The parking lot at Burnet High School was filled with cooking rigs as dozens of high school BBQ teams competed for top honors in the State of Texas (teams had to finish in the top 10 at a Regional competition to qualify for the State Championship). Film crews recorded the amazing event for The Food Network. You can see more BBQ pictures on pages 18-20, and many more photos from this event (and quite a few others) on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page.
By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Hill Country Community Theatre will present Ken Ludwig’s comedy “Doublewide, Texas” again this weekend (May 9-12), with Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2:15. The production is directed by Laura Giisi and Kay Baker.

The four-day Mayfest will be held May 8 to 11 at Johnson Park in Marble Falls. It will feature a carnival each night, a free concert Friday night and a “Battle of the Bands” beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Highland Lakes Baptist Church (on RR 2900 in Kingsland) will host its Community Gospel Sing at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 10.

The Llano Library will host a Back-to-Basics Fair and Plant Swap (“a FREE sustainable living event”) from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 11.

The Burnet County Rodeo will be held from 6 to 9 on Saturday, May 11.

The Geri-Hat-Tric band will provide live entertainment at the Club Car Bar (Grand Central Cafe) in Kingsland from 7 to 10 p.m. on this Saturday (May 11).

The Hill Country Shakespeare of Texas, based in Kerrville, is performing “Romeo and Juliet” in its 10th season. Performances will be at Johnson Park (May 10-11) and The Courtyard (May 12).

Smoking for Jesus Ministry will host a Mothers Day service at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 12. See ad on page 18.

Shirley Cunningham, who owned and operated the Seamstress School in Dallas for 20 years (and now has a gallery in Llano), will teach a seminar on “The Art of Dressing” on Monday, May 13, at the Llano Fine Art Gallery. Call (325) 247-4839 for details or reservations.

Betty Prince will speak on the Mayflower and its effect on American history at the May 14 meeting of the Highland Lakes Genealogical Society. The meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the meeting room at the Kingsland Library. Visitors are welcome.

The Highland Lakes Quilt Guild invites everyone to a “Meet and Greet” with coffee at 9 a.m. next Wednesday (May 15) at First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls. The featured speaker is Bill Garber who will also lead a workshop from 9 to 3 the following day. Call 512-756-5396 for details.

Best-selling author Sarah Mlynowski will be the featured speaker at Marble Falls Library’s Author Program from 10 to 11 a.m. next Thursday (May 16).

The Llano Senior Center (1100 Berry Street) will host its Annual Garage Sale from 8:30 to 2:30 on Saturday and Thursday, May 16 & 17.

The Heart of Texas Orchestra will present its annual Spring Concert at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 17, at the First Baptist Church of Marble Falls.

The Place Downtown in Kingsland (across from the post office) will host another Painting with Friends event, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17.

CASA for the Highland Lakes will hold its annual golf tournament fundraiser beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, at Delaire Springs in Burnet.

The Shoot for Coin fundraiser is scheduled for May 18 at Hidden Falls Adventure Park, east of Marble Falls. Sign up your teams or sponsor a station at shootforcoins.com.

The Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam will host a pot-luck lunch and Highland Lakes Brass in concert at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 18. Call 325-379-1174 for details.

The Falls on the Colorado Museum in Marble Falls will host a Quilts of Valor presentation at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18 (Armed forces Day).

Jeralice Amsenuit will host her Texas Songwriters in the Round, with special guest Steve Brooks, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, at Texas Music Depot in Llano.

The Sunrise Beach VFD will host its annual Memorial Day BBQ beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, at McNair Park. The event will feature a performance by The Beachers and the popular “Fun With Foam” (at 7:15).

(Continued on page 19)
Since I have set myself up as the curmudgeon in charge of bridge-building dates (it was 1968, I tell you!), and festival anniversaries (it's the 50th Aqua Boom, but the 50th Anniversary of the 1st), I want to do a little explaining before I proclaim this week's paper to be the Eighth Anniversary Issue of the Highland Lakes Weekly.

Sharp-eyed readers will already have noted that all the 2019 issues say "Year 9" on the front page. That is accurate in that this is the ninth year in which HLW has been in business, but misleading because two of those years (2011 and 2019) are not full years. In fact, the two don't add up (yet) to 12 issues, so it is still not eight years since the first issue and (even then), the first "real" issue was published three weeks later and dated June 1, 2011.

The reason I call this issue the "Eighth Anniversary" edition is that it is the closest to eight years since the very first issue, which was dated May 13, 2011. That issue was put together with free ads for some of my friends, and it was my sales tool over the next three weeks as I tried to sell enough ads to pay for the printing of the June 1 paper.

I started a few days ago, when friends from LinkedIn started sending me congratulations on my "week anniversary," but then I realized that I had decided to go ahead with my plans for a paper in Kingsland sometime near the end of April (when I was still living in Austin), and probably listed May 1 as the date that my job began. I didn't move to Kingsland until June 1.

This is my personal column, so I hope you'll forgive me for making it extra-personal this week. I had a mostly-very-good life for 50 years, but it came crashing down around me about 12 years ago; I was still "floundering" in the spring of 2011 (my favorite song back then was Susan Boyle's version of "I Dreamed a Dream").

I had two goals when I started this business: I wanted to stay busy, and I wanted to pay the bills. Over the first few months, I realized that HLW was much more than I had bargained for. I consider it a personal miracle -- a straight-up gift from God; it has not only kept me occupied and fed, but it has given me a purpose in life and a sense of satisfaction that I am actually doing something that benefits my whole Highland Lakes neighborhood (or to mention all the fun I have and the wonderful people I meet!) Not bad for an old man with a "thinkin' problem!"

I just barely got by for the first two years, but the business grew and (in my VERY humble opinion!) the paper got better. By 2013, I was able to take ten days off and take a road trip with my second son to see the western U.S. and my parents in Walla Walla, WA. Since then, I've gone on road trips with each of my four kids and at least driven through parts of all the Midwest and Western states (I'd covered the eastern states when I was younger) in five one-week summer vacations. I've also compiled a book of Kingsland history (probably the greatest achievement of my life) from articles I'd written for the Highland Lakes Weekly.

As my 62nd birthday approached last winter, I was feeling really old and tired. I had already surpassed my original goal of publishing a newspaper for seven years, and the idea of working part-time (anywhere but here) and collecting Social Security started looking pretty good to me. By the time I got stuck at home alone for four days last Christmas, I was in pretty bad shape, but I believe that God has intervened once again. I won't go into too much detail, but by the time I went "buck (Continued on page 23)
Above: A steady stream of guests was filing into the Kingsland Community Center for the “Marvelous Mom’s Night Out - Sip and Shop” when this picture was taken at the beginning of last Thursday’s event.

At right: Lions Club members Liz Parks and Jim Chapman collected donations at Buddies in Kingsland for “White Cane Day” on Monday.

The Hill Country Blenders entertained guests at the Kingsland Community Church on Tuesday morning for the church’s monthly Community Coffee.

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The final beams at the south end of the RM 2900 bridge in Kingsland were installed on Monday, bringing the framework of the new bridge all the way across the lake. A ribbon-cutting and official opening of the bridge for traffic has been scheduled for May 24.

The final section of the nearly-completed RM 2900 bridge, as seen in this long-distance shot from Valentine’s Lakeside Resort.

Rising water in the Llano River forced the closing of the Slab Road at least twice this past week, accentuating the need for the new bridge across Lake LBJ; those who had to get across the lake during those times were forced to take the long way through Marble Falls or Llano.
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A well-attended BBQ fundraiser was held at Packswaddle Fellowship (on RR 2900 in Kingsland) last Saturday to help with medical expenses incurred by the family of 11-year-old Brayden Ybarra (left), who is battling Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. Among the many volunteers who helped with the successful event were members of the youth choir from Smoking for Jesus Ministry (below), who took a turn (with several other musical acts) entertaining guests at the benefit.
Award-winning chef and competitive BBQ cook Dave Oswald gives pointers at a cooking class he conducted at his Vineyard B&B at Lost Creek Ranch last weekend.

Owners Dave Oswald and Kathy Stockton (standing) hosted a mixer for the Kingsland Chamber at their Vineyard B&B at Lost Creek Ranch last Thursday. Members who made the long drive around the lake were rewarded with a gourmet meal!

Residents on both sides of the lake are eagerly awaiting the completion of the new RM 2300 bridge.

Above: Manager Deb Pritchard, of Buddies in Kingsland, presents a check representing a percentage of gas sales at Buddies to Irene Burney, of the Kingsland Boys & Girls Club. A similar presentation is made every quarter.

At right: Organizers Teresa Gray (left) and Chelsea Morrow (right) present a check representing proceeds from last Thursday evening’s “Marvelous Moms Sip N Shop” to Kim Kankel, of the Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center.
Johnson Park was filled (again) with RVs, cooking rigs and vendor booths for its huge “Howdy Roo!” Chili and BBQ Cook-Off last weekend. Now in its 48th year, Howdy Roo is one of the biggest and longest-lived events sanctioned by the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI); the top five winners here qualify for the Terlingua International Chili Championship later this year.

In the photo above: Volunteer firefighters also donated their services to staff the concession booth at Howdy Roo.

At right: Charlie Cox, now the Senior Vice-President of Hill Country National Bank in Burnet, has been cooking at Howdy Roo for more than 30 years!

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Members of the commission toured the old store and heard some of its rich history during the meeting on Tuesday.

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Above and below: Good-hearted shooting Enthusiasts enjoyed the beautiful weather and scenery at Hidden Falls Adventure Park last Saturday morning as they supported the Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center at the Sporting Clays event.
Music around the Lakes

There was great live music all around the lakes again last weekend!

Above: Beto and the Fairlanes headlined the Spicewood Arts Society's "Toast to Tony" (the late jazz great, Tony Campise) at Spicewood Vineyards last Friday night.

At left: Two members of the Jazz Daddies delighted the crowd at the Marble Falls Library last Friday afternoon.

The Journey tribute band, Departure ATX (led by Burnet native Ryan Holley) put on a great show last Saturday night at Wakopoint in Kingsland.

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(Event continued from page 2)

The Texas Reading Club will hold a Kick-Off meeting with an indoor planetarium (with programs for kids 3 and up) at the Burnet County Agri-Life Building (formerly Burnet Elementary School) on Friday, May 30.

The Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery is celebrating National Fish Hatchery Day by inviting a total of 300 adults and children to fish in a dedicated pond staffed with hungry catfish. Each adult and child MUST register online and print out tickets to be admitted.

The Cross & Spurs Cowboy Church, on RR 1831 in Buchanan Dam, will host a Jackpot Team Roping at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 1. Call 325-248-8445 for details.

Bluebonnet Choral and the Hill Country Community Theatre Players will present "Bluebonnet Country" in two performances at the theater. 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 1 & 2.

The Hill Country Builders Association will host a golf tournament (to benefit high school trades programs) on Monday, June 3, at the Apple Rock golf course in Horseshoe Bay West. Call 830-798-2266 for details or reservations.

The Burnet County Area Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 7 & 8, at the Burnet Community Center on Jackson Street.

The Llano Open Pro Rodeo will also be held on Friday and Saturday, June 7 & 8. The parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Cross & Spurs Cowboy Church will host a Playday on June 8. Call 512-755-4511 for details.

The Texas Indian Hobbyist Association will hold its annual Summer Powwow at the JLK Event Center in Llano on June 14 & 15. The event is free and open to the public.

The Santana tribute band Abraxas will be at the Uptown Theater in Marble Falls at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 29.

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A look down into the middle of the State Championship BBQ cook-off last Saturday.

A cameraman films members of the team from Cal Farley Boys Ranch (near Amarillo), reportedly for a future episode on The Food Network.

Members of the Cal Farley Boys Ranch team, called “Smokey and the Bandits” show off their chuck wagon setup.

Adults brought their own authentic chuck wagons to lend some western atmosphere to the amazing event at Burnet High School.
The cast of last year’s Annie Jr. production was composed mostly of students at Hill Country Community Theatre’s Summer Youth Program. This year’s class will present four showings of The Seussical Jr. in the middle of June.

Seven Quilts of Valor will be presented to veterans on May 18, Armed Forces Day, at the Falls on the Colorado Museum in Marble Falls (See “Upcoming Events” on page 2.)

If you keep an eye out for him, you may see Reidar Ellassen in some random spot playing his accordion while cruising around on his Segway Mini. He sometimes makes appearances at Forno’s Restaurant in Horseshoe Bay, but he says his schedule is “random.”

The Lone Grove Community Center (on RR 2241 at CR 216 in Lone Grove) will be holding a community-wide garage sale on May 10 and 11. Funds raised from the sale will go towards insuring and maintaining the 109 year old building, which is available for rental to the public in addition to providing a community gathering place.
Llano's impressive new sidewalk, which provides safe pedestrian access from the historic downtown to sites along CR 152, all the way to the new John L. Kuykendall Event Center and soccer fields, almost two miles west of the Llano square. The project was recently completed, and a ribbon-cutting marked the official opening on April 17.

Volunteers served up a delicious steak dinner at the Granite Shoals Aerie (#4303) of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles last Friday night. The aerie offers steak on the 1st and 3rd Friday evenings of each month, and fried catfish dinners on the 2nd and 4th Fridays.

Above: Portable signs announce the beginning of the long-awaited improvement project on Hwy 29 in Llano County, which will add passing lanes, turn lanes and wider shoulders to a section of the highway between Buchanan Dam and Llano, starting May 13.

At right: Ranjita Kumar told the story of how a shoebox filled with gifts from Operation Christmas Child changed her life, in presentations last weekend at Marble Falls First Baptist and Chapel of the Hills. She was in an orphanage in South Asia when she received the gifts; she now is a regular speaker for the organization.

Sharon Bowen was one of the volunteers at a Blue Lake Golf Course fundraiser last Saturday evening. The beautiful 9-hole golf course was one of the earliest courses in the Highland Lakes area.
Some of the well-dressed models gathered for a group picture at the beginning of last Wednesday’s “Style in Action” event at the Lakeside Pavilion in Marble Falls. The luncheon and Spring Style Show, which attracted a large crowd, raised funds for the Meals on Wheels program of Williamson and Burnet Counties. Local dignitaries waited tables at the event.

In the photo at right, MC Gary Wideman introduces model Gay Wheeler in the fashion show which followed the luncheon.

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to work” on December 26, I had experienced a dramatic “attitude adjustment,” and for the next six or seven weeks every single day was an amazing adventure.

By the time I realized (sometime in February) that the HLW would be the only free weekly paper in the area (at least for a while), I was ready to jump in the deep end. I bought a little van and started delivering more and bigger pages on February 22. It’s almost like starting all over. I’m usually too tired, plus my overhead has basically doubled and I wonder every week whether I’ll break even. But the joy of publishing (or whatever you want to call it) has actually increased, since the extra pages give me the opportunity to share so many more of my pictures. I have been very pleased with my paper in most recent weeks, and I’m looking forward to continuing to publish for a few more years.

This is an exciting time to be in Kingsland anyway, and there are so many good things happening in the Highland Lakes area these days that my job of “bragging about my neighborhood” is more fun than ever. I thank God (and all my advertisers and readers) for this wonderful opportunity.

Now I probably should get back to business!

There will be a community-wide garage sale at the Lone Grove Community Center (RR 2241 and CR 216 in northeastern Llano County) from 8 to 4 this Friday and Saturday (May 10 & 11).

The “Keep Kingsland Beautiful” group will be doing a clean-up on sections of RR 1431 the next two Fridays (May 10 & 17). Meet at the Prosperity Bank parking lot at 9:30 a.m. if you’d like to help.

The Kingsland Chamber’s “Breakfast Club” will host a networking meeting at Ray Lynch’s Edward Jones Investments office (in the Landmasters Real Estate building, at 1305 RR 1431) at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15. You don’t have to be a member to attend, and it’s a great way to introduce your business to others in the area.

All the area libraries will be holding special summer programs. Two in particular are: the Marble Falls Library will kick off its new Summer Reading Program for adults with a Book Sale from 10 to 5 on Friday, May 31, and the Lakeview Library (in Hwy 261 in Buchanan Dam) plans children’s activities from 2:30 to 4 on Monday afternoons in June and July.

The Hill Country Community Theatre will hold its Youth Summer Theatre Camp from June 10 to 23 (10 to 3, Monday through Friday). This year the young actors will be producing the musical “Seussical Jr.” in four performances for the public (6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 20-23). The camp costs $310 per student, but some scholarships are available. If you want to apply, need a scholarship, or would like to sponsor an additional scholarship, please call (830) 693-2474.

BREAKING NEWS: Commissioner Mike Sandefur (Llano County Precinct #3) announced Wednesday evening that a sidewalk project for Hwy 2000 and 1431 has passed two hurdles and is now one of the finalists for a $400,000 TxDOT “Safe Routes to School” grant. If it is approved, the project would be a very positive development for Kingsland.

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