Marble Falls Rodeo!

The big event last weekend was the Marble Falls Open/Pro Rodeo, held (as always) at the Charley Taylor Arena, on Highway 281 South. The four-day event began with a Youth Rodeo on Wednesday evening, “slack” competition on Thursday and the main events on Friday and Saturday. The traditional Rodeo Parade was held in downtown Marble Falls on Saturday morning, and a dance was held at the rodeo grounds after the competition was over on Saturday night.

You can see more rodeo pictures on pages 7 to 9, and even more on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page.
The leading players of the Hill Country Community Theatre’s version of “9 to 5: The Musical” are Judy (Kim Fehlis), Violet (Glenda Hartman), and Doralee (Karrie King). They plot (and execute) their revenge on an egotistical and sexist boss in the famous comedy, starting this weekend.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Hill Country Community Theatre in Cottonwood Shores will present the musical “9 to 5” (for PG-13 audiences) from July 20 to August 6 (Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2:15). Reservations can be made by calling (830) 796-8044, online at www.theHCT.org, or at the box office.

Genesis Lutheran Church, on Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam, will hold a free Pillow Case Dress Making Workshop at 9:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, July 21 & 22. All materials will be provided, you don’t even have to know how to sew. Call 512-793-6900 for more information.

The Tejas Brothers will be on stage at Brass Hall in Marble Falls from 9 to midnight on Friday, July 21.

Burnet’s Summer Concert Series will feature Rockseed Kelly (with Flatland Cavalry) at Haley Nelson Park on Saturday, July 22. Doors open at 6:30, and the show starts at 7:30.

The Train Wreck Shipping Company band, from Llano, will perform at Bill’s Burgers (in Old Oak Square) in Marble Falls from 7 to 9 p.m. that same Saturday (July 22).

Kingsland’s River Hot Revue will be on stage at On The Rocks in Cottonwood Shores from 8 to 11:30 p.m. this Saturday.

The Mobile Planetarium will be at the Llano Library again this summer. The theme for the programs is “Constellations and the Stories They Tell,” and each program will consist of about 30 minutes in the planetarium and a separate craft or exhibit. Programs will be held for different age groups from Saturday, July 22, to Friday, July 28. Please call 325-247-5248 to make a reservation, as space in the planetarium is limited.

The final installment of Llano Fine Arts Guild’s Art Camp, for children 7 to 12 years old, will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26. Please call or text Laura Corcoran at 830-444-2327 for details.

The Tech Tools for Better Business series of FREE workshops continues at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, at the Llano Library. Mastering Etsy is the topic of this workshop; a light meal will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Master Gardener Rose Lackey will give a free (Green Thumb sponsored) gardening talk on “Propagation 101,” 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, at the Herman Brown Free Library in Burnet.

Horseshoe Bay Resort will host its annual Beer by the Bay event, featuring the music of Tracey Byrd and Cris Diner Green, on Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29.

The Castell VFD BBQ will be held at the Castell Fire Station from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 28.

The Llano General Store will host the Anthony Wright Blues Band and The Blues Posse at the Lantex Theater from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. Call 830-998-8031 for tickets or details.

Brass Hall (on 3rd Street in Marble Falls) will host a 90s Flashback with DJ Versus from 9 to midnight on Saturday, July 29.

Chapel of the Hills, on Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam, will host a Gospel Sing and Ice Cream Social, beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 30.

The Burnet County Historical Commission will host a free regional training session (by the Texas Historical Commission) at the AgriLife Extension Building in Burnet (607 N. Vanderveer) from 8:30 to 4 on Thursday, August 3. Registration is required (online or at

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This year’s Marble Falls Rodeo attracted a very unique visitor! The costumed character in the photo above is “Moonchester,” one of the official mascots of the Manchester City football (soccer) team, from England. Moonchester was filmed at several venues around Texas while the team practiced in Houston for a July 20 game withcross-town rival Manchester United at NRG Stadium, part of the team’s 2017 US Tour.

Scatterthought

Well, life has definitely slowed down a little since Kingsland’s big Aqua Boom festival, but I’m finding that perfection in the newspaper business (at least for me) remains an elusive goal. I do feel more rested, and I’ve made progress in catching up on some personal details (house-cleaning, healthcare updates, vacation planning), but I’ve continued to mis-take and forget appointments. I hope people will continue to be patient with me, because (even with all the embarrassing mistakes) I’m having a great time.

I’ll mention again this week and next that there will not be a paper on August 4; that’s my vacation week. I’m going to try to ignore my telephone answering machine (I think) over that week; I’ll be playing catch-up for a couple of weeks after that.

One of the highlights of my more-relaxed week was the opportunity to read all the way through Dana Wright’s wonderful new book, “Saving Stories: Afternoons with Darrell.” I am probably biased, because I consider Dana and Darrell (Lano’s celebrity songwriter Darrell Staudtler) both good friends, but I enjoyed the book tremendously. Not only did I learn a lot more about Darrell’s impressive country music career (and a little more about Dana’s noteworthy “new” career as a writer), but I feel suddenly more motivated to write some books of my own. My research style won’t be the same as Dana’s; I feel much more comfortable with old newspapers than with real people who might not really like what I write, and I’m better at reading than listening, anyway. But I believe that my “history” research shares the goal of Dana’s interviews: saving stories with a lasting value that otherwise might have been lost and forgotten. I hope I can do as well as Dana has done in pursuit of that goal (see a little more about Darrell and the book on page 6).

I pride myself on not publishing bad news in my paper, and the recent passing of my friend, Joe Randerson, is definitely not “good news.” But his long life and amazing adventures are good news, and I felt very honored to have interviewed him and written a story about him. I felt honored again last week when I saw that my article was making the rounds on Facebook (I think maybe my friend, BJ Henderson, was responsible for that). I may have helped to “save stories” already.

There are a bunch of current events that I want to mention here. First of all, the new Kingsland 4-H Club will hold its first meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 24, in the cafeteria at Kingsland School (136 Real St., behind Kingsland Health & Fitness Center). Contact Sharla Rueggenbrod at 325-247-0657 for details.

Kingsland will also have its own Boys and Girls Club, starting in August at the First Baptist Church (I think I mentioned that when I first heard it, but I’m still very happy about it).

Burnet’s 109-year-old First State Bank will be recognized with a Texas Treasure Business Award from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) during the Commissioners Court meeting next Tuesday (around 11 a.m. on July 25). This award pays tribute to businesses that have provided employment opportunities and support to the state’s economy for 50 years or more; that means there are quite a few eligible businesses in the Highland Lakes area, but the bank is the first one to get this recognition in Burnet County.

The YWCA’s Summer Series will continue at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, at the Kingsland Community Center. It will feature “The New Tobacco” (including vapes). Teens, parents and concerned citizens are urged to attend.

The YMCA of Highland Lakes (formerly Galloway Hammond) in Burnet is looking for swimmers who would like to participate in one of two programs. A new Masters Swim Team will be formed for ages “18 to 100” beginning July 31 (no prior competitive swimming experience is necessary). Details and cost information will be provided at a 7 p.m. meeting at the Y (Continued on page 15)
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Members and supporters of the Llano High School Color Guard held a Bake Sale and Car Wash fundraiser at Sparkle Car Wash in Kingsland last Saturday.

Library staff and patrons gathered around as members of Lake Area Rods & Classics presented a check for $950.00 as a donation to the Kingsland Library on Monday.

The Friends of Kingsland Library held a farewell party for Director Naphtali Renshaw, who will be moving to Oregon with plans to further her education. The library is currently looking for a qualified replacement.

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- July 25 | 6:30-7:30 PM | The New Tobacco: Cigs, Dip, and Vapes Followed by debate on the tobacco age limit
- August 8 | 6:30-7:30 PM | Know Your Hometown: Substance trends & laws in Llano County
- August 22 | 6:30-7:30 PM | Back to School: Bullying and substance abuse within schools

For more information contact: Chloe Ropner (512) 326-1222 ropner@ywcaustin.org

Thank you for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!
Rodeo Parade

The Crime Stoppers float, complete with a jail and prisoners, took first prize in its category at the Rodeo Parade last Saturday morning in downtown Marble Falls.

Burnet County’s “Rodeo Royalty” rode on another float in last Saturday’s Rodeo Parade.

The newly-crowned queens from Kingsland’s Aqua Boom pageant added a splash of patriotic color to the Marble Falls Rodeo Parade.

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Trick-rider Ginger Duke presented the colors at the Charley Taylor Arena before Friday night’s rodeo action. She and her “Dynamite Dames” dazzled the crowd with a trick-riding exhibition during the “half-time” lull.

“Mutton Bustin’” provided an entertaining break between the bronc riding and steer wrestling on Friday night.

Cowboys demonstrated their skill and daring during the steer-wrestling event (above and below) early into the Friday night competition.
Above: Some of the most exciting action occurred during the bull-riding competition. At left: A capacity crowd filled the bleachers at the Charley Taylor Arena for Saturday night’s rodeo activities. The annual rodeo has been a Marble Falls tradition since it began in 1957; the current arena was built in 1974.

After the rodeo action was finished on Saturday night, the crowd moved behind the main bleachers for the traditional dance. Genevieve Allen and her band provided live music for the event.

Thank you for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!
The two biggest remaining community events this summer are the Marble Falls’ Lakefest drag boat races (above, scheduled for August 11-13) and Bertram’s happy-go-lucky Oatmeal Festival (below) scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2.

EVENTS: (Continued from page 2)
512-463-7812); lunch will be provided.
The First Friday Art Walk will be held in downtown Marble Falls from 5 to 8 p.m. on August 4. Organizers are looking for an original logo design, to be used in advertising the Art Walks. Submissions should be taken to The Galleries at Pecan Creek, 309 Main Street, in Old Oak Square, before August 4. Art Walk guests will vote for the winner.
The Herman Brown Free Library in Bertram will host a program by State Marine Archaeologist Amy Bergens in the library meeting room (entry on S. Main) at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 5. She will share the story of the raising of the 1880s shipwreck of French explorer Robert Cavelier Sieur de La Salle’s La Belle, on the Texas Gulf coast. The wreck was discovered in 1995, and is now on display in the Bob Bullock Museum of Texas History in Austin.
Bubba and the Boys will play their old-time country music from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, at the Trailblazer Grille in Bertram.
Marble Falls will host its big Lakefest drag boat racing event Friday through Sunday, August 11-13.
The Kingsland Community Church will host a Christian Concert on Saturday, August 12.
The Burnet Chamber and Workforce Solutions will host a Job Fair at the Burnet Community Center from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 17. Employers are invited to set up booths.
The Kingsland Genealogical Society of the Highland Lakes will host a Summer Workshop at the Marble Falls Church of Christ (711 Broadway) from 9 to 1 on Saturday, August 19. Noted genealogist Nancy Brennan will be the featured speaker, call 830-385-7070 for details or reservations.
Burnet’s Summer Concert Series will feature Aaron Watson (with Randall King) at Haley Nelson Park on Saturday, August 26. Doors open at 6:30, and the show starts at 7:30.
Bertram’s whimsical Oatmeal Festival is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2.
Cast members of “9 to 5: The Musical,” which will be showing at the Hill Country Community Theatre for the next three weekends, gather for an opening song at the dress rehearsal Wednesday evening.

The three long-suffering employees burst into song after finally subdued their tyrannical boss in the hilarious musical, 9 to 5. From left: Kim Fehils, Anson Hahn, Glenda Hartman and Karrie King.

Crafter of the Month

Linda Smith has been named Crafter of the Month by the Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts. She is famous for her painted gourds, dolls and various other paintings. Come and see the items she has for sale, as well as those items handcrafted by the other KHAC members. They are located at 112 Chamberlain (the blue building behind Wells Fargo bank in Kingsland). Their hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Monday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. You can contact them at 325-388-6159, www.kingslandcrafts.com or www.facebook.com/kingslandcrafts.

SUMMER GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

KGS of the Highland Lakes is hosting a Summer Workshop, August 19th, 2017, in Marble Falls at the Marble Falls Church of Christ, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost of the Summer Workshop is $30. Nancy Brennan, a native of San Antonio, TX, will be the featured speaker. Nancy will speak on Basic Genealogy for:

- Basic Genealogy for Beginners
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- Applying to Ancestry; societies, procedures and criteria.

Nancy has a BA from Our Lady of the Lake University and retired from facilities manager for the City of San Antonio.

She has held several offices in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and currently serves as State Memorial Chair of TXDAR.

She is the current Genealogist General of the National Huguenot Society, past President of Texas Genealogical Society of Texas, and presently the Treasurer of the Genealogical Society of Colonial Women XVI Century.

In addition, Nancy has held offices in the Society of the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy, National Society of the Magna Charta Dames, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and many other organizations.

She is a member of: National Society of U.S. Daughters of 1812, David Crockett, Chapter, Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, Ohio Genealogical Society, First Families of Ohio and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Deadline for registration is August 12th.

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Tiffany Thomas and Sheila Wier, who recently returned from mission work in Uganda, told of their experiences there (and encouraged others to consider similar mission work) during a special Sunday morning service at Smokey Mountain Church of God. 

Above: Volunteers Leona Audino, Frances LaChance and Judy Mistrot greeted guests during the successful Creative Arts Fair last Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Marble Falls.

At right: The preserved remains of the French ship “LaBeille” (now on display at the Bob Bullock Museum in Austin), which sank off the Texas Gulf Coast in 1684, will be the subject of State Marine Archeologist Amy Borgens program at the Herman Brown Free Library at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 5. The ship was under the command of ill-fated French explorer Robert Cavelier Sieur de La Salle; its remains were discovered in 1995.

After years of running the show, Jean and Harvey Gebhard attended Burnett’s Lone Star State Championship BBQ Cook-Off as competitors this year. The event was held last Saturday.

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Music around the Lakes

Austin's popular "My Mistress" band (Jack Edery, Ray Cardenas and Chace Levi) entertained a crowd at the Dabbs Hotel in Llano last Friday evening.

Newly-married Llano musician Sam Williams was accompanied by his wife, Alecia, at Torr Na Lochs winery in western Burnet County last Saturday afternoon.

A full house at the First Christian Church in Burnet enjoyed the "Country Gospel" harmonies of Brooks Crossing (sisters Misty Crow and Brandi BrzZendle) last Sunday afternoon.

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on July 27. Swimmers aged 6 to 18 are invited to join the Texas Waves swim team. A special introduction meeting for new potential swimmers and existing team members will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25. Programs are also available at the Y for swimmers who are not ready for the swim team and want to build skills to join later. The coach for both teams will be James W. Cole, a former national record holder and collegiate swimmer. Interested parties may call Coach Cole at the Y at (512) 756-6180.

The Burnet Chamber and Workforce Solutions will host a Job Fair at the Burnet Community Center from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 17. Employers are invited to set up booths.

Hill Country artists are invited to submit their work by July 31 for the Spicewood Art Society’s annual Arts Roundup, scheduled for October 28 & 29, at LaCabana Grill (on Highway 71 east of Spicewood). The juried art show, drawing from the work of central Texas artists, features two days of music, food and fun. Last year’s Roundup drew 750 people. All art must be original works by the artist. Applications are being received through Zapplication (www.zapplication.org). More information will be posted at www.artsroundup.org.

The Burnet Chamber and Workforce Solutions will host a Job Fair at the Burnet Community Center from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 17. Employers are invited to set up booths.

It’s time to buy tickets to the Hill Country Children’s Advocacy Center’s 4th Annual “Rifles, Racks & Deer Tracks” fundraising event, a dinner and auction to be held on Saturday, October 21, at the Freedom Flyers Hangar in Burnet (3202 S. Water Street). There will be a delicious BBQ dinner (catered by Peene’s Mesquite), music by Ben Watson & the Hired Guns, live and silent auctions, and a one-of-a-kind Classic Car display by Lakes Area Rods & Classics. There’s also a raffle for a 2017 Polaris Ranger XP and a variety of amazing guns. You don’t have to be present to win.

The Falls on the Colorado Museum is hoping to raise $12,000 for reconciliation and display of “Rockie,” the name now attached to parts of a 700-year-old bison skeleton found in Burnet County. The museum has been designated as “Rockie’s Keeper” by her discoverer, Ryan Murray. The Rockie Exhibit showcases the head skeleton, humerus, and one rib bone of a mature female bison. According to Museum board member Dr. Thomas Hester, retired University of Texas professor of Archaeology, Rockie was one of many bison that expanded into central, coastal and south Texas during the “Little Ice Age,” a period of cooler weather. Native Americans developed tools and techniques geared to hunting these bison and to processing their hides well before the arrival of Spanish settlers in Texas. Museum director Darlene Ostermeyer invites donors to come by the museum to visit Rockie’s new home and to make donations. The museum is a 501(c)(3) entity. Donations can be mailed to: The Falls on the Colorado Museum, P.O. Box 1333, Marble Falls, TX 78654.

A crowd of dedicated athletes gathered at Lakeside Park early on Sunday morning for the 17th annual Marble Falls Triathlon. The event began with a 1-kilometer swim, with a succession of groups plunging into Lake Marble Falls. Once they got out of the water, they rode a 23-mile bicycle course on the highways south of town. The third challenge was a 4.4-mile run on city streets. For those not quite ready for a full Triathlon, there was a “Sprint” option with about half the distances.

Pet of the Week

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