An enthusiastic crowd of bicyclists took part in the first-ever “Oatmeal Road Race,” an event sponsored by The Driveway Series and Holland Racing last Saturday morning. This group (Men Pro 1/2/3) is finishing the first of six laps around a just-over-13-mile course beginning at the Oatmeal Community Center. For more race photos, see page 7 and/or the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page. For “Upcoming Events,” see article beginning on page 2.
We’re having a party!
beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 10
Dance to the music of Jamie Hanks!
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By JOHN HALLOWELL

Marble Falls High School will present four showings of the recent Broadway version of Cinderella this weekend. Performances will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, and 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday January 26-29.

Judge Ed Butler will discuss his most recent book, Galveston: Spain’s Forgotten Ally in the American Revolution at the January 28th meeting of the Llano Uplift Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the back room of the River City Grill in Marble Falls. The program will be around 11.

The Marble Falls Library will host first “Library for Lunch” event of 2017 beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, January 27. The guest speaker will be author and (mustard Naturalist) Elaine Daven-port, who will discuss the history of the Wescave Preserve, an amazing nature resource western Travis County.

The Bertram Ministerial Alliance will host its annual Soup Supper & Auction Fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. this Friday, January 27, at Bertram Elementary School.

Gary P. Nunn (and also Cordette Gopies) will be on stage at Osceola’s Ramblin’ Rose (809 W. Young) in Llano on Friday, January 27. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show begins at 8.

Christian impressionist/comedi-ans/inspirational speaker Dr. Dennis Swanberg will lead a men’s conference from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 28, at the Church at Horseshoe Bay. He will also host an evening service for the general public, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Call DeBe at 830-598-8390 for conference tickets or details between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. up to January 27.

The Town Center Community will host a “Music Fest” featuring David Church, Eddie Shell & the Net GNulites and other musicians from around Texas, from noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, January 28.

The Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center invites area churches or civic groups to organize a group to participate in a “Rally for Life” at the site of the Pro-Life sign in Austin on Saturday, January 28. Call 512-388-0194 for details.

The R-Bar & Grill, behind the Uptown Theater in Marble Falls, will host a Meet & Greet from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, for actors planning to enter this summer’s Soap Box Classic. The Highland Lakes/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Awards Banquet at Lighthouse Country Club on the evening of Saturday, January 28. Social hour begins at 5; dinner is served at 6:30.

Friends of Burnet Police Officer Matt Irwin, who was badly hurt in an accident last week, are planning a benefit at Halley Nelson Park, from 6 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, January 28.

Falls Academy will hold its annual Gala on Saturday, January 28, at Hor-eshoe Bay Resort. Contact the school for details.

The Southern Underground Band will play at The Place Downtown in Kingsland, from 7 to 10 p.m. this Saturday (January 28).

A Wild West Gun Show will be held at the Kingsland Community Center this Saturday (9-5) and Sunday (9-4), January 28 & 29.

Country music stars Ray Benson and Dale Watson will be on stage.

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There never seems to be two weeks exactly the same on this job. After “hibernating” for a few days last week, and feeling well-rested for a little while, I had a busy, busy weekend. That means more fun, but less sleep. On Saturday, the big deal was the bicycle race at 8 a.m. in Oconomowoc. I wasn’t sure if some of the kids would be blocked, so I made sure I got there early. Then on Sunday I had a few adventures that kept me busy most of the day.

I guess my biggest Sunday adventure was Alan Warren’s new radio show. Now the owner of Big Chief TV Resort, Alan Warren is a veteran TV and radio guy who for years had his own hunting and fishing show from out near Junction. I guess it’s still in his blood, because since he’s become an RV enthusiast, he decided that the world needed a good RV radio show. The show airs from noon to 2 each Sunday on WNTV AM 1070 in Houston, and you can listen online anytime at theyearshow.com. I was on the second half of the second hour, talking about the Highland Lakes area. I knew that I had lost my train of thought a couple of times even before I turned it in, but I confirmed it. I’ve always said that although I have a great voice for radio, my voice is better suited for newspapers. Now I’ll have to add that my mind is better suited for something that is a written word and edited before anyone sees it (and even then, a lot of nonsensical stuff gets through the cracks).

Still, I was excited to have the chance to brag about my neighborhood to people from all over the country, and I really do think I’d get better with a little practice.

The RV Show USA isn’t the only positive publicity we’re getting these days; I happened across a film crew last Thursday at Hydrus’ BBQ, as they were doing a segment on Hill Country dining (or something like that; they were busy filming, so I tried not to bother them too much. I’m hoping they’ll email me soon with more details). Also, Bob Phillips of the hit TV show “Texas Country Reporter” recently filmed part of a show at the Trailsblazer Grille in Burleson. I heard that it will be airing on the weekend of February 25-26th on A& C / R&D TV networks.

I have mentioned several times that copies of The Lakes View are being posted online at “The Portal to Texas History.” Up until this past weekend, I had been frustrated by the small number of issues posted, and the gaps in the order, which made it very hard for me to find two or three consecutive issues. Things are getting better! It appears that there are now 1,523 issues posted (up from 420 last time I checked) and I have figured out how to do an “advanced search” to pull up all the issues from a particular year. They still aren’t in order, but it’s a lot easier to look through (for example) 20 issues from 1919 than through 420 issues from 1916 to 1918 without 30 issues in any one year. This week’s history article is from one story in the September 28, 1939 issue that attracted my attention before I had successfully done an “advanced search.” I’ll try to go back to 1935 or 1936 for the next article.

There are a couple of interesting things that I might have to miss this weekend. Judge Ed Dabber will be the featured speaker at the January 28 DAR meeting, talking about Spell’s assistance to George Washington’s Revolutionary War army, at 11 a.m. in the back room of the... (Continued on page 11)
This camera crew was spotted at Spyke's BBQ in Kingsland last Thursday, filming part of an episode on food in the Texas Hill Country.

Randall Reinhardt brought his unique dune buggy to Kingsland Tire and Oil last Thursday. Although it is registered as a 1959 model, it's really more like Johnny Cash's 'one piece at a time' Cadillac. It was built by Randall's father in 1956, using a 1958 or 59 frame, a 60 front end, a 64 transaxle, a 67 VW engine and taillights from a 64 Mustang.

While these geese were the only visible occupants of the recently-cleaned site of Lanny and Susan Nye's La-J-L Campground last Sunday, the new owners are preparing to build four beautiful new homes on the lakefront property off Campa Pajama Lane on the Burnet County side of Kingsland. Other new homes are under construction close by.

U-Too Ministries has finally found a permanent location at 2255 West RR 1431 in Kingsland, and soon the lot will be outfitted with a shipping container kitchen to provide free meals every Wednesday evening.
The 10th Annual Kingsland Quilt Show (organized by Barb Selby, of Barb's Quilt Nook, standing at right in the photo above) was held last Friday and Saturday at the Kingsland Community Center. In addition to a variety of impressive quilts, numerous vendors offered goods and services at the successful event.

These red-shirted ladies from "Quilts of Valor" in Llano presented several quilts to military veterans during last weekend's quilt show in Kingsland.

The momentum is building at Kingsland's new "Place Downtown" (across from the post office on Hwy 1431). In addition to an Open Mic Night at 7 p.m. each Tuesday and other live music events (the Southern Underground Band will be there this Saturday night), managers Zane and Meredith Lewis are planning to open a full-time coffee shop in the very near future.

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George Watkins (1903-1945) was one of Llano's most successful businessmen. He built the 2-story building on Ford Street (in the picture at left) around 1898, and it served for several decades as Watkins Hardware. It was recently converted into a unique home by Todd and Dana Wright. Watkins lived with his wife, Lulu, in the home on Sandstone Street which now serves as headquarters for the Woman's Culture Club. After his wife died in 1921, he financed the construction of the "new" Methodist Church, named in honor of his wife.

Excerpted from The Llano News, September 28, 1899

Geo. M. Watkins, like the town in which he built his business career, started from scratch. Neither the youth nor the community had much business natural resources back on October 1, 1899, when Milton and Ann Watkins and their family of San Marcos moved to Llano. The family owned 100 acres from Frank Holden for the modest sum of $2.90 an acre, and they laid out the Holden property for what it is now part of Llano lying north of the river.

Until the horses could be constructed, the family had to travel to Austin, the family lived in a deserted blacksmith's shack on the present site of the Southern Hotel. The shack was partitioned with canvas and the earthen floor was strewn with hay. There the Watkins family lived until their home was completed. It stood next to what is now the Rockwell Bros. Lumber yard, and it is now only a memory.

The burden of the family support fell largely on the square shoulders of Geo. M. then a youth of 16. His father, although a tall, lean, and slender man - a blacksmith by trade - could not do heavy work because of his hands, injured in the Civil War.

After the family moved to Llano, although the community had been established for many years, it was only a frontier trading post.

There were but three mercantile establishments in Llano, Mr. Watkins recalled this week. The Corner Drug Store now stands, Jackson & Swannett conducted a restaurant supply store, F.J. Smith had a dry goods and grocery store south of and across the street from the establishment, and W.L. Pheasants had a store on the site now occupied by the Llano Drug Company.

There was no courthouse. The county clerk had a shack near the Dr. Bowman home, which subsequently burned. At that time, taxes were all-important, that being the day of the wire fence, and the destruction of the brand registry kept by the county clerk led to confusion, and in at least one instance to bloodshed.

District court was held under a spreading live oak tree on the site of the home of the late Ernest Moore.

There was a scattering of other business establishments. Messrs. A.C. and E.T. Scott had a saddle shop. A negro butler waited before the door of Mr. Bowman, home, which subsequently burned. At that time, and after this, the state was only a boarding house under a live oak tree, the only shelter being a few boards nailed to the limbs. The shop was located on the street where the office of S.C. Claridge stood. The building had a combination hardware store and was operated by a Mr. Backstrom on the site.

There were no churches in Llano, but there were numerous where the gentlemen of that era could quaff a drink or two without jealously of a lady's elbow or stepping on the toes of a high school boy.

Church services, as well as magic lantern shows, dances and other entertainments were held at the school building, then situated on the site of the Logan Center.

The school, Mr. Watkins said, is a part of the present dwelling. In that early day, the good people of Llano had a stable of horses and automobiles, and they were not out of the country today.

In this connection, Mr. Watkins drew a picture of an early pioneer. "I remember seeing Parson John Moore down at Llano church one Sunday morning. His hat was tilted at a defiance angle on his head, and his trousers were tucked into his boots. In one hand he carried a Winchester and in the other a Bible."

Drawing from his Bible, the subject, then, he stood there, a tall, gaunt figure with a slouch hat and a Bible under his arm. He would read from memory. Not that he would forget his words to the congregation. "I have heard," he said, "that it has been the custom to break up Sabbath words gone by. By the grace of God and this Winchester, there will be no disturbance today."

The Rev. Mr. Moore, Mr. Watkins said, has long pensions to his reward, but his words, related to the most famous of Llano, still lives in San Antonio.

Just facilities were rather scanty. The first school was located just behind the Methodist church. Later, the cattalo press was in a basement under the building new occupied by Dr. Gray. Subsequently, a "damp" press was located in the southeast corner of the present courthouse square. This latter structure was evidently designed for the safe keeping of the cattalo press. Between the walls there were placed cannon balls in cases. It is a likely and patient prisoner succeeded in breaking into the secret passage between two stores and all that he could do would be to revolve it on the embedded cannon balls, the latter serving the purpose of an axis.

Outside the jail property extended through the upstairs floor. A trap door was opened, a ladder let down, and the prisoner had been shoed into the dungeon, the ladder was removed, the trap door closed and locked and the prisoner left to meditate on the error of his ways.

As a young man, Geo. M. performed various odd jobs for Mr. Watkins. He worked for a time under the blacksmith, John Coleman, and he had never forgotten how to show a horse. He does this for a living and has received 5 cents, and of the four cents a dog, or property be now owned.

When he was 25 years of age, he entered the employ of the Williams brothers, Brick and Lumber company, remaining with them for one year.

Hiring several hundred dollars, the young Llano also decided to enter business for himself. He opened a hardware business at the location of the old post office, the business then being known as Geo. M. Watkins and Co. W.W. Watkins being associated with his brother. From there, the business was moved to the building situated where the Watkins Grocery is now located, and a little later it was moved to the store now occupied by Beyer's and was moved to the present location in 1898.
Racers gather at the staging area next to the Oatmeal Community Center early Saturday morning.

The first group of racers follow their lead car out of the parking lot toward the official starting line down the hill at 8 a.m.

A fast-moving swarm of bicyclists nears the end of their first hilly 13-mile lap about a half-hour into the race. This group was beginning an 83-mile race (six laps); later groups would ride a shorter distance on the same course just over 13 miles. Feedback from participants was very positive.

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Cooker of the Year BBQ Cook-Off

The Burnet County Fairgrounds, just off I-35 on the south side of Burnet, were filled with cooking rigs from all around Texas last weekend as good-natured and talented cooks competed for the title, “Cooker of the Year.”

Above: The unique rig from Hoffpauer Chevrolet in Lampasas was once again one of the most photogenic at the event.

At left: Even the trophies showed some of the good humor and imagination that seems to characterize this unique “sport.”

At left: The presence of a film crew from “BBQ Pitmasters” added to the excitement of this year’s “Cooker of the Year” event in Burnet. At left, TV host Michael Musto displays his copy of the “Highland Lakes Weekly” during a break. The crew was filming part of a pilot for the Food Network during the competition here.

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Horseshoe Bay city officials and first responders joined representatives of the Texas Rangers (active and retired) and DPS to honor the memory of Texas Ranger Stanley Keith Guffey, who died during an operation to rescue 2-year-old kidnap victim Kara-Leigh Whitehead in Horseshoe Bay in 1987. After fatally wounding Ranger Guffey, the suspect was shot and killed by Guffey’s partner, Ranger John Aycock.

Ranger Guffey’s widow, Josefina Garza Guffey Jennings (left), was the keynote speaker at the solemn ceremony, which included presentation of the colors by the DPS Region 6 Honor Guard (above left), remarks from Chief Randy Prince of the Texas Rangers, proclamations from Horseshoe Bay City Manager Stan Farmer and Police Chief Tony Hill of Bertram (the town where Ranger Guffey grew up) and the presentation of a buoy by Horseshoe Bay Police Chief Rocky Wardlow (himself a former Texas Ranger), who announced that a Horseshoe Bay Police boat had been named in Ranger Guffey’s honor. A good crowd turned out to honor this most-deserving hero.

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The Lambda Nu Tea Party will be held at the Kingsland Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 16. This year’s theme will be “Puttin’ on the Ritz!” There will be a dance demonstration by Taylor Gray from 2 to 2:30, and prizes for the most beautiful hat, the most original, and the most theme-related.

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with full band in downtown Marble Falls at Brass Hall at 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 29. VIP and Table Reservations are available, call (512) 201-4389 for tickets or details.

Aspiring artists are invited to Painting With Friends, at the J.K. Event Center in Llano, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, January 30. Register online at www.paintingwithfriends.com.

The Llano Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Awards Banquet at the J.K. Event Center, beginning at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31.

The Senior Activity Center, located at Avenue J and 4th Street in Marble Falls, will host its annual Chili Meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1.

The monthly “How’s Planting?” Craft Program at the Llano Library has “Creating Valentine Cards” as the project for February. You can stop by the library on Thursday, February 3 at 2 p.m. to create a card from the heart for someone you care about. All of the materials will be furnished for you to make something unique, one-of-a-kind cards. Call the Llano Library at 325-247-5245 to reserve a seat.

CelesteCare Assisted Living and Vern Wieden Event Center will host an open house, beginning with a ribbon-cutting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2.

The Llano Garden Club will host a new “Butterflies in Your Backyard” program with Sheryl and Robert Yantsis at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 3, at the Kingsland Library.

Llano Trade Days (formerly Llano City Wide Garage Sale, but rebranding back to the community-wide trade day first began on March 6, 1911) will be held in the John L. Kayakestival Event Center from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 4. Contact Llano Main Street for more information at 325-591-6788. Booth forms and payment can be obtained from the Llano Chamber of Commerce.

Daylight & White will host its 7th Annual Llano Fun Run at Buds Park on Saturday, February 4. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. and the run starts at 10.

Circle Your Wagons BBQ (226 W. 52 in Llano) will host its annual Wire Tasting Extravaganza, with wines, live music, arts & crafts vendors (and vine) from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 4. A BBQ dinner fundraiser to help pay travel expenses for the gymnastics team from Texas N Tumble in Kingsland will be held at the gym (136 Red Street) beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 4. The team will be going to national competition at Madison, Wisconsin, this summer.

The Hill Country Community Theatre will host an evening of karaoke starting at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, starring Llano’s own Sandy “Randy” River. Nixson, who has been living in the county for tens of thousands of songs to choose from! Tickets are $10.00 and can be purchased at the door.

The Highland Lakes United Methodist Church (1351 County Rd. 314) will host an annual Ministry Night Out on Saturday, February 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. under the leadership of Pastor, Dr. M. T. Abou-Nader. All are welcome to attend. A free meal will be served along with a program of service opportunities and community resources.

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Owner Valerie Esmail of Calamity & Grace art supply shop in Llano, led a class in Art Journaling last Sunday afternoon. Calamity & Grace has a full schedule of art-related events (including Valentine Cookie Decorating event for all ages from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 12). The shop is located on the west side of the square.

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the River City Grill in Marble Falls. And first call of the new Llano General Store will be starting a weekly Wine Tour this Saturday with a fleet of shuttle stopping regularly at 14 area venues all day. Call 830-995-8411 or stop by to get tickets or details.

The Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association is accepting applications for its 2017 class for one more week (deadline February 4). The 14-week class will begin on Tuesday, February 14, in Marble Falls. The cost is $150 for resource material, t-shirt and field trips. See the HLMGA’s website at or call Misty Hendry at 719-297-1341 to get details or to apply.

The Hermann Brown Free Library in Burnet will host author Cynthia Leal Massey as she discusses her book, “Death of a Texas Ranger” in their Coffee Early Dates: (Continued from Page 6)

After the boom collapsed, the population fluctuated during the preceding years; but the community, filling a distinct need as a trading point for a large area, escaped the fate of many boom towns. In the course of time, a steady, healthy growth became apparent, and as Mr. Watkins observed on the 50th anniversary of the founding of his business, the town has shown extraordinary growth. It has been one of the comparatively few towns in Texas to show a consistent population growth in recent years.

When Mr. Watkins entered business in Llano, there was already in existence another hardware establishment, the Buttry and Swanson store. The Buttry in the hardware business at that time was Henry C. Buttry, the father of Franklin and Henry Buttry, owners of the present Buttry Hardware Company.

The two hardware companies, both of which do a large jobbing business, are probably the outstanding hardware stores in this section of Texas, and would do credit to a big city house.

Despite his business activities, Mr. Watkins found time to become one of the leading participants in church and community activities. He worked as hard for the welfare of his church and his town as he did for his store.

Among his many interests is a collection of relics and oddities to which the entire show window space of his establishment is devoted.

He is a walking encyclopedia of the history and folklore of Llano County.

A capacity crowd showed up at last Saturday’s meeting of the Native Plant Society, held at the Marble Falls Library. Guest Speaker Steve Helme discussed “The Great Grasslands Myth of the Texas Hill Country,” quoting eyewitness descriptions of Hill Country vegetation by early explorers.

Longtime Raach resident Millie Baumann celebrated her 90th birthday at the Country Oaks Assisted Living Center in Burnet with friends Roger & Vel Walls Rey & Marjorie Brink (pictured), and many others. Millie Jo Anderson provided goodies for the occasion. Mrs. Baumann grew up in Hitler’s Nazi Germany, and has written a book describing her childhood and its effects later in life. If you’d like to get an autographed copy, you can contact her at Country Oaks.
Delivering a “Singing Valentine” last February, Hill Country Blenders Ray Jordan, Jim McCutchan, Pat Hudson, and Doyal Spence were part of a delightful tradition in the Marble Falls area (and as far as Kingsland, Buchanan Dam and Burnet). For as little as $40, a sharply dressed, first-rate barbershop quartet will serenade your sweetheart or special friend at home, work, or another location of your choosing. The special valentine includes: a Valentine serenade (two songs), a red silk rose and a photograph taken with the snappily-dressed quartet.

Singing Valentines are available between 9 a.m. and p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, February 13 & 14. You should provide a window of time for the Quartet to arrive. Arrival times are carefully coordinated to best accommodate all requests received. If a specific time is crucial, please arrange that when you place the order. If possible please specify a way to contact you without spoiling the surprise. Deadline for ordering is February 9, 2017. Place your order by contacting Jim McCutchan at 325-386-4446 or by e-mail at jhmccutchan@nctv.com. You may also place an order with any member of the Blenders you may know.

The new “Gray Cats” traditional jazz band performed at Fuel Coffee House in Llano on January 14. Members of the band (from left) are David Jellums on trumpet, Kesan Fletcher on violin, Dave Bedich on drums and Richard Goldey on piano.

Above: Deb Brooks gets ready for a Thursday night concert at Fuel Coffee House in Llano.

At right: This famous (and beautiful) home, which overlooks Llano from a hilltop northeast of town, is on the market. Originally known as the “Malone Mansion,” it was built by a mineral wildcatter during Llano’s “boom” in the 1880s. Throughout its storied history, the mansion has been maintained and upgraded regularly. Call Tony Virdell for details at 325-247-3776.

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Mike Blakely delighted a crowd of diners at the Dabbs Hotel in Llano last Friday with his stories and music. He was accompanied (on some songs) by his wife, Annie.

Rick Trevino and his band attracted a capacity crowd to the Uptown Sound Studio in Marble Falls last Saturday night.

Kyle Park was one of many big-name performers to make an appearance at the Brass Hall, on Third Street in Marble Falls. Ray Benson and Dale Watson will be there this Sunday evening.

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Thank you for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!
These two photos form a sort of an “appendix” to the history articles in this paper the past two weeks. Almost the entire downtown area of Llano (as seen from Mike Higgin’s hilltop subdivision northeast of town) was built during George Watkins’ hardware career (see his story on page 6). And on the approach to Llano’s historic bridge, a memorial plaque pays tribute to Roy Banford Hicks, the former mayor whose untimely death in 1935 led to the bridge’s title, the subject of last week’s article.

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**Pet of the Week**

This is Shiloh, she is a terrier mix around 2 years old. Shiloh is a sweetie, she is a little timid still but coming around. Shiloh is ready for adoption at the Hill Country humane Society. It would be $125 to adopt her. If you would like more information on Shiloh or any of our other wonderful pets looking for a home please call the shelter at 512-793-5653 or go to our website at www.hillcountryhumane.org. The shelter is open Thursday through Monday, 11 am to 4 pm.

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