The John L. Kuykendall Event Center in Llano was filled with young exhibitors, fine-looking animals, volunteers and spectators last weekend for the Llano County Junior Livestock Show. The modern facility kept everyone comfortable despite some high winds and low temperatures outside. (See more pictures beginning on page 7, and even more on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page).
The Kingsland Area Quilters will hold a Quilt Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Friday and Saturday at the Kingsland Community Center.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Kingsland Area Quilters will hold a Quilt Show on Friday and Saturday, January 19 & 20, at the Kingsland Community Center (see ad on page 7). The Troutbry Series and Holland Racing will present the Tommy Kettleragen Memorial Family Ride in Oatmeal, beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 20. The starting line will be at 7:24 CR 336, just west of the Oatmeal Community Center.

Harvey Klee will give a free Qi Gong & Tai Chi Presentation at 16:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, at Jessie Mammas (103 Grayson) in Llano.

The Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center will present a discussion and demonstration on birds’ nests in “A Taste of Nature,” from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 20, at Llano Coffee Roasters in Marble Falls.

Patsy and Tom Inglet 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.

Austin string quartet “Inkwell” will provide music for a Spicewood Arts Society concert at Spicewood Vineyards at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 26.

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

The Highland Lakes Senior Service League will host a Charity Chuck 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 Marble Falls High School choir department will present four showings of the musical “Guys and Dolls” from January 25 to 28. Shows will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, then continue with shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

The Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam will host a Poetry Jam from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 27. The event is free and open to all who write poetry or love reading; please call 325-379-1174 to register.

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 JJK Event Center just west of Llano.

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

Burnet CISD will host a Safe & Drug-Free Wellness Program at R.J. Elementary School from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 1.

The Marble Falls Kiwanis Club will sponsor “An Evening of Entertainment” on Friday, February 9. If you have a talent or a slot that you’d like to share, send a text to (250) 846-3959.

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 Burnet County Rodeo Association will host a Chili Cook-Off and Pie Bake-Off from 11 to 1 on Saturday, February 10 at the fairgrounds in Burnet. Register by Friday, February 5 to participate.

The River Rat Revue will perform during a Chili Cook-Off at Reverend Jim’s in Buchanan Dam, from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 10.

Kingsland Community Church invites Winter Texans to a BBQ Lunch after worship service (10:45 a.m.) Sunday, February 11.

Candlelight Ranch (6408 Muleshoe Bend Trail, east of Marble Falls) will host its 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off & Car Show from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 11.

The Kingsland Chamber’s next Winter Chill Dinner will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, at the Kingsland Community Center.

The Hill Country Community Theatre is getting ready to present a spoof of all the classics, 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.
It seems that every week around here is interesting, but the week I'm finishing right now seemed extra good that way. The stock show in Llano was excellent, the weather was quite dramatic, and there were a lot of other things going well.

The one thing that didn't go quite as well as I had hoped was the process of getting pages put together for my book. I have had an idea for a while to be able to finish it in three Sundays, but it looks like it's going to take four (or maybe even five). But even so, it's exciting to me to see the book progressing. I'm at page 109 now (of an expected 184), and as I print out the finished pages and put them in a loose-leaf binder, they are starting to look sort of like a real book. I think I'll be able to take advantage of that feeling by late in the year after I finish. I hope to get the second half of the book finished in time to mail it as soon as the books arrive. Just need to send a check for $10 per copy to "John Hallowell, PO Box 991, Kingsland, TX 77945".

One of the "distractions" this past Sunday was the presence of Robert Gardner at the Federated Church of Sunnyside Beach. He is an internationally-known baritone (whose mother happens to play the piano at that church) and he will be singing there each Sunday morning until at least February 16 (the service starts at 9:30 a.m.)

One of the side effects of the interesting weather was the postponement of at least two Tuesday events. The Central Texas Electric Co-op postponed a grant presentation until next Tuesday, January 23 (2 p.m. at the Kingsland Library), and Commissioner Mike Sandoval postponed his 2nd Annual Chili Dinner and Town Hall meeting at the county annex in Buchanan Dam until Tuesday, January 30 (5:30 to 7 p.m.).

Llano ISD is currently considering nominations for its "gifted and talented" program, and encouraging interested parents (or the students themselves) to fill out a nomination form and return it to the campus counselor by Friday, February 3. Students must be currently enrolled in grades K-11, and may be nominated by a teacher, the parent/guardian, or the student (grades 6-11). Identification criteria include teacher recommendation and scores on tests that measure verbal ability, mathematical ability and problem solving, and creativity.

Questions regarding the gifted and talented program may be addressed to any of the campus counselors, and Packesdale Elementary School will hold an informational session on the gifted and talented program at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, in the PES Library.

The Falls on the Colorado Museum (FOMC) in Marble Falls will have an exhibition of the evolution of two large for-mer ranches which have grown into lake-side towns. The City of Granite Shoals began as Sherwood Shores on the former Phillips Ranch in 1962, and has grown into a town of around 5,100 people. And the A.J. Masters Ranch was developed (beginning in 1964) by Jim Brewer and Bill Raley at Cottonwood Shoals, now a town of about 1,200 people.

FOMC will continue to provide the community with educational exhibits pertaining to local and Central Texas history. The growth of these two towns is intrinsically interlinked with the growth of Marble Falls. This exhibition will be available to the public through the end of February.

Highland Lakes Creative Arts is issuing one last call for artists who would like to participate in this spring's Paint the Town event (April 29-May 5), when Plein Air artists from across the nation will be working in various mediums to capture the outdoor sights and scenes of historic Marble Falls and the panoramic Texas Hill Country that surrounds it. For a week, with thousands of visitors, there will be an expansive exhibiting-studios gallery, live demonstrations, a Quick Draw downtown, Sunrise and Nocturne painting, a student competition and a nationally-recognized judge Stacie Baker presenting the award. Deadline for applications is January 31.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) needs more volunteers, committed men and women (21 years of age or older) to join the team. There are currently more than 25 Family Groups waiting to be assigned a CASA. If you become a CASA volunteer (or donate to help CASA recruit and train more volunteers), you will make a big difference in a child’s life (and your own)! If you would like more information, please contact Diana Tryon, Advocacy Coordinator at 325-388-3440 or email at diana@highlandlakescasa.com.
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Owners Drew Gerencor and Rick Gregory, of Kingsland’s Grand Central Cafe, visited with producer Mary Mercado, of Goodtaste with Tanji, as she prepared to film a segment there for the popular Texas food/cooking/restaurant show last Thursday.

Linda Scott (second from right) was the instructor at a “Dream Catcher” class at the Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts last Saturday. Pictured with her are “students” Toni Ruiz, Bella Avelar and Elizabeth Murphy.

The scrolling sign at recently-sold Busby Marine in Kingsland says “Coming Soon - Marshall Marine Service.”

An efficient crew made short work of the parking lot paving at Kingsland’s new Prosperity Bank on Monday. The bank replaces the 1965 Highland Lakes Shopping Center, which was recently torn down.
Commissioner Mike Sandoval addressed the assembled Chamber of Commerce members at the Kingsland Chamber’s Breakfast Club meeting on Wednesday morning. The well-attended meeting at Kingsland Community Park was sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank and the Central Texas Water Coalition. Commissioner Sandoval’s Town Hall meeting and Chili Supper has been re-scheduled for January 30; RSVP if you’d like to attend.

Above: Kingsland 4-Hers were very involved in last weekend’s Llano County Junior Livestock Show, showing animals, working the booth, and entering crafts. Pictured are: Cassidy Looney, Grace Looney, Cassie Stence, McKenzie Howell and Payton Stence. Anyone interested in the 4-H Club can attend their next meeting at Kingsland First Baptist at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 22.

At left, Lauren Lee holds one of the striking black-and-white rabbits that she brought to the show.

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Llano in 1954

By JOHN HALLLOWELL

Llano’s big news in January of 1954 was (no surprise here) the live-
stock show. The January 7 issue of The Llano News noted that the "largest and best Junior Livestock Show ever held in Llano County" was scheduled for the following weekend. Approximately 62 FA and 4-H members had signed up to compete for "over $500 in prize money, plus spe-
cial awards of livestock from Fitzsim-
mons Land & Cattle Company and T.J. Moore, of the Moore State Bank." Organizers were expecting the youths to exhibit "40 fat steers, 7 breeding bull heifers, 60 fat lambs, 36 hogs and 75 fat capons."

Another story mentioned that the Kerrville Bus Company was discontin-
uating its 7 a.m. ride from Llano to Austin because of decreasing rider-
ship. There would still be one bus ev-
every day; it would arrive from Austin at 2:30 p.m. on its way to Brady, then run its regular route home to Aus-
tin. It would finish its trip at 8:50 p.m.

Rice University football stars Le-
Roy Feistmacher (from Llano) and John Roberts were playing at the Fitzsimmons Ranch, and Lester Inman brought in a picture of the two with "a couple of very nice white tilthains" they had shot over the Christmas holidays.

A few days later, they helped Rice beat Alabama 28-6 in the Cotton Bowl. Will Collins was the publisher of the Llano News in 1954, and the paper reported (in part) a subscription (for Llano and surrounding counties) cost $2. The Moore State Bank reported assets of nearly $4 million.

The Llano ISD purchased four cars, which had been confiscated from drug smugglers in Laredo and Dallas; two of the fairly new cars would be used as school buses for feeder routes, and two would be used for "official activities of the school district."

Benton Casady’s 1,036-pound steer, "Tiny," was the Grand Champion at the Junior Livestock Show that year. Tiny had been awarded to Benton (from the Six Mile community) the previous year as a prize from Fitzsimmons Land & Cattle Company. Benton was the previous year’s top honors. Stanley Keeke (from Prairie Mountain) took first place in the lightweight class, and second in the medium weight to finish second overall. Charles Hartman (from Valley Spring) was the winner in the dry lot steer class.

John Charles Reagan exhibited the Grand Champion Fine Wool Lamb, Carroll Osburn (from Valley Spring) "walked away with most of the honors in the capon division," and also "demonstrated the Grand Champion fat barrow." Seven-year-old Spence Tank-
sley "exhibited the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Southdowns," and received '"the winning gifts' class with a 'fine Durf gift',” which went on to win Grand Champion honors. Winners in the Foods Division were: "Mrs. Brown, Schnieder, Patty Whigham, Millie Jean Peacheal, Patye Rogers, Virginia Massey, Syl-
via Kohmann, Emma Lou Willman, Willy Dickson, and Hy Taylor.

The "worst norther since 1950" swept into Llano on January 20, with temperatures dropping from the low 20s in just a few hours "from afternoon to midnight."

On January 28, The Llano News reported that five Llano boys had taken capons to the District Livestock Show in Kerrville, and had won four of the top five places. The Grand Champion was a White Cornish Cross exhibited by Don Bauers, who was later able to sell the bird at auction for $23.

A group of 4-H and FFA members headed to Houston with 36 steers, 25 lambs and 40 capons for the 10-day Houston Fat Stock Show. Independent automobiles, including Ford, Oldsmobiles as May Motor Com-
pany, beginning February 1. Mr. and Mrs. Berford Vest returned to Llano from Arkansas, and are now the new Miss Beveridge Shop from Miss Carie Beveridge. Mrs. Vest, (nee Ruby Osburn) was a former employee of the shape, her husband had worked for Byfield’s. His mother, Mrs. Zella Vest, was a former Llano County treasurer.

A rumor had started in Dallas that uranium had been discovered in Llano County, and several news crews came to Llano to investigate. The Llano News had a front-page story about the visitors, saying, "They’re here, but is this real?" Several county officials investigated their intentions to run for re-election, including Judge R.P. McWilliams, Commissioners David Stewart, J. Moore Johnson, and Tom Homesely and County Treasurer Mrs. Rufe Deats. "Judge" Moore, of Moore's Humble service station, had recently owned the shop and had "thanks from a Lubbock woman whose dog had he rescued and returned; he announced (jokingly) that he was run-
ing for dog food!"

The headline on February 4 an-
nounced that "Llano Club Feeders Cop 2 Places in Junior Livestock Show at Houston." Stanley Keene and Benton Casady finished 3rd and 4th in the steer judging; they were bracketed by two hill country "neighbors," Dayton Crewdweld of Fredericksburg and Wayne Poe, of Goldthwaite.

The state Highway Commission an-
nounced that 15 miles of FM 93 (now Hwy 71) would be paved, beginning at Llano and heading southeast. Judge McWilliams happily declared that "the Llano-Lus-
tin connection is getting a little closer all the time."

The Llano VFW held a meeting on February 4 at the Wm. Cameron Lumber Co. to plan for 1954’s "hot rod season" for "local race car owners." Races were to be held at "the Speedway at the Llano Airport." Cars would be strictly "stock and models not later than 1948."

A school census indicated that total enrollment in the Llano schools would increase to 905 (a new record) in the 1954-55 school year.

Art Akele and Bobby Fain were crowned Valentine’s "King and Queen," and the Student Council Valentine Party, held at the fire hall on February 13.

Llano Feed & Supply offered a "Chinese New Year" special with 15 Leghorn Cockerel chickens free to each of the first 100 adults to register.

A "mass meeting" was called by the Redeemers Association and the Bexar County of Commerce to settle questions about the financing of the joint Redeemers and Homecoming Event, which had lost money the previous year. The meeting was scheduled for March 1, in the base-
ment of the Llano Hotel.

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Above: Representatives of nine top buyers from last year’s Llano County Livestock Show came forward to be recognized at the beginning of the Premium Sale last Saturday evening. Included in the honored group were: Corner Drug, Hoffpaur Auto Group, Mike and Mary Porter, the Skufca Foundation, Lysass & Eckel Feeds, WCR Construction, Arrowhead Bank, Cooper’s BBQ and Llano National Bank.

At left: Emma Osbourn waits as buyers bid on her Medium Wool Market Lamb.

At right: A capacity crowd of buyers and spectators filled the seats and bleachers at the John L. Kuykendall Event Center for last Saturday’s Premium Sale.

Photos by John Hallowell

Payton Wootan, whose steer won Champion British Steer and Reserve Grand Champion Steer, waits for the results of the bidding.
Grand Champion exhibitors were rewarded at the Premium Sale on Saturday evening. Pictured above with buyers are Cason Stephenson (Crossbred Market Hog) and Kylee Brown (Crossbred Market Lamb).

Above, from left: Kennedy Wootan (European Market Steer), Ross Prokop (American Heifer) and Peyton Smith (Tom Turkeys)

At left: Maddox Green (Rabbits)

Below: Briley Crow (Cockerel) and Emma Morris (Heavy Weight Meat Goat)

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Traffic on RR 1431 in Marble Falls was briefly interrupted last Thursday by workers installing new traffic signals at the entrance to the new H.E.B. grocery store. The beautiful new store is almost ready to open; a Grand Opening has been scheduled for February 9.

Cynthia Akinloye-Hall, a well-known Burnet resident who ran the "Lil Sugar Shack" on the south side of the square a few years ago, is re-opening her business in the former Post Mountain BBQ building on Main Street. She hopes to be open for business this weekend, and is planning a Grand Opening on February 1.

Graham Avery, Doug Hart, Cody Petty and Katherine Clay will play the dozens of roles in the Alfred Hitchcock spook "The 39 Steps," scheduled to show at the Hill Country Community Theatre from February 15 to March 4.
Counting Attorney Becky Lange convened a gathering of concerned citizens from a diverse group of agencies with an interest in helping at-risk youth in Llano County, in a program titled “Our Community Cares” at the Llano High School auditorium on Monday afternoon. She was recently able to qualify Llano County for a state grant to help fund the Kingsland Boys & Girls Club and the “Expect Respect” program from SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone), which seeks to reduce family violence, bullying, child abuse, poverty and truancy by promoting safe and healthy relationships.

Barbara Hefner gave an interesting program on antique buttons at the January meeting of the Woman’s Culture Club of Llano. She has a large collection of vintage buttons, many dating back more than a century; she is a member of the National Button Society, The Texas State Button Society and the Bluebonnet Button Club.

Barbara Hefner was also the winner of the 2017 Woman’s Culture Club of Llano’s Holiday Gift Basket. The money collected will be used to help fund the Llano Scholarship Fund.

Robert Gardner (at right) is a world-class singer with a personal Highland Lakes connection; his mother, Becky Jones, is the pianist at the Sunrise Beach Federated Church. Gardner is in town right now to work on his “Musicians United” charity (see ad at left). He will be singing at the non-denominational church each Sunday through February 18 during the 9:30 a.m. service. The public is invited to attend!

If you would like to hear Robert sing, visit Sunrise Beach Federated Church (Hwy 233 in Sunrise Beach) for the 9:30 a.m. services any Sunday from now until February 18!

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Music around the Lakes

The Llano Country Opry featured two shows last Saturday with “A Tribute to Conway Twitty” by Tre Twitty (above) and “A Salute to Loretta Lynn” by Tayla Lynn (at left), both grandchildren of the country music superstars. The two sang several duets together at the end of the excellent shows.

Jake Pyeatt provided great live entertainment for diners at The Place Downtown’s “Steak Night” in Kingsland last Saturday. The Skylarks will be at The Place Downtown this Saturday evening (7-10 p.m.)

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