The big event in the Highland Lakes area last weekend was the concert with Reckless Kelly at Burnet’s Haley-Nelson Park. The photo above was taken around 8 p.m., while Flatland Cavalry was warming up the crowd, but fans continued to arrive until well after dark. There is one more event planned in the “Summer Series,” an August 26 concert with Aaron Watson and Randall King. You can see more concert pictures on page 9, and even more on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page.
Upcoming Events

The Castell Volunteer Fire Department will hold its huge annual BBQ fundraiser at the fire station this Saturday.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Hill Country Community Theatre in Cottonwood Shores will present the musical “9 to 5” (for PG-13 audiences) the next two weekends (Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2:15). Reservations can be made by calling (830) 798-8944, online at www.thecct.org or at the box office.

Matt Wilson will put on a Piano Show at Brass Hall in Marble Falls, from 9 to midnight this Friday, July 28. Horseshoe Bay Resort will host its annual Beer by the Bay event, featuring the music of Tracy Byrd and Pat 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 Saturday, July 29.

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. See ad on page 6 or call 830-998-8031 for tickets or details.

The Cadillac Dance Hall (on FM 1855, just north of Marble Falls) will feature Chad Austin and Bobby Dale along with the house band, Eddie Shell and the Not Guilties, at a dinner and dance this Saturday evening (doors open at 6:30).

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 (see ad on page 11), 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 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.

Jacob Essary will be on stage at Brass Hall in Marble Falls, from 9 to midnight on Friday, August 4. The huge Marble Falls Back to School Blast will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, at the Marble Falls Middle School gym. There will be lots of activities and free backpacks and school supplies for the first 1,500 students.

The Herman Brown Free Library in Burnet will host a program by State Marine Archaeologist Amy Borgen 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 1689 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.

Bobba 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 Burnet.

Artist Douglas Garey will present a pastel hands-on demo at the Llano Fine Art Gallery at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 7. The demo cost is $5 and includes a potluck lunch at noon.

Marble Falls will host its big Lakefest drag boat racing event Friday through Sunday, August 11-13.

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Scatterthought

My vacation will begin as soon as this week’s paper is distributed, and it seems like that’s not a moment too soon; I think my brain got a head start! It seemed like things were going pretty well, with less events to cover and more time to put the paper together these last few weeks, but the mistakes have only been increasing. One of the mistakes I want to mention is the ad for “Sure Cuts and More,” in Kingsland (see page 3). A casual reader wouldn’t know it, but Charlotte West wanted to let people know about her “Back to School” supply drive (you get a discount if you bring in 5$ worth of school supplies: pencils, Kleenex, etc.). I put the ad together last week, but forgot to put it in the paper! I hope some of you will help me make that up to her.

Anyway, there won’t be an August 4 issue of the Highland Lakes Weekly; I guess you’ll just have to read this one over again next week. That wouldn’t be a problem for me; I often read my paper and think, “That’s very interesting!” just a couple of days after I wrote it. And my friends tell me it just gets worse with age.

Apart from the mistakes, most of which I have already forgiven, things seem to be going pretty well in my little Highland Lakes world. There is no shortage of economic activity: new buildings, new homes and new businesses are appearing everywhere I look, and there are new community groups trying to make sure that everyone benefits from the general well-being. I was very much impressed at last year’s Back to School Bash in Marble Falls, and impressed again this year to see that “the first 1,500 students” will receive free backpacks and school supplies! I was also impressed by the turnout at the new 4-H Club in Kingsland (and the news that there will be a Boys and Girls Club at Kingsland First Baptist, starting next month). There are similar good things happening all around the Highland Lakes.

Live music seems to be increasing as a Highland Lakes attraction, and the huge crowd at Haley Nelson Park in Burnet last Saturday was another impressive sign. This weekend, there will be a bunch of great live music events again (see Upcoming Events, on page 2). One venue has a stellar set-up (including Kevin Fowler on September 3) at Brass Hall, on 3rd Street and Avenue J in Marble Falls. I was there for part of the show with the Tejas Brothers last Friday, and was really impressed (again) with the quality of the performers they have there.

There are a few other things I want to mention here. One of them is a new group of Chi Omega Fraternity alumni from Llano, Burnet and Blanco Counties. If you are interested in joining, please email highlandlakesciogs@gmail.com with contact information, address and initiating chapter. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 3.

The Packard Elementary PTO is planning a Meet the Teacher Night at the school from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 14.

The Kingsland Chamber of Commerce will hold its Monthly Breakfast Club meeting at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, August 16, at The Place Downtown. You don’t have to be a Chamber member to attend.

Speaking of members, I was delighted to see that the “Lost Creek Winery” has new owners, and is already open as a B&B and a “pop-up” restaurant, with guest chefs to preside over special events every few weeks (or maybe more). It is a wonderful venue, and Kathy Stockton and Dave Oswald (see photo on page 5) seem to have a great plan for its use.

A 5K memorial run is scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, at Johnson Park in Marble Falls, to raise awareness (and funds) for Camp Agape. Camp Agape is a “bereavement camp” for children aged 7 to 12 who are dealing with loss of a parent or other family member. For more information about the camp or the run, visit www.campagapetexas.org.

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A good number of youngsters (and mothers) turned out for the first meeting of Kingsland’s new 4-H Club, held at the Kingsland School on Monday evening. Leaders of the new club include Corena Brown, Shari Mueggenborg and Kim Stence. The next meeting will be held on August 28.

Development Director Kirk Eason told members of the Highland Lakes Church of Christ (on RR 1431 in Kingsland) about some of the many successes of the Southern Africa Bible College, which has about 1,500 graduates now working in 50 countries. The local church sponsors one of the current students; to learn more, visit www.southernafriocabiblecollege.org.

The Kingsland VFD’s new Auxiliary unit met on July 14 to elect officers. Pictured above are VP Kathy Aponte, President Cindy Miller and Secretary/Treasurer Amanda Barnett. The Auxiliary will support the VFD at fire locations and raise funds and awareness of the department’s needs. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 28, at the Kingsland Library. New members are welcomed!

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The Kingsland Chamber welcomed “The Vineyard B&B at Lost Creek Ranch” as a new member on Tuesday, and owners Kathy Stockton and Dave Oswald cut the ceremonial ribbon before an all-afternoon Open House. Located at 1125 Ranch Road 2233 near Sunrise Beach, the beautiful facility will be available for weddings, parties and other events. To learn more, see www.thewvb.com.

Acting Manager Amber Milum shows off a new big-screen computer which will facilitate programs and presentations at the Kingsland Library. This and several laptop computers were made possible by a generous grant from the Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation. Due to the recent departure of long-time manager Naphali Renshaw, the library is accepting applications for the position through the end of July. Interviews will be conducted in August.

The old Wayman’s Restaurant building, near the railroad crossing on RR 1431 in Kingsland, will soon have a new tenant. Monica Davis, who recently moved to Kingsland from Missouri, is opening a “dog-training, grooming and doggie daycare” business there when renovations are completed in a couple of weeks. The building was recently used by Deb’s Doggie Bathhouse; Deb’s is now located a couple of miles west, next to Crazy Cats Cafe.

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By JOHN HALLOWELL

On February 8, 1917, The Llano News reported that the U.S. had broken off diplomatic relations with Germany. It was the middle of World War I, and American sympathies were mainly with England and France, but most were still hoping that the U.S. could stay out of the war. The editor said, “Let us hope that no ‘Overt Act’ on the part of Germany will Occur to Precipitate War.” A separate article told how Congress was appropriating $15 million to “prepare the country for what ever may follow” by strengthening the nation’s military.

Closer to home, the Llano County Golf Roads Association and the Llano Business League called a “mass meeting” to the courthouse to discuss transportation needs and solutions. The town C.E. Smith declared that he had hired S.B. Zittle, who had formerly managed hotels in San Antonio, Martin and Bay City, to manage his hotel (still called “Franklin” pending results of the renaming contest). As renovations neared completion, Mr. Zittle’s attention was focused on furnishing the hotel, and he had already placed an ad seeking local goods and services wherever possible for the classy “new” hotel.

Local Boy Scouts had been busy beautifying the downtown area (especially the approach to the main part of the town from the Southern Hotel), and a front-page article bragged that the “walk way is improved a hundred per cent.”

Watkins Auto Sales purchased a business lot from A.G. Bradley, “across the street from the Buie Garage, a few doors east of the post office. It is part of the dairies station property which Mr. Bradley has owned for some years.” The article explained that “The lot has a 50-foot front and runs back 147 feet to the alley, where after posing the building now occupied by D.B. Williams, widened to 80 feet of alley frontage.

The article went on to say “It is the purpose of Mr. Watkins and his associ ate, B.M. Hiles, to build a fine-class Ford service station. The structure will be modern in every particular and will be begun at a very near date.”

O. Riley and his son, Frank, signed a lease to operate a meat market of R.H. Peacock. A fire destroyed the home of Van Smith, who “lived out beyond Chick.” Nothing was salvaged, and Mr. Smith estimated the loss at “between four and five thousand dollars.”

The big news (judging by the headlines) on February 15, 1917, was the increase in the railroad subscription costs for The Llano News, from $1 to $1.50, effective March 6. A smaller headline reported that the Franklin Hotel would be renamed “Don Carlos,” and another proclaimed that “Texas has Graphite in Large Quantities.” Dr. William B. Phillips, from Austin, reported that he had inspected graphite deposits in Burnett and Llano Counties, and that “these deposits are of an extraordinary character with respect to quality and quantity, and could be made the basis of considerable industry.” A separate story reported that “McCarty Moore, manager for the Llano Company, has shipped a solid carload of graphite. Austin and Fort Worth, in anticipation, is the first carload of this product ever shipped from Texas to the market.”

The mass meeting on February 12 was described as “enthusiastic,” and resulted in the passing of a number of resolutions. One described the unequal “benefits and burdens of citizenship” and called for re-drawing the county map so “the four commissioners’ precincts corner in the center of the courthouse.” Another called for a pay raise for commissioners (from $3 per day to $5) and the hiring of qualified road superintendent to replace Mr. Dodson.

Watkins Auto Sales delivered five Fords to customers around Llano County, and “local agent” Lee Jerimgan of Mineola told The Llano News, “Dodge and Saxon are three ‘Hudson Super-Six cars’ to customers as far away as San Saba, Mason, Brady and Fredericksburg. Druggist J.E. Smith, from Dallal, accepted a job with Ransom & Melcher.

A front-page story on February 22 told of the passing of J.P. Collier, who had been a school teacher for many years. To quote the article, “Belonging to Llano (in 1881), he was placed in charge of the school here. At that time, the young men and boys of the town had, by roughness and recklessness, won the school into an uproar. Mr. Collier took charge with understanding that he would straighten things out, and many of the citizens of our town today attest to the fact that he did all and more than he said he would.”

Manager Lee Jerimgan, of the Llano News and Manufacturing Company, reported the shipment (and impending arrival) of a new “filter plant” from Chicago. The words “would be ‘some assistance,’” but it was expected that the town would be enjoying the benefits of filtered water before the end of March. Three large tanks would be used to treat river water with “sulphate, illuminant,” “crushed quartz,” and “chloride of lime to kill the germs.”

Fireman Lee Jerimgan (the same man?) delivered a “Dodge Brothers’ motor car” to J.A. Winster, of Republic. Watkins Auto Sales Company delivered eleven more Fords to customers around Llano County, including M.C. Barnett of Kingsland, and Herbert Marshall accepted a clerical position with the Llano Auto Company.

On March 1, The Llano News announced the 6th Anniversary of Llano Trade Days, to be held the following Monday with “scores of bargains in the line-up.” The article concluded by saying “Come and bring the family and stay all day.”

There was plenty of bad news that week. In addition to the war in Europe, the paper told of several accidents and deaths in Llano County. Henry Doeppeyshmidt was a recent arrival from New Braunfels who was loading cedar from a hill near Kingsland when the brakes gave way on the horse-drawn wagon. The horses bolted, throwing him from the wagon and dragging him some 500 feet. The coroner ruled that other workers could stop the action.

Undertaker Miles Butterfly was called to Kingsland to prepare the body for burial, which he loaded on a horse. The next news item said, “Miles Butterfly made a business trip to Kingsland on Tuesday of this week.”

The biggest local news of March 8 was that the Hotel Don Carlos was preparing for a Grand Opening “on or about April 1.” Manager S.B. Zittle’s connections in the hotel industry had gained him a spot in the Don Carlos some national publicity when "Tavern Talk" magazine, based in Kansas City, featured the hotel in an article that month. The Llano News boasted that “the hotel is going out that Llano is soon to have a hotel on a par with any other town in the whole country.”
The Algona Hotel, built in the new “North Llano” in 1892 (the same year that the railroad and the first Llano River bridge were completed), was the most obvious symbol of Llano’s “boom.” These three paintings (by local artist Gin Schwoppe) are on the north wall of Charles Sliscumb’s book store, which was built on the former site of the grand old hotel.

After the boom ended, the hotel became a military school. Its second go-round as a hotel was as the “Franklin,” from 1906 to 1916.

The old hotel was totally renovated in the winter of 1916-17 by C.E. Shults, and re-opened as the “Hotel Don Carlos.” It was open under that name until February 11, 1923, when it burned to the ground.
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In this scene from the Hill Country Community Theatre’s production of “9 to 5: The Musical,” the three stars fantasize about getting rid of their tyrannical boss. From left: Karrie King, Glenda Hartman and Kim Fehlis play the three long-suffering employees.

Anson Hahn, shown harassing his attractive secretary, plays the sexist, egotistical boss who drives his employees to extremes.

Mistreated employees sit in a row as the boss’s more-than-loyal assistant (Sally Stamec, at right) points out minor infractions of the unreasonable office rules.

This photo depicts one of the hilarious predicaments in the popular comedy “9 to 5,” much too complicated to explain in this space. You’ll just have to go and see for yourself!
The Flatland Cavalry band opened for Reckless Kelly at Haley Nelson Park in Burnet, in the latest installment of the “Summer Concert Series.” So far, each crowd seems to be larger than the one before; the Grand Finale will feature Aaron Watson and Randall King on Saturday, August 26.

A huge crowd had gathered by the time Reckless Kelly took the stage, and the band did not disappoint. The successful concert series, while by no means the “only show in town,” has been one of the highlights of this summer around the Highland Lakes.

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The biggest event of Labor Day weekend is the wonderful Oatmeal Festival in Bertram. In the photo above, the nefarious “Grits Guzzler” awaits sentencing just before the Grand Parade.

The Commemorative Air Force’s spectacular Highland Lakes Air Show is scheduled this year for September 9 at the Burnet airport.

(EVENTS: Continued from page 2)

Clarissa Serna will perform at Brass Hall in Marble Falls, from 9 to midnight on Friday, August 11.

Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts will host a Memory Wire Bracelets class from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 12. All materials will be provided ($15 fee). You are welcome to bring your own beads if you like.

The Kingsland Community Church will host a Christian Concert with Phil and Debi Jones at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 12.

The Kingsland Chamber of Commerce will hold its Monthly Breakfast Club meeting (with free Breakfast Tacos and Coffee) at The Place Downtown on Wednesday, August 16. Come and “speak a tweet” and get acquainted with other Chamber members. Doors open 7:45 a.m. The program begins promptly at 8, and concludes at 9.

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. Fall Creek Vineyards, in Trow, will hold its famous Grape Stomp on Saturday, August 19 and 20.

Burnet’s Summer Concert Series will feature Aaron Watson (with Randy 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.

Brass Hall, on 3rd Street in Marble Falls, will host a big Labor Day Weekend Bash with a great line-up of well-known musicians. Kevin Fowler will be on stage from 7 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, September 3.

The Commemorative Air Force will host its annual Highland Lakes Air Show on Saturday, September 9.

The Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center will host its Golf Fore Life tournament, also on September 9, at the Lighthouse Country Club.

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The Burnet County Commissioners Court, plus two delegates from the Burnet County Historical Commission, joined to present a “Texas Treasure Business Award” to First State Bank of Burnet (represented by President Cary Johnson) on Tuesday morning. FSB, which has been in business on the Burnet square since 1908, is the first Burnet County business to receive the state award.

Artist Jeremy Serna brought his “Painting with Friends” program to Burnet’s Comfort Inn last Thursday evening. Artists of various ages and skill levels followed his directions to produce a masterpiece of their very own.

Country music legend Leon Rausch, known during the early 60s as “the voice of Bob Wills’ Texas Playboys,” will be at the Llano Country Opry for a “90th Birthday Bash” with Billy Mata at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 5. Leon Rausch joined Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys in 1958, and was their lead singer for several years before forming his own band. He rejoined the Playboys for Wills’ last album in 1973, then performed and recorded with them periodically through the 80s. He has continued to make occasional appearances, and has been to Llano before; the photo above was taken during a 2014 Opry appearance.

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A large and cheerful group of young artists attended the Llano Fine Arts Guild’s Art Camp the past few Wednesdays.

Some of the participants at Genesis Lutheran Church’s Pillow Case Dress-Making Workshop show off a few of the 70-plus dresses that were made last Friday and Saturday. Seamstresses had the option of taking the dresses home or donating them to the Orphan Grain Train charity, supported locally by Genesis Lutheran.

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Abundant Heart Church, which usually meets at 7222 W FM 1431 in Granite Shoals, moved to the town’s beautiful Bluebriar Park for a special baptism service and church picnic last Sunday.

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The Tejas Brothers band, from Fort Worth, put on a great show (classic country and original songs) at Brass Hall in Marble Falls last Friday night.

The Train Wreck Shipping Company band, from Llano, entertained guests at Bill’s Burgers in Marble Falls (at Old Oak Square) last Saturday evening.

Dave Hargett, Keenan Fletcher, Ron Hardcastle and Richard Golladay delighted their audience at Fuel Coffee House in Llano with a lunchtime jazz concert on Tuesday.

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While these three projects may be the largest current building sites in Marble Falls, there are numerous other buildings going up (or undergoing renovation) in Marble Falls this summer. Pictured above is the future Northwest Operations Center for the Pedernales Electric Co-op, on Hwy 281 North.

At left are the new Homesteads at Mormon Mill apartments, on Max Copeland Drive, and the huge new H.E.B. store, just west of the current grocery store on RR 1431.

At least four restaurants are currently in the works; building sites have been cleared for Panda Express (next to the new Chick-Fil-A) and Burger King (at the corner of 281 and 1431), while two buildings on Main Street are undergoing renovation for locally-owned eateries.

The old Johnson Ford building (behind the Blue Bonnet Cafe) is being transformed to serve as the home for a local brewery.

Pet of the Week

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