High Girls track team (from left) are Shana McGuire, Kala Mullins, Shelby Jackson, Kolby Jackson and Stephanie Kendrick.
(Right photo) Members of the Medina Junior High boys track team (from left) are Aubrey LeStourgeon, David Clark, Jonathan Morrison, Jeffery LeStourgeon, Wyatt Ortiz and David Pitts.



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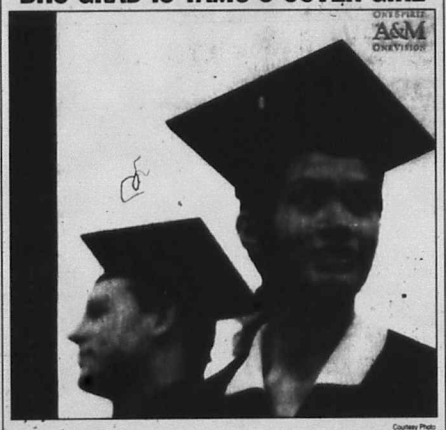
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Junior Livestock Bake Show, Buyer's Dinner set for Saturday, Oct. 26

More than 120 young people will be displaying their cooking skills and knowledge at the Bandera County Junior Livestock Show Association's Annual Bake Show on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Bandera County 4H members and home economics students from Bandera and Medina high schools will be displaying their wares and competing for prizes in five categories including cookies, cakes, pies, cobblers and breads. Judging of the Bake Show entries will take place at the Livestock Show Barn at Mansfield Park beginning at 4 p.m. Results of the Bake Show will be announced at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Beginning at 6 p.m. the Bandera County Junior Livestock Show Association will host a Buyer's Appreciation Dinner. As an expression of the Association's appreciation to its many supporters, the BCJLSA would like to extend an invitation to everyone who has purchased items at recent Livestock Shows or Bake Shows to attend this Appreciation Dinner. The menu for the night's meal includes: marinated grilled chicken, rosemary garlic roasted potatoes, green beans almondine, cucumber salad, cheese biscuits, and fresh fruit cup with minted creme.

At 7 p.m. following the appreciation dinner, the bake show auction will begin. Each of the Bake Show entries will be auctioned off to the highest bidder with the proceeds going to the young participants. The BCJLSA encourages everyone to attend the activities on and support our community's youth.

Lamb, goat validation is Saturday

All 4-H and FFA Market Lamb and Goat exhibitors are reminded that validation will be held this Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9a.m.-noon at the Showbarn at Mansfield Park. All market lambs and goats to be exhibited at the 2003 Livestock Shows must be validated at this time. Contact the Bandera County Extension Office at 7960-7755 for further information.

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HAPPY TRAILS To You!!

There is always something entertaining going on in Bandera and the Hill Country! With The Bandera Bulletin's Happy Trails Entertainment locator it's easy to plan ahead for your week or weekend. Happy Trails will take you down the backroads, sidestreet and main highways of the Hill Country and help you find that perfect place to have fun! Each week you'll find photos, listings, interviews and more about the hottest spots and the hottest acts in Texas. Check back again with us next week for our Entertainment Highlights!
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Dogfight turns into a night in the doghouse



It was that kind of a night, at least in the second half, for Ryan Tierney and the Bandera Bulldogs in Burnet last Friday. Burnet, ranked second in the State in one poll and seventh in another in Class 3A, lived up its billing by scoring 35 unanswered points.

What started out as a dogfight wound up being a night in the doghouse for the Bandera Bulldogs Friday night.

Burnet, the second rated team in the state in the most recent Class 3A Harris rankings, scored 35 unanswered points to take a 49-14 win at Burnet.

Bandera's Bulldogs tied the game at 14-14 late in the second quarter when Chris Martinez took in a 45-yard pass from Brett Hicks with 6:40 in the second quarter, but after that Burnet's Bulldogs took control.

Burnet took a 20-14 advantage twelve seconds before the half when Stephen McGee scored on a run from five yards that culminated a long drive.

"Right before halftime was big," Coach Mike Williamson said. "We had the ball at midfield and then got an illegal procedure and chop block penalty and just stopped ourselves. Then, they came in and scored."

Burnet also opened the scoring in the first quarter when talented quarterback McGee drilled Shane Love for a 35-yard scoring strike. Mason Templeton kicked the point after for a 7-0 lead.

Bandera answered when Dustin Heep, who had 175 yards rushing on 28 carries in his second game back since knee surgery, powered in from 2 yards. Robert Ickes, filling in for the injured Scotty Jennings, kicked the extra point and tied the game at 7-7 with only six seconds off the second quarter clock. Another bright spot for Bandera was the return game, which generated 107 yards.

Jennings, a valuable all-around performer for Bandera, will be back for the final regular season game, if at all, after suffering a knee injury in the Burnet game.

What at one point appeared to be high scoring shootout in the making turned out to be big Burnet victory. Burnet (7-0, 2-0 District 25-3A) and ranked No. 4 in the Associated Press Poll stiffened its run defense in the second half and took advantage of Bandera turnovers to pull away. McGee passed for 313 yards with no interceptions. After being sacked a couple of times early in the game, he managed to elude the limited pressure the Bulldogs could apply.

Burnet's Jordan Shipley scored on a 10-yard pass from McGee midway through the second quarter to tie the game at 14-14. Shipley proved to be a thorn in the side of Bandera all evening as he caught eight passes for 226 yards and for three touchdowns.

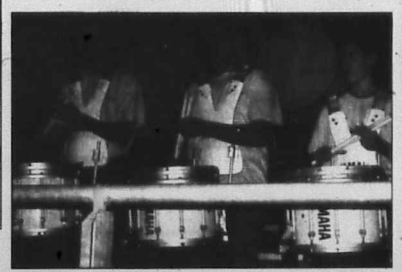
Shipley caught two long passes for touchdowns in the second half alone, including one for a 98-yard touchdown pass. The early fourth quarter play is the longest play from scrimmage in Burnet history for a touchdown. Shipley's other reception for a touchdown was from 33 yards late in the third quarter. The last bit of salt in Bandera's wounds came when Shipley batted down a Hicks' option toss and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown with three minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Burnet's rushing attack, led by Patrick Miller's 74 yards on 12 carries, accounted for 132 yards - enough to keep things honest for its potent spread offense. "I call them the University of Burnet because they have so many guys who will go on to play college ball," Williamson said.

Bandera (5-2, 1-1 in District 25-3A) will try to get back on the winning track this Friday when it hosts Liberty Hill (7-0, 2-0) in its homecoming contest. The Bulldogs will have a rally down main street beginning at 6 p.m on Thursday.

"The key to winning will be our ability to control the clock ... so our defense doesn't have to spend all night the field," Williamson said. Offensively, Liberty Hill will employ a lot of misdirection plays such as traps.





The return game, which accounted for 107 yards, was one of the bright spots in Bandera's loss to undefeated Burnet. Here, Chris Martinez (#32) fakes taking a hand-off from Robert Ickes (#8).



(Top) An attempt at a slip screen pass early in the game goes awry for the Bulldogs. (Below) Members of the Bandera Band and the Flag team put on an impressive performance in front of packed stands. (Below, middle) Even late in the game, BHS drummers kept the beat the enthusiasm going.



Story and photos by Philip Billnitzer, Bandera Bulletin Managing Editor

Remaining District 25-3A Games
Oct. 26 vs. Liberty Hill
Nov. 1 @ Wimberley
Nov. 8 vs. Llano
All games start at 7:30 p.m.

BISD HOMECOMING WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Oct. 24 – 6 p.m. - Homecoming Parade sponsored by the "2003 Different by a Country Mile" yearbook staff. Sandy Jennings, sponsor. Featured performances by the Bandera High School Band, StarSteppers, and Cheerleaders. Parade will begin on Main Street and run from the Courthouse to the Boyles parking lot; **7 p.m.**- Bonfire at Mansfield Park

Friday, Oct. 25 – 3:10 p.m. Pep Rally at Bandera High School; **5 p.m** Varsity Volleyball vs. Liberty Hill at Bandera High School; Freshman Volleyball vs. Liberty Hill at Bandera Middle School; **5:30 p.m.**Alumni Tailgate Party at Bandera Middle School Cafeteria; **6 p.m.** - Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. Liberty Hill at Bandera High School; **6:30 p.m.** - Homecoming Court Activities at Bulldog Stadium; 7:30 **p.m.** - Varsity Football vs. Liberty Hill at Bulldog Stadium

Saturday, Oct. 26 – 11 a.m - 3 p.m. Fall Festival Carnival at Alkek Elementary School

JV/Freshman Football Report

Bandera JV 20
Burnet JV 10

The Bandera Junior Varsity football team remained perfect in district with a 20-10 win over Burnet last Thursday.

Burnet scored first on a field goal, but Bandera (2-0 in district) answered with a first quarter touchdown by Taylor Koerth, who caught a 25-yard pass from Gary Barton. Rusty Bookout nailed the point-after kick for a 7-3 lead.

In the second quarter, Cody Cox scored on a 53-yard touchdown pass from Barton. The point after failed, but Bandera still led 13-3. Cox finished with three catches for 110 yards.

In the third quarter, Bandera's Nelson Shauer scored on a 1-yard run and the kick after was good for a 20-3 [illegible] touchdown in the fourth quarter. Offensively, coaches praised the play of Barton, Cox, Koerth and Bookout. John Schultz, Kyle Guerra, Jeremy Hill, Clyde Doering and Dustin Dees were also credited for contributing to the offensive success.

[illegible] contributions of punter Van Smith, return man Danny Thaler, Cox, Travis Heep and Jerry Wood. Justin Schenk and Koerth, who each had interceptions, and Travis Stehling and Nelson Shauer, who picked up fumbles, were also credited on the defensive side. Overall, the JV has chalked up an impressive 4-2 record.

The previous week, Bandera downed Ingram by a score of 35-27. Cox caught two passes for touchdowns from Barton.

Also scoring were Stehling on a 1-yard run, Roger Byrd on a 25-yard reception and Heep on a 1-yard return. Conversions were added by Heep, a Cass Escalante kick and a Barton run.

Heep, Barton, Cox, Dees, Kyle Bryson, Stehling and Roger Byrd were all praised for their offensive performances. On defense, the play of Schults, Kevin Ventura, Schenk and Escalante all earned the coaches' mention.

Burnet Fresh 16
Bandera Fresh 8

The Bandera Freshman football team record slipped to 1-5 and 1-1 in [illegible] after a 22-8 loss to Burnet on Thursday.

In the third quarter, Bandera's Danny Rodriguez took a 20-yard pass from Jacob Warden for the ninth graders' only touchdown. Ryan Reed scored the two-point conversion to trim the lead to 16-8.

Coaches credited Rodriguez, Warden and Reed for good play offensively. They also noted the offensive contributions of Eddie Perezwences, Austin Medley, Michael Van Wagner, Jacob Elturk and John Dial.

Defensively, coaches lauded the play of Matt Barth, Rodriguez, Elturk and Dial, who recovered a fumble.

The previous week, Bandera's freshmen got district off to a winning start with a 14-8 win over Ingram. It also marked the first win of the season for the ninth graders.

Touchdowns were scored by Eddie Perezwences on a 55-yard run. He also ran in the two-point conversion.

Warden scored what turned out to be the winning touchdown on a 15-yard run. The kick after missed.

Offensively, coaches noted the play of Warden, Reed, Bodic Bookout, Matt Buck, Medley, Chris Berry, Justin Wilkerson, Ryan Taylor, Cody Kelly, Elturk, Van Wagner and Perezwences.

[illegible] Matt Barth, Carter Sells Dial and Rodriguez was cited by coaches."



A Bandera High School Cheerleader goes sky high at the Burnet game. (Photo by Jeff Dabney)



The award winning Bandera High School band was well-received by both sets of Bulldog fans in Burnet at Bulldog Stadium.

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VOTERS GUIDE

BANDERA COUNTY JUDGE



Richard Evans

Richard A. Evans
Business: Children's Depot, Pipe Creek
Family: Wife, Theresa, 36, years, Children, Mark, Will and Lisa, grandsons, Wyatt, Caleb and Emmett.
Years Living in Bandera/County: 55 plus
Previous elected office(s): Bandera ISD Board of Trustees 1976-1988
Civic and volunteer activities: Volunteer EMT 1973-1980, Cubmaster Pack 146
Office you're running for: County Judge
In order of priority, please list the top three "projects" you would like to initiate and/or help see accomplished while you're in office.
1. Complete the revision of our subdivision regs.
2. Fund road and bridge department with "non" advalorem taxes.
3. Repair the courthouse and fill our capital needs.
My Platform:
1. Independent businessman in Bandera County since 1971, currently our Children's Depot in Pipe Creek.
2. Executive Board Member of ARCIT, Association of Rural Communities in Texas.
3. Former chairman, area Judges of the AACOG Region.
4. Worked to secure the Pilot Project for Rural Health in Bandera Co.
5. Established the first Juvenile Probation Department to serve Bandera County.
6. Helped establish the Plateau Water Planning Group to assure representation for our county.
7. Serving as County Judge is a full-time commitment.

BANDERA COUNTY JUDGE



Roger Sullivan

Roger Sullivan
Business: American RV
Family: Wife, Pat.
Years living in Bandera/County: 5.5 years
Previous elected office(s): none
Civic and volunteer activities: Member Bandera Republican Women's Group, member Cowboy Capital Pet Assistance League. My wife and I attend St. Christopher's Church here in Bandera.
Office you're running for: Bandera County Judge
In order of priority, please list the top three projects you would like to initiate and/or help see accomplished while you're in office:
Preside over a Commissioner's Court that provides a clear accounting of where and how our tax dollars are spent through frugal, fair and efficient budgets.
Get citizens involved in their County Government to defend our ever shrinking taxpayer and citizen rights. This should end our local Government even thinking of making decision making behind closed doors with little or not citizen input or involvement.
Get legislation passed to manage growth and stop forever threat of annexation by neighboring cities such as San Antonio. I believe this will provide for positive results to enhance the county for all of us living here now and all to come in the future.
My Platform: My background is in business management. I have extensive training in budget making, arbitration, mediation, and dispute resolution. I am not afraid to make a decision.
I believe when a person can be arrested in this County at midnight because of what he believes or says it is time for a change. I intend to closely watch cases such as these where I believe a citizen's rights are violated and the charges are later dropped after the damage is done.
This Country and Bandera were founded on the fundamental philosophy of the American Constitutional form of representative government that adheres.

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4



Doug King

Doug King
Business: Satellite TV Retailer, Locksmith.
Family: Wife Debra, kids, Victoria, 13, Phillip, 11, Sarrah, 6.
Years living in Bandera County: Nine years and three months.
Previous elected office(s): None.
Civic and volunteer activities: Vice Chairman Vanderpool VFD, Utopia Lions Club, Bandera County Republican, Co-Chairman 1997 to 2001, Pct. Election Judge 1997 to 2001.
In order of priority, please list the top three "projects" you would like to initiate and/or help see accomplished while you're in office: 1. Lower taxes by eliminating wasteful spending and project cost over runs. 2. Service and repair on all county roads and bridges. 3. Improve and support the emergency services in Utopia, Vanderpool and Medina. Fire Chief of Vanderpool EMS)
My Platform: I have been a resident of Vanderpool since 1992. In service to my community, I am the Fire Chief of the Vanderpool VFD and have served as chair and Precinct Chairman of the Bandera County

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2



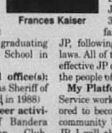
Ronald Basinger

Ronald Basinger
Business: Real Estate Broker and County Commissioner
Family: wife Bobbie and four children
Years living in Bandera/County: 21 years
Previous elected office(s): Current County Commissioner; Two terms Spring Hill Water Management District
Civic and volunteer activities: Lakehills EMS Support Team, Lakehills Volunteer Fire Department, Lakehills American Legion, LAMCOS.
Office you're running for: County Commissioner Pct. 2
In order of priority, please list the top three projects you would like to initiate and/or help see accomplished while you're in office: Better roads, library funding, subdivision rules, controlled growth, better county government, more community involvement in county government.
My Platform: For the past 20 years and the future, I will work diligently to make Bandera County a better place to live and raise your children. Better schools, better libraries, better community involvement are the projects that will make a difference in our lives and the lives of our children.

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2

Bob Keepers
Office you're running for: Write-in candidate, Independent Republican, Pct. 2 Commissioner
My Plat form:
The basic platform of my candidacy in short, is to return our county government back to the wants and needs of the people.
My goal is to have open communication with the people in my precinct and to let those taxpayers know what we are doing in Commissioners Court. I will facilitate communication and open discussions at convenient locations in our area in order to keep in the touch with the precinct's complaints, ideas, wants and needs.
Too often, an elected official once in office votes against the will of the taxpayers. I believe my vote on Commissioners Court should reflect my precinct's needs, even if I am personally opposed to it.
(Editor's note: Keepers supplied the Bulletin with a campaign fax rather than a candidate survey. The first 100 words of that fax were used as an answer to the final question. Requested information (on business, family, civic groups was not included in the fax.)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 3

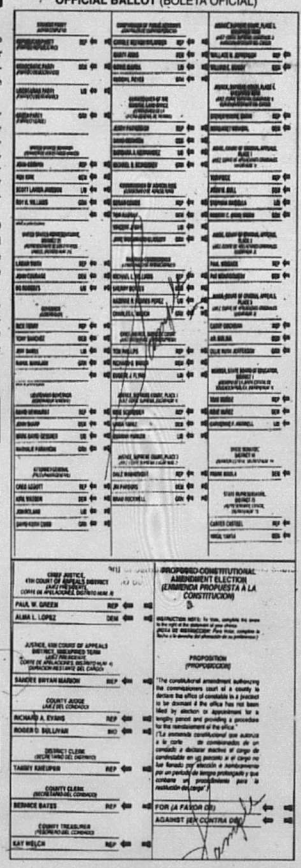


Frances Kaiser

Francis A. (Hubble) Kaiser
Family: Daughter of H.W. "Buddy" and Nora A. Hubble of Medina. Married to Richard A. Kaiser for 41 years. We have two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren.
Years living in Bandera County: 22 years, including graduating from Medina High School in 1960.
Previous elected office(s): Elected three terms as Sheriff of Kerr County. (Elected in 1988)
Civic and volunteer activities: Member of Bandera County Republican Club, Medina First Baptist Church, Substitute teacher at Medina School. Past: Commissioner and Presiding chair, Texas Comm. on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, (appointed by then Gov. George W. Bush), Director: Sheriff's Assn. of tex., (2 terms) Pres. Ho,; Country Peace Officers Assn., American Red Cross and Hill Country Crisis Council.
In order of priority, please list the top three "projects" you would like to initiate and/or help see accomplished while you're in office: I would improve the JP office by being available when needed. 2. I would improve cooperation and communications with Law Enforcement, other JPs and all citizens. 3. I would serve as a fair and impartial JP, following all of the latest laws. All of this, to have a more effective JP office to better serve the people of Pct. 3.
My Platform: I enjoy Public Service work and would be honored to become involved in my community by serving as your JP. I will always keep in mind that I am there to serve all the people to the best of my ability in a fair, honest and professional manner with discretion, compassion and integrity, abiding by the latest laws.
Withmy 30 years of public service experience, my law enforcement background and education and my sincere desire to serve the people of my community, I feel that I am the best qualified person for the job.
I would appreciate your consideration and vote on Nov. 5.

GET OUT AND VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5 OR TAKE PART IN EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARNCE OR BY MAIL

GENERAL ELECTION (ELECCION GENERAL)
(CONDADO DE) **BANDERA COUNTY, TEXAS**
NOVEMBER 5, 2002 (5 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2002)
OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)



VOTERS IN PCT 101 & 102 WILL NOT HAVE ANY CONTESTED LOCAL ELECTIONS OTHER THAN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S RACE.REPUBLICAN HERSCHEL A. MOORE IS RUNNING UNOPPOSED FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 1.

VOTERS IN PCTS. 203 AND 204 CAN VOTE FOR EITEHR RONALD BASINGER, REPUBLICAN, OR OFFICIAL WRITE-IN CANDIDATE BOB KEEPERS IN THE RACE PCT. 2 COMMISSIONER.

VOTERS IN PCTS. 305 AND 306 CAN VOTE FOR EITHER FRANCES KAISER, REPUBLICAN, OR OFFICIAL WRITE-IN CANDIDATE A.J. POPE III IN THE RACE FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT 3.

VOTERS IN PCTS 407, 408, 409 AND 410 CAN VOTE FOR EITHER MIKE SMITH, REPUBLICAN, OR STEPHEN L. SCHAEFER, DEMOCRAT, IN THE RACE FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 4

POLLING PLACES
LOCATIONS

PCT 101 BANDERA HIGH SCHOOL
PCT 102 PIPE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER
PCT 203 LAKEHILLS COURTHOUSE ANNEX
PCT 204 LAKEHILLS CIVIC CENTER
PCT 305 BANDERA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
PCT 306 MEDINA ISD ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
PCT 407 SILVER SAGE SENIOR CORRAL CENTER
PCT 408 TARPLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
PCT 409 LAKESHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS AT THE BANDERA COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 500 MAIND STREET FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. FROM OCT. 21 TO NOV. 1. BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M.

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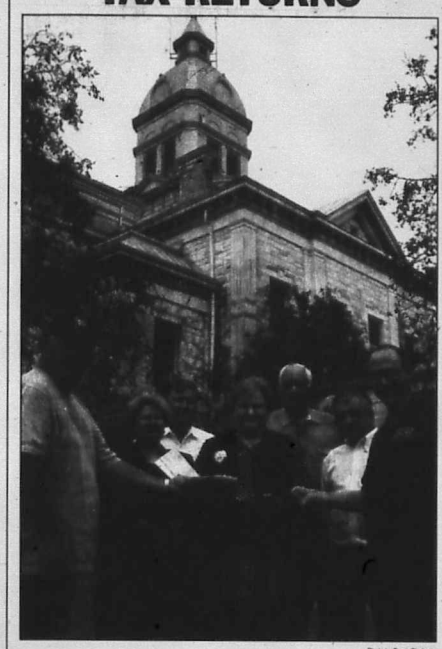


Photo by Frank Shubert

On October 10, Bandera County officials were on hand to accept some of the many rollback tax refund checks that have been returned to the County since those checks were mailed on October 1. Pictured are (L-R) Earl Syerley, Bob Garvin, Richard Keese, Nancy Thompson, Richard Evans, Mae Vlon Meyer, Rex Cox, Ronald Basinger and Joe Davis.



Quilt Show posts results

The Bandera heritage club successfully hosted the first public event at the new Silver Sage Senior Center. Saturday, Oct. 12, the event drew over 200 people, many from out of town, who were treated to a colorful display of more than 70 handmade quilts. After shopping for goodies at the "sweet shop" and boutique, the attendees watched the awards ceremony. The winning raffle ticket for the "Stars Over Bandera" quilt belonged to local resident, Marla Nixon. She was delighted to hear that she had won the prize.

Congratulations go to the winning quilters:

Charlaye Hardwick, Betty Brister, Bette Studstill, Carol Hilton, Patty Adamson, Judy Rodriguez, Margaret Callahan, Rita Recker, Maple Cowan, Betty Ringling, Barbara Young, Nikki Tucker, Lisa Tucker, Pam Quest, Linda Fletcher and Marilyn Crump. "Judge's Choice " went to Betty Brister and "Peoples Choice " went to Judy Rodriguez.



The winning raffle ticket for the "Stars Over Bandera" quilt belonged to local resident, Marla Nixon.

Annual Turkey Dinner
Sunday, November 3, 2002
9:30 'till ???
at
St. Joseph's Hall
(across from St. Stanislaus Church)
Menu:
Turkey Stuffing and Gravy
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Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial set to be on display in Natalia

The Moving Wall, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, will be displayed in Natalia Oct. 27 through Nov. 2. The Wall's visit is being hosted and coordinated by the City of Natalia and the Veterans Memorial Monument Association.

The Moving Wall tours the United States at the direction of the Vietnam Combat Veterans, a non-profit organization based in San Jose, California. This group has been touring The Moving Wall since 1984 when it first appeared in Tyler. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC opened in 1982. The Memorial includes the names of the 58,225 American men and women that died fighting in the Vietnam War.

Opening Ceremonies at the Memorial will be Sunday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. R.H. "Paul" Davis, Jr., U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran, assigned to A Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Brigade of the 9th Infantry Division will be the keynote speaker, in addition to National and State dignitaries. Additionally, the United San Antonio Powwow committee will be sponsoring a special ceremonial memorial gourd dance to pay tribute to all Native American whose name are on the Wall. Representatives from Native American organizations from San Antonio, Laredo, Houston, Corpus Christi and McAllen will participate. This portion of the program will follow immediately after the opening ceremonies.

Monday, Oct. 28 has been designated Army Day; Tuesday, Oct. 29 designated Navy Day; Wednesday, Oct. 30 an Interfaith Candle Light ceremony is planned; Thursday, Oct. 31 designated Marine Corps Day; Friday, Nov. 1 designated Air Force Day. Weekend ceremonies will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. and TAPS will be played every night at 10 p.m.

Closing ceremonies will take place on Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. It is our intention to honor all Veterans who have served on our Nation's Armed Services. All ceremonies will be held at Memorial Plaza.

The Moving Wall will be open to the public 24 hours a day to view the Wall, locate names of friends and loved-ones and perform a "name rubbing" during this entire time. There is no charge to visit the Memorial, but donations to the organization that tours the wall are encouraged. Visitors from throughout South Texas area are expected to visit the Memorial. Natalia is the only location that The Moving Wall will visit in the South Texas area this year.

For more information about the Memorial's visit to Natalia, please call (830) 663-2926 or (830) 665-2206.

FREDERICKSBURG 13th Annual Food & Wine FEST
Downtown Fredericksburg
Oct. 26, 2002
Entertainment
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CORTEZ, HOWELL BRING HOME THE GOLD



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Bandera High School drum Majors, senior Joe Cortez and junior Jenalea Howell, are shown here with the trophies the Bulldog Band won at the Hill Country Marching Festival held in Fredericksburg on October 5. The band placed 2nd in the 3A division of the contest and received many favorable comments from the judging panel. The band also received honors for Outstanding Drumline and Outstanding Drum Majors in its division. Cortez recently participated in the T.M.E.A. Region XI All-State Jazz Band auditions and earned the 1st chair position on drum set. This is his second year to take the top chair at the audition giving him an opportunity to advance in the state audition process.

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ORCA awards Bandera County $500,000 to help flood recovery, repair projects

The Office of Rural Community Affairs in Austin (ORCA) has awarded 20 grants to Texas counties for a total of $6,930,900. Bandera County received a grant for construction in the amount of $500,000 as a part of the awards.

The funds are the result of the 2002 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) Colonia Construction Fund and the Colonia Planning Fund.

Rehabilitation efforts covered by the funds include, but are not limited to, roof repair, floor repair, installation of water and wastewater systems, exposed electrical wiring replacement, and projects, which make homes accessible to the elderly and disabled.

The following awards were made from the TCDP:

County	Fund	Award ($)
Bandera	Construction	500,000
Bee	Planning	115,000
Brooks	Construction	500,000
Cameron	Construction	500,000
Duval	Construction	500,000
Ector	Construction	500,000
Edwards	Construction	500,000
Hidalgo	Construction	500,000
Hudspeth	Planning	65,000
Jeff Davis	Construction	500,000
Jeff Davis	Planning	33,500
Jim Wells	Construction	500,000
Jim Wells	Planning	115,000
Kenedy	Construction	500,000
Live Oak	Planning	16,400
Medina	Construction	500,000
Real	Construction	500,000
Real	Planning	57,750
Runnels	Planning	28,250
SanPatricio	Construction	500,000

Funds for ORCA's TCDP come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and are administered through ORCA to cities under 50,000 in population and counties under 200,000 in population.

ORCA's door is always open for your comments and suggestions regarding the agency, and any rural issues of concern. Contact ORCA at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Phone: 512-936-6701 Toll free in Texas: 800-544-2042 Fax: 512-936-6776

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A Thought for the Week
by John M. Grimes

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While most people do not like to think about their own death or that of a close family member, funeral preplanning and/or pre-financing can ease possible problems associated with death. We at the Grimes Funeral Chapels are available for counsel at any time. Our duty to the families in our community is to serve our friends and neighbors with a professional, yet a caring

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40TH ANNUAL HUNTERS BBQ & OUTDOOR EXPO

Robison to headline 40th Annual Hunters BBQ

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce is making final preparations for the social event of the season, the 40th Annual Hunters BBQ & Outdoor Expo set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1-2. This year the event has been expanded to two days to celebrate 40 years of honoring the hunters who return annually for the opening weekend of deer hunting season. The grand finale will be a concert on Saturday, Nov. 2 featuring Country Western recording star, Charlie Robison.

Festivities kickoff on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. The highlights of the Expo will be exhibitors and displays showcasing the latest in hunting equipment, guns, knives, recreational vehicles, deer blinds, feeders and outdoor supplies, as well as local exhibitor's wares and gift ideas.

At 4:30 p.m., mounds of succulent barbecue with all the trimmings will be served. Live country music will fill the venue all afternoon provided by the talents of Dusty Britches and the Rhythm Ranch Hands.

After the meal follows the famous giant auction which has something for everyone including quality hunting equipment, hunting trips, gifts and much more. Kids as well as adults can relax and enjoy the BB gun shooting gallery and interactive hunting exhibits.

Saturday, Nov. 2, starting at 6 p.m., will showcase a continuation of the Outdoor Expo as well as many hunting demonstrations, family fun activities, great food, interactive displays and more! The Grand Finale will be the concert Saturday evening featuring Country Western star and Bandera's own Charlie Robison! This is an action-packed weekend...you won't want to miss a single event!

Ticket prices for Saturday's concert are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Tickets are available at The Bandera Bulletin and the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce office. This year, special souvenir caps and t-shirts will be available. The caps are $15 and the T-shirts are $12 and $15.

Raffle tickets $5 each or 5 for $20 and are available at the Bandera Ranch Store, Bandera True Value, Country Accents Antiques, The Bandera Bulletin, Love Creek Cider Mill Store and the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce office at 1134 Main Street in Bandera.

Chamber signs Event Sponsors

The Hunters BBQ Committee announced this week the signing of major sponsors for this year's 40th annual Hunters BBQ.

Major sponsors on the event include Bob Bomer Chevrolet, Jerry and Sons Plumbing Service, Bud Light, KFAN/KEEP Radio, Miller Lite by Carson Distributing, Billy Gene's Restaurant, The Bandera Bulletin, Country Accents Antiques, Bandera True Value Hardware, Wells Fargo Bank, Flying A Ranch, Bandera Bank, Indian Creek Internet, Big Red Bottling Company, Red McCombs Dodge, and Academy Sports and Outdoors.

"Without these corporate sponsors' support, this event would not be possible," said event chairman, and Bandera Bulletin Publisher, Frank Shubert. "We wanted this year to be very special and it's these sponsors, as well as countless volunteers and committee members, that will make it one of the biggest events to ever hit Bandera County."

Hunters BBQ History

Forty years ago, the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce decided it was high time to show appreciation to the hundreds of deer hunters who visited Bandera County each fall. The hunters were fed by the local ranchers in those early days. The Bandera Hunters Bar-B-Q was an instant success and has become a true Hill Country tradition.

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce Hunters Bar-B-Q and Outdoor Expo has become a community event. It is one of the most entertaining and anticipated events as well as the primary fundraiser for the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce.

Over 350 volunteers work hard during the festivities, some throughout the entire year, to produce this classic Fall event that has helped make Bandera famous.

This fun-filled extravaganza not only signals the start of white-tail deer hunting season in Texas, but also welcomes a huge number of hunters and visitors to Bandera County. Approximately 5,000 folks attend, including retailers, ranchers, families and professionals. They all mingle for the fun and thrill of the hunt and the friendship and good times that follow!

Charlie Robison Biography

You can't swing a cat in Music City without hitting a raggedly handsome, would-be cowpoke of a singer, but—like a parking lot full of SUV's—there's only a precious few of them that ever actually get down'n'dirty. Columbia/Lucky Dog recording artist Charlie Robison is one of those rare birds who talk the talk and walk the walk.

Born and raised in Bandera in a ranching family that's worked the same stretch of Hill Country since the 1840s, Robison spent his time growing up on a full plate of time-honored Lone Star endeavors—working the ranch, playing football, singing country songs and raising his fair share of heck.

Charlie's honest, "what you see is what you get" stance has helped him to become a true "crossover" entertainer. For more information call (830) 796-3045 or (800) 364-3833 or visit the Hunters BBQ website at www.banderahuntersbbq.com.





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Charlie Robison

(L-R) Linda James and Susie Wilson display several items from the 40th Annual Hunters BBQ apparel collection available for this year's event. Embroidered caps and T-shirts and screen printed T-shirts are on sale now by calling (830)796-3045.

Art Past
Join us for the second annual Art Past Dark, a weekend-long, dawn past dark discovery of arts & antiques in Fredericksburg.
Friday Nov 8th:
• Polaroid Transfer Workshop, 9am-12pm
• Pottery Workshop, 1-4pm
• Watercolor Workshop, 1-4pm
• Registration Reception, 5-10pm
Saturday, Nov. 9th
• Lecture series: Mexican photographer Francisco Mata Rosas (translated by Dr. José Lopez) 2-3pm; Frank Terry painter, 3-4pm; and Chrysie Attis, western Antique appraiser, 4-5pm
Saturday Night, Nov. 9th
• Mini-Gala, 7-9pm, food by Pepper Sweet, wine by Becker Vineyards, music by Bill Smallwood, exclusive theater performance by Fredericksburg Theater Company, silent auction and special middle school student photography exhibit
Sunday, Nov. 10th
• Trolley tour to artists studios. Barn-noon: IHS studios, a stained glass studio recently recognized with an installation in the Pentagon; Woodcarver Al Corson artist, Roy Below's, Carmen Studios, and Contemporary painter Cynthia Marietta.
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WOMEN'S' BIBLE STUDY GROUP TO MEET

Women's Bible Study, "To Live is Christ" a study of the life of Paul, by Beth Moore will be starting Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. to noon at the Bandera Methodist Church at 11th and Hackberry. Call (830) 796-4271 with questions. Free child care provided.

BUMC Festival Oct. 31

Join the Youth Group for the second annual Fall Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bandera United Methodist Church covered pavilion. Face painting, games, food and fun. Costume contests every hour. Fun for all ages. Sponsored by the BUMC Youth Group. For more information call (830) 796-7605.

Pipe Creek HC Chapel Hosts Festival

Hill Country Chapel in Pipe Creek is hosting the Festival For The Lord's Harvest on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Join us in our theme of "Noah's Ark" and come dressed as your favorite animal. Some exciting things to look forward to are, storytelling tents, cake walks, hay rides, games, gifts for mom and dad and blessings for all. Skip Mark's, Pastor and Eric Hinton, Youth Minister. Call the church at (830) 510-4731 for more information.

Flu Shots Offered At American Legion

There will be flu and tetanus shots at the Lakehills American Legion Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The shots are free for people who have Medicare Part B. For those with out Medicare the cost will be $10.

Little League To Meet

There will be a Bandera Little League Board Meeting will be Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. at the AEP Building.

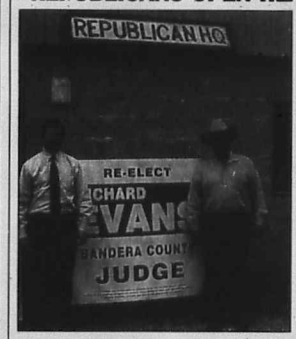
Star Ranch To Host Golf Tournament

The Star Ranch Charity Golf Tournament at Comanche Trace Golf Club will be Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11. At 12 p.m. there will be a shotgun start and registration will be at 11 a.m. Entry fee is $95 per player and deadline will be Saturday, Nov. 9. For more information call (830) 367-4868.

NEW DEADLINES

As of Oct. 1, The Bandera Bulletin Copy and Photo Deadline Is Friday at 5 p.m. Help us get news out about your event.

REPUBLICANS OPEN HEADQUARTERS





Photos by Cleo Gelis

Republican candidate, congressman Lamar Smith, was seen visiting the Bandera County Republican Headquarters on Tuesday, October 22. He spoke on subjects of Homeland Security, Financial Security and Educational Security. Bulletin employee, Cleo Gelis, proudly displays her "VOTER" T-Shirt, compliments of the congressman.

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Unemployment rate decreases in Bandera County

Bandera County's unemployment rate decreased in September, according to labor market statistics released by Alamo Workforce Development, Inc. (AWD). The county's jobless rate was 3.3 percent, down from 3.7 percent in August.

Bandera County's unemployment rate was below the overall jobless rate of 5.0 percent for the 12-county Alamo Area, which includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina and Wilson counties. Gillespie County had the lowest unemployment rate in the Alamo Area in September with 2.3 percent.

A total of 7,457 Bandera County residents were employed in September, and 342 were unemployed. In September 2001, Bandera County's unemployment rate was 2.8 percent.

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BMS Lady Bulldogs compete

By Mark Cummings, BMS Volleyball Coach

The BMS Lady Bulldogs showed the Llano Lady Daubers their skills on the volleyball court September 7th. The 7th grade B-team placed some worry into their fans by losing the first game 13-15. They were then able to close the lid on next two games winning them 15-12 and 15-12. The team played outstanding with eight new players who stepped in and made major contributions to the team's success. Leading scorers were Kelly Kovach and Cassandra Galland, who were helped by Jessica Holt, Erin Sanders and Carla Finley due to their great game play.

The 7th grade A-team followed the B-team's success by winning the first game 15-13. Then it seamed they lost their intensity, losing the second game 13-15. Fortunately, they maintained their composure and regained their confidence to win the third game 15-12. The A-team showed a new, more mobile and aggressive offense that proved to be entirely too much for Llano. Leading scorers were Kara Quarels and Cynthia Chandler, and outstanding game play was made by Lyndsee Jacobs and Courtney Wall.

The 8th grade B-team ran into some turmoil during their three games, struggling at times and then at times playing well. The B-team won the match in three games. Final scores were 15-8, 11-15, and 15-11. Outstanding players for the team were Charlene Johnstone for her serving and Barbara Hoesen for her overall game play.

The 8th grade A-team truly gave a strong performance only faltering once. During the second game the girls gave up six straight points while trying to work through a new offensive scheme. Ultimately the girls got it together and pulled through to win. Final scores were 15-4 and 15-11. Outstanding overall player was Brittany Black, and outstanding defensive player was Courtney Immel.

On Saturday, October 12, the Lady Bulldogs' A-teams played in the Devine volleyball tournament. The 7th grade started off the tournament against the Devine Fillies. The Fillies showed a very affective offense that turned out to be to strong for the Bulldogs. The match ended in three games with final scores of 2-15, 15-12, and 11-15. The 7th grade went on to play Natalia for third place. After losing in the first round, the 7th grade did not seem to be prepared for another strong tournament team. Natalia came out and defeated the 7th grade, making the girls the 4th place finisher.

The 8th grade girls also played Devine first, and had a very similar fate as the 7th grade. Devine's 8th grade team again showed a good attacking offense that was to strong for our Lady Bulldogs. The Bulldogs tried to stand firm against the attacks of the Fillies, losing the first game 15-6. Then with the help of Raine Nickle's 11 serves in a row, the girls won second game 15-0. Now with a gleam of hope in the girls favor, Devine got their act back together and finished what they started, winning the last game 10-15. The 8th grade then played Natalia for third place. The third place game turned out to be an excellent match-up. With serving being the primary factor in the game, it was just a matter of our girls making the passes they needed to set up their offensive attack. The girls did just that and came home with 3rd place. Final scores for the Natalia match were 10-15, 15-8, and 15-8.

On October 14 the Lady Bulldogs went to Liberty Hill to take on the Panthers. The 7th grade B-team played their normal game from behind Volleyball game. Erin Sanders served 9 points in the third game to capture the match for the B-team. The team once again showed their tenacity by never giving up. Leading scorers were Kelly Kovach and Cassandra Galland. Outstanding players were Jessica Holt, Carla Finley, & Shannon Goodenough. Final scores were 15-5, 10-15, and 16-14.

The 7th Grade A-team lost a heartbreaker after playing their finest game this season. Using their new mobile and aggressive offense they won the first game. However, the A team lost their intensity and the match to a well improved Liberty Hill Team. Leading scores were Kara Quarels and Cynthia Chandler. Outstanding Players were Lyndsee Jacobs and Tracy Grill. Final scores were 15-9, 11-15, and 5-15

The 8th grade B-team unfortunately was given their first loss for the season. The girls won their first game quite handily, but Liberty Hill took charge in the second and third game. As the crowd came alive to support our girls, the B-team fought hard to stay in the game, but in the end the girls came up short. Final scores for the night were 15-4, 13-15, and 14-16. Outstanding players for the B-team were Barbara Hoesen and Leslie Reyes.

The Final match of the night kept the fans on the edge of their seat. The A-team fought tooth and nail with some extraordinary plays at the net by Brittany Black and Candice Hicks to win the first game. With Ashley Johnson's 13 serves in a row and excellent defense by the Bulldogs, the girls made short work of the Liberty Hill Panthers in the second game winning the match with scores of 17-15 and 15-3.

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RENEE SCHULZE
Superintendent, BISD

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Youngsters sometimes forget to look both ways before stepping into the street. It is up to us – the adults – to obey traffic laws and observe safety rules to keep our kids safe. Here are some key things to remember:

School zones have a reduced speed limit so that drivers can stop if a child darts in front of them.

DO NOT BLOCK THE CROSSWALK at any time with vehicles!

When you see a school bus flashing yellow lights, drivers are expected to slow down to a speed that will allow for a sudden stop.

A school bus with flashing RED lights signals that students are either getting on or off the bus. Drivers must STOP and wait for the driver to turn the flashers off. Failure to do so is subject to a minimum fine of $200-1000.00. Subsequent offenses can result in loss of driver's license.

RIDING THE BUS

School bus transportation is safe. Even so, last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses - in this nation alone. More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus. Remember these safety tips:

Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.

Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you

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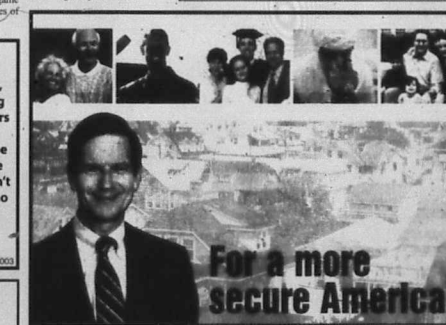
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SPINNIN' YARNS

FYI

HC Chapel Hosts Festival

Hill Country Chapel in Pipe Creek is hosting the Festival For The Lord's Harvest on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Join us in our theme of "Noah's Ark" and come dressed as your favorite animal. Some exciting things to look forward to are storytelling tents, cakewalks, hay rides, games, gifts for mom and dad and blessings for all. Skip Marks, Pastor and Eric Hinton, Youth Minister. Call the church at (830) 510-4731 for more information.

Health Fair Planned

The 8th annual Bandera Health Fair will take place on Monday, Nov. 4, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the new Silver Sage Corral Sr. Activity Center on Buck Creek Drive in Bandera. Approximately 15 health care vendors and information services will be participating in this community-wide effort.

Flu shots will "headline" this year's Health Fair. In addition, there will be blood glucose screenings; ear health exams, spinal screenings, and massage therapy, just to name a few. Information booths will include: TRIAD, hospice, assisted living, and asthma & allergy information.

Mark your calendar for Nov. 4 to come out and participate in this fight for good health.

American Legion To Hold Bazaar

The Lakehills American Legion Aux. is planning a Christmas Bazaar for Nov. 9. Start making goodies and reserving tables now. Call Evie Angell at (830) 612-2817 for more information.

BUMC Festival Set

Come join BUMC for its second annual festival from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bandera United Methodist Church covered pavilion. Face painting, games, food and fun. Costume contests every hour. For all ages. Sponsored by the BUMC Youth Group. For more information call (830) 796-7605.

Lakehills AARP To Hold Meeting

The Lakehills AARP will meet at the American Legion Hall Post 410 on

Monday, Oct. 28. Kathy Phoenix from VITAS healthcare will present a program about hospice care. A pot luck lunch will begin at noon, followed by the program at 1:00 p.m. Guests are welcome. For information, call Sally Pieper at 751-2726 or Judy Bird at 612-3063.

Friday Night Live Concert

Friday Night Live at Lakehills Baptist Church, presents an outdoor concert with Lance Jones and The Fanatics from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 1, at Lakehills Baptist Church. Subway sandwiches, cokes, chips and snacks will be provided. Middle and high school students are invited to attend this free event. Foosball, a pool table, an air hockey table, basketball, volleyball, video games and computers will be provided.

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NEW DEADLINES As of Oct. 1, The Bandera Bulletin

Copy and Photo Deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Help us get news out about your event

Fun for all at MHS's Seven Wives for Dracula

Keep that news coming Folks, contact me: Michele Barker at 830-589-2685 Drop me a line at P.O. Box 1472 Medina TX. 78055, or email me at fivebarkers@indiancreek.net . If you have any news you would like to announce just let me know. Help me spread the word that the Bulletin is once again the one and only comprehensive purveyor of Medina News and Sports. Tell your friends and neighbors to call up and subscribe to the Bulletin and let them know if you like the column...

Seven Wives for Dracula

Friday night, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. the Drama Class of MISD Directed by Nancy Tucker will be performing for your enjoyment a Comedy presentation of "Seven Wives for Dracula". The cost for the extravaganza will be $2 for adults and $1 for students. The kids have really been working hard on this so I hope all of you come out and see the fruits of their labor of love. Note to parents "This is not a scary event so feel free to bring the kids to enjoy themselves also".

FALL FESTIVAL FUN

Medina's First Baptist Church will be holding its annual "Fall Festival" on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. - 7:30 pm. All children in the community are invited to participate in the fun and festivities. There will be lots of game booths and prizes to win, as well as tons of candy and a piñata. There will also be a costume contest, so come dressed as something God made and not something scary or spooky.

MEDINA SPOTLIGHT



MICHELE BARKER8

TEAM KIDS UPDATE

Team Kids will be cancelled for one night Oct. 30 so the Church can be decorated for the Fall Festival on the following night. Team Kids will resume the next Wednesday from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. as usual. Kids from the community are all welcome to attend; we have classes from Pre-school to High school age.

FRIENDS OF MOFFIT PARK

The nonprofit group Friends of Moffit Park is in need of landfill dirt and anyone willing to donate any amount of time, money, or heavy equipment work to the Park. This park is for the use of Medina Citizens and there guests but is maintained by the board of directors of F.O.M.P. If you would like more information, on how you could help the park please call Rose Vamvakias at 589-7262



Pictured are Felix Kneuper Minister of the Stringtown Road Church of Christ, who was instrumental in arranging for the pantry to become an agency of the San Antonio Food Bank, along with Malcolm and Carole Kriegel coordinators for the local pantry operation.

STRINGTOWN ROAD FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES GIFT

The Stringtown Road Food Pantry of Medina is the proud recipient of a brand new freezer presented to them by the San Antonio Food Bank. The San Antonio Food Bank recently received a $40,000 grant from Kraft Foods from which they purchased 40 freezers. On Oct. 11, the Food Bank awarded these freezers to 40 of their different distribution agencies in their service area. The Stringtown Road Pantry was one

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of only three agencies in Bandera County to receive this wonderful gift. With the addition of this much needed appliance the food pantry here in Medina now looks forward to being able to provide frozen meats, vegetables and fruits to families in our area.

Many thanks are extended to the volunteers who donate their time and effort to help with the pantry operation. The pantry serves the Medina area and is open on Thursday mornings from 10-12 and is located at the Stringtown Road Church of Christ at 196 Stringtown Road in Medina.

The pantry can always use more plastic bags (grocery store size) to sack up the food items for delivery. So anyone who would like to recycle their plastic bags can drop them by the Church of Christ office. The office is open Monday-Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00a.m.

MOTHERS DAY OUT PROGRAM

All you harried Moms out there take heart! The Mothers Day Out program is here to the rescue. Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. you can leave your precious little ones ages 18 months up to Pre School at the Baptist Church sponsored program and take a much needed break. For details or questions, please call Amy Mills at 589-2713

EMS COOKBOOK

The EMS cookbook is in its second print and now available for purchase. Cooking With Love and Memories is an excellent spiral bound cookbook with over 500 recipes from many people who are natives of Medina, Texas, which is the Apple Capital of Texas located in the famous Texas Hill Country. This cookbook also contains delicious and unique Texas, Tex-Mex and Apple recipes. The book benefits the Medina Emergency Medical Service This is made up entirely of volunteers who live in this rural community. The Medina EMS Support Team thanks you for your purchase. $15.

Please make check or money order payable to: Medina EMS Support Team - PO Box 1558 - Medina, TX 78055-1558

HOMECOMING PARADE

The annual Medina School Homecoming is set for the first weekend in November. The Homecoming Game against Sabinal will be held on Friday night Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. The Homecoming Parade, the carnival and the "Ex's" Reunion and activities will be held on the following Saturday, Nov. 2. The ex-students to be honored this year will be those who graduated in the following years: 1923, 1933, 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, and 1993. The theme of this year's parade is "A BLAST FROM THE PAST" anyone or any group can enter the parade.

HOMECOMING CARNIVAL

As always the Homecoming Carnival will be held immediately following the parade in the parking lot behind the High School next to the bus barns. This is a really fun event and also is the major fund raiser for most of the MISD classes each year. There are loads of games, fun, and food, for all ages. Last year the "JAIL" was a huge hit with everyone, you pay to have someone put inside a mock jail cell for a nominal charge. So come on out and have your favorite student or teacher "arrested" just for the fun of it.

Masons of Medina Lodge # 1319: first Monday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge

Medina Athletic Booster Club 2nd Monday of each month in Coach Dozier's classroom Medina Garden Club 2nd Wednesday of each month, 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge

Medina Eastern Star Chapter 988: 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge

Medina EMS Support Team: 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m. at the EMS Bldg.

Medina VFD: 3rd Thursday 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Youth Center.

Bird takes flight to Port A, but home is on the mind

Boy, has it ever been along week for this little Birdie! It seems like I have been around the world and back again. It is hard to keep up with everything that is going on down at the end of the road. Especially when you are trying to do it from two hundred miles away!

Yep! I got out of Dodge for a few days. The Sharyland Golden Girls had our semi-annual get together down at Port Aransas over the weekend. We only had eight of us this time because there were two cancellations at the last minute due to unavoidable circumstances. But, that didn't matter because we had enough fun for at least 50 people.

The girls gathered together from Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Bandera and the Rio Grande Valley for a great weekend at Beach Gate Condos on Mustang Island just a few yards from the surf. The view was breath taking and for the most part the weather was great. We did have an electrical storm and rain on Saturday night but that just added to the ambiance. We sat on the balcony and enjoyed the light show on the surf. On Sunday morning, it was clear and beautiful with a sunrise that looked like something out of a movie.While we were there everyone enjoyed eating, sight seeing, eating, mingling with the local color, eating, and even visiting with a darling couple in the apartment next to ours. Michelle and Robert were on a little R & R from the Austin Police Department for the weekend. A little get away from a maddening job, I suppose. We took turns taking pictures of each other and sharing food. They really got a big kick out of a bunch of crazy ole broads out having a wonderful time!

WHARTON'S DOCK AND LAKE MEDINA SHORES



MARY BIRD 460-7523

A little rain and wind can't put a damper on adventurous spirits. I understand that there were a lot of those around Wharton's Dock over the weekend.

Dickie and Dana Simmons broke away for a little fun and excitement down at Eagle Pass over the weekend. They went to break the bank, but they way I heard it things didn't pan out quite the way they had hoped. At least they didn't loose the farm! Better luck next time.

For those who didn't break away there was plenty of excitement right here in beautiful down town Wharton's Dock on Saturday night. Kim and Leon along with Karen and Lynn provided the Karaoke for all of our rising stars who came out in droves to participate in the fun. It was really neat to have different songs to choose. It really added a lot of life to the party. The place was packed and everyone was in the mood for a grand time.

It will be happening again on first Saturday with Felicia at the realm. It will be Karaoke Saturday Night at the Copper Lantern as usual. David and Marc have decided to offer everyone a variety twice a month on first and third Saturday of the month.

Also coming up at the Copper Lantern on Saturday Oct. 27 , the guys are going to have a Halloween Costume Party to beat all parties! Lanette Pennell and Vicki Gillespie will be there along with Joe, Dave and Chris. They will be serving barbecue from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. If you haven't ever been to one of these barbecues you sure don't want to miss this one! It is definitely something to write home about!

Quilt group makes generous donation

The Heritage Study Group Annual Quilt Show on Oct. 12 was a tremendous success. The new meeting room and foyer were perfect for displaying the quilts and sewing items for sale. Sales for the gift shop, cookbook, and baked items also did well.

SILVER SAGE CORRAL



BETTY LEBO 796-4969

Proceeds from the show go directly to the Silver Sage.

Quilt Show Chairperson, Rita Recker, reports the following prize winners: Judge's Choice – Betty Brister; People's Choice – Judy Rodriguez; First in Large Handed Quilted – Charlcye Hardwicke; First in Large Machine Quilted – Betty Brister; First in Small Quilts – Bettie Shadstill; First in Wall Hangings – Patty Adamson; First in Wearables – Carol Hilton.

Maria Nixon of Bandera won the raffle quilt "Stars Over Bandera". The show was judged by Dione Leclair of San Antonio, a National Quilt Association Certified Judge.

Sorry, there was not enough space to list all the winners.

BANDERA COUNTY QUILT GUILD

Another quilting group, the Bandera County Quilt Guild, who meets at the Silver Sage the third Wednesday of each month, surprised us with a donation of $1,000 this past week. It couldn't have come at a better time and we thank these ladies from the bottoms of our little hearts.

GOODBYE AND HELLO, VOLUNTEERS!

We bid a fond farewell to Joanie Stoy, who has volunteered in our kitchen for the past few years. She's moving to Onalaska, Texas, at Lake Livingston. We're really going to miss the song and dance routines she would entertain us with when the kitchen got to be too much for her – never a dull moment! Mary Garcia has agreed to take over one day in the kitchen, but we still need someone or 2 someones to cover Mondays and Thursdays. The time involved is from about 10:15 a.m. to around 12:15 or 12:30, only about 2 hours. If interested, please give us a call,

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Fun events dot Lakehills' calendar in coming months

I received many letters this week, but the two that stay with me were the extremes on the spectrum. One filled with praise, one filled with contempt. They both hit me at the same time and I found myself thinking of that movie "The Last of the Mohicans." (You'll have to excuse my flights of grandiosity, at times, they are fleeting and harmless.)

The emotional life, the chaos, the passions, the tragedies, the horrors, the pain and torments, the extraordinary beauty and heroism, the mundane, the sameness everyday living with its ups and downs, its fears and failures, successes and rich luscious delicious ways.

Sometimes it just seems like it's easier to be a bird that flies above it all, so high that the drama can't be seen. Only the canyons, trees and rivers - to see only that which the moon sees on a clear crisp night, when it's silent, and the world seems full of peace.

-Did you know...

-The MLBA will join forces with the VFD for a GOOD MIL event on Nov. 2 in which

Center this weekend, Oct. 26 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. This family event looks to be full of fun for everyone with a bonfire, a Haunted House, a DJ, a cake walk, as well as hayrides and games. Come as you are or dress up in costumes and head down to the center for a safe way to celebrate the Holloween season. For you who would like to volunteer, call Tony Quesada at 612-2776.

MEDINA LAKE NEWS



NANCY ARCEMENT

-Faith Tabernacle is hosting a HARVEST FEST on Oct. 31, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be here in no time. For more information, Evie Angell at 612-2817.

-The Lakehills United Methodist Church (LUMC) has the following scheduled events starting Oct. 23, Wednesday - Readers Theatre IDEA Meeting at 11 a.m., Prayer Group at 6 p.m., and Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.; Thursday - Disciple I from 7:00-9:30 p.m.; Sunday United Methodist Women Lead Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:20 a.m., Disciple I at 2 p.m., Monday - Bread of Life at 6:00 p.m.; and Board of Trustees at 7 p.m. Tuesday, TWIGS from 4:30 to 6 p.m., Disciple IV from 7-9:30 p.m.

-The Lighthouse Church of Lakehills has Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m.

-And this week in October, the Farmer's Almanac's, states on the 24th, the Alarm Clock was patented in 1876, and 'Onion skins very thin, mild winter coming in.' Pm the 25th, Pablo Picasso was born in 1881, -10 degrees at Bismarck, N.D. in 1919, and Minnie Pearl born in 1912; on the 26th the quasi-[illegible] walls mended. On that date there was a coffee shortage in the United States in 1949. On the 27th, Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2 a.m.; on the 28th, the first baby born in an airplane did so in 1929; on the 29th, "Black Tuesday" took stock crashed in 1929; and on the 30th, Orson Welles' radio dramatization of "The War of the Worlds" caused nationwide panic in 1938.

-And the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at the [illegible] they will also have breakfast tacos and baked goodies to enjoy while you're shopping. What a great way to help the library.

Also, nine families have endorsed their roll back checks from their County Taxes over to the Lakehill's Library. What a great way to show your support! The Library has to watch every penny, particularly during this year until it gets the building built and set up. It'll be a struggle, but it's well worth the sacrifice. Thanks to the generosity of its supporters, we're sure to make it through.

-Please correct your calendars for the St. Victor's HUNGER'S SUPPER! The Annual church fund-raiser is on Nov. 2nd at 5 p.m. (Sometimes my eyes play tricks on me, sorry.)

-And the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at the [illegible] Halloween costume," said Halloween Party co-chair Tony Quesada. The costume contest will be at 8 p.m. with winners in [illegible] 12, and over 12 including adults.

[illegible] party coordinator Shirley Granberry. Winners will receive prizes.

The hayride is from 7-9 p.m. At the bonfire, Halloweeners will roast marshmallows.

[illegible] membership meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the civic center. The public is invited to membership meetings the second Thursday of each month. To vote at the meeting, a person must be a member of the association. Membership dues are $5.

[illegible] located on Park Road 37, west of FM Road 1283 in the heart of Lakehills. Persons can call the civic center at 751-9904 . The MLBA and the Lakehills Civic Center serve the Pipe Creek, [illegible]

2003 MLBA Calendar

The Medina Lake Betterment Association set its calendar for 2003 at its October general membership meeting and there are still plenty of activities left at the Lakehills Civic Center in 2002.

Events scheduled for the year 2003 as voted by the MLBA at the [illegible] county garage sale Saturday, April 5; an Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 19; and the major fund-raiser of the MLBA, and the 23rd annual Medina Lake Cajun Festival, on Saturday, Sept. 27. [illegible] events in 2003 include: a children's Halloween party Friday, Oct. 31; a Santa Claus party for children Saturday, Dec. 20, and a New Year's Eve dance Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Other events in 2003 at the civic center include: the Lakehills United Methodist Church Fish Fry Sundays, March 22, and the [illegible] Appreciation Day Saturday in April and the Hermann Sons Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 14.

The remaining events for the year 2002 at the civic center are: Halloween Party Saturday, Oct. 26; Santa Claus Saturday, Dec. 21; and New Year's Eve Dance Tuesday, Dec. 31.

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Seven Wives for Dracula

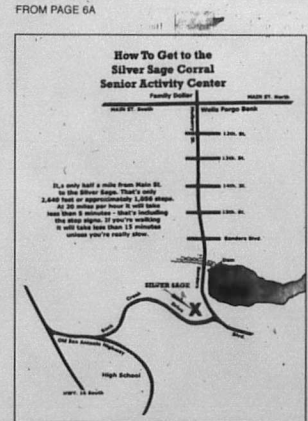


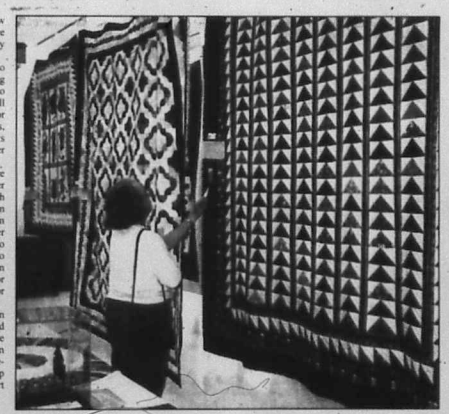


If the crowd has as much fun as the cast did during rehearsals, you won't want to miss the MHS's Drama department production of Seven Wives for Dracula.

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And by the way, teenagers aren't the only ones that are killed or kill by passing double yellow lines. Haven't you lived out here long enough to know that?

FYI the wreck happened between Hilltop and 471 and 1283. Where did you get your information of the location of the wreck? Rumors?

I replied to her e-mail as follows:

I had no intention on upsetting anyone more than the grief that was there. One of the firemen who used the jaws of life had just returned and was extremely upset when I spoke with him. I meant to present the information as a possible scenario - he had just come from the scene and was trying to understand what had happened and though he presented it as something he understood to be the truth, I wrote that it was a rumor taking into consideration what he had just experienced.

It wasn't till the following day after I had written the article that I had a chance to go to the sight and see for myself the exact location of the accident - I just took it from the description of this distraught man. My apology.

It doesn't change my feelings. I'm not blaming anyone, it just causes me heartfelt sadness when such young beautiful people, with their futures ahead of them, are lost so suddenly - and I want so badly for there to be something that can be done to help prevent these accidents that happen too frequently on these winding roads. I don't know what else they can do to mark these roads, so do you have any ideas?

I apologize sincerely if I offended you.

If you want me to include something, send me a postcard to Nancy Arcement; P.O. Box 63109; Pipe Creek, TX 78063; or e-mail me at richardbarcement@prodigy.net . I want to know what you're doing.

Medina Lake Betterment Association releases full 2003 calendar

The Medina Lake Betterment Association will host a Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 6-10 p.m. at the Lakehills Civic Center for children of the Medina Lake area.

[illegible] are invited to attend the event, which is free of charge. The party will offer a variety of games with candy and party prizes, a hayride, costume contest, and refreshments. There will also be a haunted house [illegible] Lake Volunteer Fire Department, there's also a bonfire.

"Come show off your

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The Bandera Bulletin

OPINIONS

Take your camera on hunting trips

By Lee Leschper

What's the most lasting memento most of us cherish from our days afield?

Not the freezer-burned backstrap or the dusty rack on the wall.

Not the thorn-ripped jacket or skunk-whiffy camo.

It's the snapshots that fill the photo albums and wallets and walls weadmire from now on.

Right now is the time to plan how you're going to salvage this year's hunting memories forever with quality photographs.

With today's "auto-everything" photo gear, hunters have the tools to produce world-class photos. But great photos don't just happen. Skill with a camera, like skill with a rifle or handgun, is a combination of preparation, practice and execution.

Let's look at a few basic points you can follow, this fall, to capture and preserve that special moment afield.

All photos start with light. Early morning and late afternoon, when the sun is low, the light is a warm, gold. Everything "glows" in those special first and last minutes. Sadly that "good light" doesn't last.

Most hunting photos are shot in lousy light-dawn or dusk, after dark, or in sun burnt middday.

But if you can wait to shoot your photos for that special first or last hour of daylight, by all means do so. This might mean saving the buck or brace of quail until sunset, but the result will be well worth it.

Regardless of time of day, keep the sun at your back or side. See where the light is falling and move until your subject is well illuminated with direct light.

Remember you're really photographing people in the act of having fun outdoors. Good photos of people have eye contact. It may be eye contact between subject and photographer, or between two people, but there have to be eyes.

Most folks outdoors wear hats. To protect their head, and yes, shade their eyes. And that shade means those eyes will disappear in your photo.

Dispense with the sunglasses. Instead of taking off the hats, add light with fill flash, using the flash mounted on the camera to light the shadows.

Auto-exposure cameras will do this automatically if you turn on the flash.

You'll see a dramatic improvement in your photos.

Now let's talk technique. I equate taking good photos with shooting a firearm accurately.

With photos or firearms, you need good gear, a steady aim and a smooth finger on the trigger (shutter).

Choose a basic single-reflex 35 mm camera. Nikon, Canon, Olympus and Pentax all make excellent ones. The better "point-and-shoot" cameras, with zoom lens and built-in flash, are a good alternative. I've published hundreds of photos taken from Texas to Quebec with a $200 Pentax IQ Zoom waterproof point-and-shoot camera.

Your photographic "ammo" should be 100 ASA print film.

"Fast" film, with ASA ratings of 400 or 800 are popular (and more expensive), but will never provide the print quality of a slower 100 ASA film. The faster film is grainer and less true-to-color.

Consider shooting with a digital camera, which record photos on a digital chip instead of on film. You can easily download digital photos, email themto friends, or to most film processors if you want traditional prints.

Canon, Olympus, Nikon and Kodak all make excellent "point-and-shoot" digital cameras for a few hundred bucks.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



LEE LESCHPER

Since you're not paying for film or processing, a digital will pay for itself in the course of a few hundred images. Get the highest resolution you can afford and get a zoom rather than fixed lens. Most commercial processors can now also give you digital images from your film at processing.

Personally, I shoot everything both on quality slide film and with an Olympus digital camera. Often I find I like the prints from the digital better than those from the "good" 35mm.

So you're loaded and ready. Next comes aiming. In photography, we call this composition. Instead of just throwing up the camera and firing away, carefully arrange the photo before you shoot it.

Close-ups are always going to be more dramatic. Fill the frame with your subject. That is, get close enough that there's nothing extra in the photo.

Consciously look at all edges of the image for anything out of place--a telephone pole growing out someone's head, or your shadow obscuring part of the scene.

Try different angles, exposures, and compositions. Take a close-up, a wider shot and a really wide one that takes in all the scenery.

Steady yourself. Most "out-of-focus" photos really reflect hand tremor. In low light, when you're using a slower shutter speed, this is more pronounced.

A tripod is ideal for steadying yourself. Lacking that, I've used tree limbs, stumps, stacks of rocks, even the hood of my pickup to steady my camera. When you take a photograph, gently squeeze the shutter just like a trigger.

You're trying to tell a story, record a magic moment.

Great photographs seize a moment in time, the moment that best sums up an event. The most photographed hunting scene is the proud hunter, posing with a big game animal. And it's the most abused.

Above all, present the game animal with respect and dignity. If possible, take photos before field-dressing the animal. Wipe off any blood. Tuck the tongue inside the mouth or cut it off.

For the hunter-with-trophy shot, start by positioning the animal as though it is sleeping, with legs folded underneath and the animal on its stomach rather than on its side. This should be in natural terrain, never in the back of a truck.

Antlered animals are most impressive photographed against the sky. If possible, place the on a rise, tank dam or edge of a ridge, so you can get below and shoot up, picturing antlers dramatically against the sky.

Position the hunter behind the animal's off shoulder. Support the head behind the ears, instead of holding an antler. The eyes of game animals will glow in a camera flash. Many professional photographers carry a pair of the glass eyes used by taxidermists, to cover the animal's eyes for photos.

Instead of the "deer in the headlights" stare into the camera lens, have the hunter look at his game animal. Try other variations-hunter walking up to his fallen quarry; hunter partners talking about the hunt; on a mountain hunt, packing the trophy out by backpack or horseback.

Upland bird hunting is packed with action-and photo opps. Always keeping safety in mind, capture your companions waiting for incoming doves, or walking up for a covey rise. Instead of a "bag limit" pile of birds, photograph one of your companions admiring a single bird.

Waterfowl hunting offers unique challenges, like keeping your camera from freezing or drowning. Shots of your companions, human and canine, admiring the brilliant plumage of a mallard or Canada in early morning light are great. So does a photo from out in the decoy spread.

The traditional turkey hunting photo is with the hunter kneeling behind the bird's fanned tail. Add shots of the hunter admiring the bird, packing it out over one shoulder and demonstrating the calling technique that foole the old bird.

Remember that incredible sunrise or sunset, that incredible view from the mountaintop or that memorable evening around the campfire?

Try shooting both wide shots and close-ups. Scenics will be much more appealing with a person included, say a hunter looking out over a canyon, or a fly fisherman picking a new fly on the bank of a mountain stream.

There are two easy and very different ways to capture your subject against a striking sunset (or sunrise).

The first is a silhouette against the colorful sky. Just set your exposure for the sky. Auto exposure cameras will do this automatically. Be sure the person is clear of obstructions and it's clear what he or she is doing. A hunter admiring a buck's antlers, holding a game bird held high or swinging a shotgun after an aerial target are good examples. So is an angler casting or admiring a fish.

The other is to take the same photo, but turn on your flash, so that the person is lighted properly, against that colorful sky.

Capture scenes around the campfire or dinner table, catching bait and preperations for the trip.

Shoot lots of film. Most pros begin a day with 50 or 60 rolls of film. Instead of shooting one or two frames, shoot a couple of rolls of those special shots.

The most important rule of all is to always carry your camera. Always. Everywhere. And to shoot everything you see. Keep it in your pocket or backpack.

And if you do a superb job, be prepared for the ultimate compliment as your share your photos:

"Wow, you must have a great camera!"

Leschper is an award-winning Amarillo outdoor photographer and writer. Email him at lleschper@amarillonet.com.

Critiques enable EMTs to grow professionally

Quality assurance and quality improvement are two phrases heard throughout the business community. They are terms that imply the need and the desire to maintain a system striving to improve its operation. Emergency medical systems have the same need to constantly improve its services as other businesses.

Bandera County's EMS has a team in place to oversee and review operations. This team is designed specifically to address quality improvement. Documentation is reviewed, and policies are reformed to outline methods of operation. The standard operating procedures are, however, the last step in this dynamic process. The membership, the EMT's responding to your emergencies, are the driving force providing first hand insight to areas of care and operation.



EMT PULSE

MITHRIEL SALMON

Every call that we respond to have the potential, and even the need, to be reflected upon by the EMT's on the ambulance. Often the call is discussed between the crew on the drive back from the hospital to Bandera County. Experienced EMT's give "pointers" to other crew members. Discussing the call and receiving tips from other crew members facilitates better patient care and more competent and confident EMT's.

A second and more formal method of communication is also available. Written documentation may be submitted to the EMS Director. Critiquing is a positive and growing process, although not always the easiest for a hard working volunteer to participate. Recognizing the value of peer review is key in quality assurance. Long weekends or late nights may have a crew needing a reminder to complete a task. An EMT may identify an area as a target for review and rethinking.

The bottom line to quality assurance and quality improvement is everybody wins. The patients receive optimum care, the EMT's perform to the best

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COUNSELOR COMMENTS ON GONZALES

Dear Editor,

I would like to open this letter by extending my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bridget Fay Townsend and commend the bravery of Ms. Babo Teich.

A cruel killer has been living and moving among the citizens of Bandera County.

I am still playing this statement over and over in my mind in an effort to grasp the veracity of this news. This is a difficult reality to face. However, this is, sadly, a reality which is becoming all too real in many small towns across Texas and the United States.

I read the stories about the killer, Ramiro Gonzales, with mixed emotions. I have a great deal of interest professionally and a particular sense of rage at the assault and murder of good citizens. Personally, my heart breaks for his victims and their loved ones. It is so sad to think of how we all reside in an area surrounded by such beauty in scenery and in the people. Professionally, I understand that Gonzales' story is not unique. I work for the Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Kerrville. This facility serves clients in Kerr, Bandera, Gillespie, Medina and Kendall Counties. If one were able to speak directly to any one of the people we see, I'm sure that client would echo Gonzales' sentiments when he spoke of rewinding time and taking back the mistake that he or she had made. There is not one of us who does not wish to correct some past misstep in our lives, but most of our mistakes did not result in another's death.

Additionally, Gonzales talked about his drug use beginning at about age 12. This is another unfortunate statistic. The fact is that children will begin experimenting with "gateway drugs" like alcohol, tobacco and other drugs at an average age of eight or nine. He also said that he wished that someone would have talked to him when he was young about his poor decisions and his drug use. Personally, I suspect there were those who may have tried. How one applies the message is up to the individual.

The HCCADA organization has a division called Youth Primary Prevention Services. We have provided a curriculum called "Life Skills" in Bandera Middle School along with many others in our five-county region at no cost to the districts. The "Life Skills" program is designed to target sixth, seventh and eight graders teaching not only the dangers of addictive substances, but also teaches methods to improve social skills, refusal skills, peer pressure and self-esteem.

The point that I am trying to make is that although we are separated by county line boundaries, we are all neighbors. Bandera, believe me, your neighbors are shedding tears along with you. If anything can result from this tragedy, I hope it is that kids will learn the message that making a decision is like throwing a rock into a lake. It's going to cause ripples that can last a lifetime. Good or bad, the outcome is up to the individual.

Sincerely,

Annie Rowe

Hill Country Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse

WATCH OUT ON THE ROAD

Dear Editor:

On Sunday, Oct. 13 five people were killed on Highway 1283 East of Mico, when a driver crossed the double yellow line to pass a car. On Thursday, Oct. 17, we were going into San Antonio on 1283 at 4:45 p.m. when a dark red Chevrolet Blazer passed us at the crash site (again double yellow lines). Had anyone been coming the other way, it would have been another head-on collision. A tribute to the dead? A warning to the living?

John Dale

Lake Hills

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OBITUARIES

AYLSWORTH

Mrs. Ann Aylsworth, (Annie), 79, of Pipe Creek, died Friday, Oct. 18, in Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. Funeral services will be held Friday, Oct. 25, at 11 a.m. at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Bandera, with Rt. Rev. John MacNaughton, Episcopal Bishop of West Texas, Ret., officiating. Mrs. Aylsworth was born in San Antonio on May 18, 1923. On July 16, 1976 she married Clark Aylsworth in San Antonio. He survives her. Other survivors include a daughter, De Ann Ellisor of Columbia, South Carolina; a son Jeff Drake and his wife, Anne, of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; a brother J.S. MacManus Jr. and wife Barbara, of San Antonio; a stepson, Clark Allyn Aylsworth; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Annie has had a great affinity with animals, especially horses, all her life. Over 20 years ago she developed one of the finest Clydesdale Breeding stables in the USA, "Twin Creek Clydesdales". In the process she acquired hundreds of good friends all over the world. She died doing what she loved to do. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to the Animal Defense League of San Antonio, and/or the Brighter Days Horse Refuge, Inc of Pipe Creek, Texas. The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.



Aylsworth

MCKANLES

Helen Pickens McKandles, 80, of Bandera, died Sunday, Oct. 20, in a Bandera care center. She was born near Pipe Creek to Robert Edgar Pickens and Della Mae McCarthy Pickens on November 11, 1921. Following graduation from Bandera High School in 1941, Helen was employed in civil service at Kelly Field during World War II, after which she cared for her mother until her death. Then she was employed by the Montagues at the First National Bank in Bandera. After the Montagues sold their bank, she accepted employment at First State Bank in Bandera, where she worked several years. In February 1967, she married Elbert G. "Jack" McKandles at Bandera United Methodist Church. They enjoyed traveling and visited many places of interest, including New Zealand and Alaska. For many years they operated a resale business, Pecan Tree Store, in her family home on Highway 16 between Bandera and Pipe Creek. Helen had the ability to organize and promote rummage sales, and several local charitable organizations have benefited from her efforts through the years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack in January 2000, and her parents. Survivors include one brother, Leroy Pickens, and his wife, Eva Mae Hinds Pickens, of Harwood, and many friends. The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting "Send Condolences" link. Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

VARNER

Jonathan Russell Varner, 19, passed from this life on October 13, after injuries sustained in an accident near his home in Medina County, Sunday morning. Anyone who knew Jon would describe him as "bigger than life". He was a 2001 graduate of O'Connor High School where he participated in Ag and 4H, raising lambs and frequently winning showmanship awards as he placed in shows throughout the state. He was currently attending Blinn College in College Station, where he hoped to attend either Texas A&M or Abilene Christian in the fall. While at Blinn, Jon earned his SCUBA certification and was recruited into the Marine Corp Officer's Training Program. He was also a member of Aggies for Christ. He recently became a member of the Trophy Hunters Association and sported their sticker prominently on his truck. More than anything, Jon wanted to serve his country as a Marine. His love for God and country was seen in all parts of his life and his smile will be missed by his loving family and many friends. Jonathan is survived by his parents, John R. and Sharon S. Varner; maternal grandmother, Ethel Bird; also, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. Visitation was Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Castle Ridge Mortuary, 8008 Military Drive West. Funeral service was Thursday, Oct. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Northwest Church of Christ, 9681 W Loop 1604 N, with Ministers Marvin Bryant and Chuck Morris officiating. Services under the direction of Castle Ridge Mortuary.

The family of Alum (Buster) Bausch would like to say Thank You to all our friends and relatives for all the cards, flowers, food, memorials and wonderful acts of kindness bestowed upon our family. Special thanks to River Hills Care Center and Vista Hospice. It means so much that Buster was cared about by so many people. May God Bless Each of You.

Mrs. Alum Bausch, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Anderwald, Cody, Luke & Sarah, Retha Anderwald, Danny Bowermaster

BANDERA COUNTY JAIL LOG

The following persons were arrested and booked into the Bandera County jail recently. It should be remembered that a person is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Colt Fogle, 44, of Medina, was arrested on 10/14/02 for public intoxication. Matthew Barth, 18, was arrested on 10/14/02 for burglary of a building. John Garvick, 22, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 10/14/02 for burglary of a building. Richard Frausto, 17, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/14/02 for minor in possession and public intoxication. Megan Hong, 17, of Castroville, was arrested on 10/14/02 for minor in possession. Randall Andrews, 36, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 10/15/02 for theft, less than $50. Franklin Ferry, 48, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/15/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Francisco Lopez, 32, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/16/02 for driving with a suspended license, failure to appear and ins-detainer. Clint Hampson, 25, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 10/16/02 for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Gregory Swails, 36, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/17/02 for possession of paraphernalia to inhale and possesion of marijuana under two ounces. Penny Payne, 47, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/18/02 for evading arrest with a vehicle and driving while intoxicated. Wayne Wynn, 48, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/18/02 for resisting arrest and public intoxication. Guillermo Gonzalez, 37, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/18/02 on 10/16/02 for driving while intoxicated. Kathleen Fitzgerald, 17 of Medina was arrested on 10/18/02 for burglary of a building. Lisa Chandler, 36, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/19/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces. Hilary Jones, 23, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/19/02 for public intoxication. Arthur Peterson, 44, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/19/02 for public intoxication. Bersihda Desalme, 31, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/19/02 for public intoxication. William Hall, 31, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/20/02 for driving while intoxicated, evading arrest with a vehicle and resisting arrest. Anne Alexander, 25, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 10/20/02 for possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of paraphernalia to inhale and public intoxication. Jerry Pipkin, 40, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/20/02 for capias pro fine warrants.

BANDERA COUNTY JAIL LOG

The Bandera Police Department answered 19 calls for service from October 14, through October 21.

1 Abuse
1 Arrest/Randall Andrews/ Pipe Creek/DOB 03/4/66/Warrant Arrest
1 Arrest/Jerry Pipkin/Bandera/DOB 03/01/62/warrant Arrest
3 Minor Accident
4 Assist Other Agency
1 Animal Call
1 Assault
1 Disturbance
1 Property
1 911 Hang Up
1 Out of Vehicle Call
2 Suspicious Circumstances
1 Suspicious Vehicle

Shane Merritt, Chief of Police
Bandera Police Department

Medina VFD to host a Wild Game Dinner November 2

The Medina Volunteer Fire Department is planning for its next fund raising event, a Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marcie Gillaspy is in charge of the publicity, silent auction, and procurement of supplies. Terry Word is in charge of the Wild Game preparation and cooking. On the menu, sika stew, venison chili, wild hog, goat beans, German potatoes, cornbread and deserts. Tea, coffee and water will be served with meals. Everyone is invited to attend, donations of $6 per plate. All proceeds will benefit the MVFD in the protection of the community and fire area.

Anyone who would like to donate a desert and/or cornbread for the event should contact Marcie Gillaspy at (830) 589-7705.

The MVFD holds its regular monthly meetings every third Thursday of the month at the United Methodist Church Youth Center at 7:30 p.m. Firefighter training sessions are the second and fourth Monday of each month. The community is invited and encouraged to attend their meetings and their meetings and their training sessions.

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Michael and Erlene Dexter are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle L. Dexter to Thomas S. Elliott, son of Steve and Barbara Elliott. Michelle is a 1998 graduate of Bandera High School. Both Michelle and Tom are 2002 graduates of Texas Lutheran University. The couple plans to marry in Seguin on April 26 and will reside in the Houston area.

Sullivan, Hannah cases dismissed

By Philip Billnitzer
Bulletin Managing Editor

Two Bandera County residents who were removed from the Spring Hills Water District Meeting on Sept. 4 and arrested on charges of disrupting a public meeting have had those charges against them dismissed.

Bandera County Attorney K.H. Schneider filed a motion to have the cases against Roger Sullivan and Jim Hannah dismissed because "the state could not present proof that would establish the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt."

Sullivan and Hannah both said they would have preferred to be found not guilty of the charges in court. Sullivan said the case stems from subdivision rules that were allegedly changed at a water district meeting on Aug. 8, which Sullivan says were in violation of open meeting laws. He said he tried to speak out about the changes in an orderly fashion at the group's meeting on Sept. 4.

"This needed to go into the courts because right now it's just a 'he said, she said' thing," Sullivan said. "I would have been found innocent."

Schneider said she did not bring the case to court because there was not enough evidence to prove whether or not the disturbance was "substantial". She denied Hannah's charges that the arrests would have never happened had she "not dilly dallied" when asked for an opinion on whether or not the subdivision rules could be changed after they had been presented at a public hearing. After reviewing tapes of the meeting, she said there was probable cause for his arrest.

"It's ridiculous that Mr. Hannah chooses to blame others for his actions, but not surprising," Schneider said. "Once again Mr. Hannah is not stating the facts correctly. On Aug. 14, Mr. Hannah wrote regarding the enforcement of the open meetings act – not whether or rules could be changed after a public hearing."

In a sent letter to the Chief of Prosecutor Assistance Division, John Neal, on Aug. 9, Schneider requested his assistance in settling the matter because she doubted that Hannah would not accept her decision, regardless of what it was.

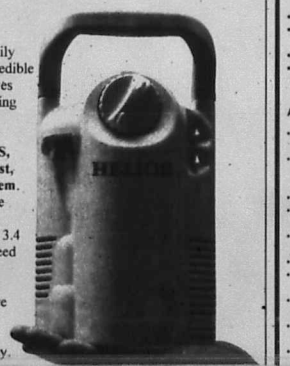
Hannah said he was disappointed in the "political shenanigans" coming out of the County Attorney's office and the Spring Hills Water District.

Ultimately, Sullivan said he is trying to preserve Bandera's way of life and prevent it from looking like the "outskirts of San Antonio." Both Hannah and Sullivan said they would continue to object to what they say is a habit of doing public business behind closed doors. Sullivan said it has been happening for the past 50 years or so in Bandera County.

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Schulze honored



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Hometown Heroes is a grassroots effort that Time Warner Cable has created to honor outstanding individuals who have made a sincere commitment to benefiting the lives of young children. This initiative was designed to acknowledge the unsung heroes who have pledged support and drive the efforts within their communities to help future generations excel in today's world.

Bulldog Band headed for Area

Bandera Bulldog Band will be travelling to Callallen High School in Corpus Christ on Saturday, Oct. 26 to participate in the Area UIL Marching Band. Last week, in the Region 11 UIL Marching Contest the Band received a Division I Superior rating in Hondo to advance to the Area competition.

Anyone interested in traveling to Callalen to support the band is encouraged to pick up spirit flags and display them on their cars for the trip to Corpus Christi. Flags can be picked up at the main office at Bandera High School anytime during school hours. For more information call Joy Richter at (800)510-6800.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lake Shore EMS Support Group will be holding their semi-annual membership meeting on Nov. 2nd at 10 a.m. at the EMS building located at 7377 Wharton Dock Rd. The Board of Directors are asking all interested individuals to attend this very important meeting. The main subject will be future of the EMS and we need all suggestions and opinions to make this decision.

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• Auditor with CPA firm Peat, Marwick Mitchell—San Antonio of office.
• Received "Accounting Excellence Award" from the Texas Association of CPA
• Independent Businessman in Bandera County since 1971 to present. Currently owns Children's Depot in Pipe Creek, operated by daughter-in-law.
• Served as trustee on Bandera ISD for 12 years, 1976-1988.
• Married 36 years to Theresa Dowell Evans, 3 adult children, 3 grandsons (2 currently attending school in BISD).
• Served as a volunteer EMT in Bandera Countyfrom 1973-1980.
• Served as Cub Master pack 146—received the Scouting Award of Merit from the Hill Country District.

AS JUDGE, 1996 - PRESENT
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• Appointed by State Representative Bob Turner to the Texas Legislative Rural Community Leader's Advisory Corp.
• Member of Alamo Area Finance Corp.
• Established Juvenile Probation Department for our County and initiated an intervention program for at-risk youth. Chairman of Juvenile Board for 6 years.
• Active in promoting legislative agenda - i.e., subdivision authority, water issues, rural health, annexation issues.
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Pumpkin Patch ready for final week

Fall is here and so is the Great Hill Country Pumpkin Patch! Love Creek Orchards will open this year's even on Saturday, Oct. 12 with lots of new and exciting happenings. The newly expanded park offers a hay maze, scarecrow building, an animal farm town, story telling, a apple orchard tour, roping arena and the Great Hill Country Symphony. Admission is $4 for adults and $3 for children. Babes in arms are free.

"We have spent a lot of time developing our tours at Love Creek," says Genie Strickland, Marketing Manager. "We have named our facility Harvest Park in an effort to develop more educational experiences for children. Many of our visitors are from the cities where the children are not exposed to country living. We make our events educational and fun. This year we have added the Harvest House. It is here that you can purchase food as well as fall and Christmas decorations."

All Christmas decorations will be 40% off! Of course, we will have pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins! We carry Fairy Tell Pumpkins, Casper Pumpkins, Cinderella Pumpkins, Blue Pumpkins and of course Jack-o-lanterns, Strickland added.

The dates for the pumpkin patch are Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays, starting on Oct. 12 and ending on Oct. 29. Gates open at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and at 11 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays.

For more information call (830) 589-2588 or check the web at lovecreekorchards.com.



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of cost overruns. Klein said if the initial project winds up costing about $600,000 then council might decide to authorize more work. Asbestos, cement and steel lines would be replaced with PVC lines as part of the project. A number of dead ends, which cause variations in water pressure, would be eliminated in favor of a more stable, looped system.

In another item, council member Joe Davis asked that action on a proposed place ballot system be tabled. The city operates under a general ballot system. Davis said he is still studying the positives and negatives of the place ballot system. He emphasized there would be no gerrymandering or carving of wards under a place ballot system that might be proposed. Voters would cast votes for all places. Davis also asked the item be tabled at the

September meeting. He may or may not propose it.

"I've done a number of analyses on it, but I'm not ready to present it at this time," Davis said.

Council also approved what amounts to a name change for the fire department, which will now be referred to as Bandera Fire and Rescue. It will not change the volunteer status of the fire department or change any of its past or future commitments. The name change, done primarily for legal reasons, allows the fire department to be considered a separate entity from the city itself. The fire department determines its own expenditures and pays its own bills independent of city supervision or influence. The name change is a way of making that more demonstrable.

Council also presented a plaque to Tom Kindla for his 25 years of service to the city as a council member.

Bandera Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Renee Schulz and the district's director of finance and operations, Ed Richter, presented information on the recently passed school bond issue and said they planned to keep council updated as it progresses.

The presentation was similar to one made to the Ban dera County Commissioners Court during its last meeting.

Election

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Schaefer are seeking the same office. Statewide, there are more than 20 offices up for election. Candidates from the Republican, Democratic, Green and Libertarian parties are on the two-page ballot. State races include Governor and U.S. Senator.

Voters will also cast ballots for or against a Constitutional amendment that would authorize a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period of time and providing a procedure for reinstatement of the office. For questions about the election, call 796-3332.

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Celebrating 100 years of 4-H



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On Oct. 7, the Bandera County 4-H Clover Boosters and 4-H Council sponsored a "100 Year Celebration" at the Mansfield Park Showbarn. At that time, County Judge Richard Evans signed a proclamation stating October 6-12, 2002, as National 4-H Week in Bandera County.

More than 700 youth are involved in the 4-H Program in Bandera County. Community Clubs include: Bandera Jr. (Jim & Julie Mangold, leaders), Bandera Sr. (Georgina Tobin & Jettie Whitlock, leaders), Lakehills (Gary & Darcy Quarles, leaders), Medina (Linda Franklin & Rhonda Parsons, leaders), and Pipe Creek (Greg & June Winters, leaders).

4-H programs began in response to young people and their need for a better agricultural education.

In 1902, a large percentage of Americans lived on farms. The community club model engaged youth through "learning by doing." Organized outside of school, parents served as volunteer leaders partnering with educators to provide appropriate curriculum and materials.

No one individual is credited with originating the 4-H program; rather it was founded through collective efforts over the course of a few years. However, it was in 1902, that A.B. Graham, Superintenedent of Schools in Clark County, Ohio, organized a boys' and girls' agriculture club. In 1907, the first boys' and girls' demonstration clubs under USDA sponsorship were begun in Holmes County, Mississippi.

In 1908, Tom Marks, County Agent in Jack County, began the first boys' club in Texas.

In 1908, the first emblem was used nationally. It was the three leaf clover representing - Head, Heart, and Hands. In 1911, it was suggested a fourth leaf and H be added.

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For years, you may have longed for the day when you could take an early retirement. Has the extended bear market put an end to that dream? Not necessarily - but you may have to adjust your financial strategies.

If you haven't done any planning, you'll need to start somewhere. And the best place to begin is the date at which you plan to retire. For many people, early retirement can happen anywhere between 55 and 60. So, pick an age. Then, estimate what your expenses will be in retirement, and what new costs you may incur as a result of changes in your lifestyle.

Remember to take health insurance into account - and don't forget about inflation. Once you know about how much you can expect to spend during retirement, you'll need to assess your potential sources of income. How much can you afford to save and invest from now until the date you want to retire? What sort of return will you need each year? How much can you expect from Social Security and pensions? A qualified investment professional can help you crunch these numbers and develop a long-term plan - accommodating your risk tolerance and investment preferences - for meeting your early retirement goals.

Unfortunately, the best-laid plans of potential early retirees can be disrupted by a long slump in the financial markets, such as we've experienced recently. It's no surprise that the value of your 401(k), IRA or other retirement plan may well be down - a lot. What can you do to combat these losses and stay on track toward early retirement? Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Boost your savings - Given the never-ending expenses of daily life, it's certainly not easy to increase your savings. And yet, if early retirement is truly an important goal of yours, you can probably find ways to cut back on some expenses and increase the money you have available to invest.

- Diversify your retirement portfolio - A lot of people have lost money in the markets the past couple of years, but the hardest-hit were those who were overexposed to just a few types of investments. To help protect yourself against these types of losses, diversify your holdings among a wide range of stocks, bonds, government securities and other vehicles.

- Build your liquidity - As you draw nearer to retirement, the last thing you want to do is tap into your savings prematurely. So, by the time you're five years or so away from retirement, you'll want to have accumulated anywhere from three to five years' worth of living expenses - and you'll want these funds in a balanced portfolio some of which includes relatively liquid investments, such as short-term certificates of deposit and money market accounts.

- Be flexible - If you reach your early retirement date, and you're just not comfortable with the amount of savings you've amassed, you may need to re-evaluate your goal. By postponing retirement just another year or two, you can beef up your Social Security, 401(k) or other retirement plans. And, if you find something you enjoy doing, you may want to work part-time or consult during your retirement years.

A prolonged down market can unquestionably hurt your retirement savings. But by following the suggestions above, you can go a long way toward taming the "bears" - en route to the type of retirement you've envisioned.

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FEMA approves 397 sites for repair

By Raymundo Rendon Jr., P.E.
Bandera County Engineer

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved a total of 397 sites for roads, drainage structures and bridge repairs as a result of the July flood.

Some roads may have as many as eight sites eligible for funding. A few sites have not been approved yet, but are being surveyed. FEMA inspectors started damage inspections on July 26 and completed the majority of their work on August 27. Funding is expected to arrive within five weeks.

FEMA will fund the cost to repair damaged facilities to pre-disaster conditions. In most cases, FEMA has estimated the loss of base material from two to four inches on gravel or caliche roads and recommended replacement of base and pavement on paved roads and replacement of culverts where damages occurred.

FEMA has also included the cost to replace one bridge and all approaches to the majority of bridges and large culverts. Each site surveyed was given Global Positioning System coordinates. Within three years the state will send a team of inspectors to spot check repairs that were funded by FEMA.

The total dollar amount to date approved by FEMA for the 2002 flood is $1,184,312, which includes $280,325 for debris removal and $35,652 for Mansfield Park and the compactor station. Commissioners' Court is expected to approve sites to be contracted out and sites that will be repaired by county road crews once the funding is available.

County Judge Richard Evans has applied for a second grant in the amount of $350,000 from the Office of Rural Community Affairs Disaster Relief Program. This grant will help to pay for the county's 25 percent match required by FEMA. Currently under construction is the last NRCS drainage repair project from the flood of 1997 on Bear Springs Road known as the Grand Canyon. The bid amount for this project is $136,667 and should be completed by the end of this month.

I want to thank our road crews for the work and the long hours during the flood, Bandera County residents who helped with equipment to open some of the roads that were damaged and to the many residents who allowed their neighbors access through their property because of damaged roads.

All roads were open to traffic within two weeks except for South Goat Ridge where the flood totally destroyed the bridge, English Crossing Road and Peaceful Valley Road at river crossings.

Road and Bridge office was totally destroyed by the flood. We are working with Mr. Robert Clark, FEMA-Public Assistance Project Officer to get additional funding to purchase five to ten acres and build an office for Road and Bridge Department. The flood eliminated money in the amount of $140,000 is not enough to cover the cost of land, offices-shop, equipment and tools lost in the flood.

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Park Road 37 cleanup nets 45 bags of trash

Lakehills had a super successful turnout for the road cleanup.

As many as 15 volunteers picked up 45 bags of trash off Park Road 37 Saturday, Oct. 5, as part of the Medina Lake Betterment Association's and the Texas Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program.

Highway cleanup chair "Pete" Peterson said the highway department bags were the large variety. About half the trash was beer bottles, beer cans and ice bags. Other items cleaned up included a pile of paneling, building materials and an old chair.

"You can't believe the beer bottles and aluminum cans," he said. "The beer bottles break when they hit the ground and will ruin car tires and the broken glass could hurt children who travel along the road. The ice bags must blow out of the back of trucks."

The volunteers noted that many people along the roadway keep their yards and the roadways in front of their property very clean.

"Lakehills citizens such as Mrs. Meta Wehmeyer, Sidney and Shari Vannoy and Mr. & Mrs. Si Turner always have their yards and adjacent areas and roadways super clean," Peterson said. "Special accolades and thanks to them for jobs well done. We would like to encourage businesses to keep their areas and adjacent roadways clean as well."

This was the third cleanup since the MLBA adopted the Park Road 37 project.

New people as well as previous volunteers helped. "Special thanks to all the volunteers and helpers who continue to help make Lakehills, our home, a better and cleaner place to live," Peterson said.

People who want to volunteer to clean up their part of the road should contact Peterson and he will gladly give them some bags the next time. "Please help us keep it clean through the holidays and the next cleanup will be in early January," Peterson said. Please contact Pete or Linda Peterson at 612-3308 if you can help on any part of the roadway.

The cleanup region is about five miles along Park Road 37 from the intersection of FM 1283 and Park Road 37 to the county park and is cleaned by the group quarterly.

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SPORTS

Medina Bobcats muzzle LaPryor Bulldogs

Pictures and Story by Michele Barker

Friday night the Medina Bobcats really put the muzzle on the LaPryor Bulldogs by a score of 48 to 15 ending their slump.

The first score of the night was made in the 1st quarter by Rusty Bruinsma on a 14 yard run for a touchdown and Chance Haby soon following up with a 1 yard run for a touchdown.

In the 2nd quarter the Bulldogs Daniel Martinez scored on a 10 yard pass play made by Nino Ortiz with the extra point by Tirso Lopez taking the score to 21-15.

Medina's Chance Haby caught a pass from quarterback Aaron Seymor good for a 91 yard touchdown, with the extra point being made by Rusty Bruinsma. John Ussery then scored on a 6 yard run with Taylor Dabney bringing in the extra point.



Medina Bobcats' varsity squad handily defeated the LaPryor Bulldogs last Friday night 48-15.

The next score was made by LaPryor's Mike Perez on a 61 pass play from Ortiz with Lopez adding the kick. The final score of the second quarter was made by Wyatt-Lautzenheiser on a 12 yard pass made by quarterback Aaron Seymor, with Taylor Dabney picking up the extra point with :01 seconds left on the clock. The final score of the night were made in the 3rd quarter with Chance Haby on an 11 yards touchdown run, and Rusty Bruinsma bringing in the extra point. Jacob Bustos running in for 10 yards and no extra point made.

The Bobcats had a total of 22 First Downs, and 35 rushes for a total of 344 Yards. In the passing category Medina was 5 out of 10 for a total of 157 yards. Return yards were 18 while passing completions were 5 for 10 tries with 0 Ints. The Cats fumbled the ball 4 times and were able to recover only once. And even with Medina receiving 10 penalties for a total of 80 yards they still shined.

Individual stats for the game in the rushing category were Chance Haby with 15 carries for a total of 185 yards and 2 TDs, David Windham with 8 carries for 51 yards, Jacob Bustos with 5 carries for 34 yards and 1 TD, Aaron Seymor with 2 carries for 43 yards, John Ussery having 2 carries for 10 yards, Rusty Bruinsma 1 carry for 14 yards with 1 TD, and Cinco Coats bringing it in with 1 carry for 8 yards.

In the passing category Quarterback Aaron Seymour had 5 attempts, 10 completions and 0s interception for a total of 157 yards and 2 TDs.

Chance Haby had 1 reception for a total of 91 yards and 1 TD.

While Rusty Bruinsma had 1 reception for a total of 17 yards, John Ussery had 1 reception for 20 yards, Wyatt Lautzenheiser 1 reception for 12 yards and 1 TD, and Paul Droutsas with 1 reception for 17 yards.

Several Bobcat team players stood out in the Tackling category such as Chance LeMeilleur bringing it home with 11 tackles.

Paul Droutsas with 9 tackles, Jason Rowan with 5 and Wyatt Lautzenheiser also with 5.

BOBCATS JH TEAM WIN FIRST GAME OF SEASON

Thursday night the Bobcat Junior High football team won their first, game against the LaPryor Bulldogs with the score of 26-0. The first score of the day was made by Tyler Eads on a 48 yard pass play to Peter Green with the 2 point try failing. Peter Green had a 10 yard run in the second quarter for a TD and the 2 point try failed again. Also in the second quarter Tyler Eads had a 44 yard pass to Peter Green with Jake Morris successfully adding the 2 point try. No points were made by either team in the 3rd quarter. In the 4th quarter Tyler Eads dashed in from 10 yards out for a touchdown. The 2 point try failed. Individual stats were as follows: Peter Green led all rushers with 8 carries for 55 yards. Tyler Eads had 5 carries for 25 yards. Jake Morris also had 5 carries for a total of 25 yards. Wyatt Ortiz had 2 carries for 21 yards. Quarterback Tyler Eads was 4 of 5 passing with 1 Int. Receiving yards was led by Peter Green with 4 catches for 111 yards. The Bobcat team was strong in the tackling category that night lead by Jake Morris with 12 tackles, closely followed by Heath Barker with 9. Other recorded tackles were Luis Zambrano with 8, Cody Heard with 7, Jared Little, Josh Whitten, Wyatt Ortiz and Tyler Eads all with 5 tackles, Peter Green with 4 tackles, Jake Droutsas with 2 and Jeffery LeStourgeon with 1: Jarred Little won the big hit award for the game and Jeffery LeStourgeon won the big block award. Coach Mills stated "I am very proud of the boys, they have been improving every game." Congratulations Junior High Bobcats!



Tyler Eads runs the ball in for a touchdown in the Junior High game against the LaPryor Bulldogs, helping to spur the Bobcats' Junior High to victory by a score of 26-0.



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Bulldogs 'whup' Warriors

From Staff Reports
Special to the Bulletin

Ingram started strong, but by the fourth quarter the Warriors were in a Heep of trouble.

Spearheaded by 203 yards rushing by Dustin Heep and two fourth quarter interception returns for touchdowns by Robert Ickes, Bandera persisted its way to a 38-14 win against Ingram last Friday night in the District 25-3A opener for both teams at Bulldog Stadium.

Despite the lopsided final score, the game was close until the midway through the fourth quarter. It was tied 14-14 at half, when Bandera Coach Mike Williamson made a prediction that almost came true.

"I told the kids at the half that when they looked up at the end of the game that the score would 35-14 and they would win this football game," Williamson said. "After the game, I told them I forgot about the field goal - what a big play that was. But, you just to have confidence in your kids and I did."

While Heep carried would-be tacklers on back and moved piles all night long, the offensive line also did a great job of winning the battle in the trenches.

"They did do a great job," Heep said. "Our fullback, Synjyn Dodd, also did a great job of lead blocking. My knee felt fine out there."

Heep was playing his first game in three weeks after arthroscopic knee surgery and carried the ball 31 times without looking the least bit tired. Williamson said the offensive line could wind up being the key to the entire, very promising-looking, season.

Ingram scored first when Stephen Lemeilleur hooked up with Robert Taylor for a 36-yard touchdown pass with 1:35 left in the first quarter to cap a 64-yard, eight play drive.

The Bulldogs, (5-1, 1-0 District 25-3A) answered on the next series. Heep went in almost untouched from 17 yards with less than a minute and half elapsed from the second quarter clock. On the six play, 50-yard drive, Heep toted the ball five times for 48 yards.

After a strong defensive stand and an excellent punt return Ickes, Bandera had only 22 yards to go for its next touchdown. This time, Heep powered his way in from nine yards and the Bulldogs took their first lead of the game about eight minutes before halftime.

Ingram, (4-2, 0-1 District 25-3A), went 65 yards in less than two minutes to tie the game with 47 seconds left before half. Impressive running back Kaku Barkoh, who had 121 yards on the night, nosed his way in from 11 yards to tie it.

"Ingram has a good football team and they had a good game plan," Williamson said. "We made some adjustments at half-time that helped, but it was the determination of our kids that won this football game."

Williamson said one of the adjustments was simply to emphasize to the secondary the importance of not letting guys get behind them.

Ingram's first play of the second half was a Barkoh fumble that the Bulldogs recovered. Bandera's ensuing series culminated in a 30-yard field goal by Scotty Jennings.

With less than 20 minutes to go in the game, Bandera took a 17-14 lead.

Bandera's defense stopped a fake punt try on Ingram's next series. The Bulldogs appeared to be marching toward toward a touchdown when a Warrior defender ripped the ball from Heep's arms on about the 3-yard line. With about 11 minutes to go, Ingram still trailed by only three points.

With about nine and half minutes left, Robert Ickes stepped in front of a Ingram pass and raced 15 yards to the end zone for a 24-14 Bulldog lead.

Using eight battering runs by Hicks, a personal foul penalty, and a crisp pass by Brett Hicks, Bandera marched 70 yards and, with about two minutes left in the game, erased any doubt about the outcome. Jennings' kick pushed the lead to 31-14.

On the next series, Ickes snagged a pass that was slung underhanded by the Ingram quarterback and ran 24 yards for his second touchdown of the night.

This Friday, Bandera will travel to Burnet, which Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine picked as the district favorite.

"They are an exceptional football team," Williamson said. "They are a lot like us in that they can give you fits with the run or the pass. We'll have our hands full at their place, but right now we are just going to enjoy the district win and concern ourselves with them next week."

With 194 yards in return yardage, Bandera's return teams made a huge contribution to the win. The defense, while giving up about 125 yards more than it averaged in the previous five games, produced two touchdowns and pitched a shutout in the second half.

Bandera's offense, which was averaging about 43 points per game, almost reached its average despite playing against a pretty salty Warrior defense.

Note: In my column on the editorial page last week, the end, which related to Bandera football, got cut off accidentally. (Many thanks to those who called wanting to know how it ended.) An Ingram player had bragged to me at the Hondo game that Ingram was going to "whup Bandera". I wished him good luck before an older and wiser Ingram fan told him it was bad manners to hassle reporters. I had the feeling he would need that "good luck". Turned out, because of Bandera's resolve on Friday night, he did and it was a lame boast.

Story and photos by Philip Billnitzer, Bulletin Managing Editor



The Bulldogs' Dustin Heep (#35) runs in for a touchdown in last Friday nights contest with the Ingram Warriors.



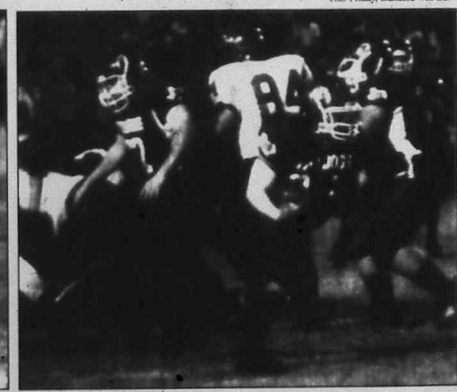
Several Bulldogs converge on the Warriors' running back to secure the tackle.



At the pep rally on Friday, all of the cheerleaders put on a show. (Photo courtesy of Jeff Dabney)



Chris Martinez has been a solid runner for Bandera troughout the year. His versatile abilities kept Ingram busy all night trying to catch him.



With everyone looking the other way, Dustin Heep (#35) shoots through the Ingram Warrior line during the first district match-up of the season.





Jordan Howell won Outstanding Drum Major awards and the percussion section won the outstanding percussin award at the Hill Country Marching Festival on Oct. 5

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MUSEUM BOARD HOLDS MEETING



Courtesy Photo

The Frontier Times Museum is pleased to present its Board of Directors and officers.The Board includes Bob Perry, president; Johnny Boyle, vice-president and chairman of the security and inventory committee; Julian Tallichet, treasurer and chairman of the finance committee; Dee Bartley, secretary; Pat D'Spain, historian. Peter chapman is chairman of the membership and nominating committee; Joan Daunt is chairman of the publicity and planning committee. Other board members are; Ann Edge, Helen Edwards, Adeline Herbst, Patsy Muller, Linda Palmer, Annette Kalka-Schulte, and Frank Shubert. The Board is happy to announce that In the coming year the museum will feature special event and programs with lectures from experts and artisans pertaining to the old west; in particular, weaving, quilting, storytelling, cowboy poetry and songs, flint napping and arrowheads. A docent program will be started with emphasis on tours for school children. In December there will be an open house to welcome the community to the exceptional exhibits that make up the museum collection. Watch for these coming events to be announced in The Bulletin newspaper, and in the Chamber of Commerce calendars. * Oply in knowing the past can there be understanding and knowledge of where we are going in the future".

Cabaret to auction historical memorabilia on October 19

A bit of musical history will go on the auction block at the storied old Cabaret Café and Dance Hall in Bandera on Saturday, October 19. "I've sold the club to Scooter Culbertson and Mary Schenk," explains Thurman Love. "Scooter convinced me that he will continue the great traditions of the place. Naturally the new owner will want to redo the place, so I'm letting the artifacts and décor go to the highest bidder." There are hundred of items, including collector dishes and antique magazines, photographs, mirrors and phonograph records. Some pieces are very rare, unique, or one of a kind. There is a display containing Hank Williams' death certificate and others containing birth documents of Ernest Tubb, Bob Wills and Kitty Wells' son. There are also many autographed photographs of current and classic country stars.

"I'll be going into another place of the music business and will have little use for these things. I need to raise funds and people can buy a piece of history," continues Thurman Love.

Professional auctioneer, Lloyd Mays, (Lic.# 11842), will run the bidding. The big "going away party" and auction will start at noon and continue until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19. Kinky Friedman and Billy Joe Shaver will be on the stage Friday Night before, and Junior Brown will hit the stage at 9:00 on Saturday. "It will be a great weekend for Bandera," concludes Love.

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Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial set to be on display in Natalia

The Moving Wall, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, will be displayed in Natalia Oct. 27 through Nov. 2. The Wall's visit is being hosted and coordinated by the City of Natalia and the Veterans Memorial Monument Association.

The Moving Wall tours the United States at the direction of the Vietnam Combat Veterans, a non-profit organization based in San Jose, California. This group has been touring The Moving Wall since 1984 when it first appeared in Tyler. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC opened in 1982. The Memorial includes the names of the 58,225 American men and women that died fighting in the Vietnam War.

Opening Ceremonies at the Memorial will be Sunday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. R.H. "Paul" Davis, Jr., U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran, assigned to "A Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Brigade of the 9th Infantry Division will be the keynote speaker, in addition to National and State dignitaries. Additionally, the United San Antonio Powwow committee will be sponsoring a special ceremonial memorial gourd dance to pay tribute to all Native American whose name are on the Wall. Representatives from Native American organizations from San Antonio, Laredo, Houston, Corpus Christi and McAllen will participate. This portion of the program will follow immediately after the opening ceremonies.

Monday, Oct. 28 has been designated Army Day; Tuesday, Oct. 29 designated Navy Day; Wednesday, Oct. 30 an Interfaith Candle Light ceremony is planned; Thursday, Oct. 31 designated Marine Corps Day; Friday, Nov. 1 designated Air Force Day. Weekend ceremonies will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. and TAPS will be played every night at 10 p.m.

Closing ceremonies will take place on Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. It is our intention to honor all Veterans who have served on our Nation's Armed Services. All ceremonies will be held at Memorial Plaza.

The Moving Wall will be open to the public 24 hours a day to view the Wall, locate names of friends and loved-ones and perform a "name rubbing" during this entire time. There is no charge to visit the Memorial, but donations to the organization that tours the wall are encouraged. Visitors from throughout South Texas area are expected to visit the Memorial. Natalia is the only location that The Moving Wall will visit in the South Texas area this year.

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40TH ANNUAL HUNTERS BBQ & OUTDOOR EXPO

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce is making final preparations for the social event of the season, the 40th Annual Hunters BBQ & Outdoor Expo set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1-2. This year the event has been expanded to two days to celebrate 40 years of honoring the hunters who return annually for the opening weekend of deer hunting season. The grand finale will be a concert on Saturday, Nov. 2 featuring Country Western recording star, Charlie Robison.

Festivities kickoff on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. The highlights of the Expo will be exhibitors and displays showcasing the latest in hunting equipment, guns, knives, recreational vehicles, deer blinds, feeders and outdoor supplies, as well as local exhibitor's wares and gift ideas.

At 4:30 p.m., mounds of succulent barbecue with all the trimmings will be served. Live country music will fill the venue all afternoon provided by the talents of Dusty Britches and the Rhythm Ranch Hands.

After the meal follows the famous giant auction which has something for everyone including quality hunting equipment, hunting trips, gifts and much more. Kids as well as adults can relax and enjoy the BB gun shooting gallery and interactive hunting exhibits.

Saturday, Nov. 2, starting at 6 p.m., will showcase a continuation of the Outdoor Expo as well as many hunting demonstrations, family fun activities, great food, interactive displays and more! The Grand Finale will be the concert Saturday evening featuring Country Western star and Bandera's own Charlie Robison! This is an action-packed weekend...you won't want to miss a single event!

Ticket prices for Saturday's concert are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Tickets are available at The Bandera Bulletin and the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce office. This year, special souvenir caps and t-shirts will be available. The caps are $15 and the T-shirts are $12 and $15.

Raffle tickets $5 each or 5 for $20 and are available at the Bandera Ranch Store, Bandera True Value, Country Accents Antiques, The Bandera Bulletin, Love Creek Cider Mill Store and the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce office at 1134 Main Street in Bandera.

Chamber signs Event Sponsors

The Hunters BBQ Committee announced this week the signing of major sponsors for this year's 40th annual Hunters BBQ.

Major sponsors of the event include Bob Bomer Chevrolet, Jerry and Sons Plumbing Service, Bud Light, KFAN/KEEP Radio, Miller Lite by Carson Distributing, Billy Gene's Restaurant, The Bandera Bulletin, Country Accents Antiques, Bandera True Value Hardware, Wells Fargo Bank, Flying A Ranch, Bandera Bank, Indian Creek Internet, Big Red Bottling Company, Red McCombs Dodge, and Academy Sports and Outdoors.



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"Without these corporate sponsors' support, this event would not be possible," said event chairman, and Bandera Bulletin Publisher, Frank Shubert. "We wanted this year to be very special and it's these sponsors, as well as countless volunteers and committee members, that will make it one of the biggest events to ever hit Bandera County."

Chamber Mixer Set

For Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Bandera Bulletin Office

On Thursday, Oct. 17 from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. the Chamber of Commerce will hold their quarterly mixer at the offices of The Bandera Bulletin located at 126 Highway 16 South. The theme will be, of course, Hunters BBQ and all chamber members, volunteers and the public are invited.

These meetings are a great opportunity to receive up-to-date information on Chamber activities, meet fellow chamber associates and network with members of the Bandera County business community. For more information, call the Chamber office at (830)796-3045.

Hunters BBQ History

Forty years ago, the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce decided it was high time to show appreciation to the hundreds of deer hunters who visited Bandera County each fall. The hunters were fed by the local ranchers in those early days. The Bandera Hunters Bar-B-Q was an instant success and has become a true Hill Country tradition.

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce Hunters Bar-B-Q and Outdoor Expo has become a community event. It is one of the most entertaining and anticipated events as well as the primary fundraiser for the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce. Over 350 volunteers work hard during the festivities, some throughout the entire year, to produce this classic Fall event that has helped make Bandera famous.

This fun-filled extravaganza not only signals the start of whitetail deer hunting season in Texas, but also welcomes a huge number of hunters and visitors to Bandera County. Approximately 5,000 folks attend, including retailers, ranchers, families and professionals. They all mingle for the fun and thrill of the hunt and the friendship and good times that follow!

Charlie Robison Biography

You can't swing a cat in Music City without hitting a ruggedly handsome, would-be cowpoke of a singer, but--like a parking lot full of SUV's--there's only a precious few of them that ever actually get down'n'dirty. Columbia/Lucky Dog recording artist Charlie Robison is one of those rare birds who talk the talk and walk the walk.

Born and raised in Bandera in a ranching family that's worked the same stretch of Hill Country since the 1840s, Robison spent his time growing up on a full plate of time-honored Lone Star endeavors--working the ranch, playing football, singing country songs and raising his fair share of heck.

Charlie's honest, "what you see is what you get" stance has helped him to become a true "crossover" entertainer. For more information call (830) 796-3045 or (800) 364-3833 or visit the Hunters BBQ website at www.banderahuntersbbq.com.



(L-R) Bob Click and Dusty Britches ham it up during last Friday's Hunters BBQ Tickets & Tacos sale on the courthouse square. The event promoted the rapidly approaching Hunters BBQ set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1-2.

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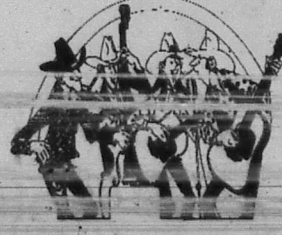
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Presbyterians prepare pits

The days are cooler and shorter and the high school football season is peaking—so Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church must be having its annual Fall Barbecue.

Starting at 11 a.m. Sunday October 27 plates of barbecued beef brisket and wild hog—with all of the trimmings—will go on sale for $6. Take out is available.

In addition there will be a bake sale, a craft show and live Gospel music starting at 1 p.m. Proceeds from the sale will be used to retire debt on the Church Memorial Building and to provide relief for victims of the July flood.

"We invite the entire community to join us for good food, good music and good fellowship," says Brad Domitrovich, the event coordinator. "The proceeds will help us retire debt on our new Memorial Building, which has become quite an asset for the Pipe Creek community as a meeting place, and we will contribute to the Bandera County Interfaith Disaster Emergency Assistance to help flood victims with unmet needs.

All events will be held at Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church which is located on the north side of Highway 16 approximately one mile west of the Pipe Creek Post Office.



Several members of Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church gathered around the smoke pit after church services recently to discuss plans for the upcoming barbecue fund raiser. Beef and Wild Hog plates start serving at 11 a.m. Sunday Oct. 27 at the Church, located on Highway 16 one mile north of Pipe Creek. Proceeds will benefit the church building fund and relief for victims of the July flood. Pictured, left to right, are Roscoe Cooper, Dave Sollinger, Doug King, Dick Westley, Mike Kelly, Gina Domitrovich, and Rev. Raymond Powell.

Full week at River Hills

It was another week full of activities at River Hills Care Center.

On Friday, Sept. 20, the residents enjoyed having a leisurely cup of coffee and dunkers.

Saturday, Sept. 21, was craft day.

Sunday, Sept. 22, the Church of Christ held Sunday services for the residents.

Monday, Sept. 23, was officially the First Day of Autumn.

RIVER HILLS CARE CENTER OF BANDERA



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Unfortunately, the summer temperatures did not cooperate and go quietly away! Nancy Westley called bingo for the residents. Bible class was taught by Varney Lucas.

Tuesday, Sept. 24, John Graham had his weekly reading session. The Lestaurgeons Band came to play their popular music, which always sets everyone's feet tapping.

Wednesday, Sept. 25, Martin Smith had Bible class for the residents.

On Thursday, Sept. 26, the residents were visited by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #688, represented by Joyce Swett, and MOCA, represented by Bill and Marlyne Bryce.

Friday,, Sept. 27, a brief memorial was held for former resident Patricia Springfield. The service was officiated by Martin Smith. Mrs. Springfield passed away earlier in the week. She will be missed by her friends and family. Our sincere condolences go out to the family.

Sunday, Sept. 29, Medina Baptist Church had Sunday services for the residents.

Monday, Sept. 30, Nancy Westley called bingo. Varney Lucas led Bible class.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, the Melodiers came to sing for our residents. It was a great performance.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, Martin Smith had Bible class. Members of the St. Stanislaus Catholic Church came to sing beautiful selections of Christian music. The group plans to return to sing every other Wednesday. The singers included Sylvia Tirado, Mr. and Mrs. Santos Lopez, and Carmela Tirado. They left a sweet note for the residents, wishing all of the residents a very happy day, every day, and signed it, "All our love and care".

Thursday, Oct. 3, John Graham had his weekly reading session.

On Friday, Oct. 4, the residents enjoyed getting outdoors for the Ball Toss. The day became so hot and humid, though, that they were happy to go back inside to play bingo and create some nifty crafts. The weather people promised a cool front and rain for the weekend, but it never came.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, the Lutheran Church had Sunday services. Later, members of Hill Country Chapel came by to visit with the residents.

Monday, Oct. 7, Nancy Westley called bingo. Varney Lucas led Bible class and sang hymns with the residents.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, was a very full day. The Noah's Ark Daycare kids came to sing for the residents. It is always a special treat when the youngsters

Graham had his weekly reading session. Reverend Raymond Powell of Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church offered communion to residents. The October birthdays were celebrated with punch and cake. Birthdayers included Carolyn "Chuck" Evans, 10-1; Evabelle Reich, 10-5; Mary "Sue" Vandervoort, 10-16; and Doris Koehler, 10-30.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, Martin Smith had Bible class and led hymns with the residents.

Friday, October 11, River Hills Care Center had a cookout for residents and their family members and were joined by staff. Good food and good company!

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TESTING THE FIRE SAFETY WATERS



In celebration of Fire Safety Week, students at Alkek and Hill Country Elementary Schools participated in various activities promoting fire safety. Hill Country Kindergarten through 2nd Grade students received a visit from the Pipe Creek and Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Departments. Above, Stevie Chessir assists a fireman in the proper procedure of handling fire hoses. (Photo by Judi Chessir)





At left, Hill Country Elementary's Jesse Toon poses with a Medina Lake Fireman (Photo by Dorcas Brashear). Above, Shelby Colsten and Shae Hopf learned much about how to stay safe during Fire Safety Week. (Photo by Judi Chesshir)

Teen Read Week wants teens to get graphic at the library

By Patsy Small, BHS Librarian

What are graphic novels? Why encourage kids to read them? The answers to these questions are being revealed during Teen Read Week, which is being celebrated at Bandera High School through Oct. 19. Hundreds of other libraries or schools or bookstores are also encouraging teens to "read for the fun of it."

If a student checks out a book during Teen Read Week, he is eligible to win a gift certificate to Backroads Books. The daily announcement will include a brief book talk. English classes will complete a national survey of their reading habits. The library will display the top 20 new graphic novels for the year.

Teen Read events will help teens develop a habit of reading for the fun of it @ your library(tm). Reading for the fun of it is the very best way to acquire a reading habit, a very valuable acquisition for teens.

The news about reading proficiency and reading in our society is not good. The Nation's Report Card (http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard) reports that reading scores have m*e no significant statistical gains since the 1970s. And that is not all. A smaller percentage of thirteen- and seventeen-year-olds read for fun daily in*1999 than in 1971. A reading habit will increase reading proficiency. The report card also finds that in homes across America, the number of different types of reading materials have decreased, and a smaller percentage of 17-year-olds saw adults reading in their homes in the same period. Clearly, adults must also acquire a reading habit if they are to serve as models for children and young adults.

There are lots of ways to get graphic @ your library(tm):

* Read comics and graphic novels.
* Join a book discussion group at the school or public library, or logon to www.ala.org/teenhoopla.
* Check out careers in graphic arts.
* Keep a comic book in your backpack at all times. Use it to read while waiting an appointment or for friends to pick you up.
* Add a (or another) comic book or graphic novel to your collection.
* Read what you want to read for the fun of it.



A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
by John M. Grimes

It is said that the men wh succeed are the efficient They are the few who have the ambition and the will power to develop themselves. Many times these men are asked: How can I o others do it, too? One extremely successf businessman answered the question this way Put ambition, determination, and hard wor your daily routine. How? Refuse to be average. Never settle for anything less th best you think you can accomplish. Keep te yourself you can do anything you want to do Get mad But only at yourself. It puts you strongest emotions to work for you. The onl catch is not to get mad at others. Control anger is one of the strongest factors in an success!

Generally speaking, ambition properly used is a useful asset. Isn't it strange how some have lots of it and others so little?

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Homecoming Tailgate Party

Homecoming 2002 is near and I look forward to seeing our community come together for a great time.

All former and current Bandera ISD students and faculty are invited to a Homecoming Tailgate Party October 25 at the Bandera Middle School Cafeteria. From 5:30 until 6:30 there will be FREE hot-dogs, chips and sodas for everyone.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



RENEE SCHULZE
Superintendent, BISD

We encourage you to bring your family. Please e-mail alumni@banderaisd.net or call 796-6204 to RSVP by October 18 the number of people you will be bringing to allow us to prepare enough food.

The Homecoming football game will start at 7:30 against Liberty Hill. Pre-game ceremonies will begin at 7:00 to crown Mr. and Mrs. Bandera High School for 2002-2003.

The goal of Bandera ISD is to increase communication and promote positive lifelong relationships between Bandera ISD alumni and their alma mater.

There will be an opportunity for the alumni to have a forum to discuss the formation of a formal alumni organization.

Toni Batto, former BISD graduate and current BISD faculty member, is in charge of coordinating these efforts. She may be reached at 796-6262 if you have any questions.

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WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY GROUP TO MEET

Women's Bible Study, "To Live is Christ" a study of the life of Paul, by Beth Moore will be starting Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. to noon at the Bandera Methodist Church at 11th and Hackberry. Call (830) 796-4271 with questions. Free child care provided.

PIPE CREEK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GOLF TOURNEY

Pipe Creek Christian School has set its second annual golf tournament for Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Flying L Golf Course. Ken Finley said there are three sponsorship levels, including hole sponsor at $50, Team Roper at $350 and Cowboy Capital at $600. The Team Roper and Cowboy Capital sponsor include entry fees for four golfers as well hole sponsorships. The Cowboy Capital sponsorship includes your group's name with a large banner. The event will benefit the Pipe Creek Christian School Scholarship Fund. Lucky golfers who stroke a hole- in- one could win a Kawasaki Mule or new pickup from Bob Bomer Chevrolet. The golfer with lowest card in the gross division or net division will win $600. There will also be an awards dinner and auction. For more information, call Ken Finley at 796-3711 or John Junker at 460-3001.

Texas History Forum

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas will sponsor our Twelfth Texas History Forum, October 18, 2002 from 9:00a.m.to 1:00p.m. at Alamo Hall, 300 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX. The Forum proceeds will benefit the Herpich Conservation and Restoration Fund of the DRT Texas Library at the Alamo.

Topics will include: Canary Islanders, Soldiers, and Franciscans by Dr. Felix D. Almaraz, Jr., The Ranch Origins of Tejano Culture by Dr. Andres Tijerina, Jose de la Luz Saenz and his World War I Diary by Dr. Emilio Zamora and The Orgins of Tejano Music by John Wheat.

These historians specialize in Mexican American history and have authored numerous books and articles and their reflection regarding Texas history is informative

Seating is limited and pre-registration is advisable. Registration is $10.00 per person. If you wish to have lunch at the Menger Hotel include an additional $15.00. The deadline for lunch reservations is October 11, 2002. Forum reservations will remain open as long as seating is available. For additional information, please call DRT Library (210) 2251071 orPriscillaMontgomeryofTarpley, TX, CaddelSmithChapter, Uvalde, TX.

HC Chapel Hosts Festival

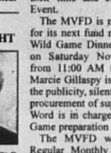
Hill Country Chapel in Pipe Creek is hosting the Festival For The Lord's Harvest on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Join us in our theme of "Noah's Ark" and come dressed as your favorite animal. Some exciting things to look forward to are, storytelling tents, cakewalks, hay rides, games, gifts for mom and dad and blessings for all. Bring your family and friends for a night of fun. For more information call (830) 510-4731 for more information.

NEW DEADLINES

As of Oct. 1, The Bandera Bulletin Copy and Photo [illegible] p.m. Help us get items in about your event.

Fall is here and the chilly weather is upon us

MEDINA SPOTLIGHT



MICHELE BARKERS

The crisp fall air is upon us now and with all this rain you can really feel the chill down to your bones. Folks don't forget to go get your Flu shot its that time of year again. Those of you who have not yet discovered some of Medina's best kept secrets are really missing out. For a real treat in dining out you have to make a trip to the Town of Medina to Keese's BBQ, and don't forget Grill Thrill at the Apple Store on Friday nights. Grill thrill will continue outside as the weather permits and they want all of you to know they now have a heater unit installed on the Patio inside for the chilly months ahead. Dusty Britches was the featured group this last Friday and he really did a good job. My husband and I took my Mom Medina out for her first time to the grill and to hear Dusty and she really enjoyed herself. Dusty outdid himself by singing her several songs one of which used her name Medina in it several times.

The Medina Volunteer Fire Department sends a Big Thank You to the Donators of the items donated for the Medina Community Widé Garage Sale held Saturday October 5.

Also, extend a Thank You to the Volunteers who donated their time and efforts to the Event.

The MVFD is now planning for its next fund raising event: Wild Game Dinner to be held on Saturday November 2nd from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Marcie Gillaspy is in charge of the publicity, silent auction, and procurement of supplies. Terry Word is in charge of the Wild Game preparation and cooking.

The MVFD will hold its Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, October 17th at the United Methodist Church Youth Center at 7:30 PM. Firefighter Training Sessions are on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

The community is invited and encouraged to attend their meetings and their training sessions. Do not forget they are always in need of new volunteers.

So please attend a meeting, meet their members, and donate some of your time toward helping your community.



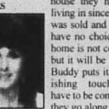
TACKY DAY IS A HIT AT MISD

Medina Junior and Senior

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Cool weather welcomed at WD; rain wasn't

WHARTON'S DOCK AND LAKE MEDINA SHORES



MARY BIRD 460-7523

Well we got a little bit of that cooler weather we have all been looking forward to, but I can't say that all of us are pleased with the moisture that came along with it.

The drizzling rain did, however, make it possible for a lot of folks to do some of that very necessary control burning that needed to be done to clean up still more of the debris from the flood. There seems to be no end to the piles of rubbish that keep surfacing as folks around these parts pull out more and more from their flood ravished homes and outbuildings.

Hank Halterman and Jeanne Martin are finally beginning to make some real progress on their property. But it still remains to be seen if they will build or buy a double wide to replace their home that was destroyed by the flood of 2002. Jeanne says now that she is home from the hospital and feeling much better she is ready to dive in there and get something done as quickly as possible. Those walls on that travel trailer are closing in a little more with each day. Unfortunately, Rome wasn't built in a day. And Hank and Jeanne like many of the victims down here at the end of the road are having to do everything out of their own pocket. There is no assistance for them other than the little they have stashed away out of their monthly incomes.

Buddy and Diane Nall are finally going to get to move back into their home on Lake Shore Drive South by the end of this week. They have been working practically around the clock to get their darling home back in living order again. The house they have been living in since the flood was sold and now they have no choice. Their home is not completed, but it will be livable as Buddy puts it. The finishing touches will have to be completed as they go along.

Carl and Phyllis Bowlware got the bottom level of their lovely home completed (with the exception of one door that wasn't hung) just in the nick of time last week. Phyllis' sister Lona and her husband John Cappis from Los Alamos, New Mexico came in to spend a week with the Bowlwares after visiting with their niece in West Texas and their new grandbaby in Houston. Phyllis tells us that she and Carl worked day and night to get the downstairs accommodations finished before their company arrived. They worked up until the last minute and barely had time to shower before Lona and John arrived. It sounds like perfect timing to me! But, it was all worth it because they had a grand time sitting on the deck porch reminiscing while watching the river roll by and admiring the new lawn that was planted square by square in August. The recent rains boosted the growth of the grass and it is beginning to look as if nothing ever happened two and one half months ago.

Jesse and Diane Clark had company roll in from out of town over the weekend too. Jesse's brother Bobby Clark is visiting family in Kerrville and the Bandera area from Los Angeles, California. Since Jesse and Diane have the most amiable place for a large gathering they were the lucky ones that got to provide a gathering of the clan. There are seven siblings and their spouses and children of all ages in Jesse's family. And of course everyone wanted to see Bobby while he was here. Diane says they had a whale of a good time. Everyone brought a food dish and lots of fun and laughter. The only draw back was the weather, which meant that everyone had to be inside. But all is well that ends well.

Thank goodness it was good weather on Friday, September 11th when all of our clan gathered together to see Chai Cook and Joey Alexander tie the knot at the Church on the Rock in San Antonio. Chai has been a "member of our family" since my kids were in high school in Bandera back in the early nineties. Chai lived with us for a while and we have all seen each other through fair weather and foul. Following the beautiful formal ceremony at the church the reception was held at the Radisson Hotel down town San Antonio. My eldest son, Chef Buddy Jung catered the meal. It was quite a treat. When members of the Radisson staff found out that we were Buddy's family we were treated like royalty. It was quite the night out for all of us! Chai's dad flew in from Hawaii and her little brother Tai Cook, who is in the Navy and stationed in South America, was able to fly in as well. It was great seeing them again! The bride and groom both work in the medical field and will make their home in San Antonio. Congratulations to the bride and groom and best wishes for a lifetime of happiness together.

It seemed like all of Wharton's Dock and Lake Medina Shores turned out for the Breakfast Buffet at the Copper Lantern on Sunday morning. As usual the fellows out did themselves on preparing the scrumptious array that would delight the palate of any connoisseur.

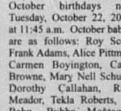
It was great seeing JoAnn and Archie Salisbury out for breakfast on Sunday. They are still working feverishly to complete the remodeling of their home on Lake Shore Drive North. They

SEE WHARTON'S DOCK, PAGE 7A

Quilt Show was a huge success

LOCAL BANKS SUPPORT QUILT SHOW

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BETTY LEBO 796-4969

We would like to thank Bandera Bank, Guaranty Bank, Hondo National Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank for their generosity in donating funds for prize money for our annual Heritage Study Group Quilt Show. This column was written prior to the quilt show which took place last Saturday, October 12, therefore we will report the results in next weeks column.

RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY

Now that we are in our new building at 803 Buck Creek Boulevard, we've decided we need to sell lots of stuff that has accumulated through the years that we no longer need. So...this Saturday, October 19, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., has been designated for the rummage sale. There will be exercise equipment, some medical equipment, kitchen items, typewriters, and many other items too numerous to mention.

If any of you folks out there have unused items you would like to dispose of, we would appreciate receiving them. Call 796-4969 for further information.

MINI HEALTH FAIR

Jana Osbourn at the Ag Extension Office is busy puttipg together a health fair [illegible] November [illegible] Silver Sage Corral. Flu shots will definitely be available and there will be other booths. We'll keep you updated as we receive the information. If you have [illegible] Leona at 796-7755.

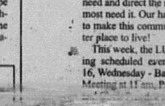
BIRTHDAY LUNCH OCTOBER 22ND

Bring a covered dish and help us celebrate all the October birthdays next Tuesday, October 22, 2002, at 11:45 a.m. October babies are as follows: Roy Scott, Frank Adams, Alice Pittman, Carmen Boyington, Carol Browne, Mary Nell Schultz, Dorothy Callahan, Ruth Meador, Tekla Roberts, Ed Bahn, Bubba Montague, Peggy Araiza, Joyce Sellberg, Bonnie Brown, Joan Lawler, Olga Bolduc, Jane Moore, Mary Jo Kirkpatrick and Bettie Suddath.

Some of these folks are not regular participants here at the center, but we would like all of you to try to join us. After all, it will be the very first birthday luncheon at our new center! Everyone is welcome and, if it is your birthday month, you don't have to bring a covered dish. It doesn't have to be your birthday, just bring a covered dish and come join us. The more the merrier.

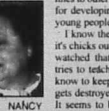
FREE KNEE & HIP PAIN SEMINAR

Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center, CSRMC Orthopedic Unit of San Antonio, will present a Knee & Hip Pain Seminar here at the Silver Sage Meeting Room on Thursday, October 31, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. They will cover the anatomy of a normal and abnormal knee/hip, signs and symptoms, diet, exercise, medications and treatments. Seems we all have to face this type of pain at one time or another, . Get ahead of the game and join us for this informative semhar.



Weekend tragedy reminds us how fragile life can be

MEDINA LAKE NEWS



NANCY ARCEMENT

There was a major accident on SH 1 2 8 3 between the Lakehill's 4-way stop and Mico - those long stretches of sweeping hills when you can catch glimpses of the beauty of the lake. It's an area that tempts the driver to pass whoever is in front of you, though there is a double yellow stripe, though they may be going the speed limit or [illegible] through the canyon is foolish - you'll behave with restraint keeping in mind how fragile life can be.

There were teenagers Running - they were racing another car around the yellow stripes, went head to head into a pack of 5 lives...all I feel is a silent prayer for the children and their families, the pick-up driver and his family.

I wonder if those parents have new ideas for suggested guidelines to other parents of teenagers for developing rules to keep our young people safe.

I know the female bird pushes it's chicks out of the nest and I've watched that parent panic as it tries to teach it what it needs to know to keep itself safe before it gets destroyed by some predator. It seems to be such a high percentage of those small birds that don't make it to adulthood for one reason or another. But they seem to do it one bird at a time. I don't think they'd push four out of the nest at once. One teenager per car would, at least, save three.

[illegible] place to go shopping for those special nic-nacs for that special friend...and have breakfast or lunch while your there. Our local artisans will be presenting their wares and we do have some excellent craftsman and artists, so be sure and mark you calendars for the event. For more information, Evie Angell at 612-2817.

-The Lakehills United Methodist Church (LUMC)'s Pastor, Ellen Ely, has 'become involved in a newly formed interfaith disaster relief agency called Bandera County IDEA (Interfaith Disaster Emergency Agency)'. A group of pastors and lay persons convene once a week at LUMC to access the needs and [illegible] November [illegible] Silver Sage Corral. Flu shots will definitely be available and there will be other booths. We'll keep you updated as we receive the information. If you have [illegible] Leona at 796-7755.

Lakehills has Sunday Worship at 10:15 am.

-Tadpole's has changed it's hours for the winter to 8 am - 2 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm Friday, Saturday and Monday, and 8 am to 2 pm on Sunday.

-And October's week in the Farmer's Almanac's, for 2002, on the 17th, Mountain Gorillas discovered in 1902; on the 18th, Walt Kelly died in 1973, 'Many irons in the fire, some will cool.' On the 19th, a child's letter convinced Lincoln to grow a beard in 1860; on the 21st, the Battle of Cherokee in Alabama took place in 1863, and Alfred Nobel was born in 1833; on the 22nd, [illegible] Diego reached 104 degrees Farenheit in 1963, and the great influenza epidemic occurred in 1918; the World was created (according to Bishop Usher) at 9 am in 4004 B.C.

-Looks like RV's house will be dried in by 11/4, if the weather stays dry [illegible] not quite - we still want her to keep practicing (we love her mistakes). This cold weather sure makes the critters want to move indoors - ants, spiders, dogs, etc....it's a battle for territory. CW got home after his skin graft and seems to be doing OK.

Let's remember...

Another section Lakehills at Medina Lake, published by the 1985 Lakehills Sesquicentennial Committee is about St. Victor's Chapel, by Dorothy Alatorre.

"We need a chapel, right here in this community." Charlie and Martha Mazurek were speaking with a small group of Catholic friends. It was difficult to drive their families to Bandera, [illegible] started by approaching the priest in Bandera, Father Victor Schmidtzinsky. The Father was skeptical, at first, and suggested they poll the Catholics they knew and set up a meeting to determine the number of people willing to put forth the effort.

[illegible] nine people met at Adolph's Store to talk about the projected chapel. Among those gathered for that first meeting were Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Tschirhart, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Leibold, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Letcher, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haby, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Haby, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tschirhart, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mazurek, Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mazurek, Mrs. Alexandrine Ahr, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Boehme, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ruede, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCaulley, and of whom were permanent residents. Weekenders who had cabins here and shared the problems of the church attendance were represented by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zemmer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Wollmington, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Pickard, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Ripps. As people came into Adolph's Store to attend the meeting, a man sitting at the bar, Mr. Simon J. Majefski, asked Adolph what was going on. When told the purpose of the meeting Mr. Majefski asked Adolph say it must leave and everyone within a check for $25.00 to start the ball rolling. This looked like a good omen to the people gathered there.

They used the old Rock Store on Park Road 37 that was for sale for $3,900 and the members of the church did the renovations. Each Sunday, there was a Mass, sometimes in the fields behind the Avalon Store, where the yard was cleared, chairs and picnic benches were brought out, and a picnic lunch was set up as soon as Mass was over. Then the work on the church began. If course the money ran out, and a fund-raiser was planned.

These fund-raisers have literally been the cornerstones for the existence of this church. Every year they prepare these [illegible] Fall - and so proceeds go to the betterment of the Catholic community and their needy.

That's all I've got to say today. If you want me to include something, send us a postcard to Nancy Arcement, P.O. Box 63109, Pipe Creek, Texas 78063, or e-mail me at rchastbarcement@prodi-[illegible]

I want to know what you're doing - I know everyone else does too.

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COMMUNITY

Pumpkin Patch Pics







Hundreds of people flocked to the Love Creek Orchards' Great Hill Country Pumpkin Patch last weekend to enjoy the scarecrow building, pumpkin painting, hayrides, hay maze, story-telling and Orchards tours. The Pumpkin Patch continues on Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22 and the final weekend will be Oct. 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Photographs by Frank Shubert





MEDINA

FROM PAGE 6A

High recently held a tacky day where students and teachers alike got into the spirit. Drama teacher Nancy Tucker sent me this great picture of Mrs. Mazurek as the Home Economics teacher who really should get an award for being the tackiest teacher.

MEDINA EVENTS CALENDAR

Medina Garden Club 2nd Wednesday of each month, 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge

Masons of Medina Lodge # 1319: first Monday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge

Medina Eastern Star Chapter meets at Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge

Medina EMS Support Team: 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m. at the EMS Bldg.

Medina VFD: 3rd Thursday 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Youth Center

Medina Athletic Booster Club 2nd Monday of each month in Coach Dozier's classroom

See what it was like to live in 1836 Texas

DAUGHTERS ANNOUNCE FOURTH ANNUAL "FALL TO THE ALAMO"

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas announce the fourth annual "Fall at the Alamo." Alamo Committee member, Pricilla Montgomery of Tarpley, Caddel-Smith Chapter notes the event brings living historians to the Alamo to demonstrate the daily lives of the people of San Antonio during he period from 1835 to 1846.

The Alamo will come alive with a glimpse of Texas as it was in the days of the Lone Star Republic on October 19 at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at no charge to the Alamo visitors.

Activities will include, living historians in period dress, cooking and food preparation demonstrations, children's games, sewing and quilting, music of the 1830's and 1840's, frontier medicine, period military drill and period documents on display.

In the early 1800's Mission Valero was surrounded by huge cottonwood trees that grew along the river. Eventually, Mission Valero became known as the Alamo. "Alamo" is the Spanish word for the cottonwood tree.

Teachers and students will find this event especially interesting. A Demonstrations by participants are designed to meet various components of the Texas Education Agency's new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies.

Participants will include members of the Alamo Legacy and Missions Associations, Inc, Alamo Lore and Myth Organizations, El Ejercito de Operaciones, San Antonio Living History Association, as well as various independent living historians.

WHARTON'S DOCK

FROM PAGE 6A

are at least able to sleep in their home now that they finally have a bed. When the new carpet was laid there were some flaws that have to be corrected. So, they are unable to put any furniture in until the repairs are made. They are expecting deliveries of the furniture later this week.

Everyone missed Rusty Landry at breakfast on Sunday morning. Rusty had a terrible accident on Saturday evening and was air lifted by helicopter to San Antonio. He stepped on a hoe causing the handle to fly up and hit him squarely in the forehead just to the right of the bridge of his nose. He lost consciousness and when EMS arrived it was suggested that he be transported by air ambulance. Rusty is a volunteer fireman at the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department. When other volunteers were called to assist in the air evacuation there was much concern among his fellow volunteer fire fighters. It is always hard to assist in a circumstance when the outcome is critical, but when it involves a fellow worker and friend it just makes it that much more difficult to handle.

Rusty was back for breakfast on Monday morning, but as he told friends at the Copper Lantern, he really isn't quite up to par yet. We are all just glad to see you back, Rusty, and we hope that your wounds heal quickly. He has quite a gash over the eye, but thank heaven he still has an eye and is here to tell the story.

Blackie Lespearance is back home from the VA Hospital in Kerrville and was happy to be out amongst friends again on Sunday morning for breakfast. He is looking much better and hopefully feeling better too! Welcome home, Blackie!

Coming up this weekend everyone will have a chance to show off his or her talents at the Copper Lantern at Karaoke on Saturday night. Kim Campbell will be hosting the Karaoke with a whole new list of songs to sing. Why don't you come join in the fun?

There is going to be a great opportunity for all of you horse lovers being held out at the State Natural Area just ten miles out of Bandera over the weekend. The Lone Star Legacy is being held all over Texas with all State Park admission being waived this weekend! It is by donation only and the donations stay at the park to create an endowment fund for that particular park. Hill Country State Area Partners are planning special activities to introduce the park to first timers and to get folks out to enjoy the beauty of the park. This is your chance to take your horse and head out on the trails for a morning ride and later there will be a moonlight ride. Western music, story telling, and lots of cowboy fun will be going on during the day. Activities will take place at the Chapa House (http://trider.home.texas.net). If you are the outdoor type and love horses, this will be a great place to be over the weekend. So, gather your gear and your ride and plan an old time campout!

On Sunday you can top off your weekend at the Annual Cowboy Eucharist being held by St. Christopher's Episcopal and Grace Lutheran Churches. Our own Lanette Pennell and Vicki Gillespie are rumored to be playing that good ole gospel music again this year. The ladies of the churches will be serving biscuits and gravy with home made jams and jellies and plenty of the campfire coffee. This is something your really don't want to miss. Ride your horse in or trailer them in. Dogs are welcome too, but must be leashed. This is always a special treat for the whole family!

The following weekend, on Saturday October 26th is the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Turkey Shoot Fund Raiser. That is something you surely don't want to miss! There will be breakfast served at 9:30 AM and craft booths for shopping. Bingo will be held later in the day to entertain those not participating on the firing line. There will be something for everyone, so plan to bring the family and join in on the fun!

MEDINA LAKE

FROM PAGE 6A

But even with a maximum grant, if a homeowner has a total loss and is unable to get a loan, it's very difficult to rebuild.

With a coalition of Presbyterian judicatories, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and others, drawing from a broad area for support, this group hopes to pin point the need and direct the support to those who most need it. Our hats off to their efforts to make this community a stronger, better place to live!

This week, the LUMC has the following scheduled events starting October 16, Wednesday - Bandera County IDEA Meeting at 11 am, Prayer Group at 6 pm, [illegible] Choir 7:30 pm, Friday - Final Trustees Workday - 7 am. Sunday - Hilad Stewardship Sunday, Luncheon at 10:30 am, Disciple I at 2 pm, Monday - Bread of Life at 6:00 p.m., and Church Conference at 7 pm Tuesday, TWIOS from 4:30 to 6 pm, Disciple IV from 7-9:30 pm.

[illegible] transportation will leave [illegible] on Sunday at 10 am.

-The Lighthouse Church of [illegible] nine people met at Adolph's Store to talk about the projected chapel. Among those

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OPINIONS

Murderer talks about family, drugs

Being a reporter has allowed me the opportunity to talk with the man who is our president and to the man who won the Tour de France four times, but until recently it had not afforded me the opportunity to look into the eyes of a self-admitted murderer.

Talking with Ramiro Gonzales gave me the same sort of mild adrenaline rush that talking with George W. Bush and Lance Armstrong did, but for an entirely different reason. Having hardly ever set foot in a jail before, I didn't know what to expect. I waited for what seemed like an eternity outside a heavy door waiting for it open. I heard voices on the other side and imagined it was Ramiro talking to another reporter. I imagined him reveling in the attention and with a weird, almost out-of-this-world, look in his eyes.

Once I got behind the heavy door, it was much different. We sat only a few feet apart. He wore the familiar orange prison uniform and house slippers and was not in any kind of shackles. I shook his hand at the beginning and end of the interview. Ifstead of relishing the media attention, he declined when I asked to take his photograph. The strongest impression I'm left with is just how normal he seemed.

PHILLER SPACE



PHILIP BILLNITZER

But Ramiro told me there are two sides to him. One side is a good Bible-reading Christian and one is evil. He claims he is trying to get rid of the evil side. Much of what he said will sound like clichés to anyone who has read articles about so-called reformed killers. but it seemed so much different in person. One of the first questions I asked him was why he decided to confess to a crime for which he might not have been held responsible for otherwise.

"The Lord. Really," he said.

Ramiro, who will turn 20 on Nov. 5, said he also decided to do it for the victim's mother. When I informed him that I heard she was not taking the news well, he said he understood but in the long run it must be better for her to know than to go on wondering what happened to her daughter for the rest of her life. He said he would let the victim's mother scream and yell at him or do whatever it would take to make her feel better, if he could.

"I'm very sorry for what I've done," he said. "I feel like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders and the Lord has forgiven me."

He told me that he had fathered a daughter when he was 12 years old. I know it's hard to believe anyone could father a child at such a young age, but remember I'm just reporting what he said. He said that her mother, who was about 19 or 20 when he impregnated her, had taken his daughter away. "I wish I knew where she was. I think maybe if I had had that little girl, I wouldn't have done this," he said.

Ramiro said he wasn't in his right mind when he committed the crime at the age of 18. He chose not recount any specific details, instead referring me to the Sheriff.

Drugs, namely cocaine, were his destroyer and he had a good family, particularly his mom, his aunt and grandmother, he said.

"They gave me what I needed and now I can't be with them. It's not their fault," he said.

He added someday he might like to go to classrooms and tell kids who are about the age he was when he started using drugs, age 12, that they lead to nothing but bad things. He said he thinks that if such a message had been delivered to him first hand that he wouldn't have made the horrible mistakes he did. His life of crime began early and escalated from offenses such as burglary.

He still says that he didn't commit the heinous aggravated assault and rape crime against a local businesswoman for which he received two life sentences and no possibly of parole for 30 years. He said he took the plea bargain because it was the only way he might ever get out of prison.

The last question I asked Ramirez, who said he has talked to several in the media despite not even having a lawyer yet, was if he thought he deserved death for what he did.

"I don't know what I deserve," he said.

Honestly, I don't either.

But don't mistake my not rushing to judgment or other damn-him type statements for softness. I had been feeling angry at him earlier the same day when I was thinking about the crime against the local businesswoman and about his setting a bed on fire in a county jail just a few days prior to his self-professed change of heart, if not of soul. It's terrible when one person destroys a small town's sense of security and justice. We all know that no sentence, no matter how long or deadly, is justice because it cannot undo the horrible things that were done. Ramirez said he would like to undo his crimes and another mistake.

"If I could rewind time, I'd stay in school," the eighth grade dropout said.

Gonzales was born in Dilley but lived most of his life in Bandera. If I saw him on the street, he would seem like just another guy. Not once during the time I spoke with him did I feel scared or did he seem crazy.

I didn't know what to say to him at the end of the interview and somehow the words "good luck" came out. He wished me the same. Given the extremes of human nature and the horror that can invade our lives at any time, it's something we all can use.

EMT's need private info, but don't give it out

Emergency situations are personal and stressful events.

Patients are often uncomfortable with being the center of attention as they are transferred into one of our ambulances. You should know that the announcement of an ambulance on scene with lights and sirens does not mean the details of your emergency are public information.

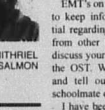
Patient confidentiality is a primary concern for EMS providers. The information we ask from you or someone close to you is for the purpose of providing the best pre-hospital care available with our resources.

You are a critical participant.

Clues to your emergency may be provided by recent symptoms, which may be embarrassing to tell someone unfamiliar. Every age group has sensitive issues regarding privacy. What you were doing and where you were found is personal and EMT's are sensitive to your needs for privacy.

Guidelines for protecting patient confidentiality are dictated by policy, and a professional ethic. Written documentation is sealed and put in a locked box at the end of each ambulance call. The details of the call are included in the run form", which may not be altered after completion. The run forms are transferred to the care of the EMS secretary for billing and record keeping. Finally, the records are maintained in a locked filing system.

EMT PULSE



MITHRIEL SALMON

Access to the records for your medical emergency is limited. The crew on scene providing treatment, the Medical Director for Bandera County's volunteer EMS, the hospital staff continuing your care, and the agencies involved in billing, are allowed access of records.

EMT's on a call are obligated to keep information confidential regarding each call - even from other EMT's. We won't discuss your call over dinner at the OST. We won't go home and tell our family about a schoolmate or a neighbor.

I have been approached near the door to a hospital emergency room after dropping off a patient. Someone may see Bandera County on the side of the ambulance and wonder if it's anyone they know. My response is always the same. I explain that our patient's privacy is important and therefore, I'm not able to share any information. I haven't had a single person become angry at my reply. I'd like to think they realize if they were in the ambulance with me, they can count on the same protection.

My children quiz me occasionally about calls after I walk in the door at home. They no longer ask who the patient is. My replies are limited to situations. For example, I might say the driver wore a seatbelt and it saved her life or a grandson dialed 911 in time or the neighbor knew CPR. "The house address was on the gate in huge numbers. Thank goodness!," is something I really enjoy saying.

EMT's want the best pre-hospital care for our patients. That means we need you to feel comfortable telling us anything and everything that may affect your health and our treatment.

Maintaining patient confidentiality in your emergency is a professional standard, and just good common sense.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEDINA VFD GARAGE SALE SUCCESS

Editor,

The Medina Volunteer Fire Department sends a big thank you to the donators of the items donated for the Medina Community Wide Garage Sale held Saturday, Oct. 5. Also, extend a thank you to the volunteers who donated their time and efforts to the event.

The MVFD is now planning for its next fund raising event: Wild Game Dinner to be held on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marcie Gillaspy is in charge of the publicity, silent auction and procurement of supplies. Terry Word is in charge of the Wild Game preparation and cooking.

The MVFD will host its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17 at the United Methodist Church Youth Center at 7:30 p.m., Fire fighter training Sessions are on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The community is invited and encouraged to attend their meetings and their training sessions. Do not forget they are always in need of your time toward helping your community.

Ilona J. Culp,
Medina

WE NEED ATHLETIC FAIRNESS

Editor:

Looking back as an adult, everlasting memories from my high school experiences came from my coaches. They emphasized everything that was taught to me by my parents, showing respect for each and every child on and off the field. They realized that it was not only their job, but also their moral duty to see to it that every child be given an opportunity to prove themselves. Sure they had their favorites, but they also recognized that it takes a team as a whole to win their games.

When considering a high school athletic program, you have to realize that the children are involved because they have a love for the sport. Keep in mind that this is a voluntary decision on their part. Each child seeks and deserves respect, encouragement, guidance, leadership, and mast of all honesty from his or her enthusiastic coach. Haw do we achieve this? It is quite simple, coaches who are motivated by making a difference in children's lives reap the benefits of seeing the results. Are we trying our best? Do all kids involved walk off the court feeling good about themselves? Do the parents and all others concerned feel good about the program?

We have fallen victim to the inequities that have plagued our Volleyball program. From the very beginning we have asked for the same thing over and over again, every child should be treated with fairness. Everyone deserves a fair chance to prove themselves throughout their participation in the sport, every coach would expect no less for their own children. This is not to say that all levels of the volleyball program have fallen victim, most coaches do care. A coach should make an athlete feel worthwhile not worthless.

Kevin Johnson,
Bandera

DEAR SIGN THIEF...

Editor:

This letter is to whoever came in a gated community or lives in the gated community on our property and took our sign from us. The sign was made by a very dear friend of ours. We have had this sign for 30 years and get here to Lakehills less than six months it is taken from us. The sign is no use to anyone because your not the Lacheys. Also, the stop sign and the sign on the Bushy Creek Gate is missing. Parents please check around your property and have your child return the sign to us along with your presence. God help whoever took this property that did not belong to you because you need it.

Beth and Thomas Lachey,
Lakehills

THANKS FOR LIFE, BANDERA

Dear Editor,

EMT's, police men, and all who helped us on May 16 this year.

My husband Stephen Mullen had a Cardiac Arrest in your town, he was taken to Baptist Medical Center in San Antonio in a helicopter. I had started C.P.R. and the EMT's took over. What a wonderful, caring, professional group of people you have in your town.

Two of the lady EMT's drove my car right to the hospital, and one picked her up there.

My husband was at the hospital for two weeks, and had to have two surgeries, he is doing well now.

I misplaced the name of the lady's who drove me. But I owe you for saving my husbands life.

Stephen and Sandy Mullen,
Bellvue, Colorado

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RECORDS

OBITUARIES

BAUSCH

Alvin Clarence Bausch, 80, of Bandera, died Tuesday, October 8, in a local care center. He was born May 26, 1922 in Bandera County to Henry A. and Adelia Hohenberger Bausch. On November 29, 1953, he married Georgia Walker in Kerrville. Buster served in the Navy during World War II and was a life long rancher & fence building in Bandera County. In addition to his wife Georgia of Bandera, survivors include sisters, Norma Hamilton of Bandera, Alma Bausch of Bandera, Ida Mae Kutzer & husband Rex of Yoakum, Alice Buck & husband Claude of Hugo, Oklahoma, and Irene Steiler of Kerrville, one brother, Harold Bausch & wife Anna Faye of Bandera, sisters-in-law, Mildred Bausch of Bandera, Jessie Sides & husband Brady of Medina, Jean Walker of Campwood, and Ruth Goetzel of San Antonio, step-daughter, Retha Anderwald of Bandera, step-son, Johnny Anderwald & wife Susan of Roswell, New Mexico, 4 step-grandchildren, Danny Bowermaster of Bandera, Cody Lee Anderwald, Lake Henry Anderwald, and Sarah Anderwald all of New Mexico, and numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held Friday, October 11, at 2 p.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapel with Mr. Martin Smith officiating. Interment followed in Bandera Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Vistas Hospice, 100 N. Main St. Suite 101, San Antonio, TX 78205, and/or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel.

CHANDLER

L.D. "Chan" Chandler, 83, of Bandera, died Monday, October 7, in a local care center. He was born December 16, 1918 in West Point, Mississippi to Barry Earl Chandler and Creighton Dagenhardt Chandler. On August 20, 1983, he married Edith Kuhn in Medina. She survives. Chan was a long time resident of Medina before moving to Bandera three years ago, owned the Medina Insurance Agency from 1952 to 1986 and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Medina, member of the Rotary Club, member of the Flying L Golf Association, played professional quality golf in colleges, and for many years he played in the Life Begins at 40 Golf Tournament in Harlingen. Chan was a man of the highest intcgrity, his word was his bond. In addition to his wife Edith "Chubby" survivors include his son, Barry Earl Chandler and wife Pamela of Houston, sisters, Elizabeth Chandler of Norfolk, Virginia, and Lillian Kidwell of Alexandria, Virginia and one granddaughter, Ruth Ann Chandler. Pallbearers were Cole Luridschen, Randy McNaughton, Marlon Santos and Johnny Rodriguez, Jr. Services were scheduled for Thursday, October 10 at 2 p.m. at Grimes Chapel with Dr. Allie Balko officiating. Interment will follow in Oak Rest Cemetery. Family visitation was Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapel in Bandera. Memorials may be made to Vista Hospice, PMB 100 North Main St., Suite 101, San Antonio, TX 78205. Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

MAYHEW

Karolyn Mayhew, 64, of Pipe Creek, died Wednesday, October 9 at her residence. She was born April 24, 1938 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin to Melbourne and Hazel Ashenbrenner De Zuarte. On July 9, 1955, she married William E. Mayhew in Niles, Michigan. Karolyn worked in the nursing field for 30 years, was always an outgoing person, making friends with everyone, and was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She lived for her grandchildren and always had a happy outlook on life. In addition to her husband William of Pipe Creek, survivors include sons, Michael J. Mayhew and wife Janet of Austin, and Bryan E. Mayhew and wife Cindy of Pipe Creek, sister, Darlene Currens of Rockford, Illinois, brother, Richard De Zuarte of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and grandchildren Briana, Tyler and Jason Mayhew. Graveside services were held Monday, October 14 at 11:15 a.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, with Rev. Wade Strother officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel.

TOWNSEND

Memorial services for Bridget Townsend was held Tuesday, October 15, at 7 p.m. at Grimes Chapel in Bandera. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Yoakum. She was born June 26, 1982 in Pasadena to David D. Townsend and Patricia M. Sawney Townsend. Bridget was a very deep spiritual person, loved God, had aspirations of becoming a nurse, she was a good listener, cared about elderly people and babies, had many good friends, and she saw no bad or wrong in atyone. Survivors include her mother, Patricia Townsend of Bandera, father, David Townsend of Oklahoma, brothers, David Townsend of Ft. Lauderdale, and Robert Townsend of New Orleans and numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins. A memorials fund has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank in Bandera to help with expenses. Local arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Bandera.

WILLIAMS

Elizabeth Ann Williams, age 55 of Kerrville, passed away, Wednesday, October 9, 2002 at a San Antonio hospital. She was born to William and Alleen (Lehr) Williams on September 7, 1947 in Jasper, TX.

Elizabeth spent her life in the academic world. She graduated from the University of Texas with her Ph.D in computer science. The first half of Elizabeth's career was doing research at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. The latter half was spent in the Washington D.C. area working as a research scientist for the Institute for Defense Analyses, a prime contractor for the Department of Defense.

Elizabeth was an active marathon runner and was an avid snow skiier. She was a member of the Anapolis Striders and various professional organizations, but her heart remained in the Hill Country and the Bandera Ranch she grew up on. She purchased ranchland adjoining the family Bar W Ranch and planned to retire there. The Bar W Ranch's family cemetery is now her final resting place. Elizabeth influenced so many lives and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Her family includes her mother, Alleen Williams of Kerrville; three brothers, Glenn Williams of San Antonio, Karl Williams of Kerrville, and Rex Williams of San Antonio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services for Elizabeth will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2002, 10:00 a.m. at Notre Dame Catholic Church with Father Michael Boulette officiating. Interment will follow at the Williams Family Cemetery in Bandera County.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 291231, Kerrville, TX 78028

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

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

BANDERA COUNTY JAIL LOG

The following persons were arrested and booked into the Bandera County jail recently. It should be remembered that a person is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Anastasia Fields, 35, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/07/02 for issuance of a bad check. Jessika Taylor, 25, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/07/02 for capias pro fine warrant. Norman Moreno, 34, of Boerne, was arrested on 10/08/02 for unlawful carrying. Shawn Wyatt, 29, of Medina, was arrested on 10/08/02 for four issuance's of a bad check, three theft by check, three failure to appear warrants and one warrant from an outside agency. Thomas Mowery, 49, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/09/02 for two warrants from an outside agency. Randall Oliver, 30, of Lakehills, was arrested on 10/09/02 for a court order. Darrell Simmons, 43 ,of Medina, was arrested on 10/09/02 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Mark Allen, 23, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/09/02 for unlawful transporting of weapons, and burglary of a habitat. David Smasal, 36, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/09/02 for possession of marijuana under one gram. Richard Young, 78, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/10/02 for game law violation. Sarah McGee, 22, of Boerne, was arrested on 10/11/02 for driving while intoxicated, first. Brian McCrillis, 27, of Pipe Creek, was arrested on 10/11/02 for two traffic warrants, driving w/o a license and no liable insurance. Jesus Sierra, 40, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/11/02 for Public Intoxication and disorderly conduct. Bret Starr, 40, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/11/02 for driving w/o a license. John Smolka, 34, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/11/02 for two warrant's motion to revoke probation. Cari Davis, 29, of Mico, was arrested on 10/12/02 for two warrants from an outside agency. Jamie Quinby, 17, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/12/02 for minor in possession and public intoxication. Charles Lowe, 17, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/12/02 for minor in possession and public intoxication. Yvette Garcia, 17, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/12/02 for minor in possession and public intoxication. Brandi Baird, 17, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/12/02 for minor in possession and public intoxication. Juan Davila, 18, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/12/02 for minor in possession, driving under the influence, and other violations. Israel Garcia, 18, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/12/02 for minor in possession and public intoxication. Brian Trowbridge, 17, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/12/02 for minor in possession and public intoxication. Marcus Hawkins, 17, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/12/02 for minor in possession and public intoxication. Esteban Robles, 18, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/12/02 for minor in possession and public intoxication. Steven Harness, 18, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/12/02 for minor in possession and public intoxication. Felipe Navarro, 7, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/12/02 possession of paraphernalia and public intoxication. Nathan Nixon, 17, of Bandera, was arrested on 10/12/02 for possession of a controlled substance, under one gram, and possession of paraphernalia to inhale. Joseph Gourley, 20, of San Antonio, was arrested on 10/12/02 for speeding, no liable insurance, failure to appear, and traffic offenses. Hunter Hutchins, 18, of Castroville, was arrested on 10/12/02 for driving while intoxicated and minor in possession.

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Former BISD super's case quashed

The criminal complaint against former Bandera Independent School District Superintendent Gus "Skip" Pfeiffer was quashed by 216th District Court Judge Charlie Sherrill last week essentially ending a saga that goes back to 1999 when contracts for vending machines were signed by BISD officials Pfeiffer and, then Business Manager, Barbara LeStourgeon.

The Judge granted a defense motion to quash the misdemeanor charges against Pfeiffer of violating Texas Education Code and ruled that the code dealt with purchases and not leases.

Bandera County Attorney, Kerry Schneider disagreed with the judge's ruling.

"The agreements to purchase vending machines was a Lease Agreement, therefore the Defendant's position is that 44.032 does not apply. I think that is too strict an interpretation of the statute. The controlling statute is 44.031 - - a Purchasing Contract which refers to 'all school district contracts' and does not limit application to "purchase contracts".

Schneider also said the lease agreement that was signed by BISD indicated that the Uniform Commercial Code 2A applied, which defined "purchase agreement" to include lease agreements.

"The Lease Agreement has a Purchase Option provision which was pointed out to the court, so it is, in my opinion a purchase agreement," said Schneider.

"If the Judge's ruling is correct, there is nothing to protect the tax payers against this type of abuse."

Al Hamilton, former BISD Board of Trustee, also took exception with the Judge's ruling. "This is making a mockery of the law," said Hamilton. "The statute clearly refers to leases."

He and other trustees were shocked when they learned of the vending machine contracts in 1999.

"The judge is unfamiliar with business practices because leases are a common method of financing. The contract that Pfeiffer signed on behave of the school was clearly to pay a certain numbers of dollars and receive title to the goods, in this case, the vending machines."

"This was a purchase contract," Hamilton said. "That kind of convoluted reasoning on the part of the judge is pervasive in the court system today."

The leases were eventually voided in a settlement agreement that cost the Bandera ISD $30,000.

School Board approves fund balance policy, tweaks bond use policy

By Philip Billnitzer
Bulletin Managing Editor

Creating policy where there had been none before, the Bandera Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a policy that ensures trustee control of the district's reserve balance fund at its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

In response to her question, trustee Connie Manal was assured that all uses of the reserve fund, which is about at about $4 million, will be dealt with in open session. The local policy states that the board aims to "grow the fund balance to cover unforeseen fiscal problems and to use designated portions of the fund balance for items such as preventative maintenance of its facilities." Policies in the Kerrville and Ingram school districts had been examined in coming up with a policy for the BISD.

Superintendent Dr. Renee Schulz said the district became aware of the need for such a policy after the September audit process and because of the comments of "astute community members" at earlier meetings.

In another matter relating to finances, trustees approved mechanisms to make changes to bond projects. In response to recommendations made at the September meeting, the board approved a limit of $25,000 for specialty consultants, such as special engineers and environmental consultants, in accordance with state education code. The previous figure for consultants had been $30,000.

"I feel more comfortable with the new figure," Schulz said.

In other items from the regular agenda, the board tabled a request to use Bandera ISD property made by a local flood relief organization. Trustee Rand Hicks said he wanted the Interfaith Assistance League (IAL) to be certified as a non-profit group by the IRS before considering its request.

Trustee Laurie Neff said she supported the work of the group, but was concerned about setting a precedent. Rev. Raymond Powell said the group hopes to officially be designated as non-profit soon and will request using the old veterinary barn facilities for about 18 to 24 months, after which time they expect to have their mission accomplished. IAL is comprised of local churches.

In an effort to get more money for its used busses, the board voted unanimously to put four school busses and a cargo van up for sale through Adesa, a San Antonio auto auction barn. The year models ranged from 1977 to 1980 and are no longer economical to maintain, according to BISD Executive Director of Finance and Operations, Ed Richter. Each year, the transportation department attempts to purchase three new school busses to keep up with student population growth and to replace older busses. The schedule will allow for a complete turnover of the fleet every 16 years. Richter said in the past the district had been getting about $300 per used bus and hoped to about $1,200 per used bus now. A new 71-passenger bus costs about $147,000.

The board also took no action on a $2,500 bid from Antonio Quesada for three lots in Pebble Beach. Manal said accepting the bid for the property, which had been appraised at about $27,000, would not be responsible. Quesada, who is a property owner in the area, said because of the location of the property and it being a drainage area, it was not worth nearly what it was appraised at and that he had hoped to make the property a place where children could play. He said an ordinance in Pebble Beach prohibits young children from being in the parks without supervision. Several government entities would have had to approve the bid in order for Quesada to purchase it. He said he was purchasing it for his daughter.

The board also recognized the staff at Alkek Elementary. Fifth grade teacher Carla Kelly was recognized as the Outstanding Educator and attendance clerk Doris Doebbler was recognized as outstanding support staff.

The board approved a final payment of $11,250 to Dorazio Enterprises for work on Bulldog Stadium. Schulz took the opportunity to emphasize the payment was from the fund balance and not from the general fund. The final bill for the project wound up being $3,000 less than Dorazio's bid because a $3,000 contingency fund was not used.

The October Board meeting was at the Alternative Education Placement Center. Next month's meeting will be at Hill Country Elementary School.

BIKERS TO THE BEACH



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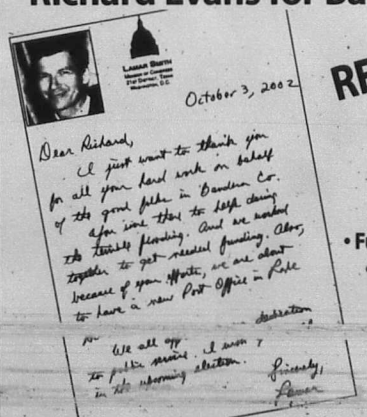
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Bring your horses and join the Hill Country Area Partners for two special trail rides. The morning ride heads out at 9 a.m. and the moonlight ride heads out at dark for a spectacular moonlight ride through the park. There is a $5. charge for each ride.

In addition to the musical entertainment in the afternoon, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Bandera's own world -renowned trick roper is scheduled to appear, and Cowboy Craig along with Texas longhorn, Oreo, will be on hand for photo opportunities. Cowboy story- telling and demonstrations are also scheduled. An old-fashioned western tack swap meet, mixed with arts and crafts will take place around Chaga's house. Bring your lawn chairs and plan on spending the day and dancing the night away the evening on the sawdust covered barn floor.

The Lone Star Legacy is an endowment fund administered by the Parks and Wildlife Foundation. During Legacy Weekend usual park admission is waived. However, all donations collected at the park during the weekend benefit the Hill Country State Natural Area's endowment fund. Your contribution directly benefits the park and is an investment in the legacy of providing an opportunity for visitors to enjoy an outdoor experience for generations to come.

For further information contact Hill Country State Natural Area at (830) 796-4413 or Bandera Visitors Center at 800-364-3833.

Pipe Creek man killed in weekend head-on collision on 1283 near Medina Lake

A 19-year-old Pipe Creek man died Sunday as a result of a head-on collision on Highway 1283, two miles south of the Hilltop convenience store in Medina County near Medina Lake.

Jonathan Varner was driving his 1998 Ford F150 pickup when a 1986 Buick passed in a no passing zone and collided head-on with Varner's truck.

Richard Cordova, the driver of the Buick, and Edward Ramirez, Brittany Morrow and Norma Hinajosa, all from San Antonio, were pronounced dead at the scene by Medina County Justice of the Peace Lathe.

Varner died later at University Hospital.

The accident scene was investigated by Trooper George Sisneros, Trooper Ronad Macias and Trooper Damon Derr.

"I've been working accidents for 20 years," said Derr. "This is the worst I've ever seen."

A full accident reconstruction will be conducted at the scene.

Court

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but most healthy adults who get the virus will mistake it for the flu. Dead birds, especially blue jays, should be picked up only if you are wearing protective gloves. The Texas Department of Health has established a number for concerns about the disease. It's 512-458-7255. Vaccines are available for horses, but not for humans. Like encephalitis, the disease is not expected to be a temporary phenomena.

"With a little common sense, we'll have to learn to live with it," Thigpen said.

Northside Ford of San Antonio was awarded the bids for Sheriff's vehicles. The department is buying three cars and a truck this year. The vehicles came in under the amount budgeted. The cost of the truck is $19,891.

In other items, commissioners

• Agreed to contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding flood damage mitigation efforts in Pct. 1.

• Accepted a check for $850 from Helping Hand to assist with asbestos removal at their building

• Watched a presentation by Bandera ISD administration regarding the bond issue

• Approved a fee schedule for sheriff and constables' fees for writs and citations. All fees remained the same as last year.

• Went into executive session to discuss real estate matters and took action out of session

Clarification: In a previous story on the county budget, Richard Collins said his remarks on Bandera County EMS were mischaracterized. He said a committee of working EMS members should determine the criteria for the director of the county's EMS, but did not state the working committee should control all EMS operations.

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American Legion To Hold Bazaar

The Lakehills American Legion Aux. is planning a Christmas Bazaar for Nov. 9. Start making goodies and reserving tables now. Call Evie Angell at (830) 612-2817 for more information.

Jr. Class To Wait Tables

The BHS Junior class will be waiting tables at El Jacalito's on Monday, October 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. to raise money for the Junior and Senior Prom. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Class of '82 Tailgate Party

The class of 1982 will be having a tailgate party on October 25 before the Bandera Homecoming football game. It will be held at the Bandera Middle School cafeteria between 5 and 7 p.m. All classmates and their families are urged to attend for some good "ole fashion visiting". Call Telvy Robbins at 796-3367.

Farm & Ranch Seminar

A free farm and ranch seminar will be Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m.at Barkley's Farm and Ranch, 32450 IH 10 West, one-half mile south of Boerne. The seminar will cover methods of increasing profit and reducing expenses through non-toxic holistic range management practices, techniques that have allowed many ranchers to double stocking rates, dramatically reduce expenses, and at the same time increase the quality of grass and soil fertility. The event will be hosted by Bob Webster of the KTSA Gardener Show and Malcolm Back, founder of Gardenville. This seminar is free of charge, but please call (830) 249-2656 to reserve seating.

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PUMPKIN PATCH PANTS



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Hundreds of people flocked to the Love Creek Orchards' Great Hill Country Pumpkin Patch last weekend to enjoy the scarecrow building, pumpkin painting, hayrides, hay maze, storytelling and Orchards tours. One of the many children dressing scarecrows fills this pair of pants with hay for the classic look all scarecrows will be wearing this fall. The Pumpkin Patch continues on Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22 and the finial weekend will be Oct. 26, 27, 28 and 29. For more pictures, see page 7A.

Muderer's story leads to grisly discovery

BY PHILIP BILLNITZER
BULLETIN MANAGING EDITOR

Bexar County Medical examiners confirmed last week the remains of a body found at Middle Verde Ranch on FM 1077 in Medina County were that of a Wharton's Dock teenager who had been missing since January, 2001.



Townsend

Ramiro Gonzales, 19, of Bandera told the Bandera County Sheriff James MacMillian on Monday, Oct. 7 that he had sexually assaulted and killed Bridgette Townsend, age 18, after she caught him burglarizing the trailer of her boyfriend, Jose Leal. Gonzales said Leal, 32, who was later convicted on charges of delivering cocaine, was his cocaine dealer.

Gonzales' confession came about two weeks after he had been convicted on charges aggravated rape and sexual assault in the case of a local businesswoman. He still maintains his innocent of those charges even though the ranch that the local businesswoman escaped from is the same one where Townsend's remains were discovered.

Gonzales said he was trying to be a better person and made the revelation so the victim's mother would not have to live the rest of her life wondering what happened to her daughter. He said acted alone and he felt as though the Lord had forgiven him and like a weight had been lifted off his shoulders.

"I am very sorry for what I did," he said. "Telling truth about it was the right thing to do."

The investigation is being handled by the Medina County and Bandera County sheriff's departments.

"By all indications, Bridgette was a well-known and well-liked girl," MacMillian said.

MacMillian said Gonzales took investigators directly to where he left the body, where they found a skull and other bones. Which county will file charges against Gonzales has yet to be determined, MacMillian said. Gonzales told the Bulletin he expects to face capital murder charges.

In order to deal with many related expenses, such as the victim's family having to pay for dental records and funeral costs, A trust fund for the the family of Townsend has been established at Guaranty Bank in Bandera. Persons wishing to contribute can go by the bank on Main Street or mail them to Bridgette Townsend Fund, P.O. Box 1299, Bandera, TX 78003.

A memorial service was held for Townsend on Tuesday evening at Grimes Funeral Chapel. A burial service will be held in Yoakum on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

See related column on page 4 and the complete obituary on page 5 of this issue of The Bandera Bulletin.

Commissioners consider bail bond board, subdvision group to set Bandera standards

BY PHILIP BILLNITZER
BULLETIN MANAGING EDITOR

Bail bond companies in Bandera could be held to a higher standard, if Sheriff James MacMillian has his way.

MacMillian suggested the Bandera County form a bail bond board at the County Commissioners meeting on Thursday. "I think it's time to consider licensing the bail bond business in this county," MacMillian said. "It's a business that needs regulation and I don't have the staff to do it."

In addition to his concerns about bond companies becoming overextended financially, he said some companies have gone so far as to have their employees hand out business cards at local bars and tell people if they get in trouble to give the bond company a call. The Sheriff added that some companies operating in the county are in favor of regulations.

MacMillian current regulations require the bail bond board to include representatives from the district clerk, county clerk, county treasurer, sheriff's office, county judge's office and the bail bond business. Other entities would be also have to be represented and the bond business representative would have to be elected, he said. The group would be establish operating procedures, including financial standards. The state does not require bail bond boards for counties with populations of less than 110,000, MacMillian said, but said it is needed here.

County Judge Richard Evans said he's convinced there is a real need for the bail bond board, but it might be six weeks or so before the board has its first meeting.

Also at the meeting, commissioners Ronald Basinger and Nancy Westerfield were charged with reconvening the subdivision rules committee. During a discussion of greenbelts and open space in subdivisions, Jim Hannah said subdivision regulations lacked a table of contents and some sections of the standards had been "x'ed out". Evans and commissioners agreed the need for housing for groups like teachers exists. No one in the group wanted to see the county become another Helotes, but it was agreed more infrastructure needs to be in place and clearer regulations might lead to that.

"We need to be inventive to save our county and to keep it as a good place to live at the same time," Evans said. "We have a disadvantage, having only one square mile of city in the county."

Commissioner Richard Keese said there need to be regulations, but there also needs to be respect for property owners' rights. "It's been a basic tenant of our Republic for the last 200 years," he said.

Commissioners also toured the old Silver Sage building behind City Hall. Evans said the county would like to locate the County Attorney's office, the Adult Probation office and the Department of Public Safety office in the building. The move has been budgeted for this fiscal year and the only remaining costs will be those associated with phone lines, partitions and other modest renovations, Evans said.

In another item brought before the court, county extension agent Warren Thigpen showed a short videotape on West Nile virus and what can be done to prevent it. Wearing long sleeves shirts and pants during dusk and dawn, which high activity times for mosquitoes, is a good idea, as are insect repellants. The tape said West Nile virus was first confirmed in Africa in 1937 and is spread primarily by migrating birds. There have been no confirmed cases in Bandera County in humans or in birds.

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New Library Director named

John Hegemier has been named the new Director of the Kronkosky Library of Bandera County and will begin his new duties on Oct. 12, according to the the Bandera Public Library Corp.

Hegemier holds a BBA in Finance and a Master of Library Science, both from the University of Texas at Austin. Born in Ohio, he moved to San Antonio at the age of 10 graduating from Churchill High School. He has lived, worked and studied in Austin for the past 20 years. A reception to welcome him to Bandera on Nov. 19 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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FYI

Republican Women To Meet Oct. 18

The Bandera County Republican Women's Club will have its monthly meeting on Friday, Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. with a soup and salad luncheon at the American Legion Hall.

American Legion To Hold Bazaar

The Lakehills American Legion Aux. is planning a Christmas Bazaar for Nov. 9. Start making goodies and reserving tables now. Call Evie Angell at (830) 612-2817 for more information.

Jr. Class To Wait Tables

The BHS Junior class will be waiting tables at El Jacalito's on Monday, October 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. to raise money for the Junior and Senior Prom. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Class of '82 Tailgate Party

The class of 1982 will be having a tailgate party on October 25 before the Bandera Homecoming football game. It will be held at the Bandera Middle School cafeteria between 5 and 7 p.m. All classmates and their families are urged to attend for some good "ole fashion visiting". Call Telvy Robbins at 796-3367.

Farm & Ranch Seminar

A free farm and ranch seminar will be Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m.at Barkley's Farm and Ranch, 32450 IH 10 West, one-half mile south of Boerne. The seminar will cover methods of increasing profit and reducing expenses through non-toxic holistic range management practices, techniques that have allowed many ranchers to double stocking rates, dramatically reduce expenses, and at the same time increase the quality of grass and soil fertility. The event will be hosted by Bob Webster of the KTSA Gardener Show and Malcolm Back, founder of Gardenville. This seminar is free of charge, but please call (830) 249-2656 to reserve seating.

NEW DEADLINES

As of Oct. 1, the Bandera Bulletin copy and photo deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Help us keep Bandera County informed!

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PUMPKIN PATCH PANTS



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Hundreds of people flocked to the Love Creek Orchards' Great Hill Country Pumpkin Patch last weekend to enjoy the scarecrow building, pumpkin painting, hayrides, hay maze, storytelling and Orchards tours. One of the many children dressing scarecrows fits this pair of pants with hay for the classic look all scarecrows will be wearing this fall. The Pumpkin Patch continues on Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22 and the final weekend will be Oct. 25, 27, 28 and 29. For more pictures, see page 7A.

Commissioners consider bail bond board, subdvision group to set Bandera standards

BY PHILIP BILLNITZER
BULLETIN MANAGING EDITOR

Bail bond companies in Bandera could be held to a higher standard, if Sheriff James MacMillian has his way.

MacMillian suggested the Bandera County form a bail bond board at the County Commissioners meeting on Thursday. "I think it's time to consider licensing the bail bond business in this county," MacMillian said. "It's a business that needs regulation and I don't have the staff to do it."

In addition to his concerns about bond companies becoming overextended financially, he said some companies have gone so far as to have their employees hand out business cards at local bars and tell people if they get in trouble to give the bond company a call. The Sheriff added that some companies operating in the county are in favor of regulations.

MacMillian current regulations require the bail bond board to include representatives from the district clerk, county clerk, county treasurer, sheriff's office, county judge's office and the bail bond business. Other entities would be also have to be represented and the bond business representative would have to be elected, he said. The group would be establish operating procedures, including financial standards. The state does not require bail bond boards for counties with populations of less than 110,000, MacMillian said, but said it is needed here.

County Judge Richard Evans said he's convinced there is a real need for the bail bond board, but it might be six weeks or so before the board has its first meeting.

Also at the meeting, commissioners Ronald Basinger and Nancy Westerfield were charged with reconvening the subdivision rules committee. During a discussion of greenbelts and open space in subdivisions, Jim Hannah said subdivision regulations lacked a table of contents and some sections of the standards had been "x'ed out". Evans and commissioners agreed the need for housing for groups like teachers exists. No one in the group wanted to see the county become another Helotes, but it was agreed more infrastructure needs to be in place and clearer regulations might lead to that:

"We need to be inventive to save our County and to keep it as a good place to live at the same time," Evans said. "We have a disadvantage, having only one square mile of city in the county."

Commissioner Richard Keese said there need to be regulations, but there also needs to be respect for property owners' rights. "It's been a basic tenant of our Republic for the last 200 years," he said.

Commissioners also toured the old Silver Sage building behind City Hall. Evans said the county would like to locate the County Attorney's office, the Adult Probation office and the Department of Public Safety office in the building. The move has been budgeted for this fiscal year and the only remaining costs will be those associated with phone lines, partitions and other modest renovations, Evans said.

In another item brought before the court, county extension agent Warren Thigpen showed a short videotape on West Nile virus and what can be done to prevent it. Wearing long sleeves shirts and pants during dusk and dawn, which high activity times for mosquitoes, is a good idea, as are insect repellants. The tape said West Nile virus was first confirmed in Africa in 1937 and is spread primarily by migrating birds. There have been no confirmed cases in Bandera County in humans or in birds,

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Muderer's story leads to grisly discovery

BY PHILIP BILLNITZER
BULLETIN MANAGING EDITOR

Bexar County Medical examiners confirmed last week the remains of a body found at Middle Verde Ranch on FM 1077 in Medina County were that of a Wharton's Dock teenager who had been missing since January, 2001.



Townsend

Ramiro Gonzales, 19, of Bandera told the Bandera County Sheriff James MacMillian on Monday, Oct. 7 that he had sexually assaulted and killed Bridgette Townsend, age 18, after she caught him burglarizing the trailer of her boyfriend, Jose Leal. Gonzales said Leal, 32, who was later convicted on charges of delivering cocaine, was his cocaine dealer.

Gonzales' confession came about two weeks after he had been convicted on charges aggravated rape and sexual assault in the case of a local businesswoman. He still maintains his innocent of those charges even though the ranch that the local businesswoman escaped from is the same one where Townsend's remains were discovered.

Gonzales said he was trying to be a better person and made the revelation so the victim's mother would not have to live the rest of her life wondering what happened to her daughter. He said acted alone and he felt as though the Lord had forgiven him and like a weight had been lifted off his shoulders.

"I am very sorry for what I did," he said. "Telling truth about it was the right thing to do."

The investigation is being handled by the Medina County and Bandera County sheriff's departments.

"By all indications, Bridgette was a well-known and well-liked girl," MacMillian said.

MacMillian said Gonzales took investigators directly to where he left the body, where they found a skull and other bones. Which county will file charges against Gonzales has yet to be determined, MacMillian said. Gonzales told the Bulletin he expects to face capital murder charges.

In order to deal with many related expenses, such as the victim's family having to pay for dental records and funeral costs, A trust fund for the the family of Townsend has been established at Guaranty Bank in Bandera. Persons wishing to contribute can go by the bank on Main Street or mail them to Bridgette Townsend Fund, P.O. Box 1290, Bandera, TX 78003.

A memorial service was held for Townsend on Tuesday evening at Grimes Funeral Chapel. A burial service will be held in Yoakum on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

See related column on page 4 and the complete obituary on page 5 of this issue of The Bandera Bulletin.

New Library Director named

John Hegemier has been named the new Director of the Kronkosky Library of Bandera County and will begin his new duties on Oct 12, according to the the Bandera Public Library Corp.

Hegemier holds a BBA in Finance and a Master of Library Science, both from the University of Texas at Austin. Born in Ohio, he moved to San Antonio at the age of 10 graduating from Churchill High School. He has lived, worked and studied in Austin for the past 20 years. A reception to welcome him to Bandera on Nov. 19 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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BOYSEN, ZIGGY WIN AT NATIONAL AMHA SHOW



Cancie Boysen and her miniature horse Ziggy garnered a Top Ten award, placing ninth in the Jumper Class at the 2002 American Miniature Horse Association National Show in Fort Worth from Sept. 2 to Oct. 6. Candice was a first time participant in the show and Ziggy is a 5-year-old Palomino gelding bred by Rodney and Pete Camp of Bandera. A freshman at Medina High School, Boysen is a member of the Medina FFA Chapter, Medina 4H Club and 4H Horse Project. It was through the Horse Project that Candice was first introduced to miniature horses. The national show consisted of more than 1,200 miniature horses in 171 classes.

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We will also be holding a bake sale on Oct. 26 at the Pipe Creek Flea Market. We need volunteers for these events so please call us if you can help.

Tea parties, Teddy Bears make for fun events

By Bungy Hartshorn

A friend was talking about a recent "tea" she had been invited to, in a cottage in Ireland!

Well, that got me to thinking about "teas" that I'd participated in, over the years. When we were growing up, we nearly always had tea around 5 p.m. It was kind of like growing up on a ranch, except we lived right on the Pacific Ocean in California. There was always plenty of work to do, and at the end of a hard day at school, a 5-mile walk home and lots of chores, we'd allgather in the living room, and have cups of hot tea, cookies, cake, or even little finger sandwiches smeared with pineapple cream cheese. Supper was served at 7 p.m.

In the winter, with the storms were blowing in off the sea, we'dbrave the freezing cold Pacific for a quick swim, then, we'd get hot chocolate with big dollops of real whipped cream from a neighbor's cow.

My older sister lives high on a cliff above the Pacific in NorthernCalifornia, now, and still "does" tea.

But, the other day, I was invited to the primo tea of my life! It was being given in honor of the 100th birthday of the teddy bear, of all things! There were about ten of us, and we were asked to bring our favorite teddy bear, and if we didn't have one, bring a story abouta teddy bear. I certainly didn't have a teddy bear, but I brought my story.

When I was eight, we lived in a canyon in the Hollywood Hills, and at Halloween, we kids all got together to go trick-or-treating. Up the street and down the street, until we finally got to the house that was directly across from our house. We knocked on the door. It was flung open, and we saw a party going on.

The gentleman said, "Come on in kids, and bob for apples". We had a great time, and as we were leaving, the gal friend started blubbering all over the place, all the while handing each of us orge of her teddy bears from when she was a kid. The next week, he was arrested. It was the notorious mob boss, Bugsey Segal, and his moll, Virginia.

Back to our tea party. We all tried to dress as if we were Queen Elizabeth, with big hats, gloves, lacy collared blouses, and gloves. I wore a white chicken feather hat that fit on like a bathing cap, and carried a bright kelly green shiny plastic purse. All of us arrived at the same time and were ushered into a house filled with teddy bears!

They were everywhere, doing everything - playing piano, baking cookies, sewing patchwork quilts and, even reading the Bible. I mean every corner was filled with these darling teddy bears, all acting human.

The actual tea was spectacular. The table held us all, adorned with a fancy lace table cloth. Each setting was different, and all English china. There were five tea pots strung down the center of the table, each a real English pot, with a different kind of tea. The delectable repast was scones, gingerbread, cakes, cookies and more. It was a feast, and we all went off merrily on our way, to await the next "Birthday of the Teddy Bears".

By the way, it was Teddy Roosevelt who made the teddy bear popular, while he was saving the forests of America.

An aside: We were having a yard sale, the other day, and in amongst the millions of people, there stood Shirley Short, and Becky Holzhaus, both of Bandera Post Office fame. Small world!

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Bandera SWCD learns much at visit to Kerr Wildlife Area



Members of the Bandera SWCD are shown a runoff demonstration during their visit to the Kerr Wildlife Management Area.

The Bandera SWCD sponsored a bus trip to the Kerr Wildlife Management Area near Hunt last week to familiarize landowners with the latest information on deer and rangeland management. The Kerr Area is world famous for the cutting edge research they have initiated concerning deer genetics and nutrition. As part of their program, they have developed techniques of grazing management where they maximize the benefits for both cattle and wildlife.

Fire has been used as an integral part of the brush management program on the Kerr Area. With the improvement in the rangeland quality, the calf weaning weights have increased to average better than 550 pounds per animal. Fire is used to manage brush as well as the vegetation available for wildlife. By burning with a "cool or a hot" fire at a particular time of year, certain species of plants can be improved or increased.

Work is also being done to determine the amount of rainfall runoff and groundwater percolation. Comparisons are made between types of rangeland cover and grazing systems.

The work on deer genetics has been recognized worldwide. Their breeding programs have demonstrated the importance of not only the genetics involved in antler and body development but also the critical importance of nutrition. For a landowner interested in developing a top quality deer herd, especially if using high fence containment, a trip to the Kerr Area will supply a wealth of information.

The Bandera SWCD hopes to sponsor a yearly trip to the Kerr Area if the landowner interest develops. Talk to the directors or contact the Bandera office of the NRCS for additional information. Their phone number is 796-3334.



Bandera SWCD members saw an example of a genetically engineered deer at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area during a recent visit.

Poll ranks Texas business climate high

Top corporate decision makers view Texas as the state with the most favorable business climate in the nation, according to a survey of top corporate site selectors doing by a New York economic development marketing firm.

But while that positive perception is enough to get Texas serious consideration when a business is looking to locate or expand, it may not be the deciding factor.

"It's good news that business people still recognize Texas, pro-business attitude. That's an asset when you are trying to attract economic development," Jeff Moseley, Executive Director of Texas Economic Development said. "But it's not enough to seal the deal. TxED is in the business of showing people that Texas is not only a good place to do business. It's the best place in the world to operate and build a successful business."

The survey, which was conducted this summer by Developmental Counsellors International (DCI), polled executives from companies with annual revenues of more than $100 million. The survey targeted top executives with direct site selection responsibilities. The results are based on the responses from 287 executives.

Of those surveyed, 25 percent listed Texas as the state with the most favorable business climate, surpassing North Carolina, with 20 percent, and South Carolina, with 18 percent. In a similar DCI poll in 1999, Texas also was chosen as the state with the most favorable business climate. In that poll, however, 30 percent of the executives surveyed listed Texas as their top choice.

Business people love to do business here, Texas economist Ray Perryman, principal of the Perryman Group in Waco and one of the state's leading economists said. "But if the question is 'Where are you going to put your next plant?' - that's where we fall off the radar screen. It doesn't matter where they like to be - it's a bottom line decision. We make lots of short lists, but there is no second place in economic development. Second place gets you a fruit basket," Perryman said.

The positive perception has not resulted in Texas leading the nation in business locations. A study done last year by a national consulting firm, Frost and Sullivan, entitled An Analysis of Site Selection Factors and Perceptions of Texas, indicated that business locations in Texas have been dropping for the past few years.

As you can see, it's not always so easy to be a long-term investor. But, in the final analysis, the effort is well worth it.

What it means to be a long term investor

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During times of market turbulence, you may hear how important it is to stay focused on the long term. But what, exactly, does it mean to be a long-term investor? And what can you do to become one?

To begin with, you need to set your long-term goals. For most people, these goals revolve around retirement. What sort of retirement lifestyle have you envisioned for yourself? Will you work part- time? Travel? Live in a vacation home for part of the year?

After you've clarified your goals, you need to quantify them. How much money will you need? You don't need to know the precise amount, of course, but you should come up with a good estimate. And, once you've got a number in mind, you'll need to determine how much you have to save and invest each year to reach that figure.

A qualified financial professional can help you develop an investment strategy that meets your individual needs, goals, tolerance for risk and time horizon. But if you're going to be a successful long-term investor, you need more than that. You need discipline. You need patience. And you need the ability to persevere in the face of adversity.

What actions can you take to develop these traits? Consider the following suggestions:

Always keep your goals in mind. Every time you make an investment decision - no matter how seemingly insignificant - think about why you're investing. You may even want to use some visual "cues." For example, if you want to retire early, print your projected year of retirement on a card - and keep it on your desk. If you want to own a vacation home, cut out a picture of a house on a beach, and paste it on a folder containing your investment information. These types of things may sound simplistic, but they can serve as valuable reminders of what you want to accomplish.

Ignore distractions. Basically, once you've established your personalized investment strategy, everything else is a distraction. Headlines about corporate accounting scandals are a distraction. Steep, short-term market plunges are a distraction. Your neighbor's tip on a "hot" stock is a distraction. They're all distractions - and there are hundreds and thousands more of them out there, every day, week or month. If you're always studying your investments' performance, you are unquestionably going to see things you don't like - and you might be tempted to make unwise changes. In other words, don't waste time studying reams of "snapshots." Instead, give the "big picture" time to develop. However, you may want to meet with your investment professional for a portfolio review at least once a year, or whenever you face a major change in your life or your financial situation.

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A Thought for the Week

by John M. Grimes



Although it is generally recognized today that Columbus was not the first to discover America (the Scandinavians came hundreds of years earlier), the Italian's voyage opened up the New World. It was the most significant and meaningful. On August 3, 1492, Columbus sailed from Palos, Spain, on that historic crossing. We celebrate Columbus' Day in October, of course, when he finally reached an island in the Caribbean. Christopher Columbus was born in 1451, day and month unknown, in Genoa, Italy, and changed his name to Christobal Colon when he entered the naval service of Spain. Americans Anglicized his name to Christopher Columbus. Columbus carried with him ninety crewmen and sixty leagues of sailing area reached the island of Watling, which he named San Salvador. All his discoveries he made three other voyages to the New World brought him no reward from Spain's monarchs, as promised, and he died a poor man in 1506 in Spain.

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MISD superintendent addresses baseball, softball concerns

(Editor's note: The Bulletin recently received the following letter from Randy Moczygemba, Superintendent, Medina ISD.)

It has been brought to my attention that there have been rumors circulating that Medina ISD has made a decision to terminate the baseball program. I would like to take this opportunity to clear the air and make the facts known.

First, the Medina Independent School District Board of Trustees has not discussed the termination of the baseball program as an action item in the two years that I have been superintendent at Medina. The only reason that we would not have a team this year is if not enough boys come out to field a team.

Second, the only time that the baseball program has been discussed was in respect to the action item on adding a girls' softball program at the school board meeting on July 13.

For the record, I would like to make the facts known regarding the district's decision on the softball program also.

Medina ISD conducted a survey this past spring in response to students and parents who wanted to see a high school softball program added. This survey was given to all girls who were in athletics and who would be in the 9-12 grades during the 2002-2003 school year. The survey was also made available in the high school office and announcements were made daily for a four-week period.

When the surveys were reviewed at the July meeting, only nine had been returned. Of these, one student was a 7th grader who would not be eligible to play softball during the 2002-2003 school year. Based on this information, my recommendation to the board was not to implement a program due to the fact that we did not have enough interest to field a team. The board took no action on this item of business.

The board has asked that we continue to conduct a survey each year and to add a parent meeting into the process. Please watch for the survey and the date of the parent meeting in April, 2003.

If you have any questions regarding baseball or softball at Medina High School, please feel free to contact Randy Moczygemba, Superintendent, at 830-589-2855.



A Medina runner brook loose for a big gain on this play against Center Point. The Bobcats lost a heart breaker to Center Point on Friday in their district opener.

Medina falls short against Center Point

The Medina Bobcats lost a hard fought home game to the Center Point Pirates by a score of 14-12 on Friday night.

The Bobbats district record stands at 0-1 while the Center Point Pirates improved in the district to 2-0.

The first score of the night came on a 10-yard run by Center Point's Shelby Fiedler. The extra point was blocked by the Bobcats with two seconds left in the first quarter.

The second and final score for the Pirates was also made by Fiedler. It came in the second quarter with only 3:10 left on a 4-yard run. The successful 2 point conversion that followed proved to the deciding factor in the close contest.

The Bobcats came clawing back with only one seconds left in the second quarter on Chance Haby 3-yard touchdown run, but the 2-point try failed.

The final score of the night came in the third quarter with 6:47 seconds when Medina's Haby ran in from two yards away for the Bobcats' second touchdown. The local fans were left disappointed when the 2-point try was unsuccessful.

The fiesty Bobcats had a total of ten first downs and 317 rushes for a total of 138 yards. Medina passed for 87 yards, completing four of 11 attempts with an interception. Quarterback Aaron Seymour was the only Medina passer. Rusty Brainsma had two receptions for 83 yards, while Haby hauled in two receptions for 4 yards.

Chris Kinsey shined with awesome punting. He had five punts for an average of 45.2 yards with his longest punts of the night being 60 yards and 53 yards.

Medina also had 54 yards in returns.

They were penalized six times for a total of 20 yards compared to the Pirates six penalties for 35 yards.

Haby had 20 carries for 85 yards; John Vinery had seven carries for 38 yards.

LeMeilleur had eight tackles, with seven of them being the solo variety. He also batted down a pass and blocked an extra point.

Playing free safety, Haby also had an excellent nigh on defense. He recorded eight tackles, including five solo.

Defensive tackle Taylor Dabney had a pair of tackles with one caused fumble and a fumble recovery to his credit.

The Bobcats aim to get back on the winning track against La Pryor on at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. There is no junior varsity game this week. The junior high team will host La Pryor at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.





Bobcats Cross Country Team is in full swing and the Cats are on the prowl across the Hill Country. All the Cats are making good times. Upcoming meets will be at Ingram on Oct. 12, district at Nueces Canyon on Oct. 16 at 1:00p.m. and regional qualifiers at Comfort on Oc.t 19, Regionals at UTSA on Nov. 2, and the UII State Meet at Round Rock on Nov. 9.

BMS spike teams take it to Texans

By Mark Cummings, BMS Coach

The Bandera Middle School Lady Bulldogs teams started the second half of their volleyball season winning three of four matches against the Wimberley Texans on Sept. 30.

The 7th grade B-team played with a lot of heart against the Texans, yet was not able to get the win. They lost the first game 15-13, after falling behind by more than 11 points. The second match was a barn burner with the B team fighting to the very end. Unfortunately, despite the girls' heart felt determination and desire, the match ended 22-20 in favor of Wimberley.

Outstanding players for the B-team were Brittney Guerra, Ali Fernandez for their great plays at the net and Megan Laughlin for her great defense.

The A-team revenged their sister act before them, defeating Wimberley in three games, 13-15, 15-14, and 16-14. Wimberley had beaten the A team decisively on August 26. Like the B-team, determination and desire were the key factors in the A teams win. Outstanding players were Keli Shearhart, Savannah Mendoza, and Lindsey Dallose.

The 8th grade A-team and B team both came out winners. The score during the B team's first game went back and forth until Bandera made four serves in a row to pull ahead and get the win. The second game Wimberley came out strong, but the Lady Bulldogs made a seven point deficit comeback led by Casey Labuave and Sydney Parker to finish off the Texans. Final scores for the B team were 16-14 and 17-15.

Having lost close games in the first round against the Texans, the 8th grade A team was not going to go down with out a fight this time. The A team struggled in their first game ending in a loss, but showed their true colors to comeback and win the second and third games. Top Scorers for the A-team were Kara Loper and Kay Kay Williamson.

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CHARLIE ROBISON BIOGRAPHY

You can't swing a cat in Music City without hitting a ruggedly handsome, would-be cowpoke of a singer, but–like a parking lot full of SUV's–there's only a precious few of them that ever actually get down'n'dirty. Columbia/Lucky Dog recording artist Charlie Robison is one of those rare birds who talk the talk and walk the walk.

Born and raised in Bandera in a ranching family that's worked the same stretch of Hill Country since the 1840s, Robison spent his time growing up on a full plate of time-honored Lone Star endeavors--working the ranch, playing football, singing country songs and raising his fair share of heck.

A stint playing college football made short work of his knees, but Charlie still keeps his cowboy chops sharp on the ol' homestead--that is, when he isn't on the road delivering his raucous, cross-cut brand of rockin', stompin' country with an in-your-face omeriness that his both set him apart from the crowd and made him something of a lightning rod.

The hard-won success of STEP RIGHT UP (Robison's second disc for Columbia/Lucky Dog) has kept his ranching time to a minimum of late, though. Charlie's inspired, lust-in-the-dust remake of NRBQ's "I Want You Bad" scored a sizable run in country's Top 30 while simultaneously making inroads on the college radio market, and his spirited, stage-quaking live performances have earned him a fast-growing reputation as an act that must be seen to be fully appreciated.

Embracing elements of such mavericks as Steve Earle, Townes Van Zandt, Doug Sahm, John Prine, Guy Clark, and even Bruce Springsteen, Robison keeps it all real with a heartland/populist approach that blends his natural gifts as a storyteller with a genuine affection for high-steppin' honky tonk and a rocker's instinct to rattle the cage.

Charlie's honest, "what you see is what you get" stance has helped him to become a true "crossover" entertainer who's been welcomed on The Grand Ole Opry, "Austin City Limits," "The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborne" and at a Miller Beer Tailgate Party prior to a Dallas Cowboys game.



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Bulldogs batter Owls; Ingram next



Junior Chad Thompson and senior Keith Winter lead Bandera to the sidelines before the start of the game at Hondo.



Quarterback Brett Hicks gets congratulations from his dad Rand and others after a job well done in Hondo. The Division I college prospect hit 11 of 17 passes with no interceptions.



Senior Jessie Sierra breaks up a pass intended for an Owl receiver in the fourth quarter.



Bulldog head coach Mike Williamson gives Synjyn Dodd a well-deserved pat on the head after Bandera defeated Hondo 33-20 last Friday night. The Bulldogs start District 25-3A play this week at home against Ingram. Both teams are 4-1.



Scott Jennings (No. 19) is an all-around talent. Here, he closes in for a tackle on Hondo running back. The senior also excels as a place kicker and receiver for the Bandera Bulldogs.

Though pleased overall, Coach Mike Williamson is looking for even better things from the Bandera Bulldogs after last week's 33-20 win at Hondo.

With 4-1 Ingram coming to town this Friday for the first District 25-3A game of the season, he'll likely need to see Bandera near its best to win. Prior to downing the Owls in a hard-hitting contest on the road, Bandera had outscored its opponents 111-0. Williamson is hoping the Owl game helped prepare his team for rugged competition in district.

Bandera gained 401 yards in offense and limited the Owls to 207 yards. The Bulldogs managed to lead 26-13 at the half despite losing three fumbles in the first quarter.

Bandera scored on a safety with 6:26 to go in the first quarter, when Hondo snapped the ball out of the back of the end zone on a punt try. A.J. Caza had a key sack of Hondo quarterback Sam Overly on the on the defensive series prior to the safety.

Bandera rang up its first touchdown of the game a little more than three minutes later when Ryan Tierney cut back for a 77-yard run on first and ten. After a Scotty Jennings' kick, Bandera led 9-0.

Hondo was not about to lie down, though. The Owls answered with a 45-yard run by Cody Williams with 2:24 left in the first quarter. Zack Taylor kicked the extra point to trim the lead to 9-7. Williams', well-blocked touchdown sprint was set up by a long kickoff return.

"We made some physical and mental mistakes on Friday night that we need to avoid, but overall I was pretty happy with our play," Williamson said. "We need to do a better job of holding on the football and we did some things like miss blocking assignments that we shouldn't have. Defensively, we got kind of lazy at times. By that, I mean we just didn't play our positions all the time. All in all, though, it takes games like this to make us a better team and we did a lot of things right. Hondo would have loved to have beaten us and they played hard. It was a physical contest."

Bandera scored again in the first quarter when Jennings took a first-and-ten carry 25 yards into the end zone on the last play of the quarter. His kick made the score 16-7 with no time on the first quarter clock.

The Bulldogs' offense showed its quick strike capability on its first drive of the second quarter, needing only three plays to go 33 yards. Hunter Salyers scored on a 2-yard plunge with 8:22 left in the second quarter for a 23-7 lead.

Bandera tacked on a 35-yard Jennings field goal with less than two minutes to go in the second quarter to take a 26-13 lead into halftime. The drive chewed four minutes, 39 seconds. In addition to the field goal, Jennings was also on the receiving end of a 17-yard Hicks' toss. Bandera overcame a fumble and a holding penalty during the drive.

Story and photos by Philip Billnitzer, Bulletin Managing Editor

On the first drive of the second half, Bandera recovered a Hondo fumble. The Bulldog offense, with only 27 yards to go, wasted little time. Hicks hooked up with Jennings for 25 yards and Salyers scored from two yards out a play later for a 33-13 advantage.

Hicks finished the evening with 156 yards passing, completing 11 of 17 with no interceptions.

Salyers was the team's leading rusher with 92 yards. Tierney gained 81 yards. Jessie Sierra caught three passes for 59 yards.

Hondo kept it interesting by scoring with just under three minutes to go in the third quarter, but was turned back by the Bulldogs' defense on a key fourth down try with about nine minutes left to end any realistic hopes it had of comeback win.

Williamson said this week's home contest against Ingram should be an excellent test. Bandera and Ingram are both 4-1.

"We haven't played them in a while, but this is the best Ingram team I've seen in about six years," he said. "They don't do a lot that's fancy but what they do, they do well."

Ingram will use tailback Kaku Barkoh out of the I-formation to power its offense. Williamson said Ingram has a good offensive line and gets solid lead blocking from its fullbacks.

"Their defense it pretty stingy, too," he added.

That said, Williamson still has faith his Bulldogs will be up to the task if they take care of the details. "I told our guys, 'If you do the little things right on each play, the big things will take care of themselves," he said.

Tough tailback Dustin Heep has been cleared to return to practice after knee surgery two weeks ago and Williamson said, other than a few bumps and bruises, Bandera came out of the game healthy. Junior defensive tackle Bryan Jacobs, who Williamson said has played well this season, bruised his shoulder but is expected to play Friday.



Bandera High School's star steppers put on a show for the Hondo crowd during halftime of the well-attended contest. It marked the toughest game for Bandera in three weeks, but hey still came up with a "W".



Bandera's band program has been looking sharp during its halftime act, which features the music of Ray Charles.

Junior Varsity/Freshman Football Report

Bandera JV 25
Hondo JV 6

The Bandera Junior Varsity football team rolled to a 25-6 win [illegible] Travis Heep scored touch[illegible] on runs of 10, five, and three yards to lead the charge.

Cody Cox also took in a 20-yard pass from Gary Barlow for the JV's other touchdown. John Schultz, Cass Facalanta and Clyde Doering on offense.

Bandera scored once in the third and first quarters and put up 13 points in the second quarter.

Defensively, Van Ivania pulled down a pair of interceptions and play of Travis Stehline, Heep, Cox and Scott Jurecki.

Hondo 9th 44
Bandera 9th 19

Hondo's freshmen football team defeated Bandera 44-19 last week.

Bandera led 7-6 in the first quarter after Ryan Reed scored on a 3-yard run and Michael Wagner kicked the extra point. The freshmen also pulled to within 22-13 when Eddie Perezwences scored on a 75-yard [illegible]

Bandera's final score came on a 15-yard pass from Michael Wagner to Ryan Reed with 1:30 left in the fourth quarter. In addition to all the offensive players involved in the scoring coaches praised the play of Matt Buck on offense and [illegible]

Hondo stopped the freshmen twice on 0-4

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