Burnet High School's Esprit de Corps (the marching band and Highlandette drill team) helped kick off the new school year with its unique “March-a-Thon” community outreach and fundraising event, which delighted residents in several neighborhoods and raised more than $10,000 for future band trips. The photo above shows the Highlandettes leading the way through the golf course neighborhood at Delaware Springs last Saturday morning. (See more photos on page 9 and on Facebook.)
Upcoming Events

Fall Creek Vineyards will hold a Harvest Festival, including its famous Grape Stomp, from 11 to 6 this Saturday. The event will feature fine food and wine, plus live music and more!

By JOHN HALLOWELL

Llano merchants will host a Fourth Friday Art Walk—White Linen Night from 5 to 7 p.m. on August 24. A White Linen Reception will be held at the Dabbs Hotel immediately following the Art Walk.

The First Baptist Church of Granite Shoals will host its annual concert fundraiser for the GS Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 24. This year’s event will feature The Family Sowell, a bluegrass group from Knoxville, Tennessee.

The JLK Event Center in Llano will host a Peddler’s Show and Hill Country Hunting Expo on the weekend of August 24-25.

Camp Agape, the area’s bereavement camp for children grieving the loss of a loved one, will host its annual SK memorial run beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 25, at Johnson Park in Marble Falls. The fundraiser 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.campagape.com.

Fall Creek Vineyards will hold a Harvest Festival, with fine food and wine, live music, grape stomping and more, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 25. See www.fallcreekvines.com for details.

Revelle Peak Ranch will host Texas Trails Races for its “Kaptain Karl’s Night Trail Run” this Saturday evening. See www.texastrailsoctoberfest.com for details.

Tony Booth will be the featured performer this Saturday night (with Edie Shell and the Not Guilty) at the Cadillac Dance Hall just north of Marble Falls (1375 FM 1855).

Highland Lakes Baptist Church, on Hwy 2900 in Kingsland, will host an Ice Cream Social from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 26, to introduce new pastor Karl Wallace and his wife, Peggy (see ad on page 11).

Susie’s Travel Time will host a “UK by Rail” trip presentation beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 27, at the River City Grill in Marble Falls. The trip is scheduled for next April.

Bertram’s wonderful Oatmeal Festival will begin on Friday evening, August 31, at the Oatmeal Community Center (FM 243 south and CR 336). BBQ will be served, and Brooks Crossing and Big Antion & the Alley Cats will provide live music. The Oatmeal Pageant will begin at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Oatmeal Community Center and pageant scholarships. The celebration will move to downtown Bertram on Saturday, September 1. See oatmealfestival.org for details.

The Kinglions Lions Club will host a Pancake Breakfast from 7:11 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, at the Kinglions Community Center (see ad on page 9).

The Kinglions house of Arts and Crafts will hold its annual Community Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 1.

The Lake Buchanan Conservation Corp. will hold its annual Fish Fry fundraiser from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 1 at Hill Country Hall at Buchanan Dam. Festivities will include raffles for three guns and a huge silent auction.

Asst. American-Statesman writer Michael Barnes will be the featured speaker at the Marble Falls Library’s free Booked for Lunch program, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 7. Reserve your spot online or at the library, or by calling 830-693-3023.

The Blubonnet Air Show, sponsored by the Highland Lakes Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force, will be held at the Burnet airport from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 8. Many... (Continued on page 10)
Photo of the Week

Talented hosts Seth Smith and Kay Baker watch from the sidelines during one of the performances at the Hill Country Community Theatre’s annual Talent Show last Saturday night. The two will star (with Toni Souther, Cody Petty and Kyle Hirning) in next month’s hilarious musical, “Don’t Hug Me, I’m Pregnant” (beginning September 20 at the theatre).

Scatterthought

I don’t really know where to start with this week. You’ll see a few of my adventures in this paper; I really liked the March-a-Thon on Saturday and the Freeze-Off on Monday. I enjoyed the Borden’s history at the Lions Club last Thursday, and I made some fascinating discoveries (fascinating to me, at least!) during my history research at the library in Burnet on Monday. I even enjoyed most of the Talent Show at the Hill Country Community Theatre on Saturday night, though I still wonder why I agreed to participate. I think I would have enjoyed it a lot more if I had been taking pictures the whole time.

I hear a lot about “thinking outside the box” and “getting out of your comfort zone,” as if those were really good things. I am coming to the conclusion, as I get older and older, that while comfort zones must have some disadvantages (I can’t think of any at the moment, but I’m sure they must), at least they are COMFORTABLE!

Whenever I can, I do enjoy making people laugh; I guess that’s why I wanted to sing that song I made up when I heard it. And I appreciate the chance to meet people who have actual talents. But I realize this would be a good time to announce my retirement from “show business.” I hope I’ll remember my decision next time “opportunity knocks.”

Actually, I was almost tempted by another program I heard of this week. A very interesting new FREE Plumbing Apprentice program, sponsored by the Marble Falls JPEC and Workforce Solutions, will begin on September 4. Legal residents of Burnet and Llano Counties over age 18 with a high school diploma or GED are eligible to earn college credit and 1,000 apprentice hours by attending Tuesday evening workshops and completing on-line assignments on a flexible schedule. Call 830-265-8024 for details. I think that I’d be signing up if I were a little younger (but I’m not, and I won’t!).

The idea that we really get my imagination running wild this week were more work-related, and (if they turn out well) will result in some great photo opportunities. I don’t dare to go into any detail yet, but I have high hopes that several upcoming issues of the paper will feature one or more of these (possibly) excellent adventures. The Highland Lakes area is a great place to be, despite the occasional temptations (like talent shows).

A slightly more mundane item that I should mention is the Precinct 3 Town Hall Meeting with Commissioner Mike Sandoval. It will be held at the Kingsland Library from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28; doors open at 5:30. I don’t usually cover any political issues or controversies in my paper, but often they are important; I sometimes compromise by just mentioning that a meeting will be held. Other times I will take a picture if somebody famous is in the area. I heard that state senator Beto O’Rourke was going to be in Horseshoe Bay last Thursday, and I was sorry that I couldn’t rearrange my hectic Thursday schedule to get a picture. Thursday is the last day of my normal week; I am always sleep-deprived from my Wednesday night deadlines and under pressure to get most of my papers delivered between 1 and 10:30 p.m. I hardly ever take pictures unless they’re on my delivery route.

One more thing that I want to mention is the wonderful community support for the Kingsland Boys & Girls Club. There were several very generous donations at the beginning of the summer, and last week Derek Timmons announced a quarterly donation from gas sales at Buddies One-Stop. This week, there’s an ad (see page 12) for a benefit cook-off at Fuzzy’s Corner. The club seems to be something that the whole community wants to help, and I am delighted to see the enthusiastic support.

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The upcoming fish kill dominated the news in early 1971, but there were other news items as well. A fire destroyed “Barton’s Barge” (a well-known fishing barge on Lake LB) on February 19. A chapter of the Retired Officers Association was formed in Kingsland on February 18. More than 2,000 lake area residents signed a petition asking the Texas Water Quality Board to tighten restrictions on septic systems within 2,200 feet of a lake.

Plans for the bridge behind Wirtz Dam were abandoned, and the LCRA decided instead to build a temporary low-water crossing for construction vehicles working on the new power plant. The LCRA was petitioned by General Manager Sim Gideon, of the LCRA, announced that Lake LB would be re-filled by June 1.

General Mills and Wildlife advised fishermen to be at Lake LB a half-hour after sunset on April 3 for best fishing. Heavy rains began to slow the water flow at the time. At the time of the kill, Lake LB was 31 feet below normal, and covered only 1,000 acres (instead of the normal 6,300). There would be a limit of 15 bass and 5 catfish per angler; commercial fishermen would be hired to remove all the other fish. No fishing would be allowed on the second day of the fish kill, TP&W warned that there would be a “fatty taste” in the water supply for five or six days after the event!

On March 25, a front-page story reported that the Farmers Home Administration, which was financing the Kingsland water system, had given the green light to Bryant-Carrington Engineers to proceed with construction.

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The beautiful new resort town of Horseshoe Bay was certainly not a dense knoll for Kingsland, but it probably marked the “end of the beginning” for Kingsland’s boom. Land sales had just begun in the summer of 1971, but there were plenty of signs that the brainchild of Norman and Wayne Hurd would soon become the premier address on Lake LBJ.

Chamber President Homer Richardson, who described himself as “the father and mother” of Aqua Boom, suggested several interesting possible events for future events around the Highland Lakes (including a mellow-casting contest for “Aqua Boom,” a “Spookfest” (not the music, but real rocks) for Llano, and a Burnet-Marble Falls “marathon” race).

The lake was full by mid-June, and the town was filled with excitement as Aqua Boom approached. The Lake LBJ Resort Association printed 2,500 bumper stickers reading “Lake LBJ is Full!” As visitors poured into town for the big weekend, another full-page ad advertised “1½ less tax in Kingdom,” and “Aqua Boom Specials” at McGee’s Department Store, Stein Lumber and Ladies Sports Wear (“next to Bowen’s Pharmacy”).

Alfred Zorn won first prize with his parade float, and Brad McCasland won 1st Place Tricycle in the Kids Parade. Belle Lanning of Llano and Jeanie Jenkins of Kingsland were runners-up for Patricia Carter of Austin in the Miss Highland Lakes Universe Pageant. Aubrey Heiler raved about “fantastic skiing, gorgeous boats, great bands, and the works” in her “King- slander” column. Bonnie B. Wingo wrote in her “Kingsland Estates News” that “the 1971 Aqua Boom was a huge success, every way.” Never before had Kingsland had such a big turnout for all of the activities. If Kingsland was not on the map before, it sure will be after this!” Attendance was estimated at 15,000.

The big news at the beginning of August was a flood on the Llano River, and publisher Bob Bray praised the LCCA’s efficient response, a sharp contrast to a flood in October of 1969, when the Highland’s banner headline screamed “Why Weren’t the Dam Flood Gates Opened Sooner?” Mr. Bray opined that LCCA Chairman Simon Gideon had learned his lesson, and noted that Lake Marble Falls and Lake LBJ were both a foot lower than normal due to the LCCA’s quick action in opening the gates and a floodgate.

A small news item reported a “New Road for Kingsland,” saying that the Texas highway Department had announced a $145 contract for grading structures, base and surfacing on three miles of FM 2545, “extending southwest from near Lake LBJ to RM 1431.” Work was expected to begin within ten days, and was scheduled for “120 work days.”

Another article reported that a new Central Texas Electric Co-op sub-station was “almost ready” on “property owned by the co-operative on the east side of Farm road 1431 just at the edge of Kingsland.” And another noted that the First Baptist Church was finalizing plans for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten gardens to begin September 8 in the educational facilities of the church. Justice of the Peace C.M. Chan- tain (Kingsland’s first J.P.) reported that “seventy cases of law violations have been recorded in the first six months of operation of Kingsland’s new Justice of the Peace office for Precinct 1.” Sixty-one cases resulted in fines, averaging $115, for a total of $605.00 from January through June. The office office was located “at the Mobil station adjacent to Kingsland Grocery on Highway 1431.”

But the big news at the end of August (almost totally ignored by the Highland’s until the appearance of a special advertising section on August 26) was the opening of “Horseshoe Bay, a $12 million development” at the other end of Lake LBJ. The front-page story reported that “when finished, the 1,650-acre lakeside community will feature a Robert Trent Jones-designed golf course, a 6,000-foot runway capable of landing a DC-9 jetliner and a marina and yacht club with a ‘pool, tennis courts and riding paths.’” That was momentous news for Kingsland, which had been one of the area’s most popular destination for affluent retirees up until that time.
Johnny Tuy posed for this picture on Tuesday in his soon-to-be-opened “Country Donuts” shop, at the corner of RR 1431 and Valley View Drive in Granite Shoals. A few finishing touches and inspections remain, but he hopes to be open by September 7.

Another new business in Granite Shoals, under construction on the recently-cleared lot just west of the Fire Department, will reportedly be an RV and boat storage facility.

This future coffee shop (NOT Mojo’s) is going up across RR 2900 from the H.E.B. in Kingsland, at the former site of Carolyn Derington’s “May I Help You?” business.

Members of the Walnut United Methodist Church (above), off RR 3347 in northwestern Blanco County, decided more than two years ago to install a large water tank (pictured at right) just up the hill from their historic sanctuary. Dubbed the “firewater tank,” its specific purpose is to supply firefighters in case of fire in an isolated area where clean water is usually hard to come by. The tank earned its keep several times over during the recent fires. Rev. Grady Roe estimates that more than 77,000 gallons were supplied last month.
Last weekend’s Talent Show attracted a near-capacity crowd to the Hill Country Community Theatre in Cottonwood Shores for a variety of acts by talented local amateur performers on Saturday night. In the photo above, hosts Kay Baker and Seth Smith banter with young performers Matthew Kirtman and Tristan Johnson after their hilarious dance routine.

Above: Linda Mayo entertained the Talent Show crowd with a dramatic reading of the Dr. Seuss classic, “You’re Only Old Once!”

At left: Well-known local violinist Wayne Hewley interspersed his violin selections with witty commentary to delight the crowd during last Saturday night’s Talent Show at the Hill Country Community Theatre in Cottonwood Shores. A total of 24 performers took part in the successful event.
Above: Felicia Patterson (at left) took a turn on stage with the Llano Station Band during the well-attended “Freeze-Off” Homemade Ice Cream Challenge on Sunday afternoon at the American Legion Hall in Llano. Regular band members (pictured on stage below) are: Larry Huston, Gary Lee Cox, Steve Maywald, Stormy Boespflug and Matt Hilton. The event raised funds for the Llano Community Theatre group.

Three of the ringleaders of Llano Community Theatre (Lisa Davis, Cheryl Crabtree and Kari Miller) acted out a skit from “Dixie Swim Club” while the band took a break.

Winners of the Ice Cream Challenge were awarded trophies after the “community judging.” From left: LaDonna Sutton, 2nd (accompanied by LCT actresses Natalie Rogers, Johanna Reese and Megan Hand); Dean Zachery, 3rd; and First-Place Winner Larry Paschal.
March-a-Thon

The Highlandette drill team (above) and the marching band (above, right), which make up Burnet High School’s “Esprit de Corps,” marched through several Burnet neighborhoods in a unique March-a-Thon event last Saturday morning.

One of several stops on the march was at the Delaware Springs home of longtime band director Mike Lewis and his wife, Judy (pictured above), who together impacted the lives of hundreds of Burnet students in a positive way, and are still heroes to many who grew up here.

Another March-a-Thon stop was at The Oaks Nursing Center, where dozens of residents enjoyed the band's performance on the street outside their front door.

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At left: Crowds of parents and children took advantage of the Back to School Bananza, sponsored last Saturday at Burnett’s new fire hall on Hwy 281 by H.E.B. and the Burnet Fire Department. Kids enjoyed free bounce houses, snow cones, hot dogs and more, while parents appreciated the school supplies, hair cuts, child safety seat inspections, etc. Seton Highland Lakes Hospital sent their Care-A-Van mobile clinic for free wellness checks and immunizations.

Above: Bertram’s Oatmeal Festival is the next big community event in the Highland Lakes area. It is scheduled for August 31 and September 1, the weekend before Labor Day.

(EVENTS: Continued from page 2)
- vintage planes will be on display at the museum and throughout the grounds.
- A variety of food and merchandise vendors will be there as well. Air Show performances will also start about noon and will finish around 4:00 p.m.
- The Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center will host its 35th Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 8. Register online or call 830-693-3656 by September 1.
- The Spicewood VFD-EMS Destruction Derby will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 8.
- Llano will host its annual Wild Game Dinner, to benefit Llano County’s 4-H and FFA, from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, at the JLK Event Center on RR 152. In addition to exotic fare, there will be live music, auctions and raffles.
- The Master Gardener Green Thumb program offers a FREE gardening talk by Master Gardener Allison Bennett will speak on “Art and Architecture Inspired by Plants” at a free Green Thumb program at noon on Wednesday, September 12, at the Kingsland Library. The Weyerhaeuser Foundation’s annual Hill Country Space Expo will be held from Thursday to Saturday, September 13-15, at the Boys & Girls Club in Marble Falls. Exhibits will be open to schoolchildren on Thursday and Friday, then to the public from 9 to 4 on Saturday. See authentic artifacts, experience interactive displays and meet an actual astronaut.
- The YMCA will host the annual Burnett’s Kids Day Out from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 15. It will be a FREE day of fun for the kids; all you have to do is bring a canned food item. Hot dogs, fishing, face painting, archery and canoeing are just a few of the attractions.
- The Alzheimer’s Association will be holding a Virtual Learning Series, with lunchtime programs on September 20 (Understanding Dementia) and October 25 (Know the 10 Signs). Call 512-361-6241 for details and/or reservations.
- The Hill Country Community Theatre will present the hilarious musical comedy, “Don’t Hug Me, I’m Pregnant,” from September 20 through October 7, Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2:15.
- The Llano Christian Academy will host its 4th annual community banquet fundraiser at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 22.
- The Escondido Golf Club in Horsehoe Bay will host the 3rd annual Wags and Whiskers Gala, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 27.
- Burnett will host another Day Out With Thomas event from Friday through Sunday, September 28-30, at the Burnett Community Center on Jackson Street. Kids can get a train ride, meet Thomas the Tank Engine and Sir Topham Hatt, or enjoy storytelling, live music, Building with Lego Duplo Bricks and much more!
- The second weekend of October will be a busy one for Burnet County. Not only will Burnett host its annual Art Festival, Octoberfest and Fort Craghawn Day, but Marble Falls will host its big Music Fest at Johnson Park (featuring Mark Chesnutt) on that Saturday.
- The Llano Western Weekend will be held October 19-21, including the annual Chuckwagon Cook-Off and Cobbler Contest, a PRCA Xtreme Bull-Riding and Longhorn Show and a Western Art Exhibit and Sale.

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The signs in front of Kingsland Plaza, which was purchased by the Kingsland School a few months ago and has undergone major renovations in recent weeks, were removed by workers on Tuesday. Merchants in the plaza (Pizza Box, Hood’s Games, Kloset Deja Vu and Waves Hairstyles) want the public to know that they are still there, and will be open for business as usual for the foreseeable future.

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Jane Doyle, who served as a test pilot for the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), flying many different warplanes in 1944 and 1945, will be a guest of honor at this year’s Bluebonnet Air Show on September 8 in Burnet. She gained fame for her willingness to fly any plane, and was one of about 300 pilots who were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2010.

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Music around the Lakes

Above: The Midnight Flyer Band, from Dripping Springs, performed last Saturday night at Brass Hall in Marble Falls.

At left: Well-known Llano musician Gary Lee Cox, who opened the Texas Music Depot in Llano a few months ago, has formed a new “Llano Station Band,” and served as its lead singer during Sunday’s “Freeze-Off” Ice Cream Challenge at the American Legion Hall.

The Turnabout band (minus one bass player) was live on stage at Fuel Coffee House in Llano last Thursday evening. From left: Don Crowder, Lisa Miller and Matt Hilton.

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Sophomore Landry Stewart and Freshman Taylor Ashbaugh (pictured with Girls Sports Coordinator John Berkman) are the founding members of the new Marble Falls High School Swim Team. Both are members of the Nitro Swim Club in Bee Caves, and will continue to practice there six days a week as details are arranged for the new team.

The Burnet County Farmers Market, sponsored by the Highland Lakes Master Gardeners, offers fresh local produce and handcrafted items on the west side of the Burnet square from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through November 19.

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