Honorees gathered for a group picture after presentations at last Saturday's sold-out Marble Falls/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, held at the Lakeside Pavilion. From left: Nance Griffin (Advisory Board Member of the Year), Jim and Debbie Gallagher (Citizens of the Year), Greg Mills (representing Habitat for Humanity, winner of the Community Service Award), Jim McCollum (Volunteer of the Year), Alex Payson (Innovator of the Year), Dr. Logan Stanley (Chamber Director of the Year), Stuart and Rebecca Nunnally (Lifetime Achievement), and Ron Nicholas (Ambassador of the Year). You can see more photos on pages 8 and 9, and quite a few MORE on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page.
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**  

**The annual Walk-A-Dog-a-Thon** will be held at Johnson Park in Marble Falls this Saturday. This year’s event also features a softball tournament. Proceeds help save rescue dogs.  

By JOHN HALLOWELL  

Debbie Sopp will present a program on "Growing Tomatoes: From Germinating to Harvesting" at a meeting of the Kingland Garden Club, to be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 3, at the Kingland Library. Call 325-388-5540 for details.  

The Marble Falls First Baptist Christian School will hold its 9th Annual Gala at the Yacht Club in Horseshoe Bay from 6 to 10 p.m. this Friday (March 3).  

Bill Krebs, a founding father of Americana rock and roll, will appear at the Speasewood Vineyard Event Center at 7 p.m. on 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 Speasewood Arts Society.  

Caddie Gypsies will perform from 8 to 11 p.m. on Friday, March 3, at Joe’s Bar (southside of the Llano Square).  

Brett Crew will be on stage at the Boss Hall in Marble Falls at 9 p.m. on Friday, March 3.  

The annual Walk-A-Dog-a-Thon will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Johnson Park in Marble Falls on Saturday, March 4. This year’s event will include a “Doggie of Dogs” co-ed softball tournament. Proceeds help save local rescue dogs.  

The new McDonald’s in Burnet (which is already open) will hold its Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, March 4. There will be a ribbon-cutting at 10 a.m., plus free games, face painting, balloons, free guided tours and more all day. Kids can even meet Ronald McDonald!  

The Marble Falls Public Library will (Continued on page 10)
These children took full advantage of the Updeor Highlands Lakes Nature Center’s “Dig It!” archaeological workshop at Nunnally Coffee Roasters in Marble Falls last Saturday, learning how fossils are formed.

Scatterthought

This just in! I saw on Facebook that Sweet Berry Farm has strawberries, and will be having a festival this Friday on Facebook page or call 830-798-1462 for up-to-date details.

There are benefits to being behind schedule and still uncontrolled. If I had managed my time better, I never would have known about that.

I woke up this morning, and it was Wednesday morning. Partly because I forgot last Friday’s “One Act Play” and my CCA history at the Herman Brown Free Library, and partly because I had heard the “Woman Floyd” would be singing there at the “Succo Birthday” celebration, I decided to make a trip to a bookstore.

One of the reasons I wanted to get to the One Act Play is because I heard that one of them was based on a story by Mike Royko. I hadn’t read his name for nearly 20 years, but he was one of my favorite columnists, an old-fashioned blue-collar Democrat from Chicago who had a way with words, a great sense of humor and (occasionally) some remarkably conservative views. He died back in the days when I still read the Austin-American Statesman front-to-back every day, (before it became a tabloid), and I really miss him for a while (Thomas Friedman and Paul Krugman — or even William Raspberry — just didn’t measure up).

The other reason (besides the colorful hats that the Brother monks were wearing) was the presence of Summer Floyd. I’ve known her off and on for about 15 years, and I’ve been very impressed by her lifelong struggle to establish programs for the homeless. I’ve heard about 20 different stories about her, and she was there for a while.

I shouldn’t waste all my space just raving about her, but I have a few things I need to mention here.

The monthly meeting at the Llano Fire Art Guild will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 6. It will be presented by Sue Kaun, from Mason. The $5 charge includes a potluck lunch at noon.

The Hutto-San Marcos University Band (and the “World Famous” Cowboy Band) will perform in concert at the Burnet High School Auditorium from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Llano Earth Art Fest (LEAF) is scheduled for next weekend, March 10-12. Organizers are expecting close to 50 rock sculptures from across the country (NY to LA) and around the world (France, Italy, Scotland). I was happy to see on the schedule that Michael Stoffer will be here again in the “Willing Place of Life.”

The Kingsland Chamber of Commerce invites members to attend its monthly Breakfast Club Meeting, scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, March 15, at Posto Salto & Spa. Doors open at 7:45 and the program will run from 8 to 9. Kingsland Hills Care Center is this month’s sponsor.

The Friends of the Kingsland Library will hold a Game Day on Thursday, March 16 (see ad on page 12).

The season’s final StoryDomino Art Society art trek travels to Lenwood Plantation, Independence Hall and the Star of the Republic Museum at Washington-on-the-Brazos April 20. The trek begins at 7:45 a.m. at the Barton Creek Lakeside Clubhouse, and returns there at 7 p.m.

The VFW Auxiliary from Post 1076 in Marble Falls is hosting its annual Young American Patriotic Art Contest. The contest is open to all high school students in the Marble Falls and Burnet areas. For contest rules and entry form, please call 830-656-2818 or email newmanzk@gmail.com.

The Burnet County Historical Commission (BCHC) is presenting another series of women whose accomplishments and dedication to the well-being of others have earned them the title of “Burnet County Woman of Note.” My friend, June Knapp, is the first biography of each will be posted at http://burnetx.com/WoN-2017 during the month of March, and there will be a luncheon to honor them and their families at the April 4 BCHC meeting, to be held at Burnet Episcopal Church, Llano and Wood Street, beginning at 10:15 a.m.

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Residents at the Windwood Apartments in Kingsland chose a new Valentine King and Queen at their month-end dinner last Friday. In the photo above, Mark Schaller and Virginia Clinkensmith crown Joe and Jannetta Tillman.

Author and Singer

Songwriter W.C. Jameson sang some of his songs and told stories at the monthly meeting of the Friends of the Kingsland Library on Tuesday.

The frame of the new KT Waterfront Construction building, on Hwy 1431 near Lookout Mountain in Kingsland, was up last Thursday.

Cen-Tox Asphalt was paving the parking lot in front of the new Splash Boat Rentals building when this photo was taken last Thursday.
River’s Edge shipbuilder Mike Brennan prepares to christen the “U.S.S. Turtle” in a special launching ceremony on Sunday afternoon. The amazingly detailed craft, which is equipped with PVC “cannons” to fight off any invasion by Lake Buchanan turtles, is designed for sunbathing by friendly “local” turtles.

Neighbors gathered to cheer (and enjoy some champagne) as the new U.S.S. Turtle was launched at River’s Edge (just east of Kingsland) on Sunday. It will be anchored on the other side of the channel.

This photo of the “old” U.S.S. Turtle (taken last summer) shows the popularity of Brennan’s design, and the need for a larger ship. This aging craft was recently decommissioned and retired from service.
By JOHN HALLOWELL

Llano County celebrated its Centennial in 1956, and the milestone date helped boost the spirits of residents who began the year in the grips of a formidable drought. A front-page article in the Janu-
ary 3, 2007, issue of the Llano Vindicator reproduced the extended year by say-
ing: "Electrons and Constructions are top 1956 Local Stories," and describing the church as "old and small."

The "electrons and constructions" were mainly public works projects approved by voters: a county hospital, a new "new building" for the First Church of Christ, and a new Baptist Church. Construction was underway in Llano. Work was nearly complete on a new building for the First Assembly Church. Mrs. Clyde L. King was named chairman of the newly-organized Llano County Historical Survey Committee.

During the next two months, the church was inspected and surveyed as a possible site for a state or national park. T.D. Tankersley, who was to be honored as one of five "Outstanding Young Texans" for 1956, was succeeded as County Extension Agent by Amos Amstull Jr. Mr. Tankersley had coached three local football teams which won state championships and represented Texas in national championships.

Two years earlier, two other teams had won the Sweepstakes award at Texas A&M, competing with Southern teams from around the state. The Llano Jaycees were planning a motorcycling event to cheer for them as he received the award (another of the oil families was none other than future president George Herbert Walker Bush, described as "an executive in the oil industry in Midland").

The Llano County 4-H Club boasted more than a hundred members. Its livestock judging team won the state championship and represented Texas at the International Livestock Show. Two members, Carroll and Donald Osburn, sold a calf for a world-record $2,100 at the Houston Livestock Show.

The community of Prairie Mountain celebrated its 50th anniversary, and RM 39 was dedicated in May, then re-designed as State Highway 71 late in the year. The road from Llano to Bluffton was paved, then the road from Bluffton to Tow. Construction was underway on the highway to Fredericksburg. A radio station began as the "Llano in Llano in Llano in December of 1956. The Llano News noted that plans had been made earlier in the year to ship water to the city of Llano from Kingsland."

A very interesting article from "The Man's Store" noted that "we have had three years of drought and cattle prices being in "half with no cut in feed pric-
es," and announced that "we have rebuilt the old McGinnis house." "...a month of the high school back at home," the story continued.

The centennial year began with preparations for the "largest Junior Livestock Show Llano County has ever had," Chairmen Norman Greewe and reported that the two-day show would include 265 entries of livestock and poultry, 139 entries of Llano County's 4-H Clubs, and

86 from the Llano FFA Chapter. Henry Battey was named president of the Llano Chamber of Commerce, and the Highway Department announced plans to build 11 miles of FM 152 in Mason County, from near Castell to U.S. Highway 87 from Fredericksburg.

The January 10 editorial of The Llano News announced that chairman had been named for 50 committee members to make the Centennial Celebration (only 20.8 acres) a big success.

Two weeks later, an "official emblem" was announced: a round medal showing Puckett's Mountain in the background and a longhorn's skull in the foreground. Llano began growing boards in preparation for the big day. A photo on the front page of the February 2 and paper announced that the "Old-Timers Llano Landmarks," called the "Colonial Inn" (then known as the "Old Southern Home" or just "the "But- tery Boarding house") was sold by Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Kekich of Chicago to L.G. Ramsey of Bartlett.

A "Kangaroo Court" was set up, assisted by "Kangaroo Caps," to make sure no one was not doing their part and that women wore proper bonnets (among other good-natured rules). Fines were assessed and collected for all kinds of infractions, with proceeds going to the Centennial celebration effort. A water show ("the outstanding water show of the entire United States") was announced on March 26 as a "Female Keg Club." A unit was established to make sure that no women were wearing makeup or jewelry, without a special permit.

The following week, a front-page story announced that the "most elaborate display of fireworks ever seen over Llano" would be shown on each of the five nights of the Centennial Celebration. Tickets would be sold on April 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

The April 11th headline read that 16 Llano County girls had signed up to compete for the title of "Queen" at Lla-

no's Centennial, with six days left before the coronation. The local newspaper "Glenn News" reported "dust storms and dry weather" as the temperature reached 52 on April 14. Construction began on a new home at Main and Flag Streets, for Donald Walpera.

The hospital board passed by a vote of 1,116 to 166. Thirteen more girls signed up to compete for "Miss Llano County," with 20 to who would compete for votes in the month of May. Antiques were being collected to set up displays in all the shop windows.

A headline underlined May 5, 1956, "Hot Ziggity Dog! Beneficial Rain Falls Over Llano County!" The story reported that "the first general rain of 1956 fell in Llano this week, beginning at 5:55 on Saturday night," supplemented by two more inches by Wednesday morning. Sheriff McPherson reported 2.5 "at his reach in Kingsland."

Gail Reckon was named valedic-
torian at Llano High School, and Joanne Gray was named valedictorian. The May 10 paper reported that a dedication would be held at the First Christian Church that Sunday, where additions and renovations had just been completed. A new fellowship hall and kitchen had been added, the educational (Continued on page 12)
Pastor George Perry showed his versatility during last Saturday’s Black History program at St. Frederick Baptist Church in Marble Falls. In addition to cooking a variety of meats for the meal, he sang and addressed the audience during the pre-meal gathering.

Among the photos and displays honoring African-American heroes, there was a display of art included at St. Frederick Baptist Church last Saturday.

The youth choir from St. Frederick Baptist Church sang several songs during Saturday morning’s Black History program.

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The crowd at the Marble Falls Chamber Banquet enjoyed a sumptuous dinner by Saucy’s Catering, from Cottonwood Shores.

A sold-out crowd attended the banquet at Lakeside Pavilion.

Chamber directors Mandy and Mark McCary (standing) applauded as other directors are recognized at the beginning of the Awards Ceremony.

Left: Nancy Griffin presented the “Ambassador of the Year” award to Chamber Volunteer Ron Nicholas.
Right: Elizabeth Maynard presented the “Volunteer of the Year” award to Jim McCollum.
Marble Falls Chamber Banquet

Above, left: Jim and Debbie Gallagher accepted the “Citizen of the Year” award from Mark McCary during last Saturday evening’s Awards Ceremony.

Above, right: The crowd applauds as Stuart and Rebecca Nunnally hold the “Lifetime Achievement” award they accepted from presenter (and long-time admirer) Mark Mayfield.

Alex and Kathy Payson, owners of Luminous Coffee Roaster, listen as their friend Dave Rathkamp introduces Alex as “Innovator of the Year” during the Awards Ceremony last Saturday.

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At left: Micheal Shaffer’s “Walking Tree of Life” will once again be one of the many attractions at the Llano Earth Art Fest (L.E.A.F) March 10–13. Above: Mother Gardeners held a quilt which they made and will raffle off at the year’s Hill Country Lawn & Garden Show. From left: Carol Nicholson, Noveleen Parker, Paula Andrews, Sharon Jonson, Donna Maier, Sue Kerskey and Paisy Salinas; others involved were: Susan Bowman, Diane Brunmel, Seramy Childers, Bilie Gunter and Bonnie Mikles. The show will be held from 9 to 5 on Saturday, March 25, at the Burnett Community Center.

(EVENTS — Continued from page 2)

host freelance writer and author Jessica Dupuy (United Tastes of Texas) at its Launch at the Library, scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 10. Reservations are required, but there is no charge. RSVP at the library or call 330-610-1023.

The Llano Earth Art Fest, with its railroad tracks, live music and many outdoor activities, will be held along the Llano River from March 10 to 13.

There will be a Hodge Podge Market at the J.K. Event Center in Llano from 10 to 4 on Saturday and Sunday, March 11 & 12.

The YMCA in Burnet will host its free Stock Hop Dance, featuring the music of Big Ant and the Alley Cats, from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 11.

The Kingsland Genealogical Society will present a program on “No Vital Records: Locating Birth and Death Substitutes” on Tuesday, March 14, at the Kingsland Library.

This year’s final Winter Texas Dinner will be held at the Kingsland Community Center on Tuesday, March 14. Doors will open for a social hour beginning at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6.

Learning Fun 101 will sponsor a LEGO Fun Day with a free program from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, at the Herman Brown Free Library in Llano. The library is open for a social hour beginning at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6.

A Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held at the J.K. Event Center on Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m.

The Blum Volleyball Association will hold a “Shop Small” event in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church, 3433 Hwy 1431, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 18.

The Blum Community Lawn & Garden Show will be held from 9 to 5 on Saturday, March 25, at the Burnet Community Center. This free family event has a variety of native, exotic houseplants, herbs, roses, vegetables and garden supplies for sale, plus demonstrations, children activities, raffle and food for purchase. For more information call Irene Dauph 525-490-600 or vendor information, Rene Duggan 512-755-9000.

The Sunrise Beach VFD Auxiliary will host a Bass Fishing Tournament on Saturday, March 25. Look for details at www.336bigguns.com.

Bulb Rifle Soldiers will “take over” Inks Lake State Park for an all-day (9-5) Irving history program on Saturday, March 25.

The Llano Art Studio Tour (L.A.S.T.) is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 (always the last Saturday in March).

The Epsilon Pi Golf Tournament will be held at Dallas Springs in Burnett, beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25.

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

Susie’s Travel Time will host a Preview Party at River City Grille, beginning at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 27, to showcase an upcoming tour of Canyon Country in Arizona and Utah. RSVP to 1-800-292-1446 or susie@susiestraveltimc.com.

Marble Falls will host its annual Paint the Town event March 26 to April 1. Artists are invited to register for the Plein Air Competition and Exhibit, rated one of the five best events in Texas, at www.burnetba.com.

Landmark Productions and the Globe Theatre (in Bertram) will host a special program with Lake Pendel, titled “The History of Country Music From Jimmie Rodgers to George Strait,” beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 31, at the theatre.

The Texas Hill Quilters will host a Wildflowers in Bloom quilt show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1 at the Family Activity Center of Llano Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church in Llano. Llano’s annual Fiddler’s Four Weekend will be held from Friday, March 31 to Sunday, April 2.

The Texas Tiki Travelers will meet at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, April for a history program at Inks Lake State Park.

A Hodge Podge Market will be held at the J.K. Event Center in Llano on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 & 2.

The Living Love Charity Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, April 1 at Hidden Falls Golf Club (12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start). A “Warriors on the Beach” fishing trip will be held on April 7 and 8 at Sunrise Beach on Lake LBJ. The event is targeted for disabled veterans and their families.

Burnet’s fabulous Bluebonnet Festival will be held the second weekend of April (April 7-9).
Above, left: Valerie Smasal, Claire Hammons and Marcus Hammons were some of the revelers at Calamity & Grace for last Friday’s ArtWalk in Llano. The art supply shop with the artistically decorated floor is located on the west side of the square.

Above: Sheri Zoch and Robin Chesa-Barras were dressed to party at Main Street Affairs last Friday. A good number of shops stayed open late for the Fourth Friday ArtWalk in Llano.

At left: John Zeiler, of the National Weather Service in San Antonio, conducted a “Skywarn Weather Spotter Training” class at the Llano Library on Tuesday evening. The class covered many possible weather-related emergencies in the Hill Country, how to prepare, how to escape, and how to help others (including the National Weather Service).

The first-ever “Llano Foodie Market” was held at the JFK Event Center last Saturday. Vendors offered a variety of foods and other products in what may become a Llano tradition.

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LLANO’S CENTENNIAL: (Continued from page 6)

rooms had been remodeled and new stoves had been added to the sanctuary to match the new addition. A new steeple had been installed, as well as a new central heating and air-conditioning system.

County Commissioners hired an architect to design the new hospital building, and the Highway Department announced a contract for a road from the new RM 83 (now 71) to Round Mountain. Also workers were preparing to pave the newly-adopted section of Highway 29 from Burnet to Buchanan Dam (now four-lane).

Ornamental shrubs were planted around the veterans’ monuments on the square. June 6 was designated as “Pioneer Day,” to honor those over 70 who had lived in Llano County for at least 50 years. Admiral H.H. McLea was named as the featured speaker at the Centennial opening, scheduled for 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, at Yellow Jacket Stadium.

The front page on May 31 was devoted almost completely to the upcoming Centennial celebration. That will be the subject of the Highland Lakes Weekly’s next history article.

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Music around the Lakes

Maizos Wells, Zeno Lawrence and Matt Hilton are not a regular band, but the three musicians provided quality live music outside “Calamity & Grace” on the Llano square during Friday’s “Art Walk.”

The Bluebonnet Chorale delighted guests at Grace United Methodist Church last Thursday for the Soup Supper Thursday event, held to raise funds for the Granite Shoals Christmas Outreach.

Renowned instrumentalist Buck Trent (above) and Pretty Miss Norma Jean (at right) will be the featured performers at the Llano Country Opry on March 11.

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Students and teachers from Harmony School of Creative Arts in Marble Falls demonstrated their abilities in a Showcase Recital at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church last Sunday afternoon. Clockwise from below: Addison Culver on the piano, Hannah Chandler (singing “How Far I’ll Go”), Saigo Clowdus on the piano with teacher Carlene Jasper, and Brandon Lovelady on guitar with teacher Devon Goodman.

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