Lakefest in Marble Falls!

Marble Falls’ huge Lakefest drag boat extravaganza was the main attraction last weekend in the Highland Lakes area, and thousands braved the heat to watch the races on Lake Marble Falls. Events planned for the near future include Bertram’s Oatmeal Festival (on the weekend before Labor Day) and the Highland Lakes Air Show at Burnet’s municipal airport (September 9). You can see more Lakefest pictures on pages 8 and 9.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Creek Vineyards (in Tow) will hold their annual Grape Stomp on (Saturdays) August 19 and 26.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

DJ Wayne Gaffield will be hosting one of his dances (featuring great country music) from 5 to 9 p.m this Friday (ev- ery Wednesday and Friday until further notice) at the Red Barn Community Cen- ter in Buchanan Dam. There will be a $5 cover charge (YOB3).

Fall Creek Vineyards, in Tow, will hold its famous Grape Stomp on (Saturdays) August 19 and 26.

The Hill Country Community Theatre will hold its annual Talent Show from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 19.

The Llano Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a concert with the Fab Five, feat- uring Beatles hits, classic rock, Motown, etc., from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 19.

A Solar Eclipse Party will be held at the Llano Visitor Center from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, August 21.

The Llano Library will also have an eclipse- viewing event from 12 to 2 (glasses will be available so that you can look at the eclipse safely).

White Linen Night Returns to Llano for the Fourth Friday Llano Artwalk, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, August 25 (after- party 7:30 p.m. at the Glass Menagerie).

There will be several special events going throughout the night. Wear your white and celebrate with friends.

Bruce Robison and the Black Porch Band will perform at the Globe Theatre in Bertram from 8 to 11 p.m. on Friday, August 25.

Coca-Cola and Spurs Cowboy Church in- vites the public to a free movie night at their new drive-in theatre (the soundtrack can be heard on the FM radio in your car) beginning around dusk on Friday, August 25. Popcorn is free, and water or soft drinks are only $1. The show starts with the classic “Roadrunner” cartoons, followed by “Heaven is for Real.” The church and theatre are located just off Hwy 1431 (north of Hwy 29) in Buchanan Dam.

Camp Agape (for children grieving the loss of a loved one) will hold its annual memorial run at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 26 at Johnson Park in Marble Falls. The funds- raiser will allow children between the ages of 7 and 12 to attend Camp Agape at no cost to their families. To learn more about the run, visit the organization’s website at www.campgapacetexas.org. A balloon re- lease ceremony will occur upon comple- tion of the race, the Lake Area Rods and Classics Car Club will be returning to this year’s race with classic cars (and another) raffle donation.

Barnett’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.

Bret Call, of the Llano General Store, will host a Stevie Ray Vaughan Tribute Show at the Laniex Theater at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 26.

Bertram’s whimsical Oatmeal Festi- val is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2. This year’s 3.3 mile Run for Your Oats will begin Saturday, September 2 at 8:00 a.m. The Start and Finish line is located at 110 East Vaughan Street in downtown Bertram. Online reg- istration is now open at www.runreg.com. The Oatmeal Festival will also include Arts, Crafts, and Food booths, BBQ Cook Off, Beauty Pageant, Pet Parade, Grand Parade, Oatmeal-themed Biking Contest, Live Music and Entertainment, Oatmeal Eating Contest and other Wacky Games, Children’s Wet Bouncy Playground, Soft- ball Tournament, and Street Dance. Deta- ils can be found at oatmealfestival.org.

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I guess rules are made to be broken, and I am about to break my own cardinal rule: “No Bad News in My Paper.” I have never included obituaries in the Highland Lakes Weekly, even though I have often wanted to honor a friend or mourn the passing of someone I greatly respected. And I am not going to include an obituary this week even though, for the first time ever, I had to write one. It was my mother’s.

The reason I mention it here is because, even though I just returned from a trip to Walla Walla, I am headed back there this weekend for my mother’s funeral. It’s not really terrible news; it wasn’t a shock to hear; she lived almost 90 years, and her life continues to have a hugely positive impact.

I had been given the opportunity to see her just a few days before she died, and I know that she is ever-so-much happier now. The only sad part is that she is gone.

It seems that every week I come up with a new excuse to fall short of my standards in putting this paper together. This week’s is the flood of emotions that have been swirling around in my head as I try to simultaneously plan another trip and produce another paper. I won’t be too surprised if there are glaring errors in this week’s edition, but I am counting on my readers to understand!

One of the events that I am going to miss is the 50th anniversary celebration at Chapel of the Hills. I have a special affection for that church because of the welcome my family and I received there when we first moved to Burnet in 1990. I had the privilege of meeting quite a few of the early members, and many people I meet there are still my friends. My wife worked as secretary there for a few years, and I worked as the junior there to supplement my not-quite-livable wages at the Burnet Bulletin. Since I won’t be able to be at the celebration, I am hoping to devote some of the space in this week’s paper to the church’s history. You can find details on the celebration in the ad on page 9.

There are a few other things I want to mention here. One is the new Boys and Girls Club at the First Baptist Church in Kingsland. It opened on Wednesday, and offers after-school recreation, tutoring and even meals for elementary-aged students. Protea Salon and Spa will be hosting a charity event for the club on August 24 which will include a book drive (accepting new or gently-used books for grades 1-6, plus donating 20% of clothing sales from Protea’s new boutique that day). Carri Rivers (Yanique makeup) and Teresa Gray (Premier Design Jewelry) will also be at the event and donating a portion of their sales to the cause.

Amy Lescooe-Hall also has an online Usborne Books drive going (at https://11053872.myshop.com) for the club. For more details, or to donate directly to the Boys and Girls Club of Kingsland, contact Robin Karper at 830-265-9162.

Commissioner Mike Sandoval’s August Town Hall meeting will be held starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 9:30 on Tuesday, August 22 and at the First Baptist Church (3435 W Ranch Road 1431) in Kingsland.

Also on August 22 (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.), the YWCA will host another meeting at the Kingsland Community Center. This will be the “Back to School” meeting, with a focus on bullying and substance abuse at school, and students, parents and concerned citizens are all invited.

Buddies One-Stop and Kingsland Insurance are teaming up to sponsor a $250 “Back to School Giveaway” beginning August 21 and continuing through Labor Day! Find “Buddies” or “Kingsland Insurance Agency” on Facebook to enter.

One of my mother’s most famous sayings was “Cheer up; things could be worse!” Before I learned, I would cheer up; sure enough, things WOULD get worse. Right now (if you think this week’s paper is disappointing) I’ll tell you straight up: next week’s paper (if I actually get a hurry-up paper done after I arrive at home exhausted from an all-night trip next Tuesday) will almost definitely be worse!

My sister took this picture during my recent vacation to Walla Walla, while I was visiting with some of my family there. That’s my father, two of my brothers and their wives, and my two daughters with me in the picture. I’ll be headed back to Walla Walla this weekend for my mother’s funeral.

John Hallowell

Photo of the Week

King’s Fellowship
We meet every Sunday morning (10:00) at Kingsland Community Center, Stop in for Worship and Start your Week. We pray for people’s needs. Need help? Need support? Thoughtfulness counts! We welcome you!
Phil and Debi Jones inspired and entertained their audience at Kingsland Community Church last Saturday with a music-and-comedy program. The gifted couple also led the music in the church’s worship service on Sunday.

Amber Milum (center, with Children’s Librarian April Puryear and Reference Librarian Claudia Wolfe) is now officially the manager of the Kingsland Library. She replaces Naphtali Renshaw, who moved to Oregon last month.

Florence Reeves (left) posed for this picture with her former boss, Marble Falls Library Director Amanda Rose, last Thursday. She will be the new director at the Herman Brown Free Library in Burnet; a retirement party for previous director Betsy Engelbrecht will be held at the library at 2 p.m. next Wednesday (September 23).

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The Kingsland House of Arts and Crafts conducted a “Memory Wire Bracelets” class last Saturday as part of their continuing monthly program.

Zane Lewis discussed the successful new Kingsland Charter School and his vision for Kingsland at a Chamber of Commerce “Breakfast Club” meeting at The Place Downtown on Wednesday morning.

Representatives of the Kingsland Chamber joined staff members at the new FedEx Office Print & Ship Center (inside Walmart in Marble Falls) for a ceremonial ribbon-cutting last week to welcome them as new Chamber members. Caryn Boettcher is the Center’s manager.

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This photo was taken close to a century ago on the north side of Llano. Automobiles were a hot topic then, and each car sale made the news. Several “agents” sold cars in Llano, and most of the cars arrived by train; some assembly was often required. It was in 1917 that Watkins Auto Sales purchased a lot on East Main Street to build a new Ford dealership; it was also in 1917 that the City of Llano purchased a Ford car to serve (with modifications by a blacksmith) as a fire truck.

BY JOHN HALLOWELL

An article in the March 1 (1917) issue of The Llano News told of the death of pioneer settler Martha Huffman, who had come to Llano County before it was a county, and who had lived on the town site of Llano as a newlywed when the county was formed in 1856. She was survived by five of her seven children.

There was only one new car registered in Llano County that week, it was a Ford, belonging to G.A. Coulson. The only stock shipment of the week was a carload of hogs sent to Fort Worth by H.L. Gray, The Corner Drug Store, which had become the agent for Cooper Cattle D. I. Pearson, who had sold his entire consignment.

On March 15, a front-page story reported that $500,000 had been received from the sale of street bonds (from Halley, Stuart & Company of Chicago), and that the city council had hired Austin engineer O.E. Maguire to supervise construction. Work was expected to begin sometime in April.

City Council authorized the purchase of a Ford car, which would be modified as a fire truck. Most of Llano’s prominent ranchers were in Fort Worth that week for a big Cattlemen’s Convention. Dr. R.V. Bingham, from Toronto, Canada, preached at the Llano Opera House on Sunday morning and evening, and gave a talk on Monday evening (to capacity crowds each time) about his missionary work in Sudan and the great needs in the African continent.

Fire Chief E.H. Jr. answered a fire alarm from the home of H. H. Howard, only to find that Mr. Hooberman had already extinguished the flames. An oil stove had caught the home on fire, and the writer opined that, if it were not for the homeowner’s quick action, high winds might have caused the fire to spread to neighboring homes. Chief Qualls “telephoned to stop the bringing of the hose and other fire-fighting apparatus.” Damage was limited to kitchen wallpaper.

The arrival of the water-filtering system caused great excitement in Llano when the mules which were pulling a large tank across the bridge “became frightened and ran away. On reaching the middle of the bridge, the tank struck one of the standards, holding up the top of the bridge and badly bent it, breaking it loose from its fastening at the bottom.” The force of the contact threw one of the mules down and stopped the runway. The tank was not damaged.

Raymond Byfield, who had been without an automobile for several months, bought a Maxwell car from Ray Buie, and A.J. Noble (“of Marble”) bought a Buick from local agent T.S. Parker.

Bernie Tuberville came from Menard to visit in Llano, and reported that “his section was in flourishing condition.”

The Russian revolution was under way, and according to a front-page story on March 27, Czar Nicholas was about to abdicate the throne. In the meantime, people were increasingly likely toivalent with the U.S. and Germany. There was some worry that things were getting too密切. On the advice of an engineer, county commissioners voted to close down the bridge until damage caused by the runway rules could be repaired. And the school board voted, after a “mass meeting” of citizens, to postpone the planned construction of a new school due to the high cost of materials.

But progress was being made on the milling company’s filter plant, and John Watkins returned from a business trip to Dallas with a brand-new Crow-Ekhardt car. The front-page story reported that he and T.J. Watkins had purchased the agency for the car in this county,” and added its appraisal that “the car shows up well, and is moderately priced.” Engineers “were busily engaged in the work of surveying the city’s streets preparatory to the beginning of construction in the street improvements,” and Llano’s next Trades Day was announced for April 2.

An enthusiastic March 29 article bragged about the success of the previous Saturday’s “Interscholastic league contest,” and declared that the event “perhaps meant more to schools of this county than any other event in their history.” The event featured basketball, baseball, tennis, and a debate contest at the Opera house that night. Students from Castell, Lone Grove, and other schools competed with classes from the Llano schools.

Also on March 29, the news was reported that the bridge had been reopened to traffic after repairs were made. “The opening of this valuable piece of county property,” the article said, “was the occasion of much comfort and joy to those who use it most and who had been deprived of it for a few days.”
The Llano Visitor Center, built to resemble the original railroad depot, was opened with great fanfare in August of 2007. Since then, many improvements have been made to the center and the grounds around it. It is better than new in 2017.

Some of the guests at a 10-year “birthday party” for the busy Visitor Center gathered for a picture at the beginning of the Tuesday evening celebration. A ribbon-cutting for a new Chamber member: Weathermen Mechanical was also held at the event.

Executive Director Briley Mitchell, of the Llano Chamber of Commerce, shows off the “birthday cake,” decorated especially for the Visitor Center’s 10-year anniversary celebration.
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The big boat-racing extravaganza on Lake Marble Falls last weekend was a huge success, featuring lots of great action in front of large and cheerful crowds. A good crowd also attended the Friday evening Show ‘N Shine, where fans were able to see boats up close and meet some of the drivers. Two of the younger drivers were Dylan Crowner (in top photo with team members Justin Thomas and Ethan Smith) and Megan Ratliff (above), both from Marble Falls. At right, driver Tyler Boehme, of Rio Medina, poses with racing fans Krissi and Rachel Rieve. Below: Tents and trees provided some shelter for the crowd at Lakeside Park.

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Oatle, the colorful mascot of Bertram’s Oatmeal Festival, greets visitors and poses for pictures before the Grand Parade on Saturday before Labor Day each year. This year’s event is set for Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2.

An aerobatics team performs over Burnet’s municipal airport during last year’s Commemorative Air Force Highland Lakes Air Show. This year’s event is scheduled for Saturday, September 9.

 EVENTS: (Continued from page 2)

A live band and choir from several area churches will provide Christian music at a Praise and Worship event from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 2 at Johnson Park in Marble Falls (see ad on page 15).

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. Roger Creger will be on stage on Saturday evening, September 2; Kevin Fowler on Sunday, September 3.

Llano potters Paula Haynes, Lynda Gammage and Kathleen Riordan are putting together two-session hands-on Clay Art Party for the Llano Fine Arts Guild from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5 (to make projects) and Friday, September 14 (to glaze). No experience is necessary; materials and snacks will be provided. Cost is $40; the finished products will be ready for pick-up after September 21. Call the Guild for details and reservations at 325-247-4839.

The Llano Chamber of Commerce is inviting everyone to say farewell to the Dog Days of a Central Texas Summer, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, September 5 (Labor Day), at Badu Park. There’s no cost to attend; the event includes music, dancers, homemade ice cream and swimming and kayaking on the Llano River. Attendees can bring their own coolers.

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

Burnet’s Kids Day Out will be held from 9 to 3 at the YMCA that same Saturday.

The Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center will host its Golf Fore Life tournament, also on September 9, at the Lighthouse Country Club in Kingsland (shotgun start 1 p.m.).

The Llano Wild Game Dinner, to benefit the Llano County Stock Show program, will be held on the evening of Saturday, September 9.

Dinosaur George will bring his traveling museum to the Burnet community center (401 E. Jackson St.) for Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16 (9 to 4 both days).
50th Anniversary

Chapel Of Hills Has Open House

BOCHNAN DAM — More than 100 guests from the towns in the Hill Country attended the open house at the Chapel of the Hills Baptist Mission Sunday afternoon. The pastor, R. V. Rhodes, and the men of the church prepared the guests and showed them around the chapel. An interesting building, it is a large trailer and the sides expand to make the building three times its original size. It has a stage, entrance hall, pastor's study, two Sunday School rooms, a kitchen, recreation and rest rooms.

The shoreline is of modern construction with a living room, dining room, two bathrooms and a convenient kitchen. From the large picture windows in the living room and bedrooms there is a beautiful view of Long Mountain and the sliding glass doors in the den offer a view of the surrounding hills.

Mrs. Rhodes and her daughter registered the guests at the reception and showed them around. Punch, cookies and coffee were served.

These two articles, from February 15 (left) and August 15 (below, left) of 1968, give a little background into the 50-year history of Chapel of the Hills, on Hwy 29 near the dam in Buchanan Dam. Founded as a Baptist mission in a modular building in August of 1967, the church grew steadily for 25 years.

The first brick building was dedicated in April of 1970, but numerous additions were built with the help of several skilled carpenters and masons in the congregation. The church has seen a recent resurgence under the leadership of Pastor Steve Leftwich, and many improvements have been made to the building.

The public is invited to share in this weekend's 50-year anniversary celebration (see ad on page 9).

Baptist Chapel To Observe Anniversary

BOCHNAN DAM — The Chapel of the Hills Southern Baptist Mission of Buchanan Dam will celebrate its first anniversary Sunday, August 18. At the morning worship service at 11 a.m., Rev. Richard Kirgan will be the speaker. Rev. Kirgan is pastor of the Williamsburg Baptist Church in Collins, Mississippi. He did summer missionary work in this area prior to establishing the mission.

There were 13 members when the mission was organized and during the year the membership has increased to 33. At 3 p.m. in the afternoon, Rev. Jack Wayburn of Buckner Boys Ranch, Rev. Mike Cox of the First Baptist Church in Burnet, and Rev. Max Copeland of the First Baptist Church of Marble Falls will be the speakers. Music will be furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Poole of Copperas Cove and the boys from the Buckner Boys Ranch. A special invitation is extended to all for both services.

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The new Public Safety Building at 606 Avenue N in Marble Falls (next to the fire hall) is nearing completion. It will apparently make room for more retail development on Main Street when the police department moves in.

A sign across Hwy 281 from the Blue Bonnet Cafe announces the planned construction in the now-vacant triangle formed by 2nd Street, Avenue H and the highway.

The ensemble of the upcoming Hill Country Community Theatre staging of the musical comedy "Senior Moments". (L to r) Nina Price, Paula Richards, Linda Mayo, Julie Smith, Graham Avery, Doug Hart, Sharon Penny, Randy Hilmer, Donnace Harrod-Knox, Sarah Spillman, Maris Lynne Long. (Not pictured: Pam & Wayne Hawley). There will be twelve performances September 21 through October 8.

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The Skylarks, all members of the larger Flashbacks band, brought their “big band” music to Foro’s Restaurant (at LBJ Marina in Cottonwood Shores) last Saturday night.

The Southern Underground band provided live entertainment at Lakeside Park in Marble Falls after the boat racing was finished for the evening on Saturday.

Clarissa Serna was the featured performer at Brass Hall in Marble Falls last Friday night. The popular music venue is planning a big Labor Day Weekend Bash, with performances by big-name musicians like Roger Creager and Kevin Fowler.

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Baptists celebrate 140 years

Guests and members of the First Baptist Church in Burnet enjoyed a good meal together last Saturday evening at the church’s 140-year anniversary celebration. The first church at the current location (see photo at the top of page 1) was built in 1883.

A concert by The Singing Women of Texas (pictured above) and others was part of last weekend’s 140-year anniversary celebration at the First Baptist Church of Burnet. The church is well-known in recent years for its production (with help from other area churches) of the wonderful Main Street Bethlehem Christmas re-enactment.

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