Barges are now spread all across the lake at the construction site for the new RR 2900 bridge, and visible progress is made almost every day. This photo was taken on Tuesday morning. TxDOT had blocked off the center lane on RR 2900 by Wednesday, apparently preparing for another convoy of trucks carrying beams to the site. Many more photos of the dramatic on-going project are posted at the "Highland Lakes Weekly" Facebook page.
The cast of "Baskerville: a Sherlock Holmes Mystery" held a final dress rehearsal at the Hill Country Community Theatre on Wednesday evening; the play will be presented 12 times over the next three weekends, with 7:30 p.m. shows on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, plus a 2:15 matinee on Sundays.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

Ken Ludwig's comedy, "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery," will begin its three-weekend run at the Hill Country Community Theatre (on RR 2147 in Cottonwood Shores) on February 14 and continue until March 3. Shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; Sunday matinees will begin at 2:15.

The Friends of the Kingsland Library will hold their annual Book Sale and Bake Sale from 9 to 3 on Friday and Saturday, February 15 & 16, at the library.

The Marble Falls READS program will feature Cari Tapanan, from "Genealogy Pants," at the Marble Falls Library at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 15. Reserve your free seat at 360-693-3023, online, or at the library.

Horseshoe Bay Resort will host a combination Pickleball Team Challenge (Over 50 / Under 50) and Comedy Festival Weekend from Friday to Sunday (February 15-17).

Chapel of the Hills Baptist Church (on Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam) will host a Winter Festival at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 15.

The Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam will host its annual "Great Backyard Bird Count" from 8 to 11 a.m. this Saturday (February 16). Call 325-379-1174 for details.

The 4th Annual Texas Prospectors get-together and swap meet will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, at the Llano Community Center on CR 152.

The Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center will present a program by Matt Carley on "Bats of Texas" during its regular Coffee Talks at Numinous Coffee Roaster in Marble Falls from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, February 16.

Llano will host Flood Aid, an all-day music concert (10 a.m. to midnight) with various artists (including Les Hartman, Dub Miller and the Cadillac Gypsies), at the JKL Event Center on Saturday, February 16. Proceeds will benefit victims of the Llano River Flood in Llano County.

The YMCA of the Highland Lakes (on Hwy 281 in Burnet) will host a "Kids' Night Out," featuring the movie "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" and other activities, from 2 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 16.

The Skylarks will provide live music for a Valentine's Dance from 7 to 10 p.m. at Sunrise Beach Fire Station #1 on Saturday, February 16. The public is invited; there is a $10 cover charge per person. Guests may bring their own snacks and libations.

The Spicewood Vineyards Event Center will host an "Art in the Heart of Texas" fundraiser for the Spicewood Arts Association, featuring the Square Grooves and guest singer Shane Knight, on the evening of Saturday, February 16.

The Phoenix Center will host a Masquerade Gala fundraiser, featuring music by "Plush," from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, at the Palm Pavilion at Horseshoe Bay Resort. The architectural designs for the new counseling center will be unveiled at the event.

The Ceri-Hat-Trix band will play at the Club Car Bar in Kingsland from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, February 16.

The Peterson Brothers will be live on stage this Saturday evening at the Globe Theatre in Bertram.

The BCS ISD Parent Resource Center will host its 4th Annual Family Dance Party, for parents and children from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, February 17, at the YMCA in Burnet.

The Kingsland Chamber will host its Breakfast Club mixer at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, February 20

The Place Downtown in Kingsland will host a "Painting With Friends" event from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, February 22.

Weekday Ministries will host its 2nd Annual Men's "Marksmen" Retreat at Copperhead Creek Shooting Club from 9 to 3 on Saturday, February 23. (Continued on page 10)
A rash of unprovoked photography caught me in the cross-hairs several times during the past week; I think my favorite picture was this one, taken by Kathy Payson of Numinous Coffee Roasters at the Grand Re-Opening of the Girl Scout House near Johnson Park in September. The Scout House had been badly damaged during the October 16 flood, but good-hearted volunteers have restored it to better-than-previous condition.

Scatterthought

Oops! I thought this was the week I’d be able to make the paper bigger, and I started my planning with that in mind. It turns out that I wasn’t quite ready, and I had to scale back a little. Unfortunately, that meant leaving out a few items that I’d meant to include; I’ll try to catch up next week.

I’ll be turning 62 this weekend, and sometimes the idea of collecting Social Security seems quite attractive. I could become a pet-sitter, write books, travel a little, maybe even apply for a job as a greeter at Walmart (I think I’d enjoy being a greeter almost anywhere—if I were just a little better at remembering people’s names, I think I’d be really good at it).

But I admit it; this job is slightly addictive, and the amazing positive response to my often-deficient efforts is worth a whole lot more to me than the thought of being able to “relax” for the rest of my life. As a matter of fact, I pride myself over the Christmas holiday that I can’t handle more than a few hours of “relaxation” at a time. Sometimes I remind myself of my daughter’s border collie; I NEED to have something to keep me busy, and I love feeling like I’m doing something important. I’m not very good at fetching tennis balls, but I really enjoy taking pictures at community events!

I went back to work on December 26 with a new appreciation for my job and a new eagerness to do it better; the past seven weeks have been absolutely amazing, and I thank God every day for this wonderful opportunity. I didn’t think about growing my business until I heard that The Pieman was switching over to a monthly magazine format, but then I thought I’d better prepare for some extra attention! I fully expect that more people will be picking up my paper, and that more advertisers will be calling.

What I’m hoping to do in the near future is to add eight extra pages to my normal 16-page paper. That would give me the ability to include more pictures from more events, and to fit a history article (or a story about some notable neighbor) into every issue. It might allow me to include an occasional press release from a local charity, or accept some free-lance articles from other writers. I love to feel that I am playing a positive role in the Highland Lakes "community," and keeping neighbors informed while keeping my "good news only" policy in effect!

Unfortunately, the extra eight pages (even if I can get some new advertisers) might have to be in black-and-white for the foreseeable future. That’s fine for history articles and classified ads; I might even move my “Upcoming Events” and “Scatterthought” articles to those pages for a while. Someday, though, I’d like to have all 24 pages in color.

To any prospective advertisers out there, I’d like to say that this would be an excellent time to start advertising in my paper. Not only will the paper be bigger and better than ever, but I am poised to increase circulation dramatically. Where I had been distributing an average of 5,200 papers around Burnet and Llano Counties for the past year, I hope to increase that number to at least 7,000 by this spring. And if you sign up to advertise before I increase my ad rates (slightly) next month, you can buy an ad at the old low rates (email editor77@live.com for a rate sheet and special discounts; black-and-white ads will be about 30% lower). To the loyal advertisers who have supported the Highland Lakes Weekly from the beginning, I am pleased to announce that I won’t have to raise your rates at all.

That’s more than enough about me; there are several other things that need to be mentioned here.

Corden Fidler is a four-year-old boy who was a victim of a violent crime which led to the death of his mother and grandmother and left him battling for his life in the Intensive Care Unit. In the past few weeks, Corden has made amazing progress, but he will still have to deal with surgeries and physical therapy. Corden’s father (Matthew Fidler) has been a police officer in Burnet for many years, and now the Burnet Volunteer Fire Department is planning a BBQ fundraiser from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, to help with Corden’s expenses.

In the meantime, Lakeshore Library (in Buchanan Dam) will host its 4th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday. No special knowledge is required; binoculars if you have them. All sightings will be recorded and submitted to the GBBC.

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Instructors and riders gathered for a group photo during the Schweinn Cycling Open House at Kingsland Health and Fitness last Thursday.

Llano County Constable Bill Edwards presented a Basic Handgun course last Saturday morning at the Kingsland Water Supply office. He will be giving a Texas License to Carry training class beginning at 8 a.m. this Saturday (February 16).

This cheerful group of ladies, mostly Winter Texans, meets each Wednesday at the Antlers Hotel’s King House for card games and lunch at the Grand Central Cafe.

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It looked like winter last Saturday morning, with ice encasing tree branches all around the Highland Lakes for a few hours. This photo was taken from the scenic overlook on RR 1431 in Kingsland.

The Kingsland Chamber held a well-attended mixer last Thursday evening at the Boat Town Burger Bar.

Llano ISD employees cleared away some vegetation and installed a beautiful new digital sign at the RR 2980 entrance to Packsaddle Elementary School in Kingsland last Friday.

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Winter Texan Dinner

A good crowd was on hand for Tuesday evening’s Winter Texan Dinner at the Kingsland Community Center.

One of the attractions at the Winter Texan Dinner was a Valentine-themed photo booth where couples and groups posed for pictures.

Above: Woody Eastman provided excellent live entertainment for the dinner.

At right: Derek Timmons (of Buddies) posed with Pat Muller and Susan Patten (of Valentine Lakeside). The two companies were co-sponsors of Tuesday’s Winter Texan Dinner.

Pet of the Week

Meet Sycamore! Sycamore is very outgoing and really enjoys being loved on. He is almost a year old and has spent far too long in a shelter and we don’t why. He is super sweet and loving, he rarely barks, he’s friendly toward other dogs and cats too. He still has some puppy energy, so he would do well in a home where he can run and play. Can you show this cute guy what a loving home is? Mention you saw this ad and his adoption is only $20.00. For more information please call HCHS at 512-793-5463. To see all our animals, please visit our website at www.HillcountryHumaneSociety.org. FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK and see our wonderful success stories.

And then it was time to enjoy the delicious meal!
A capacity crowd gathered at the Burnet Community Center last Saturday night for the Chamber of Commerce's annual Awards Banquet.

Members of Burnet High School's Highlandette drill team waited tables at the banquet and enlivened the event with a surprise dance routine.

Chamber board members gathered for a group photo before awards were presented. From left: Damon Beierle, David Vaughn, Sherri Wisener, Mark Lunsford, Wade Langley, Bill Drake, Gina Glaeser, Richard Hausman, Rachel Holcomb, Roger Moore and Tyler Rocksfallow.

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School board members Mark Kincaid and Ross Behrens presented the “Distinguished Former Employee” award jointly to Donald and Bonnie Fawcett.

Chamber board member Tyler Rockafellow presented the “Small Business of the Year” award to Susan Henson, DMD PA and staff.

Chamber board member Sheri Wisener presented the “Large Business of the Year” award to The Oaks Nursing Center.

Chamber board member Roger Moore presented the “Organization or Non-Profit of the Year” award to the Seton Care-a-Van.
Senior Citizen of the Year Marjorie Bronk and Volunteer of the Year Dorothy James posed for this picture at the close of the Awards Ceremony at Saturday night’s Chamber Banquet in Burnet. Presenter Damon Beierle announced that the Volunteer of the Year award would from now on be named in honor of Mrs. James.

Chamber board member Gina Glaeser presented Cary Johnson’s “Thomas C. Ferguson Outstanding Citizen of the Year” award to his daughters, Jessica Lindsey and Cari Anne Whitehead.

Above, left: County Extension Agent Kelly Tarla presented the “Outstanding Farmer or Rancher of the Year” award to Mark Hoefelmeyer.
Above, right: board member Bill Drake presented the “Outstanding Youth of the Year” award to Kinley Beyer.

Thank You for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!
School board members Angela Moore and Andy Fieid presented awards to the parents of Travis Lewis (Glen and Carol Lewis, above), BCISD’s “Distinguished Graduate,” and Stephen McGee (Rodney McGee, below), BCISD’s “Distinguished Former Athlete,” at the Burnet Chamber’s Awards Banquet last Saturday night.

Ann Riddell presented the Wallace Riddell Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award to Officer Mark Edwards of the Burnet Police Department.

School Superintendent Keith McBurnett and school board member Suzanne Brown presented the Educator of the Year award to art teacher Adrian Connolly, of the R.J. Richey Elementary School.
Van Reese of Austin was “Chili Master” and a co-sponsor of the Candlelight Ranch event.

SCATTERTHOUGHT: (Continued from page 3)

In past years, the event has tallied more than 45 species! Call 325-379-1174 for more information.

The Llano Library will be hosting a “How Pinteresting” program on Pen & Ink Drawing at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19th at 2:30 p.m. All supplies will be provided, plus refreshments. Seating is limited; call 325-247-5248 to reserve your place.

The Hill Country Humane Society is doing an extra Shave and Shave this month; it will be at Ace Hardware in Kingsland from 11 to 1 on Saturday, February 23. The Ritzy Texan in Burnet will welcome Donna Bland for a “Meet the Artist” event from 11 to 5 that same Saturday (February 23), and the Llano Fine Art Gallery will hold a big Mardi Gras Masked Ball beginning at 6 p.m.

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The Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a Genealogy Membership Workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, at the Herman Brown Free Library in Burnet.

The Marble Falls Chapter Banquet will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, at Lakeside Pavilion.

The Llano Fine Art Gallery will host a Mardi Gras Masked Ball beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 23.

Jake Hooker & The Outsiders will perform at the Ramblin’ Rose in Llano on the evening of Saturday, February 23. Doors open at 7 p.m.

The Kingsland Community Church invites Winter Texans to a free Appreciation BBQ Lunch (catered by Spykies) following the 10:45 service on Sunday, February 24.

The Kingsland Chamber Awards Banquet will be held on the evening of Thursday, February 28, at the Cedar Skies hall (Log Country Cove, off RR 3432 in Hoover Valley). Social is from 5-6 with dinner and awards to follow. Tickets at $30, include live music, catered BBQ dinner, open bar and silent auction.

The Marble Falls READS program will feature W.F. Strong, author of “Stories from Texas: Some of their True,” at the Marble Falls Library at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 1. Reserve your free seat at 360-692-3023, online, or at the library.

The Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center will present a program by Ray Buchanan on Native American Gardens during its regular Coffee Talks at Numinous Coffee Roaster in Marble Falls from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 2.

The 7th Annual Walk-a-Dogathon, benefiting Living Love Animal Rescue, will be held at Westside Park in Marble Falls from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 2.

The Highland Lakes SPCA will hold a Doggie Adoption event from 10 to 1 on Saturday, March 2, at the Falls on the Colorado Museum in Marble Falls. There will be a program on “What’s the Buzz About Bees?” at 11 a.m. that day, also at the museum. See Fallsmuseum.org for details.

Master Gardener and radio host Wade Hibern will give a program on Veggie Gardening in Central Texas from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, at Backbone Valley Nursery in Marble Falls.

Weekday Ministries will host a Denim & Diamonds Gala beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, at the Trailblazer Grille in Burnet.

Ramblin’ Rose will host this year’s Antler Drop gala, a fundraiser for the Llano Parks Project, on the evening of Saturday, March 2.

Llano Animal Rescue will hold a Mardi Gras Gumbo Lunch from 11:30 to 1 on Tuesday, March 5, at St. James Lutheran Church.

The Lambda Nu sorority will host its “Tea on a Waltz Across Texas” party from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, at the Highland Hills United Methodist Church in Buchanan Dam.

Hill Country Fellowship will host its “Night to Remember” special needs prom from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 8.

Operation Exfil will host a Painting with Friends event at The Place Downtown in Kingsland, beginning at 9 p.m. on Friday, March 8.

Sunrise Beach will host a free Concert in the Park, featuring the Dirty River Drive Band from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, at Mc Nair Park.

The Kingsland Chamber’s 3rd Winter Texan Dinner for 2019 will be held on Tuesday evening (doors open at 5 p.m.), March 12.

Live from New York City, Cirque-Tacular brings its incredible acrobatic performers to the Horseshoe Bay Resort Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:30 PM — 8:30 PM.

Llano’s unique Earth Art Festival (E.A.F.) is scheduled this year for March 15-18.

The new Wakepool complex, at the east end of the RR 1431 bridge in Kingsland, will host a Grand Opening (delayed by the flood) on Saturday, March 23.

The Kingsland Beautification Golf Tournament, to benefit the community park, will be held on Saturday, March 23 ( shotgun start at noon), at the Legends Golf Course. Call Blake at 512-922-6341 or Teresa at 325-388-9382 for details.

The VFW and Auxiliary in Burnet (Post #6974) will host its 2nd annual Spring Fling fundraiser from 4 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 23.

The Lake Buchanan Inns Lake Champlain will hold its annual Las Vegas Night from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at Hill Country Hall in Buchanan Dam.

The annual Sunrise Beach VFD golf tournament will be held at Lighthouse Country Club in Kingsland on Saturday, April 13.
Music Around the Lakes

Above: Country music legend Johnny Bush celebrated his 84th birthday with two shows at the Llano Country Opry last Saturday.

At left: Albert Boatright was one of about a dozen participants (ranging from amateur to professional) in last Friday’s Community Gospel Sing at the Highland Lakes Baptist Church in Kingsland.

Below: Kurt Baumer, Luiz Coutinho, Pauline Reese and John Arthur Martinez mixed some banter with their excellent music during a benefit for Operation Exfil at The Place Downtown in Kingsland last Saturday.

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Above: The Beierle family was one of many who attended a Valentine Family Bingo event at Hill Country Fellowship in Burnet last Sunday evening.

Below: Jordan Tubig and his daughter, Camila, were early arrivals at a Daddy/Daughter Date Night on Tuesday evening at Chick-fil-A in Marble Falls.

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