McKenzie Evans poses with friends, buyers and her Grand Champion steer at the Burnet County Livestock Show's premium sale last Saturday afternoon. Excellent participation, great crowds and beautiful weather all helped make the event a big success (see more pictures beginning on page 8, and even more on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page). Llano County’s show is scheduled for this weekend (see “Upcoming Events,” beginning on page 2).
The Llano County Junior Livestock Show (last year’s event pictured above) is getting underway at press time. Showing will begin Thursday evening and continue on Friday; the premium sale will be held on Saturday evening.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Llano County Junior Livestock Show will be held this Thursday afternoon (showing begins with poultry at 5 p.m.) and Friday, January 11 & 12 at the JLK Event Center, just west of Llano. A 4-H BBQ fundraiser will be held there from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. An “Art, Craft and Food” show will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday; the premium sale will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The Jesse Stratton Band will perform from 9 to midnight on Friday, January 12, at Brass Hall in Marble Falls.

The Burnet VFW will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a party beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 13. The featured speaker will be Mayor Crista Bronley.

The Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts will host a “Dream Catcher” class with Linda Scott from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 13. Reserve your space on Facebook or call 325-386-6159.

Tayla Lynn and Tre Twitty, granddaughters of the country music legend, will present “A Salute to Loretta Lynn & A Tribute to Conway Twitty” in two shows (at 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.) at the Llano County Opry, next Saturday (January 13).

The Highland Lakes Quilt Guild will hold an organizational meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, at the First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls. Guests are welcome. The meeting will focus on upcoming programs and preparations for the Quilt Show (to be held February 9 & 10). For guild information, go to ligaquilt.blogspot.com or call 830-637-7197.

The Kingsland Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Breakfast Club meeting at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, in the event building at Kingsland Community Park. Sponsors will be Wells Fargo Bank and the Central Texas Water Coalition.

Legend leg Dallas Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach will be the keynote speaker at the 100 Club’s First Responder Awards Banquet, scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, at the YMCA in Burnet. See www.100clubab.com for details.

Keith Mathiessen’s award-winning animated documentary film, “Tower,” will be screened at a special party of the Highland Lakes Texas Exes, also scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 18. The screening will be at the University of Texas at Austin. Email HLTexasExes@gmail.com or call (210) 265-4155 for details. All proceeds benefit the Highland Lakes Chapter Scholarship Fund.

The City of Marble Falls will host a Community Open House at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, at Lakeside Pavilion to discuss proposed development.

The Kingsland Community Church will host its monthly Game Night (each 3rd Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. on January 18. The Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center will present a discussion and demonstration on birds’ nests in “A Taste of Nature,” from 9 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 20, at Numoss Coffee Roasters in Marble Falls.

Patsy and Tom Ingle will discuss “Native Plants and Native Birds: A Relationship Worth Nurturing,” at a meeting of the Highland Lakes Native Plant Society, beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 20, at the Marble Falls Library.

Oestreich’s Ramblin’ Rose, in Llano, will host country music star Doug Stone on Saturday, January 20. Texas Crossing will open the show at 8 p.m.

The Highland Lakes Service League will host a Charity Church Wagon Chow Down and Auction, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 25 at the clubhouse in Meadowlakes, Call 830-693-2659 for tickets or info.

The Kingsland Chamber of Commerce will host its annual awards banquet, beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, at the Lighthouse Country Club.

The Harlem Wizards (Tricks, Hoops, and Alley Oops) will be in Llano for an entertaining basketball game with a local team at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 29, at Llano High School.

The Llano Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Community Awards Ceremony, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, at the JLK Event Center just west of Llano.

Bayler Scott & White will hold its annual Llano Fun Run at 10 a.m. (check-in begins at 9) on Saturday, February 3, at Buda Park.

The Marble Falls Kiwanis Club will sponsor “An Evening of Entertainment” on Friday, February 9. If you have a talent or a skit that you’d like to share, send a text to (250) 446-9399.

The Highland Lakes Quilt Guild will hold a Quilt Festival on Friday and Saturday, February 9 & 10 (9-4 both days), at the community center on Jackson Street in Burnet.

The Community Church invites Winter Texans to a BBQ Lunch after worship service (11:45 a.m.) on Sunday, February 11.

Candlelight Ranch (6408 Muleshoe Bend Trail, east of Marble Falls) will host (Continued on page 11)
What a weekend! I used to consider January and February my “slow time,” and try to plan ahead for things to fill my school schedule (and the pages of my paper). I really shouldn’t worry.

It’s partly John Hoover’s fault. He explained the importance of the county livestock shows to me more than seven or eight years ago, when I was just starting to write for the Burnet Bulletin and actually paid my share of my phone bill for four extra pages to be filled with pictures of participants.

I am still proud of that week’s paper, although I had to work most of Sunday and Monday nights scanning pictures at the office!

I didn’t do as well this year; I am limited to 16 pages total, and there were other things I wanted to include. I decided to skip the Grand Champion winners and a few others. If possible, I’ll try to do at least that much for the Llano kids next week.

Then the Chamber of Commerce showed up again, and there is plenty of other activity in the meantime.

Actually, last weekend wouldn’t have been too busy if I hadn’t got so excited about publishing my Kingsland book. I had set a goal of 50 pages by Monday morning, and I came pretty close.

The writing is all done, but I have to choose pictures and tweak them to the printer’s specifications, then lay out the pages. I’m not as fast as I should be, but I’m getting into a routine, so I’m probably 40 percent done. That means I should have the book in the beginning of February.

I have a bunch of things I need to mention, so I’ll try to focus. Kingsland School is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Their open enrollment period runs through January 31, and they will be accepting students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. Also, they are celebrating National School Choice Week with an Open House from 10 to 1 next Wednesday (January 17). The public is encouraged to attend; visitors can sign in at the front desk, then tour the classrooms to see students and teachers in action.

The Burnet Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Citizen, Senior and Youth of the Year, plus Small Business (less than 10 employees) and Large Business of the Year; award winners will be honored at the Annual Awards Banquet on February 17. An added feature this year is a $1,500 Bluebonnet Festival College Scholarship to the high school senior selected as Youth of the Year. The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 19. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office (101 N. Pierce) or online at www.burnetchamber.org.

Nationally-known baritone Robert Gardner, whose father happens to be the pianist at the Fredericksburg Church in Sunrise Beach, will be in town for the next several months, and will sing a couple of songs each week (starting January 14) at the 9:30 worship service (accompanied, of course, by his mother). I hope to have a picture and a little more information in next week’s paper, but to HEAR him, you’ll have to go to Sunrise Beach.

There are good things happening around Lake Buchanan. From what I hear, the Lake Buchanan Conservation Corp will be building a new pavilion at the Llano County Park, and the East Lake Buchanan VFD (with big assist from the LCRA’s Community Development Partnership Program, Llano) will be installing a new boat lift for the surplus Coast Guard boat that it recently purchased and rehabbed to serve as a fire and rescue boat. The boat will lift will be at a dock donated by neighbors, and the large, rugged boat will be available for emergencies 24/7 in any weather.

I try not to eat out too often, my budget, my weight, my blood sugar and my doctor are all working against my appetite for good food. Still (for research purposes only, you understand) I do occasionally sample when a new restaurant opens in my territory. So I am happy to report that the Insigna is very good at the new Mambo Italiano Ristorante in Bertram, and the “Captain’s Quarters” at Del Rio Comida Deluxue in Marble Falls (recommended to me by a friend) is amazing.

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**DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY**

**Tuesday, July 24:** Flight from Austin to Calgary. Transfer to Hotel Arts

**Wednesday, July 25:** Tour from Calgary to Banff, including Summit Helicopter tour and Banff Gondola. Overnight Moose Hotels & Suites (B)

**Thursday, July 26:** Free Day in Banff. Overnight Moose Hotels & Suites (B)

**Friday, July 27:** Banff to Lake Louise. Overnight at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise (B)

**Saturday, July 28:** Free Day at Lake Louise. Overnight at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise (B)

**Sunday, July 29:** Lake Louise to Jasper. Enjoy the Icefields Parkway Tour, including the Ice Explorer. Overnight Best Western Jasper Inn & Suites (B)

**Monday, July 30:** Jasper Highlights Tour. Overnight Best Western Jasper Inn and Suites (B)

**Tuesday, July 31:** Transfer to the rail station and board Rocky Mountaineer’s Rainforest to Goldrush from Jasper to Quetico. (B, L on board) Overnight Sandman Hotel

**Wednesday, August 1:** Rocky Mountaineer’s Rainforest to Goldrush from Quetico to Whistler. (B, L on board) Overnight at Delta Whistler Village Suites

**Thursday, August 2:** Rocky Mountaineer from Whistler to North Vancouver, transfer to the Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel. Vancouver Lookout (B, AS on board)

**Friday, August 3:** Transfer to the Vancouver airport for our flight home. (B)
WINTER TEXAN DINNER in Kingsland

A steady stream of Winter Texans signed in by home state at Tuesday evening's dinner. Most of Kingsland's guests are from the upper Midwest.

Event co-ordinator Chris Carl, herself a transplanted Minnesotan, welcomed the crowd and explained the proceedings. DJ Wayne Gatiff provided dance music during the social hour.

Chamber volunteers Dan Raley and Rick Scrimshire tended the bar.

Shannon Ziese, from event sponsor First State Bank of Central Texas, sold raffle tickets for a variety of quality door prizes. First State Bank supplied fried chicken from Chicken Express; Chicken Express donated side dishes and a door prize.
Executive Director Shannon Heap, of the Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) branch in Kingsland, addressed the Men’s Breakfast at Kingsland Community Church on Tuesday morning, explaining the group’s purpose and achievements, while trying to make the community aware of the growing need for volunteers.

Susan Patten, who was recently appointed Executive Director of the Central Texas Water Coalition, was also one of the volunteers at the Kingsland Chamber’s Winter Texan Dinner. She lives in Sunrise Beach; in addition to her government and communications work, she is a partner at Valentine’s Lakeside Lodge in Kingsland.

The multi-talented Matthew Butter, who pastors the Hoover Valley Baptist Church and sells life insurance in his “day job,” provided some quality live music at The Place Downtown in Kingsland last Saturday night.

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Kingsland in 1964 - Part 2

By JOHN HALLOWELL

One of the factors contributing to Kingsland's high profile in the 1960s was the presence of President Lyndon B. Johnson's lake house built just across the Llano River arm of Granite Shoals Lake. With his partner, Judge A.W. Mourund, Johnson had purchased land on the north side of the river in 1960 and built the ranch on the south side had become one of his favorite spots for rest and relaxation. A front-page article on July 9 told how the president had enjoyed a July 6th weekend in Kingsland (his lake house was actually connected to Kingsland only by the ferry at the time), and he had hosted a 5th for guests including "Gov. and Mrs. John Connally." The story included a report that President Johnson had "lost his cap" while boating on the lake that weekend. It was retrieved by a Secret Service man who dived into the water for it.

The Highlander's headline that week said "Lyndon, Lady Bird relax on Granite Shoals During 4th," but the big photo showed Mrs. William Matthews water-skiing with two dogs on her surfboard. She and her husband had moved to Kingsland from Austin in the late 1950s. Mrs. Matthews' last name had been changed to go to WP & Shelly Metal and Plumbing. Alfred and Joyce Zenon celebrated the 40th anniversary of their marriage. Lorraine and Glenn Smith opened their "Bluebonnet Cafe." In a new steel building "near the new post office and bank building." In addition, the Sterling chain store and gift shop, the new building would house Carson Real Estate and the Highland Auto Company; it was built by the Llano County Spray Family and the Llano County Builders, formed by three Kingsland residents: Frank M. Austin, Frank W. Brown, and R.N. "Kit" Caron (they also sold ranch gates and put up fences, and ABC Waste Company). M.L. Liles opened their new Kingsbridge subdivision; their first buyer was Mildred McLean. Jellicoe Ross purchased the Clip "a Curl Exa salon, but kept Jettie Cash on as manager.

The August 13 Highlander showed a picture of the new Kingsland subdivision, "completed last year in the Central Texas Electric Co-op." The Highland Lakes Church of Christ dedicated its new building on Hwy 1431 in Kingsland on August 10.

A photo in the September 17 Highlander showed the steel frame for the new Highland Lakes National Bank ("finished this week."). In October of 1964, a marker was placed by the Llano County Historical Survey Committee on the hill (Buckhorn Mountain, now often called "Lookout Mountain") where the confluence of the Llano and Colorado Rivers, to commemorate the Fisher-Miller Grant. That huge parcel of land was later purchased by the City of Austin, and the Pecos River - 3,800,000 acres in all. It was promised to the German immigrants of the Adelsverein, who built a fort there, but very few ever reached their remote, promised land. The ceremony in 1964 included descendants of Adelsverein, who negotiated the German pioneers famous treaty with the Comanches.

The October 29 Highlander reported that Kingsland would host the closure of a 300-foot Western Auto store to be located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center of Kingsland has been signed. The new store would be owned by Bruce and Donna, who plan to move to Kingsland from Plainview in November. They hope to be open for...
Although the lake was not yet named for President Lyndon Johnson in 1964, he was often here; his familiar Glastron boat was one of the main attractions in Kingsland that summer.

A big event in 1964 Kingsland was the removal of this First Christian Church building from its original location on Hwy 1431. It is now the center of the Highland Lakes Senior Center on Chamberlain Street.

business before Christmas. That issue also included an article reprinted from the Dallas Morning News, which was headlined “Privacy a Problem With President.” The article noted that 15 minutes after the usual three helicopters are sighted, the lake in front of the president’s place comes alive with boats.” It went on to say that when the president came for the July 4 weekend, he arrived more quietly by car; it took a couple of hours for the crowd to gather at that time.

In November, Lyndon Johnson was re-elected president of the United States, carrying Kingsland by a margin of 257 to 90 over Barry Goldwater, and Roscoe Newton was elected president of the Kingsland Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Newton was a former resident of Kingsland, who had recently moved back from Fort Worth “to operate a children’s camp.” Jack Valentine was vice president of the Chamber, and Mrs. M.F. Wright was secretary/treasurer. The newspaper report said that the “highlight of the meeting was a talk by Shirley Williams on unity in the community to develop the potential of Kingsland.”

An item in the Highlander on November 12 noted that Fred Siegler, of Fort Worth, was building a six unit motel on Hwy 1431. It explained that Mr. Siegler had been “a teacher of math and science, and also an umpire in the Texas League.” Red Keith had taken over management of Kingsland BBQ, and Sonny Nelson was the new owner of Kingsland Mobil.

In December, Mrs. Jewel Smith’s mural of Paesadvale Mountain made the front page of The Llano News. It was on display in her new Bluebonnet Gift Shop, near Snider Plumbing and the new shopping center, where she also planned to offer ceramics classes. Nearly 500 people attended the Grand Opening. Billy Pearson, who had been working with Odie Ainsworth, opened his own real estate office on Hwy 1431. Jack Valentine completed a “modern enclosed fishing marina” at his Valentine Lodge. W.C. McWilliams was named as a director of the Highland Lakes National Bank. Dr. Mason Brock hoisted a boat onto the roof of his medical clinic to create a Christmas display of Santa Claus water skiing. It was an exciting year, and full of promise for the future. Kingsland’s growth was still in its early stages in 1964.
Above: Ellett Vann and Cade Ringstaff won Outstanding Senior awards AND Grand Champion Ag Mechanics.

At left: Kody Burton won Grand Champion Angora Goat, and (below) Ellett Vann also won Grand Champion Breeding Gilt.

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Gracie Arevalo won both Grand Champion Market Turkey (above) and Grand Champion Market Rabbits (below) at the Burnet County Livestock Show last weekend.

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At left: Brynlee Cody took top honors with her Grand Champion Market Lamb.

Above: Paris Brinkley showed the Grand Champion Market Goat.

At left: Ashton Floyd's Grand Champion Market Market Hog refused to pose for a picture, but it earned her top honors nevertheless.

Above: Landri Lewis won Grand Champion Breeding Sheep.

At left: Kelly Linzer won Grand Champion Market Broilers.
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More Livestock Show photos
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Master Naturalist Billy Hutson explained the parts of an artificial beehive to curious spectators at Numinous Coffee Roasters in Marble Falls last Saturday morning. The program on bees was one of a series called “A Taste of Nature,” a co-operative effort with Numinous and the Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center to highlight the beauty and wonder of the Texas hill country. Programs will be held on two Saturday mornings each month; the next program will explore the fascinating details of birds’ nests, from 9 to noon on Saturday, January 20.

SAM’S NURSERY & LANDSCAPING is adding a new pergola and koi pond to further beautify their already-beautiful lot at the corner of Hwy 29 and 1431 in Buchanan Dam. They will remain open for business during the construction.

EVENTS: (Continued from page 2)
its 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off & Car Show from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 11.
The Hill Country Community Theatre is getting ready to present a spoof of all the classic Alfred Hitchcock thrillers (“Rear Window,” “The Birds,” “North by Northwest” and more). “The 39 Steps” will be directed by Laura Gisi. It opens February 15, and runs through March 4.
The Burnet Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Chamber Awards Banquet, beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 17. You do not have to be a member to attend.
And the Marble Falls Chamber of Commerce will hold its own Chamber Awards Banquet the following Saturday, February 24.

Jeremy Serna’s intriguing Painting With Friends program attracted a good crowd to Inman’s Kitchen in Llano once again on Monday evening. Monday’s project was called “Touch of Red,” and each of the aspiring artists was guided through the process of painting a wintry scene highlighted by a cardinal in a snow-covered tree.

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Representatives from Pedernales Electric Co-op and the Lower Colorado River Authority presented a $22,487 grant to the Burnet County Sheriff’s Office for new portable radios. The grant is part of LCRA’s Community Development Partnership Program, which provided more than $500,000 in grants to worthy causes in its territory last year. Another grant presented on Tuesday will help the East Lake Buchanan VFD install a lift for their fire and rescue boat.

Ricky Newell, a former teacher who grows her own gourds to create birdhouses and other unique masterpieces, is a familiar figure at craft shows and other events around the Highland Lakes. She is also this winter’s Featured Artist of the Texas Gourd Society. The carved and painted gourd at right is one of her works.

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Trey Gilliland entertained diners at the Mambo Italiano Ristorante in Bertram last Thursday night with a selection of country music favorites.

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About thirty homes, mostly in the long-depressed southeast corner of Burnet, have been built in the past four years under the innovative MyTown program. Launched by the City of Burnet and the Burnet Economic Development Corporation, the initiative has worked with builders, real estate agents and banks to rejuvenate neighborhoods and stimulate the economy by providing high-quality, affordable homes. Some examples are pictured here: on Pierce Street (above), Marble Street (at right) and Live Oak Street (below). The idea seems to be catching on, and several private developers are building homes apart from the MyTown initiative. The Cottages on Westfall subdivision (below, right), under construction next to three MyTown homes on Cemetery Street by Langley Homes, Inc., consists of 29 single family lots and 11 multi-family lots. It is the largest of several residential projects currently “in the works” in the southeast section of town.

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Pet of the Week

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