Hill Country Motorheads!

A great new motorcycle museum opened last Saturday in the old Johnson Ford building on Hwy 28W in Burnet. Hill Country Motorheads will hold its official Grand Opening on April 14, during Burnet’s huge “35th Annual” Bluebonnet Festival. Lawn and Garden Shows will be the big events this weekend in Llano and Burnet; Llano will host an Art Studio Tour at the end of March and a Fiddle Fest weekend at the beginning of April; the Bluebonnet Festival in Burnet is planned for April 13-15. For other activities in coming weeks, see “Upcoming Events,” beginning on page 2.
Upcoming Events

The Llano Uplift Archeological Society will hold its annual Archeology Fair at the Nightengale Archaeological Center (at Twin Isles, just east of Kingsland) this Saturday. There will be exhibits, activities and a walking tour of the old Native American campground.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

A Souper Supper to benefit Vet Rides and Meals on Wheels will be held at the First United Methodist Church (301 E. Graves) in Burnet, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 23.

The 20th Annual Hill Country Lawn & Garden Show will be held from 9 to 3 on Saturday, March 24, at the Burnet Community Center.

The Llano County Lawn & Garden Show will be held from 9 to 1 at the same Saturday, at Llano Wellness Memorial United Methodist Church in Llano.

The Kingsland Beautification Golf Tournament will be held from 11 to 6 on Saturday, March 24, at The Legends golf course. Proceeds will benefit the Kingsland Community Park.

The Llano Uplift Archeological Society will hold its annual Archeology Fair from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Nightengale Archaeological Center (at Twin Isles, off Hwy 1431 just east of Kingsland).

At the same time, the Hill Country Children's Advocacy will host its always-popular Designer Purse Bingo event at Horseshoe Bay Resort.

Also at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, the Epsilon Pi 25th Annual Golf Tournament will begin at Delaware Springs Golf Course, in Burnet. It will be a 4-Person Scramble; Shotgun Start; $75.00 per Golfer (Includes Green Fees, Golf Cart & Dinner. Helicopter Ball Drop. All proceeds benefit local Charities!)

VFW Post 6974, on Hwy 29W in Burnet, will host a Spring Fling Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 24. Tickets are $5 each; BYOB.

The Llano County Historical Museum will present a new exhibit called "In Your Easter Bonnet," a vintage hat exhibit and fashion show, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 25. Tickets to the opening exhibit and fashion show are $20 for adults, $10 for children under 12, and may be purchased at the museum. The vintage hat exhibit will be on display until the end of April.

The Young Life Banquet will be held at the Highland Lakes United Methodist Church in Buchanan Dam at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26.

The Bluebonnet Chorale will perform for the public at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, at the Kingsland Library.

Horseshoe Bay Resort’s annual Balloon Festival is scheduled for Easter weekend, March 30 to April 1.

Burnet’s Main Street Bethlehem site will be the venue for an Easter Journey event, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Good Friday, March 30. Visitors can witness a dramatization of Christ’s crucifixion in the “ancient” town.

The Kingsland Lions Charities will host a Pancake Breakfast at the Kingsland Community Center from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 31. The Kingsland Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale fundraiser there from 7 to noon.

The Llano Art Studio Tour (L.A.S.T.) headquartered at the Llano Fine Arts Gallery, will be held from 10 to 5 on Saturday, March 31 (see ad on page 12).

The Llano Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt behind M&M Donuts (1335 RR 1431) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 31.

Genesis Lutheran (on Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam) will host another big Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 31 (see ad on page 10).

Artist Tom Orals will give a hands-on Acrylic Painting Demo from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, April 2, at the Llano Fine Art Gallery on Bessemer Ave.

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Scatterthought

Strange things happen quite often in the newspaper business. Last Friday my telephone rang, and a gentleman introducing himself as “Mark Johnson” invited me to meet him at 6:45 a.m. at the boat ramp in Marble Falls’ Lakeside Park, where he would be starting a “solo double iron-man” to raise money for Down’s Syndrome re-

mary. I was getting up at 5:30 on a Saturday morning, but it sounded interesting (and for a good cause), so I told him I would be there. I asked him to email info and a link to his website.

When I saw on his website that he was running in honor of his sister, it triggered a long-ago memory. This was in 2004, when I had just started the Texas Hill Country magazine. I had covered the start of an 88-

mile run by a Marine Lieutenant Colonel who was famous for his astonishingly long runs. I wondered if this could possibly be the same man.

He is! Mark Johnson is now a retired 59-year-old grandfather, but he still performs feats of physical endurance that seem almost impossible to mere mortals like myself (although I COULD run a few miles when I was younger). And he is still de-

voted to the cause of Down’s Syndrome re-

search, and the course he set for himself last weekend led directly to Lufkin, where sister is down. Along with a 48-mile swim, he was planning to ride a bicycle 224 miles, then run 54 miles, all in two days!

Well, he remembered me when I re-

minded him of our prior meeting, and we both marveled at the chance encounter. When I got home, I found the pictures I had published 14 years ago, and you can see “then and now” photos on page 9.

In another good experience last week, I forced myself to get up in time to attend a meeting of the Kingsland Lions Club (af-

ter working almost the whole night before; I have to do something about my sched-

ule) and saw once again the generosity of our civic-minded fellow-locals. The guest speaker was 9-year-old Lily Wilburn, who has such a severe case of diabetes that she has to check her blood sugar every hour. I check my blood sugar once every morning, and I consider THAT a major hassle.

The Lions Club has been trying to raise $8,000 dollars to get a wearable pump for Lily, a device which would constantly monitor her blood sugar and supply insulin whenever necessary (if I understand it cor-

rectly) so she could live a fairly “normal” life. They had already raised about $3,200 before the meeting, but when the fat was passed after Lily’s talk, they collected another $1,030! I was very proud to be a King-

sland Lion last Thursday.

Meanwhile, there are all kinds of other good things happening around the Highland Lakes, not the least of which is the ripening of strawberries at Dan and Gretchen Copeland’s Sweet Berry Farm in Marble Falls. This weekend should be an excellent time to get some fresh strawberries. Also this week-

end are excellent Lawn & Garden shows in Burnet and Llano, the Archaeology Fair at Nightengale Archaeological center, and a “Random Day at the Pit” (822 CR 321) Youth Shoot in Kingsland this Sunday afternoon. This event is a fundraiser for the very suc-


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CONSTRUCTION in Kingsland

The landmark fishing dock of Longhorn Resort is gone, and work is proceeding rapidly on a 32-slip marina at the soon-to-be Boat Town complex at the north end of the 2900 bridge in Kingsland.

Two buildings at the new Boat Town complex are visible to northbound traffic on the 2900 bridge. In addition to the showroom and service department, there will be a Boat Town Burger Bar (which is already advertising for jobs beginning in May). The Boat Town Facebook page describes the Burger Bar as “Lake LBJ’s premier waterfront dining experience,” accessible to boats and featuring a full-service bar.

A banner at the former El Rio site, at the east end of the 1431 bridge in Kingsland, advertises: “Wake Point: Food, Fuel, Fun.” Construction is progressing rapidly at the excellent location.

This upscale home (by Showcase Builders) is on RR 2342, across from the Baylor Scott & White clinic in Kingsland.

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Prosperity Bank’s new building at Kingsland’s main intersection has been open for a month, and has a “finished” look now, with landscaping completed and the new sign installed. There are a few items still on the to-do list, including an interior wall with photos from Kingsland history, before the Grand Opening (tentatively scheduled for May 1).

Chamber members and guests met at Highland Lakes Tiny Homes, on RR 2545 in Kingsland, for Wednesday morning’s Breakfast Club meeting. The event was sponsored by Sandra Galyon, of Operation Exfil.

Branch Manager (and Senior Vice-President) Steve Rodgers, of Security State Bank & Trust in Kingsland, will be retiring at the end of March; customers and friends are invited to an Open House in his honor, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Thursday (March 29).

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By JOHN HALLOWELL

On June 3, 1954, the Llano News focused on the upcoming rodeo. The main headline said “Rip-Roarin’ Rollickin’ Rancho Rodeo Ready to Roll!” and there were three separate rodeo articles on the front page. One told about the new arena at the high school athletic field, “completed by volunteer labor and funds.” Another described the parade near the participation of people on Highways 16 and 29, and march south from the intersection — across the bridge and around the square, then down Ford Street to College Street near the school. The event was described as “boisterous and bailable,” apparently published Will Collins, which noted that there would be no homecoming at the 1954 rodeo, and urging residents of Llano to make sure that what they do whatever they could to make that year’s rodeo a huge success.

There were a lot of rodeo-related ads in the 22 pages of that week’s paper. Page 2 featured ads from Deluxe Service Station (Ford Templeton and Walter Janner, at the intersection of Highways 29 and 16), Smith & McCullough Lumber (John B. Stamps, Smith & McCullough, Agricultural Chemicals, Inc. Page 3 contained ads from Pinkie’s Grocery and Market, Tony’s Place (Liquors, Wines, Gin & Beverages), and the San Saba Highway, Wylie’s Service Station, Rasmussen Granite Works and the Buckhorn Cafe.

Some of the other advertisers that week were: Donop’s Grocery, Wm. Cramm (Inc.), Tex. Southern, Motor Fuel, Quality Grocery, The Diner (Buck Clendennen), Texas Service Station (Adjacent to the Texas Cafe, managed by Jules Flint and Roc Staema, M.L. Hoy & Son Blacksmithing & Welding, Rabo Motor Co., Texas Cafe, City of Llano Utilities, Carter’s Grocery, Erastus Road (Charles Moss), Weller Motor Co. (on the Mason Hwy. and Hwy. 87), T.G. Houston Motor Co. (Ford), Olms’ Ice Box, Ratliff Motors (Plymouth, Dodge, Dodge Trucks), Llano Feed & Supply (Supermarket), Fillmore Farmers, Systems Grocery, Moore State Bank, Cole’s Drive-In Trucking, Carlos McKinney Contractors (contractor, M.E. Maddox Gun Shop, Pearl Distributing Company, Willborn Repair & Sales, D.W. Conner, Battery Magnolia, Home Appliance, Watkins Mercantile, Ben Franklin, Corner Drug Store, Herb’s Feed Store (Herbert Otto, 113 Main), Bill Walker Cleaners, and Hatters, Martin Food Store, Acme Dry Goods, Buttery Hardware, Llano Family Gardens (on the hill East of Llano, Scratchin’ Chickens, Llano Co-op, Llano Goodear, The Trading Post, Roy’s Garage, Vogue Beauty Shop, S.E. Chensut, Hotel Beauty Shop, HiWay Service Station, Sagedale Dairies, Northside Groceries, Cheyenne Beauty Shop, Innman’s Humble Service Station, Club Llano, Piggy Wiggy, Mildred’s Beauty Shop, Rodgers Motors (Buick, Willys Automotive), Quality Grocery, Southwestern Tails, Jungclark Electric, Scott’s Gulf Station, Stolz Hardware, Llano Service Station, Norton’s Flowers, Production Credit Association, Premier Oil Co. (Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Rusbach), Hotel Llano Coffee Shop, Ann’s Beauty Shop, Lee Smith Signs and Miles Funeral Director.

There were a couple of other news items on that week’s front page. One reported that “a 20-pound yellow catfish was caught in the hole of water immediately under the city reservoir dam on Saturday, May 29, at approximately 8.30 a.m. by James Howard.” Another story noted that “the opening game of the Granite League of Little League baseball will get underway” at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1. The games would be held “at the lighted playground behind the fire hall in Llano. The three teams from Llano were Llano, Jockey, and Fitzsimons.”

The June 10 paper reported that gate receipts were $1,500 below average but cost-cutting measures resulted in a $500 profit for the 1954 rodeos. Chnoro-seeker George Erhart won the calf-roping competition and the Epsilon Sigma Alpha youth won first prize among the local organization entries.

The Texas Highway Department announced this year’s improvements for Highways 89 and 93 (now 71). The section of Hwy 29 between Burenn and Llano was to be strengthened, widened and resurfaced in 1955 and 1956. Fifteen miles of FM 93 would be paved during that time, completing the section between Hwy 281 and Llano.

A new community Sunday School building was dedicated “at Buchanan Lake.”

The Frank Griggs Post #370 of the American Legion announced plans to build a holding pen of the courthouse lawn to honor area veterans who lost their lives in World War II.

The June 17 reports that the roofing contractor Rainbow Stones, from Dallas, was planning “to secure raw materials for their firm in Llano County. The company was already purchasing white lime from the Griggs Gravel ranch, but was hoping to greatly expand its operations ‘should substantial quantities of the proper materials be found.’”

On June 16, the city council voted unanimously to build a municipal swimming pool at the Israel Robinson Llano City Park. The project was to cost $20,000, and plans were to be completed for the summer of 1955.

The Southwestern Telephone Company, which had been doing business in Llano since 1898, won a court case against two railroad companies who had accused it of underpaying $92,000 on shipping costs by misstating “the quality and nature of the goods which they shipped from the railroad.” Senator Harold C. Golightly of Llano, represented Southwestern, and the case was heard by Judge Thomas C. Ferguson, of Burnet. The railroads indicated that they would appeal the decision.

A group of 30 Llano high school students returned from a month-long, 2,000-mile “eastern tour” in a school bus. The students, guided by the high school principal, had made very economical sleeping arrangements for the students on the trip, they carried oats with them on the bus, and slept in school gymnasiums in towns along the route. Their trip also generated some positive publicity in Bath, N.Y., where the local editor complimented their “western gung, typical Texas smiles, and wise, pleasant drawl” as well as their ingenious plan for accommodations.

Carlos McKinney was badly injured when his dump truck rolled over his hips and back, and he tried to fix a problem with the driving mechanism.

The Llano Firemen, of the baseball Piano League, boasted such future luminaries as Sam Oatman and Darrell Staudt; others on the roster were: Don Hopson, James Gray, James Slaughter, Bubba Howard, Red Lawley, George Fraser, Bill Anderson, Ken Ricketson, Danny Light, Stanley Hiles, Roy Williamson, Stewart Gabbart, Olney Wallace, Willbern Greenwell and Charles Carter.
This spectacular aerial shot of Kingsland in March of 1983 shows a much different landscape than today's. The shopping center and the Baptist Church, which dominated the intersection of Hwys 1431 and 2900 then, have recently been torn down, and many new buildings have gone up where there were only empty fields as late as 1983.

A flood on the Colorado River (and open floodgates on Buchanan Dam) resulted in the relocation of this enclosed fishing dock from the old Kingsland Lodge (in Burnet County) to the Kingsland Community Park in January of 1985.

Bill and Delphia Bransford were a foresighted young couple who bought land in Kingsland before Lake LBJ ever filled up. This photo of their guest cabins (called "Bill's Place" then; now Llanorada) was taken in the mid-50s. They went on to develop several properties in Kingsland, including "Bill's Marine" (pictured at the top of page 1). These two pictures were among several given to Roland Moore by Mr. Bransford after Mr. Moore bought property from the Bransfords for his "Roland's Auto Parts" store (now NAPA).
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Unfortunately, the Chamber has fallen on hard times. The long drought took its toll on the local economy, and many businesses had to cut expenses or close up shop all together.

Even with the Chamber’s progress and successes, membership has been declining for several years. With less dues-paying members, the Chamber has been forced to cut its budget, and one of the biggest expenses was the popular Visitor Center.

Instead of welcoming and answering questions for visitors seven days a week, as it had done for several years, the Visitor Center is now open only from 10 to 5, Thursday through Sunday. Other functions of the Chamber have suffered as well. The Chamber needs more members, more volunteers and more civic-minded individuals who would be willing to serve as directors on the Chamber board.

If you, or someone you know, would consider being a member or sitting on the Board of Directors for the Lake Buchanan Inks Lake Chamber of Commerce, please contact Steve at the Visitor Center. Business memberships are $150.00 annually; Individual memberships are $60.00.

You can contact LBILCOC Thursday-Sunday, 10-5, by calling 512-793-2803 or emailing buchinksoffice@gmail.com. The mailing address is P.O. Box 282 Buchanan Dam, TX 78609.
"Iron Man" Mark Johnson posed with members of his family and the crew from the National Down Syndrome Society before embarking on a "slow double iron man" endurance test last Saturday morning. The amazing feat began with a 4.8 mile swim in Lake Marble Falls, followed by a 224-mile bicycle ride and a 54-mile run which would end in Lufkin!

Photos by John Embree

Forty-year-old Lt. Col. Mark Johnson, of the U.S. Marines, performed a tremendous feat of endurance and love this late June 26, in an attempt to raise awareness and funding for studies of chromosome aneuploidy, the rarest chromosome changes in the human genome. Mark joined the Marine Corps in 1991 and served in Iraq. After returning home, his wife Wendy found out she was pregnant with Down’s Syndrome. He is now a 54-year-old grandfather, but continues his fundraising efforts in honor of his sister, Wendy, who was born with the 21st chromosome which causes Down’s Syndrome. If you would like to help, please visit www.classy.org/fundraiser/933186.

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Canvas, brushes and paint will be supplied. The cost will be $5 and includes a Pot Luck lunch (from 12 to 1) supplied by Guild Members.

The Llano Fiddler Fest Weekend will be held April 6-8.

The Highland Lakes Young Life Clay Shoot will be held at Copperhead Creek Shooting Club, on Hwy 1431 east of Marble Falls, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 7.

The Charter of the Hills Motorcycle club will hold its annual Bluebonnet Run/Selfie Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, April 7. Registration is open from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Llano Depot Visitors Center. The hunt ends at 3 p.m., and awards will be presented at 4.

The Llano Fine Art Guild will host two Plein Air events from 10 to 5 on Saturday, April 7. An Introductory Paint Out with Jean Bace, and a Plein Air Paint Out with Carla Sanchez. Find details and registration forms under “Events” at www.llanofineartguild.com.

Author Melissa Lenhardt will discuss her Snowhorne female westerns and her Jack McBride small-town Texas mysteries in another Coffee Talks event at the Herrman Brown Free Library at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6.

The Friends of NRA will hold their annual fundraiser beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at the Lakeside Pavilion in Marble Falls. Burt will hold its 35th Bluebonnet Festival on the 2nd weekend in April, beginning on Friday, April 13, and continuing until Sunday, April 15.

Lake Area Rods and Classics will hold its 15th Annual Car Show all day on Saturday, April 14, at Hamilton Creek Park in Burnet.

The Hill Country Motorhead motorcycle museum (in the old Johnson Ford building on Hwy 29W in Burnet) will hold its Grand Opening on Saturday, April 14.

The YMCA in Burnet will host a “Kids Night Out” from 2 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 14. Children from 6 weeks to 13 years old will develop social skills, creativity and self-confidence as they enjoy activities like gym games, a movie, arts and crafts, playtime, stories and a meal. Space is limited. Register at the Y or Online!

The Llano VFD will hold its annual fundraiser Fish Fry and BBQ on Saturday, April 14 (from 4 p.m. until the food runs out).

The “Style in Action” Luncheon and Spring Style Show, to benefit Meals on Wheels, will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, at Lakeside Pavilion in Marble Falls. Tickets are available at Salem's Fashions in Marble Falls and Salem’s Jewely in Burnet.

The Camellia Pursuit “adventure camp for grownups” will be held, beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday and continuing through Sunday (April 27-29), at Revelle Peak Ranch, on the west side of Burnet County. See ptrexas.com for details.

The Highland Lakes Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force will host its Open Hangar Day from 9 to 5 on Saturday, April 28, at the Burnet Airport. 

The Buchanan Dam Volunteer Fire Department will hold its Annual Fish Fry beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at The Red Barn in Buchanan Dam. It will follow a Washer and Horseshoe Tournament, starting at 2 p.m. For more information call: 830-220-1954 or 325-248-1781.
The Hill Country Community Theatre, on RR 2147 in Cottonwood Shores, presented two "Let's Duet!!" shows last weekend.
At left, Dan McMurrough plays the piano as Kay Baker and Sally Stemac sing "Bosom Buddies."
At right co-hosts Seth Smith and Kay Baker introduce Jordan Jones and Jennifer Brust, who sang "People Will Say We're in Love."

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Reed Whittlesey and his mother, Mandi, sang "Consider Yourself."

Paula Richards (above) and Randy Hilmer (below) sang "Anything You Can Do (I Can Do Better)"

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Friday, March 30th 4-6pm
Saturday, March 31st 3-5pm
Saturday, April 7th, 3-5pm

**Scavenger Hunt:**
Friday, April 13th
Bingo games will be $3 per game per person. Additional game cards can be played for $1 each additional card per game. Cash only, we will not be doing Credit Cards.
More details regarding the Scavenger Hunt coming soon.
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Above: Merchants from Marble Falls Main Street held a well-attended mixer on Tuesday evening at the “Joie on Main” event venue. Wake Eastman provided live music on the back porch of the surprisingly-spacious facility.

At left: Ginelle Sabinol accompanied legendary singer/songwriter Alex Harvey (Della Dawn, Reuben James, etc.) in an informal gig at Numinous Coffee Roasters in Marble Falls last Saturday morning.

SCATTERTHOUGHT:
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while motorcycles are the recommend-ed method of transportation, car driv-ers are invited, too! Registration (by donation) runs from 9 to 11 a.m. Par-ticipants must return by 3 p.m. Other activities are planned for April 28 and May 5; stay tuned.

The Llano Fiddle Fest will be held the first weekend in April. Activi-ties will feature a kick-off fiddle lunch concert at the new Texas Music Depot on Friday, April 6, followed that eve-ning by the popular "Air Fiddle" and "Anything Goes — Tricks and Licks" contests at Tommy's Pizza. An evening concert following the Fiddle Contest on Saturday will showcase the talented fiddlers/musicians Warren Hood and special guest Erik Hoppaken with an opening performance by Tricia Spen- cer and Howard Rains. Tickets will be available at the Llano Visitor Center for only $10. An antique musical in-stument/fiddle history exhibit at the Llano County Museum is scheduled throughout the weekend. On Sunday morning there will be a Sunday ser-vise with music by the Sawyer Family, which will include the Amazing Grace Fiddles and will be followed by a cow-boy breakfast. Topping off the weekend of music will be a special performance with old time fiddle music performed by Spencer and Rains.

The Falls on the Colorado Museum (FOCM) is kicking off Spring with a morning of fun and education on Saturday, April 7. There will be a Plant Sale and a photographic exhibit of wildflowers beginning at 9 a.m. Master Naturalist Marvin Bloomquist will talk about Central Texas wildflowers and give tips for wildflower photo-graphy at 10:30. For more details, visit www.fallmuseum.org.

A sometimes-noticed feature of Burnet’s wonderful Bluebonnet Festival is the Rubber Ducky Race, held at Hamilton Creek Park after the Grand Parade on Saturday (around 12:30) every year. It is the only fundraiser for the Literacy Highland Lakes group, which provides free tutoring for adults trying to get their GED, ESL help and basic College Prep. They have classes in Burnet, Marble Falls and Kings-land. The Ducky Race is fun, and par-ticipants have a chance to win prizes while helping a worthy cause. You can buy tickets ahead of time from any LHL member, or just get them at the park before the race.

I was very pleased to hear that the Petco Foundation has awarded an $18,000 grant to the Hill Country Hu-mane Society, to help with that group’s “adoption preparation expenses.” Most of the pets for adoption (see ad on page 15) require vaccinations and/or other medical care, and the HCHS does its best to keep adoption costs as low as possible. This grant will be a big help.
Music around the Lakes

Gary P. Nunn and his band provided dance music for a large and enthusiastic crowd at the Ramblin’ Rose in Llano last Saturday evening. The well-known Austin singer also autographed copies of his new book, “At Home with the Armadillo.”

Above: Bart Crow attracted a good crowd to Brass Hall in Marble Falls last Saturday night.

At left: the popular local “Turnabout” band delighted the audience at Fuel Coffee House in Llano last Thursday.

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**HIGHLAND LAKES WEEKLY**

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Above: A good crowd gathered (indoors and outdoors) at Torr Na Lochs Winery in western Burnet County to celebrate Sunset Saturday with an Irish twist on St. Patrick’s Day. The event included a traditional Irish dinner, excellent wine, and a beautiful sunset view over Inks Lake. Live music was provided by popular Lubbock-area singer Jenni Dale Lord (at right).

Another cheerful crowd assembled a few miles down Highway 29, at Reverend Jim’s in Buchanan Dam, where Kingsland’s own River Rat Revue put on another great show at a “St. Paddy’s Day” party last Saturday.

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