The eagerly-anticipated new H.E.B. grocery store, with all the state-of-the-art features at H.E.B.’s disposal, is scheduled to open for business this Friday, February 9. It is one of the largest current construction projects in Marble Falls, where builders are busy all around town. The Pedernales Electric Cooperative’s Northwest Operations Center, on Hwy 281 just north of Marble Falls, will probably be the next large building to be completed; several smaller construction projects are underway around the lakes.
Burnets’ Hill Country Fellowship will be one of 540 churches around the world to host a Night to Shine prom night for people aged 14 and older with special needs. On February 9, approximately 90,000 guests will be honored at one of the proms (last year’s event pictured above).

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Valley Masonic Lodge (311 S. Main in Burnet) will hold its annual Chili Luncheon from 11 to 2 on Friday, February 9.

Packsaddle Elementary School (in Kingsland) will host a Family Valentine’s Gala (for current students and parents ONLY) from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 9.

Hill Country Fellowship, just off Hwy 281 in Burnet, will be one of 540 churches worldwide to host a Night to Shine Special Needs Prom this Friday evening (6 to 9, February 9).

The Highland Lakes Quilt Guild will hold a Quilt Festival on Friday and Saturday, February 9 & 10 (9-4 both days), at the community center on Jackson Street in Burnet.

The Burnet County Rodeo Association will hold a Chili Cook-Off and Pie Bake-Off from 11 to 1 on Saturday, February 10 at the fairgrounds in Burnet. The Llano Country Opry will feature Johnny Bush & The Bandoleros in two shows (2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) on Saturday, February 10 at the Llano Depot.

The River Rat Revue will perform during a Chili Cook-Off at Reverend Jim’s in Buchanan Dam, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., February 10.

The Church at The Esplanade (2401 N. Hwy 281 Burnet) will hold its 8th Annual Father/Daughter Dance, A Night of Sweet Adventure, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 10. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Daughters can be escorted by dads, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, or any other father figure in their life (even Mom). There will be dinner, games, fun, and dancing! For more information call Sabrina at 512-755-1456.

Genesis Lutheran Church will host a Valentine Shoes fundraiser for Orphan Grain Train at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 10. The event will include dinner, music and auctions; proceeds will supply shoes for children in need.

VFW Post 10376 in Marble Falls will host a Feel the Love veterans benefit at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 10.

Kingsland Community Church invites Winter Texans to a BBQ Luncheon after worship service (10:45 a.m.) on Sunday, February 11.

Candlelight Ranch (6408 Muleshoe Bend Trail, east of Marble Falls) will host its 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off & Car Show from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 11.

Lakeshore Library, in Buchanan Dam, will host a history program by Maxine Heath on “Abraham Lincoln’s Teacher” at noon on Tuesday, February 13. The program is free and open to all; please call 325-370-1174 to reserve a seat.

The Kingsland Genealogical Society will celebrate its own personal “Antiques Roadshow” at its next meeting (2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, at the Kingsland Library. The main interest will be the emotional value family artifacts have for family history researchers; those attending the session are invited to bring an “artifact” that has special memories or meaning for a family, and plan to explain the background. Visitors are always welcome.

The Kingsland Boys & Girls Club will host a Valentine Carnival, with bounce house, facepainting, games, auction, tours, etc., from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13 at Kingsland First Baptist Church.

The First United Methodist Church in Burnet will host a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5 to 7 p.m. on February 13.

Inks Lake State Park will host a “Galentine’s Day Hike” on the 2.2 mile Devil’s Backbone Trail, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13. Bring your “Gal Pal” and enjoy the scenery at Inks Lake together.

The Kingsland Chamber’s next Winter Texan Dinner will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, at the Kingsland Community Center.

The Llano Library will hold its annual Souper Supper Smackdown fundraiser, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13.

The new McDonald’s restaurant in Burnet will celebrate its 1st Anniversary on February 14 (see ad on page 9).

Daniel Oppenheim, from Hill Country Alliance, will present a program on the Impact of Non-Native Invasive Plants and Stewarding Hill Country Rivers at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, at the Llano Library. Call the library at 325-247-5248 to reserve your seat.

Culinary students at Burnet High School will hold a Valentine Building Bistro fundraiser (a 4-course gourmet meal) at BHS at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 15.

The Hill Country Community Theatre is getting ready to present a spoof off all the classic Alfred Hitchcock thrillers (“Rear Window,” “The Birds,” “North by Northwest” and more). “The 39 Steps” will be directed by Laura Giss. It opens February 15, and runs through March 4.
Visits from family members are becoming more frequent lately, and I had the pleasure of hosting my daughter and her very athletic dog this past weekend. The 2.2-mile hike at Inks Lake State Park’s scenic Devil’s Backbone trail was plenty of activity for Abby and me, but Pepper was just getting warmed up! There is a “Galenite’s Day Hike” planned for that trail next Tuesday evening, and the lake should be re-filled by then.

Scatterthought

I guess I’m getting old. I literally had “too much fun” again last weekend, and I’d like to warn the writer of that silly song (I think it’s Doyle Singletary) that his days are numbered!

The papers were late getting printed last Thursday, and I had to skip a couple of meals to get my deadlines in by the Friday morning. Complicating things even more was a Weakly Ministries interview that we videotaped Friday morning. Then there were several events to cover on Friday night. Saturday wasn’t especially hectic, but it was about eleven hours’ worth of driving around taking pictures.

My daughter and her amazingly energetic dog arrived last Saturday night, just as the week was ending, so my fun (and it really was fun) didn’t even slow down. We walked the dog out for a late dinner, walked the dog again, etc.

One of Sunday’s highlights was a 2.2-mile hike on the new Devil’s Backbone trail at Inks Lake State Park (Pepper loved it). The water level in the lake is down right now (see page 8), but the trail and the scenery were great. The lake level should be back to normal when the park re-opens its “Galenite’s Day Hike” on February 13. We got home in time to walk the dog again, that evening Abby started to read my nearly-finished book. I took advantage of the silence to finish putting the last five chapters on pages, but it was LATE when we finally called it a day (there are some corrections to be made, but basically the book is finished, and I should get it sent to the printers this weekend).

On Monday morning I had a little homework to do before giving a talk on railroads and Kingsland to the Highland Lakes Social Club, but FIRST we had to go and eat breakfast at the excellent new La Tequila Jalisco restaurant (it just opened on Monday at the former Storm’s restaurant on the Burnet County side of the Hwy 1431 bridge). I had a mushroom omelet that was absolutely delicious, and my daughter enjoyed her Barbacoa, too. We heartily recommend it.

It was downhill from there. My lack of sleep was catching up to me, and my head was acheing even after a mid-afternoon nap. Since then, it’s been a struggle to get this week’s paper done, but I can’t disguise this column at 5:00 a.m. on Thursday. I’m feeling a little better. I think I’ll probably survive!

I don’t celebrate much on Valentine’s Day anymore, but there are a couple of events that I’m looking forward to. I was really impressed last year by the Special Needs Prom at Hill Country Fellowship in Burnet, and I hope to get some pictures there on Friday evening. I’m also going to attend the Valentine Shoe fundraiser at Genesis Lutheran Church in Buchanan Dam and the Father/Daughter Dance at the Church at the Epicenter in Burnet this Saturday evening.

The Highland Lakes Quilt Guild’s big Quilt Festival will be held this weekend (9-4 on Friday and Saturday) at the Burnet Community Center on Jackson Street. Admission is $7.00, children under 10 are free. There will be all kinds of quilt-related activities, plus food trucks for your dining pleasure.

I saw a flyer on the door at the Mambo Italiano Restaurant in Bertram, and I’m hoping sometime soon to hear Ken Krause’s Sinatra tribute (“Frankly” Singing), 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

A little more ominous-sounding is a program hosted by the Four Lakes Forum on human trafficking in central Texas. That doesn’t sound like “good news” to me, but if we could shut it down, it would be great news. The speaker will be Amanda Dukas, from the TX Dept. of State Health Services, and she will be at the Hidden Falls Club in Meadowlakes at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20. Please make reservations by sending a $15 check (to cover lunch expenses) to Four Lakes Forum at P.O. Box 1826 in Marble Falls (78654) by next Thursday (February 15).

Time is running out to sign up for this year’s Master Gardener classes. Contact County Extension offices for details.

The AARP Smart Driver Course is being offered at Highland Lakes United Methodist Church (in Buchanan Dam) from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday, February 19. Students may obtain a discount up to 10% on their auto insurance. The cost for this course is $15 if you are an AARP member, and $20 if you are not a member.

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Highland Lakes Social Club, founded in 1967, celebrated its “50th Jubilee” at the regular monthly meeting on Monday at the First Baptist Church in Kingsland.

Master Gardener (and former Burnet County Extension Agent) Wade Hibler gave a program on collecting rainwater for a meeting of the Highland Lakes Master Gardeners on Wednesday at the Kingsland Library.

Packsaddle Elementary School principal Maela Edmonson (pictured here at last week’s Llano Chamber of Commerce awards banquet) was recently named “Principal of the Year” for District 13 of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA).

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H.E.B’s tailgate event in Kingsland last Saturday (the day before the Super Bowl), included free hot dogs, a football throwing contest and more.

Members of the Highland Lakes Master Gardeners showed off this unique fruit-and-vegetable-themed quilt at last Friday’s meeting of the Kingsland Garden Club. The quilt will be raffled at the Lawn & Garden Show on March 24. Pictured, L-R: Paula Andrews, Kitty Rawlings, Sharon Jenson, Novelene Parker, Sue Kersey & Patsy Salinas.

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By JOHN HALLOWELL

Livestock shows were still making the front page of The Llano News in March of 1954. A four-page spread in the March 12 edition told how Stanley Keece had showed the “Champion Hereford Breeding Ball in the junior breeders portion of the Austin Live Stock Show” and his Hereford breeder heifer had placed third to two entries from the senior calf division.

“The Farm Bureau’s ‘district committee’ filed a request to the state for rein- statement to the Drought Emergency fund program, pointing out that Llano County had received less than one inch of rain in the previous 120 days, and that nearly all the ranchers were having to buy feed for their stock.

A lengthy meeting in the basement of the Llano Hotel led to an “almost unanim- ous” decision to plan a rodeo for 1954. Four committee members were appoint- ed to decide whether or not a traditional Homecoming would be held that year, after two consecutive years of insufficient funding.

Another report indicated that tem- peratures had dropped from a high of 92 degrees on February 26 to a low of 26 on March 1.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower designated March as National Red Cross Month, and Mayor H.J. Hoerster issued a proclamation calling for $1,750 in dona- tions from residents of Llano County.

System Grocery & Market advertised “1 big days of specials,” including sliced bacon for .57 cents a pound and ground meat for 34 cents per pound. A ten-pound bag of Gold Medal flour was 89 cents. Quality, Carter’s and Doron’s grocery stores offered similar specials.

Woodall’s Service Station (“On San Saba Highway”) announced it’s “Official Opening.” Corner Drug advertised “Vaccines and Livestock Products for ‘Calf Branding Time.’” Hap Sawyer and Spencer Weber offered a 5-pound bag of “New Purina Dog Chew” for half-price at Llano Feed & Hardware.

Lamb Company offered Mesh Poultry Netting for $5.95 per roll.

There were no pictures on the front page of the March 11 paper, a rare oc- currence in the 1950s. Instead, 17 small articles were scattered around the page. One of the most interesting was at the bottom of the page; it told how Mr. and Mrs. Bob Waldroppe had moved to Llano from Round Mountain and purchased the Tucker Ranch from Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lacey. The Waldrops had two sons; one of them (Don Waldroppe) was employed by the Miles Body Funeral Home.

The article reported that the Central Texas Electrical Co-op was considering the relocation of its head- quarters from Fredericksburg to Llano, that the Llano County council had written a “sharply worded” letter to the telephone company (complaining about poor ser- vices), and that the Red Cross Bloodmobile was in town hoping to collect 140 pints of previously pledged blood dona- tions and that the Red Cross Bloodmobile was scheduled for June 3, 4 and 5.

Another article reported that only 588 vehicles were registered in Llano County, and that the deadline for registration was April 1. It warned that “such a slow regis- tration flow” would lead to a last-minute crush.

There were 2,416 vehicles registered in Llano County in 1953, and more were needed. Those who missed the April 1 deadline would be fined.

There were at least four car dealers- in Llano in 1954. T.G. Houston Motor Company advertised new 1954 Fords, with “New Half-Front Joint Suspension” for the “smoothest ride you’ve ever ex- perienced in a low-priced car.” Ratliff Motors (“Dodge and Plymouth”) offered a chance to win an all-expense-paid two- week vacation which included the use of an elegant new ’54 Dodge.

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Lange Tin and Plumbing Shop advertised “a new complete bathrooms and other improvements while you pay FHA easy terms.” E.S. Yett advertised termite control with a five-year guarantee. Molly Janney and Maggie Myers advertised a delicious-sounding “Sunday Dinner” at the Hill Country Inn (“For $1.00,”), while Decker & Co. offered “Free coffee with each cup of coffee” at the Texas Café.

Major James M. Inks announced the release of a novel, called “Fightin’ Backed Out.” The article pointed out that he was the son of former mayor Roy Banff Inks, and was currently employed in Washington, D.C., as liaison between the Air Force and the State of Maryland.

The top news story on March 18 reported that, due to a “mild epidemic of yellow jaundice” in Llano County, the Red Cross Bloodmobile would not be ac- cepting donations from the 140 citizens who had pledged to give blood. Dr. H. H. Hoerster reported that he had treated about a dozen people for jaundice, and Dr. G.L. Darby reported “20 to 25 cases” since December.

Another front-page story announced the upcoming of a Grand Opening at the Hill Country Motel, a “modern tourist center” built by Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lush of Llano,” located next door to the Hill Country Inn. Lawrence Brown sold his CHN Trucking Company to Crawford Children and Lawrence Childress both from Brady. The new company would be called Cole and Childers Insured Trucking, but it would keep all the former employees and promised to have three or four new trucks available for service at all times. Mr. Childers would move to Llano to manage the company.

A full-page ad paid for in the interest of Llano Public and Llano Schools gave quite a few interesting facts about the school system. There were 1,537 students in Llano in 1954; there were 36 teachers (including the superintendent and principals) and 21 other employees. The total budget, in- cluding $1,575.79 in foundation money, was $226,242. The district used 12 buses and four cars along 550 miles of routes.
Eventual winner Michael McDavid led all runners as he crossed the bridge during the first half of Llano’s 5K Fun Run last Saturday.

Above: Lauren Lee passed most of the older runners to finish 2nd Overall and 1st among the women in the 5K race.

At right: We’re not sure whether this young runner placed among the winners of the race, but she won our informal “Miss Congeniality” award at the Llano Fun Run last Saturday morning.

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This aerial shot, taken from near Buchanan Dam, looks south over recently-lowered Inks Lake. The LCRA had lowered the water level about eight feet in January so property owners could do repairs and maintenance on docks, retaining walls, etc. The lake is scheduled to refill by about two feet per day from February 10-13. In the meantime, several construction projects are going on within the Inks Lake State Park. Even with the low water levels and worksites, the park’s hiking trails provide some beautiful views and enjoyable outdoor activities. The park will host a “Galentine’s Day Hike” on the 2.2 mile Devil’s Backbone Trail (where photos at right were taken last weekend), beginning at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13. Bring your “Gal Pal” and enjoy the scenery at Inks Lake together.

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Above: A race begins at the JLK Event Center during the “Hill Country Hundy,” held by Chumba Cycles USA around Llano last Saturday.

At left: Also last Saturday, the JLK Event Center hosted Llano Trade Day.

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EVENTS: (Continued from page 2)

The Burnet Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Chamber Awards Banquet, beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 17. You do not have to be a member to attend.

Rick Trevino will perform at the Ramblin’ Rose in Llano at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 17.

The Diva Dawgs and the Bulldog Bros will hold their annual Valentine Dance on Sunday, February 18. The Daddy/Daughter Dance will begin at 4 p.m., the Family Dance will begin at 5:30, and the Mother/Son Dance. There will be a professional photo booth, snacks and lots of fun. There is no admission fee, but donations are appreciated.

Rebecca Cook will present a program on Quilt Appraisals at a meeting of the Highland Lakes Quilt Guild at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21, at First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls. Guests are welcome. She will be available that afternoon for private appraisal appointments. Call 325-388-2329 for appraisal cost and info.

The Marble Falls Kiwanis Club will sponsor “An Evening of Entertainment” on Friday, February 23 (re-scheduled from the 9th). If you have a talent or a skill that you’d like to share, send a text to (254) 566-9059.

St. Frederick Baptist Church, on Avenue N in Marble Falls, will host a special Black History event beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 24.

The Marble Falls Chamber of Commerce will hold its Chamber Awards Banquet at the Cadillac Dance Hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 24.

The 3rd Annual Antler Drop Masquerade Ball will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, at Horseshoe Bay Resort. It will include dinner, music and dancing (with People’s Choice), and silent and live auctions. Proceeds benefit the Llano Park’s Project.

The Smokey for Jesus Ministry Christian School will host its Black History program, “Faith Produces Greatness,” at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28 (see ad on page 15).

Grace United Methodist Church will host a Soup Supper Fundraiser for the Granite Shoals Christmas Outreach, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1.

Rods, Barrels & Strings will host two Turkey Seminars on Saturday, March 3, in their new location (1001 Hwy 281N). Basic turkey calling (on box and slate) will be discussed at 11 a.m. and turkey hunting at noon.

The Llano Fiddle Fest Weekend will be held April 6-8.

The Llano VFD will hold its annual fundraiser Fish Fry and BBQ on Saturday, April 14 (from 4 p.m. until the food runs out.

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Chamber of Commerce Banquets will be held at the Community Center in Burnet (pictured above) on February 17, and at Cadillac Dance Hall in Marble Falls on February 24.

Two local churches will host celebrations at the close of Black History Month. Pictured above at last year’s event, students at Smoking for Jesus Ministry’s Christian School (in Hoover Valley) will present “Faith Produces Greatness” on Wednesday, February 28.

St. Frederick Baptist Church will host a program on Saturday, February 24.

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Master Naturalists from the Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center gave a “Birding Bootcamp” program at Numinous Coffee Roasters in Marble Falls last Saturday morning.

Burnet County Democrats held an “Old-Fashioned Political Rally” with hot dogs, speeches from various candidates and live music from the Turnabout band, at Westside Park in Marble Falls last Saturday.

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Annual Fundraiser

Featuring the Square Grooves

With guest artist
Shayne Knight

5:30 p.m. Saturday, February 17
Spicewood Vineyards Event Center
1419 Co. Rd. 409, Spicewood

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Please do not bring outside alcohol into the Vineyard grounds. Thank you.
Two very different Marble Falls events attracted great crowds this past week. At left, the Marble Falls Senior Activity Center was filled to capacity at noon on Wednesday for its annual Chili Meal fundraiser.

Above: the unique “Lone Star Luau” attracted fans of “tropical rock” music from all over Texas, and even from several other states, to the Lakeside Pavilion for a weekend of laid-back, island-style music. The relatively new genre is sometimes credited to Jimmy Buffet, but songs from several popular artists are included (see radiotropicrock.com).

The “Square Grooves” band of businessmen-turned-musicians will be the featured performers at the Spicewood Arts Society’s “Rockin’ the Vineyard” fundraiser at Spicewood Vineyards on February 17 (see ad on page 11).
Coley McCabe and Thom Shepherd (center stage) perform at the successful “Lone Star Luau” they arranged at the Lakeside Pavilion in Marble Falls last weekend. A long list of “trop rock” bands took turns on stage; John Patti and Ben Hammond are pictured below. Many of the approximately 500 spectators were from out of town (or even out of state!)

The talented young musicians of the Algerita Hill band are a big attraction during their regular Friday evening gig at Mama’s Home Cookin’ in Burnet. They are siblings Paul, Lisa, Mark and Seth Bechler, who live between Burnet and Bertram. They generally perform from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday nights.

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Above: A cheerful and generous crowd attended the Boots & BBQ gala at Quail Point Lodge in Horseshoe Bay last Saturday evening. The event raised funds for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for the Highland Lakes.

At left: A guitar autographed by country music legend George Strait was one of the eye-catching items at the Boots & BBQ silent auction.

Ross and Alice Johnson presided over a table of staff members from Johnson Sewell Ford at last Saturday’s Boots and BBQ gala.

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