The amazing Llano Earth Art Festival was the big event last weekend, filling Grenwelge Park with expert and amateur rockstacking enthusiasts, and offering a wide variety of exhibits, activities, entertainers, and vendors for most of four days (see more photos on pages 8 & 9). Llano will host an Art Studio Tour at the end of March and a Fiddle Fest weekend at the beginning of April; Burnet's huge Bluebonnet Festival is planned for April 13-15. For more great activities in coming weeks, see “Upcoming Events” on page 2.
Lighthouse Country Club
Congratulates our Golf Course Superintendent, Jarrett Eledge

By John Hallowell

The Hill Country Community Theatre (on RR 2147 in Cottonwood Shores) will hold a fundraising event, “Broadway Revue – Let’s DUETT,” for two performances only, Friday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30) and Sunday, March 18 at 2:15 p.m. (doors open 1:15).

Kingsland’s River Rats will be the featured entertainers at a “St. Patty’s Day” party, from 3 to 7 p.m. this Saturday at Reverend Jim’s Dam Pub just west of Buchanan Dam.

The Vineyard at 183 near Sunrise Beach will host a St. Patrick’s Day party beginning at 5 p.m. this Saturday, March 17. There will be Irish-inspired cuisine and live music by George Gunnars. No reservations necessary!

Texas Crossing will be opening for Bart Crow at Brass Hall on Saturday evening, March 17.

At The Jolie on Main event venue (across from the library in Marble Falls) will host a Downtown Spring Mixer beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20.

Kelly Aslon will be presenting the program “Layer Cakes, Turnovers and Jelly Rolls! Oh my!” at a meeting of the Highland Lakes Quilt Guild (9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21) at First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls. Guests are welcome. The following day, there will be an “Opening Views” workshop. Call 830-637-7197 for details.

The Burnet Middle School greenhouse will hold another Plant Sale from 8 to 4:30 on Thursday, March 22.

The Bluebonnet Chorale will present a “Marvelous Music, Marvelous Memories” program at Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 22.

The Lambda Nu sorority will host a Tea Under the Sea party from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, at the Kingsland Community Center. A hat contest and other activities will be included. Call 830-926-3444 for reservations or details.

The 20th Annual Hill Country Lawn and Garden Show will be held from 9 to 5 on Saturday, March 24, at the Burnet Community Center.

The Llano County Lawn & Garden Show will be held from 9 to 1 the same Saturday at Lurie Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church in Llano.

The Kingsland Beautification Golf Tournament will be held from 11 to 6 on Saturday, March 24, at The Legends golf course. Proceeds will benefit the Kingsland Community Park.

The Llano Uplift Archeological Society will hold its annual Archaeology Fair from 10 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Nightengale Archeological Center, off Hwy 1431 just east of Kingsland.

At the same time, the Hill Country Children’s Advocacy will host its always-popular Designer Purse Bingo event at Horsehoe Bay Resort.

The Highland Lakes VFW POST 6974, on Hwy 29W in Burnet, will host a Spring Fling Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 24. Tickets are $15 each, BYOB.

The Llano County Historical Museum will present a new exhibit called “In Your Easter Bonnet,” a vintage hat exhibit and fashion show, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 25. Tickets to the opening exhibit and fashion show are $20 for adults, $10 for children under 12, and may be purchased at the museum or by calling 325-422-2981. The vintage hat exhibit will be on display until the end of April.

The Young Life Banquet will be held at the Highland Lakes United Methodist Church in Buchanan Dam at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26.

(The continued on page 10)
Mary Lou Grenwelge, reportedly the last of the Grenwelge family in Llano, participated as a queen in the Fashion Circus Parade at the Llano Earth Art Festival (L.E.A.F) last Saturday. The unique Llano event is held each year at Grenwelge Park, the hillside venue on the south bank of the Llano River. The park is named for Leonard Grenwelge, a Llano County rancher and county commissioner who was active in the local community.

Scatterthought

There is apparently no “Spring Break” for community reporter. I think this was the busiest Tuesday I’ve had in months, and it followed the weekend-long Llano Earth Art Fest (a huge success, from what I could see) and my first-ever book-signing, held at the Place Downtown in Kingsland. Fortunately, I skipped part of the fun at L.E.A.F. and took a “day off” on Sunday. As I think I was more hold than usual at the book-signing (sleep deprivation has me aging rapidly; but I’m having a great time doing it!), I want to thank Zaro and Meredith and all the others at The Place Downtown, plus everyone who showed up to get my book. I’m way ahead of what I considered very optimistic sales projections, and I think I’m going to have to order a few hundred more books. I very much appreciate all those who have bought one.

I have a lot of things to mention this week, so I’d better get started right away.

Commissioner Mike Sandoval will hold his monthly Town Hall meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, at the Kingsland Library.

The March Kingsland Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club meeting will be on Wednesday, March 21, at the Llano Lakes Tiny Homes. The event sponsor is Sandra Garyon, of Operation Exfil.

The Burnet Middle School greenhouse class will be holding a plant sale from 8 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22. This is a teaching greenhouse; the Highland Lake Master Gardeners bring in plant cuttings in September to help Shelly Townsend teach plant propagation, then return in January to help with planting all vegetable seeds. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students, and your support will be much appreciated.

This year’s Llano County Young Life Banquet will be held on Monday, March 26, at Highland Lakes United Methodist Church in Buchanan Dam.

AND, my friend Ronnie Lewis, of “Angora Chronicles” fame, posted a picture on Facebook the other day, showing progress on a Burnet County Veterans monument, under construction just east of the railroad depot in Bertram.

Meanwhile, the Kingsland Garden Club has a colorful new sign which will recognize a business or organization each month for its efforts to beautify Kingsland through gardening or landscaping. Watch for the new sign!

And the Central Texas Water Coalition is seeking golfers and sponsors for the 5th Annual CTWC Protect the Lakes Golf Tournament. The event is May 7, at the Escondido Golf & Lake Club in Horseshoe Bay. For details, email susan.patten@ctwc@ gmail.com.

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A few of Kingsland's Winter Texans have already headed north, but there was still a good crowd (and a lot of familiar faces) at the Kingsland Community Center on Tuesday evening.

Eric Wall Thacker (at left) provided quality live entertainment for Tuesday evening's Winter Texan Dinner at the Kingsland Community Center. Lisa Morgan and Mike Leamon (at right), of Highland Lakes Tiny Homes, sponsored the always-popular event.

As always, the serving tables were filled with delicious-looking dishes at the "pot-luck" event.

Marcus and Sara Acker, from Austin, were the featured performers last Saturday night at The Place Downtown in Kingsland.

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Soon-to-be County Judge Ron Cunningham spoke at a Kingsland Community Church breakfast on Tuesday morning, describing his experiences growing up in the church, then serving in the military, in a statewide SWAT team, and with the security team for George W. Bush.

Award-winning Wyoming author Steven W. Horn, who writes the Sam Dawson mystery series, led a discussion on writing (and reading) at the Kingsland Library on Monday afternoon.

Arbol Tree Services donated the services of two employees to trim trees at the Kingsland Community Park last Saturday morning. A team of Chamber volunteers helped clean up the resulting debris.

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Llano in 1954 - Part 4

By JOHN HALLOWELL

A headline on the front page of The Llano News on May 6, 1954, announced that 1.63 inches of rain had fallen on Llano County. It was in the middle of a terrible drought across central Texas, and the story noted that it was “the first beneficial, soaking rain since last Octo-
ber,” with measurements as high as three inches in the northwest part of the county.

The Llano River came slightly muddily from the overflow of Pecan, Johnson and San Fernando creeks, ran full banks for the first time in a year. Overflow was so high that a depth of more than ten inches over the top of the flashboards on the dam by the bridge.

Llano FFA judging teams, coached by Agricultural teacher Eugene Russell, won the Sweepstakes Awards at Texas A&M’s statewide judging competi-
tions for the second year in a row. With a 2nd place finish in Dairy Products, a 3rd place finish in Meats and a 4th place finish in Dairy Cattle, Gerry Fox, Frank Lange and Floyd Hazelden made up the 2nd place Dairy judging team. 

Weldon, Carroll and Donald Chesnet made up the Meat Judging team. About 850 schools were eligible to compete; the top ten percent went to A&M for the statewide event.

Llano High School sent its biggest-ever team to the UIL championships in Austin in 1954. James Gray represented Llano in “Number Sense,” Gerald Will-


Chamber of Commerce delegations from Llano, Marble Falls, Burnet, Lampasas, Austin and “Frightful Tonkawa Caverns” staffed a “Highland Lakes of Cen-
tral Texas” booth at the “Sports, Boat and Vacation” show in Dallas. More than 175,000 people attended the 4-day show.

Alfie Fox placed an ad in that week’s paper to announce that he had “purchased the Hi-Way Service Station” (located across the street from the Hotel Llano) from Joe Raffill. “Louisiana Hay- ride Star” Johnny Horton was announced as the headliner for a show sponsored by the Llano Volunteer Fire Department at the high school auditorium. In addition to the many local businesses advertis-
ing in The Llano News, there were ads from national companies such as Ford, Anheuser-Busch and Firestone.

The big news in Llano on May 13 was the crash landing on Sunday morning of a small plane at the intersection of “Ranch-to-Market Road no. 93 and the Fredericksburg highway, just at the city limits of Llano” (now Hwy 71 and 16). Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris es-
caped with minor injuries after hitting a telephone pole and flipping the damaged plane while attempting an emergency landing in strong winds. Jim Stumfoll was first at the night scene, the crew and Dr. Dan Hofer was called from church to attend to the couple’s injuries.

Llano High School’s baccalaureate and graduation exercises were scheduled for May 23 and 24. There were 40 stu-
dents in the 1954 senior class.

Rodeo Boosters organized a “parade” through neighboring towns, armed with loudspeakers, car horns and musical instru-
ments to advertise the Llano County Rodeo. Twenty cars were to travel to Burnet on May 29, then split into two groups to cover towns to the north and south.

A “tantalizing” storm dropped 1.25 inches of rain on Llano on May 11. The accompanying lightning damaged street lights, televisions and even the lightning machine at the newspaper.

The Llano News welcomed several newcomers to Llano, including Rev. and Mrs. J.H.E. Willham, Adolph Delz, recently discharged from the military; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Short, from Williamsburg, Va; Miss Maggie Carson, from Los Angeles; and Mrs. Ella Herron, from Grand Saline.

A short news item on page 2 re-
ported that Dr. and Mrs. L.T. Schraut had loaned their cabin on Granite Shoals Lake to their newly-married niece and her husband, from Canada, who were honeymooning in Texas. An ad on the back page invited the public to see “Hard Top Auto Races” at the VFW Speedway in Llano.

I.G. Houston Motor Co. advertised the “A-1 Used Car Bargains,” ranging from a 1937 Ford 2-Door for $95.00 to a 1953 Ford V-8 Customline 4-Door Sedan for $1,690.00.

On May 20, a front-page story re-
ported that Elgin W. Hasie was building a new Conoco service station next to Hasie’s Grocery and Produce Co. The station, “to be built from Monarc and bricks,” was expected to be completed within 60 days. Carter’s Grocery, owned by Curtis Carter, celebrated its 22nd anniversary.

The newly-organized Highland Lakes Development Association scheduled its second meeting for May 24, at the Llano City Park at 7:30. The administration building in Buchanan Dam, Llano was represented on the board by John Dodgen, C.G. Millett, Steve Schrank and Robert Keene.

The post office announced that 135 recently-installed boxes had all been rented, bringing the number of boxes to 605.

Yet another storm dropped 1.87” of rain during three days at the end of May, in what the May 27 paper described as “the most beautiful, most beneficial rain of the season.” Floodgates at Buchanan Dam were opened for the first time since 1949.

Bids were solicited for construc-
tion of the new bridge over Llano River and the paving of 15 miles along FM 93 (now Hwy 71). Contracts were to be let at the beginning of July.

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Pat & Janell Hanlon are about to open their long-awaited “Hill Country Motorheads” motorcycle museum, and it looks like it was well worth the wait! More than 70 (of their 200 total) motorcycles are on display at the old Johnson Ford building on Hwy 29W in Burnet (plus lots of motorcycle memorabilia), and they have announced a “soft opening” for this Saturday, March 17.

This English military motorcycle from World War 1 is one of many unique and intriguing motorcycles on display at Hill Country Motorheads.

This reproduction of a 1910 Harley-Davidson, by Timeless Motor Company, is another of the fascinating displays.

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Artists from all around the U.S. and Europe worked their magic by the Llano River last weekend. The intriguing sculpture above was created by Travis Williams, of Oregon. Tim Anderson (at right) came from Pennsylvania, and there were artists all the way from Spain and Italy in Llano, as well.
Dancers from Carla Sanchez’s Wildflower Dance Studio delighted their L.E.A.F. audience on Saturday morning.

Participants in Saturday afternoon’s L.E.A.F. Fashion Circus Parade gathered for a group photo at the end of their route.
EVENTS: (Continued from page 2)
Burnett’s Main Street Bethlehem site will be the venue for an Easter Journey, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Good Friday, March 30. Visitors can witness a dramatization of Christ’s crucifixion in the “ancient” town.

The Kingsland Lions Charities will host a Pancake Breakfast at the Kingsland Community Center from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 31. The Kingsland Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale fundraiser there at the same time.

The Llano Art Studio Tour (LAST), headquartered at the Llano Fine Arts Gallery, will be held from 10 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 (see ad on page 12). The Kingsland Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt behind M&M Donuts (1335 RR 1431) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 31.

Genesis Lutheran (on Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam) will host another big Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 31 (see ad on page 10).

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

The Highland Lakes Young Life Clay Shoot will be held at Copperhead Creek Shooting Club, on Hwv 1431 east of Marble Falls, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 7.

The Llano Fine Art Guild will host two plein air events from 10 to 5 on Saturday, April 7: An Introductory Paint Out with Jean Bass, and a Plein Air Paint Out with Carla Sanchez. Find details and registration forms under “Events” at www.llanofineartguild.com. Author Melissa Lenhardt will discuss her Sawbones female warriors and her Jack McElrath small-town Texas mysteries in another Coffee Talks event at the Herman Brown Library at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12.

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Spring Break activities broke out around the Highland Lakes all week. These photos show a sampling from Tuesday and Wednesday (clockwise from left): The City of Marble Falls and Elevate Church sponsored a big Skate Park Contest on Tuesday afternoon; World Champion trick roper Kevin Fitzpatrick, from Bandera, delighted his mostly-young audience at the Llano Library with his amazing skills and his good humor during Tuesday morning’s “Cowpoke Party;” and (above) kids, parents and volunteers created simple drums, kazooos and “clucking hens” with everyday household materials under the direction of Youth Services Librarian Rebecca Noah at the Herman Brown Free Library’s “Sounds of Science” program on Wednesday afternoon.

Faith Academy Junior Paris Brinkley was named District MVP and First Team All-State and Academic All-State on the TAPPS 4A Post-Season Honors list. Junior Hattie Blair and Senior Hannah Marks also won high honors as the Lady Flames won their District Championship.

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Angela Steiner exhibited at last month’s Quilt Festival in Burnet. It
was voted “Best of Show” by attendees at the successful show.
Other winners were: Romeo Loved Holidays, by Sue Kersey (Appli-
quê award), Batik “Bright Lights” by Gail Craig (Pieced Award) and
Lady Bug Garden by Melinda Noonan (Miniature Award).

As “Friends of CASA,” the Kingsland Book Club has generously
donated children’s books to local children in foster care. Last year,
more than 50,000 young victims of abuse and neglect were in the
Texas child welfare system, waiting to be placed in permanent
homes. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteers work
to move them through the foster care system and into safe and loving
homes as quickly as possible. These books will help make that
transition a little less stressful.

Renee Case, Linda Poernmer and Mary Ann Atwood, of the Kingsland
Garden Club’s Beautification Award Committee showcase the new
Beautification Award sign. It will be presented monthly to a business
or organization which beautifies Kingsland through gardening or

Pet of the Week

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Well-known entertainer (and accomplished artist) Ronnie McDowell was accompanied on drums and vocals by his son, Ronnie McDowell Jr., and other band members at two Llano Country Opry shows last Saturday.

Joe Stephens and Country Connection kept the dance floor full at Pardners in Buchanan Dam last Wednesday night.

Singer Melody Guy, from Nashville, was accompanied by Mark and Mishka Chipeur at a concert in the Uptown Art House (formerly Uptown Theater) in Marble Falls last Friday night.

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Thank you for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!
Above: Members of the Guy Taylor’s 4-H Shooting Club accepted a $500 donation from the National Wild Turkey Federation at the NWTF’s Hunting Heritage Banquet, held at the Lakeside Pavilion in Marble Falls last Friday evening. L-R: Weiss Stanley, Elijah Butler, Bethany Fry, Elizabeth Lilly, Robert Linder and Bethany Butler. Above, right: Highland Lakes Tiny Homes, on scenic Granite Lake in Kingsland, will host the Kingsland Chamber’s Breakfast Club meeting at 7:45 on Wednesday morning, March 21.

Above: The Dirty River Dixie Band played songs from last century’s “Roaring ’20s” in a concert at the Sunrise Beach Civic Center on Sunday afternoon.

At left: Editor John Hallowell signed copies of his new book, “Lake LBJ and the Re-Birth of Kingsland” at The Place Downtown on Monday.

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