Lake LBJ is full again! After a six-week draw-down of about four feet to allow property owners to repair and maintain docks, retaining walls and other shoreline property, the LGRA had re-filled the lake as of Monday. Among the many projects completed was the building of a new boat ramp, now open for business, at the Kingsland Community Park. Lowering the lake also helped curb the growth of nuisance aquatic vegetation such as hydrilla and Eurasian watermilfoil. The Colorado and Llano Rivers have both been providing healthy inflows, so refilling Lake LBJ took less than a foot of depth from Lake Buchanan.
UPCOMING EVENTS

The Llano Community Theatre group will present three shows of "Dixie Swim Club" at the Lantex Theatre this weekend: 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Lakeshore Library will hold a Celebration of Backyard Birds from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, February 17. Enjoy bird observation and bird-related activities from 8 a.m. to noon at the library, guided bird walks leaving the library at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. All sightings will be recorded and submitted to the Great Backyard Bird Count.

The Hill Country Community Theatre will present the drama "Rabbit Hole" for three weekends from February 16 through March 5 (see ad on page 11). Sherry begi- 

The Phoenix Center will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a gala at Quail Point in Horsehoe Bay, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., on Saturday, February 18.

County Commissioner Mike Sondal (Llano County Prec. 4) will hold a town- 

The Spicewood Arts Society will hold its annual Soup Supper on Thursday, February 23 at Grace United Methodist Church. The Bluebonnet Chorale will sing at 5:30 p.m., and soup will be served from 6:00 to 7:00. Admission is by donation and take-out is available. Call 810-985-2885 for more details.

The Herman Brown Free Library will host an Afternoon of One Act Plays, beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 24. Both plays are adaptations by Raymond V. White of other artist's works. For more information, please call the library at 512-725-2228.

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The Falls on the Colorado Museum will open its "Linens & Things" exhibit (a display of clothing and other items to illustrate the history of textiles) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 18. The Museum will hold its Annual Meeting for members from 1:30 until 2:30 that afternoon, and Marilyn Price will speak on "Our Living Architecture."

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With help from some friends and from her two daughters, Darlene Denton organized a wonderful celebration of Valentine’s activities at the YMCA in Burnet last Sunday afternoon (see photos on page 7). Some of the volunteers are, from left: Denise Love, Samantha Melvin, Darlene Denton, Renée (Denton) Feller and Rachel Denton.

Scatterthought
By JOHN HALLOWELL

County Commissioner Mike Sandoval (The Marble Falls Pct.) will hold a town-hall meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Kingsland so residents on the Rocks, rotation ranch, etc. Light refreshments will be served.

The Llano Library has several events planned for next week. At the Free technology class (1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21), you can learn “How to Save money Using Online Services: Groupon not LivingSocial.” At the Website Basics class (1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22), you can learn how to create and manage your own website. And at the next “Back to Basics” workshop (5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23), you can learn how to build and improve your garden soil. Call 325-247-2241 to RSVP for these workshops and to learn about future events (Or visit www.llanolibrary-system.net).

The Marble Falls Economic Development Corporation (MFEDC) has partnered with the Rural Capital Workforce Solutions Board to receive a grant that will bring close to $30,000 in TWC training funds here, matched by an even greater investment by the city. Funds are available to provide nearly 200 hours of Central Texas College credit courses for 12 plumbers and 12 electricians. The first course begins the week of February 20 for 12 plumbers. Each course requires a commitment of two 3-hour evening classes per week over a period of several months. Individuals must be 18 years old and eligible to work in the U.S. Call 830-265-0745 or 830-355-2661 for more information and to register for the program. Training for 12 electricians will begin in the summer.

The Marble Falls Library is changing the time for its “Story Time” to 11 a.m. each Thursday, beginning March 9.

The Hill Country Community Theatre and the Rocks residents in Cottawood Shores are teaming up to help CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). To help, just bring a gift card from an area store to the Hill Country Community Theatre. You will receive a coupon for a free appetizer from On the Rocks, and the gift card will be given to a child in need. This is to go during the run of HCTC’s “Rabbit Hole” production, from February 19 to March 5.

Llano County’s Homeless Hotline is hosting a wedding weekend screening from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, at St. James Lutheran Church’s Schollenberger Hall in Llano, to give area residents the opportunity to see their well water tested. A meeting to explain screening results will be held at 6 p.m. the following day. The screening is presented by the AgriLife Extension office in Llano County. Please call the Llano Extension office at 325-247-5159 for supplies and instructions. A $10 per sample fee will be collected when bags and bottles are picked up by participants; the samples must be turned in by 9:30 a.m. on the day of the screening. Private water wells should be tested annually.

The Salvation Army is seeking volunteers to work a few hours each week. If you can help, please call Anthony Torres at 806-332-9134.
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Jamie Hanks and 2-Timmin' Country provided dance music for a Valentine's Party at Lighthouse Country Club last Saturday night.

Leah Hamilton's new eatery, Hambones on the Llorrada, should be open by the time you read this. She plans to be open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 to 7, serving "burgers with a twist" and "fun stuff," like "rattlesnake eggs," etc., all at reasonable prices. Hammone's is located at the west end of the Hwy 1431 bridge in Kingsland, on the Llorrada Lodge property.

Richard Thoman and David Copeland, who have already expanded their Lake Fun Designs business (across from Prosperity Bank) twice in its five years, now have acquired two new businesses at 2829 RR 1431. Lake Fun Creations offers very nice gifts and home decor items, while Come-N-Get-It BBQ offers delicious BBQ, burgers, etc. In addition to "BBQ Lady" Keri Lipsey, they now employ three part-timers as they "float" from business to business as needed.

The Kingsland Lions celebrated Valentine’s Day at their regular Thursday meeting on February 9, at the Lighthouse Country Club. Photo by Jim Chapman.
Principal Meloni P. Pushes visits with County Commissioner Mike Sandoval during a well-attended open house at the new Kingsland School last Thursday evening. Currently K-6, the charter school plans to add a 7th grade class this fall.

The new management at Valentine’s Lakeside Resort in Kingsland (owner Pat Miller and Susan Patten) sponsored the Valentine’s Day “Winter Texan Dinner” at Kingsland Community Church.

The Kingsland Chamber’s first “Breakfast Club” networking meeting was a huge success, filling the parking lots and the lobby at First United Bank on Wednesday morning. The event was sponsored by Carolyn Derington’s “May I Help You?” service. The Chamber hopes to make the Breakfast Club a monthly tradition.

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60 years ago in Llano

BY JOHN HALLOWELL

Sixty years ago on Valentine’s Day, The Llano News had several interesting stories on its front page. One headline announced a planned new post office (the one that’s still in use today) at the corner of Berry and Sandhill Streets, on the southwest corner of the courthouse square. Postmaster A.P. Box reported that the new building would be a 3,000 square-foot, one-story masonry building equipped with air conditioning and fluorescent lights. It would be a big improvement over its predecessor (location not mentioned), which was only 122 square feet. The previous building housed the post office for 17 years, prior to that, the post office had been “on East Main Street, in the Dr. Danull building where the Deluxe Barber Shop is now.”

The other big story that week was a possible deal to begin large-scale mining operations at Iron Mountain, near Valley Spring, Amistad Dam had purchased surface rights to the property of Mrs. F.S. Larrimore, about a mile west of Valley Spring. Large quantities of iron had been estimated at 250 feet long and 121 feet thick. Mining had resumed during World War II. The mining company had a contract to supply material to a large company that had been expected to employ about 75 workers for two years.

A small news item reported that 150 Llano County residents had taken advantage of the “pure” polio vaccinations developed by Dr. Jonas Salk. Dr. Dan Horner stated that “the local health department is offering this to all Llano County children of 2 and 3 years of age and to pregnant women” for the discounted price of $1 per shot. Any other adults would have to pay the full price.

An article headlined “Is Llano Ready to Get Rid of Laredo?” asked if the Llano County Rodeo Committee would be holding a meeting “in the Llano Hotel basement” to “decide whether the people of Llano County want to sponsor and support a rodeo next summer.”

On the inside pages of that February 14 issue, there were several more items of interest. Huston Bros. Grocery, Meat, Pecos (Phone 72) had a big ad listing the week’s specials on page 2. Ten pounds of Imperial sugar went for 51 cents, but two pounds of Velvette Cabbage was 25 cents. Cabbage was 3 cents per pound, and bacon was 41 cents. A dozen Pinto beans were 29 cents, and six packages of frozen broccoli were 80 cents.

On Valentine’s Day, the nurses at the hospital provided special care for patients. The TG, Houston Motor Company (120 East Main) advertised the virtues of the 1967 Mercury Montclair. The Kerrville Bus Company advertised twice-daily service from Llano to Austin. Mrs. Doris Kern, who taught dance classes in Llano, was named as the winner of the National Dance School of Dancing, placing second in the world. The Llano Chamber of Commerce Business Lunch was held at the school cafeteria on February 9, was WW II hero and General Land Office commissioner Earl Rudder. He told the crowd that “I cannot think of a country in Texas that has more possibilities than Llano” and emphasized the great potential of the tourist trade since the creation of the Highland Lakes chain. Outgoing president, Harlan Dukett, announced that the Llano Chamber’s next project was to sponsor an annual hospital board election, also sponsoring with the Fishers in Llano and Central Texas Livestock and Dairy Cattlemen’s Show. The Llano Chamber’s next project was to sponsor the Fishers in Llano and Central Texas Livestock judging contest with FFA and 4-H from about 45 schools invited to participate. They also worked with the Highland Lakes Development Association to promote tourism and acted as a go-between for hunters and ranchers to save time for both in arranging leases. The Chamber backed the Peaceful Mountain Community Service Club and had a road map, and successfully requested funding for two additional roadside parks on Highway 16. In coming, President Crawford Whitley announced that two of the projects on the “wish list” for the coming year were a “unique trout” somewhere in Llano County and a billboard on Interstate 10 to direct tourists to attractions in Llano.

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Billy Bob Schneider, a Llano High School student from Prairie Mountain, enlisted with the Army Reserve. He was assigned to the Field Artillery Battalion, 99th Infantry, in Bama, where he graduated from high school. At that time, he was 17 years old. Llano County held its first rodeo on February 15, before returning to complete his service obligations with the Reserve unit. On the inside pages of that February 14 issue, there were several more items of interest. Huston Bros. Grocery, Meat, Pecos (Phone 72) had a big ad listing the week’s specials on page 2. Ten pounds of Imperial sugar went for 51 cents, but two pounds of Velvette Cabbage was 25 cents. Cabbage was 3 cents per pound, and bacon was 41 cents. A dozen Pinto beans were 29 cents, and six packages of frozen broccoli were 80 cents.

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Dances with Kids

Mothers and sons fill the dance floor in the YMCA gym in Burnet on Sunday afternoon. The dance was followed by a mother-son dodgeball game (a big hit), then a “Daddy/Daughter Dance.”

Other mothers and sons waited in line to document the special occasion at the high-tech photo booth, complete with customizable backgrounds, humorous props and immediate email copies of the digital photos.

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At right: Burnet Chamber of Commerce President Gina Glaser introduces board members at the beginning of the Awards Ceremony at last Saturday night’s Chamber Banquet.

Above: Board member Ben Farmer presents the “Thomas C. Ferguson Outstanding Citizen of the Year” award to fellow board member Damon Brown.

Above: School Board members Jeff Hullum and Craig Barefoot present the BCSIS’s “Distinguished Former Athlete” award to Jesse Perkins, who starred in multiple sports at BHS in the 1960s.

At left: Shelley Reavis presents the “Educator of the Year” award to 4th-grade teacher Shannon Werdic.

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The Lake Buchanan/Inks Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Las Vegas Night fundraiser on Saturday, March 4.

Liano’s Fiddle Fest Weekend will be held from March 31 to April 2, beginning with an Air Fiddle competition on Friday evening at the Hite Bad House, continuing with an Open Fiddle Contest and a concert with Elana James at the Lantex Theater on Saturday and a Sunday Service, Cowboy Breakfast and more fiddle music at the Liano County Historical Museum on Sunday morning.

(EVENTS, Continued from page 2)

Kingbird Library (to be held at the library on February 28). The public is welcome; refreshments will be served.

The Lantex Watkins Memorial Unity Methodist Church in Liano will host an AARP Smart Driver Course from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 2. Call 325-347-4909 to enroll.

Bill Kicchman, a founding father of Americana rock, will appear at the Spicewood Vineyards Event Center Friday, March 3. A Grammy-nominated artist, Bill is well known for his hit "Hot Rod Lincoln" with Commander Cody and the Lost Planet Airmen. The show is presented by the Spicewood Arts Society.

The annual Walk-A-Dog-a-Thon will be held from 16 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Johnson Park in Marble Falls on Saturday, March 4. This year’s event will include a “Dog Day at the Park” dog-related activities and a raffle. Proceeds will benefit local rescue organizations.

A special time has been set for 10 a.m. at noon and 1 p.m. at the Lantex Watkins Memorial Unity Methodist Church in Liano for the "Let’s Talk... Women’s Health Conference for the Women of the Highland Lakes. Women will be held at Hill Country Fellowship in Burnet from 9-9 on Wednesday, March 1. More details on Facebook or email info@swmh.org for more information.

The Lake Buchanan/Inks Lake Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Las Vegas Night fundraiser at Hill Country Fellowship from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 4.

The well-known Deutschers band will make up the featured performers at Romaqua’s Rod in Liano at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 4.

The monthly demo at the Liano Fine Art Guild will be held on the second Friday of the month at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Liano Fine Art Guild.

STONEY LAUREL will perform at Brass Ball in Marble Falls at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 31.

The Liano Earth Art Fest with its rock-stacking, live music and more outdoor activities, will be held along the Liano River from March 10 to 13.

The VMCA’s Burst will host a free Sock Hop Dance, featuring the music of Big Band and the Alley Cats, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 11.

The third Winter Texan Dinner will be held at the Kingbird Community Center on Tuesday, March 14. Dinner will be open for a social hour beginning at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6.

The Shoot for Sport Sporting Clay Event will be held at Foothills Park. Golf and tennis courts will be available for use on Friday, March 11. Money raised for the event will go to the Cooper Deegan Memorial Scholarship Fund. Tickets are $250 per person and include dinner and a private meal.

The Buchanan VFD will host its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 18.

The Hill Country Lawn & Garden Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, at the Burnet Community Center. This year’s event will feature a variety of vendors, including houseplants, herbs, flowers, vegetables and garden tools.

The Sunrise Beach VFD Auxiliary will host a Bass Fishing Tournament on Saturday, March 25. Look for details at www.SunriseBeach.com.

The Liano Art Studio Tour (L.A.S.T.) is scheduled for Saturday, March 31. Look for details on Facebook or email info@swmh.org for more information.

The annual Designate Purse Brings fundraiser for the Hill Country Children’s Advocacy Center will be held at Horsehead Bay, beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 25.

Marble Falls will host its annual Paint the Town event from 28 to April 1. Artists are invited to register at www.bearn.com.

Landmark Productions and the Globe Theatre (in Burleson) will host a special program with Jake Pendle, titled "The History of Country Music from Jimmie Rodgers to George Strait," beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 31, at the theatre.

Crockett County Quilts will host "Western Wrappers in Bloom" quilt show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, March 31, at the Family Activity Center of Lantex Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church in Liano.

Liano’s Fiddle Fest Weekend will be held from March 31 to April 2 in downtown Liano.

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Pastors Shane and Sandy Wengen, of Elevate Church, led a memorial service last Friday at the Marble Falls Skate Park for Santiago Vega, a 17-year-old who had been a regular at the skate park before he was killed by a drunk driver in November. Elevate Church has sponsored frequent competitions for local youths at the skate park.

Above: Pam Delaire, Marta Stafford and Christine Cox Reinharz visit with Tricia Rex, whose creative calligraphy was featured in a special “Love Notes for Valentine’s” presentation last Friday and Saturday at Marta Stafford Fine Art in Marble Falls.

At left: An authentic grist stone has been found and installed at the amazing “Mormon Mill” exhibit in the Falls on the Colorado Museum in Marble Falls. The exhibit was designed by architect Mariel Porter and crafted by local woodworker Kenneth McIvride. It opened (without the grist stone) last November. The newest exhibit at the museum is a “Linens & Things” display which will open this Saturday.

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Weakday Ministries held a well-attended Women’s Retreat at the Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy clinic in Marble Falls last Saturday. In the photo above, volunteer Cinti Evans gives instructions to participants at the “Beautiful” program, which also featured presentations by authors Barbara Kocse and Courtneye Richard.

A few good-natured friends among the many at Laird’s BBQ on Sunday afternoon agreed to pose for a light-hearted “birthday” photo with owner Kenneth Laird (2nd from left), who was celebrating his 70th that day by working even harder than usual for the crowd.

Nancy Chism gave a candy-making demo last Monday at the Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam. The active library will hold a “Celebration of Backyard Birds” from 8 to noon this Friday, and a “Poetry Jam” on Saturday, February 29.

The photo above was taken as a crowd began to gather for CASA’s Boots and BBQ fundraiser, held at Quail Point Lodge in Horseshoe Bay last Saturday evening. The event included a Silent Auction and live music by Les Hartman. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) represents children in the legal and foster care systems.

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Country music star Wade Bowen attracted a good crowd to Brass Hall in Marble Falls for a Thursday night performance last week. Brass Hall has a busy schedule of live music, and it includes some big-name stars. Stoney LaRue will be there on March 9.

A partial contingent of The Flashbacks provided dance music for a well-attended Valentine Dance at the Sunrise Beach fire hall last Saturday night.

Country music legend Johnny Bush put on two great shows with his “Bambooeros” band at the Llano Country Opry last Saturday to celebrate his 62nd birthday.

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The Candlelight Ranch, on the north side of Lake Travis a few miles east of Marble Falls, held a big Chill Cook-Off and Car Show fundraiser last Saturday. Celebrity judges at the cook-off were (L-R): Robert Linder, Bill Rives, John Packer, Becca Scharff, Shawn Cirkel and Gary P. Nunn. Candlelight Ranch provides therapeutic and educational nature-based experiences to enrich the lives of at-risk youth and children with disabilities.

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