Trail Riders paraded down Vaughan Street during the Saturday morning Grand Parade at Bertram’s wonderful Oatmeal Festival last year. The imaginative and entertaining two-day event, held the weekend before Labor Day each year, features a BBQ, pageant, auction and dance at the Oatmeal Community Center on Friday evening, then a trail ride to Bertram and all sorts of festivities in the downtown area on Saturday (see “Upcoming Events” on page 2).
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Bertram’s wonderful Oatmeal Festival will begin this 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 downtown Bertram on Saturday, September 1. At 8:03 a.m., the Trail Ride leaves Oatmeal and the Oatmeal Festival Fun Run begins under the water tower on Vaughan Street. The Fun Run is followed by the Pet Parade and Grand Parade, then Food, Arts & Craft booths, music and games will all be in downtown Bertram through 4:03 p.m. There will be activities for everyone in the family. At 2:33 p.m., the Bertram School Homecoming is held at the Bertram Elementary Cafeteria.

The Oatmeal Festival Games for adults and children begin at 1:03 and continue throughout the afternoon. The festival is known far and wide for its unique, fun and wacky games, which include Oatmeal Box Stackin’, the Cow Chip Kick-off, Goat Pil Poppin’, the popular Egg Toss and other silly games. There is also a Washer Pitching Tournament on the Festival Grounds adjacent to the Games.

The Kingsland Lions Club will host a Pancake Breakfast from 7-11 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, at the Kingsland Community Center.

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

The Vineyard & BBQ (on RR 2233 near Sunrise Beach) will host a Labor Day Music Fest (with local artists Courtney & Charly and featuring nationally-touring Jerry Diaz & Howard McMichael), also this Saturday, Doors open at 3; music begins at 4; see ad on page 9.

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 in Buchanan Dam. Festivities will include raffles for three guns and a huge silent auction.

The Llano Library will host a Restore Program (presented by Hill Country Memorial Hospital) at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 6. Learn about hip, knee and shoulder replacement with a presentation and Q & A with an orthopedic surgeon. Supper will be provided; please call 325-247-5248 to reserve your seat and meal.

Austin 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.

Wildland Urban Interface Specialist Kari Hines, from the Texas A&M Forest Service, will discuss why homes burn, and how to become better prepared, at a meeting of the Kingsland Garden Club at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, at the Kingsland Library. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Bluebonnet 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 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 around noon and will finish around 4:00 p.m.

The Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center will host its 35th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, 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.

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I know that National Geographic would not be impressed with this photo of gese on Johnson Creek in Marble Falls (taken last Saturday morning during the Camp Agape Fun Run at Johnson Park), but I was kinda proud of it!

Scatterthought

I guess I spoke too soon last week when I said that all the merchants in the Kingsland Plaza would be there for the foreseeable future. (Or maybe I just can’t foresee very far into the future)! There are obvious changes being made since the plaza was purchased for the Kingsland School, and the old Scott & White clinic in the center has already been turned into offices and classrooms. As the charter school grows (and adds high school grades), they will probably fill the whole building, and at least one business (Zach and Niki Hood’s “Games N’ Things”) has decided not to wait around to see what happens in coming months. By the time you read this paper, the Hoods probably will be open at their new location, the old (but recently renovated) Wayman’s Restaurant building by the railroad crossing on Hwy 1431 (more recently the home of D&B’s Doggy Bath House and Split Rail K-9). You’ll see a picture somewhere on the next pages (and you’ll see quite a few mentions of Wayman’s Restaurant in my “Re-Birth of Kingsland” book, it played a big part in Kingsland history).

Burnet’s popular “Mama’s Home Cooking” restaurant has closed down its location next to Hamilton Creek Park in Burnet, and will re-open this Saturday at the former Riverwalk Café building on Hwy 226 (325 Buchanan Drive, most recently Green Fly BBQ). I forgot to put the Hoover Valley VFD Golf Tournament in my “Upcoming Events” article, so I want to mention it here. It will be held at the Legends Golf Course, in Kingsland, on noon on Saturday, September 15. The registration deadline is Friday, September 7, so call 325-388-3888 as soon as you can!

In the meantime, the Highland Lakes Retired Teachers Association will be holding its first meeting of the 2018-19 school year on Tuesday, September 4, at the Marble Falls Church of Christ. The meeting will start at 1:30 but come early to socialize, meet new retirees and enjoy refreshments. The meeting is to welcome new retirees and celebrate their new status as well as to convince them to join HLRTA!

Kingsland Community Church’s huge Rummage & Bake Sale will be held on September 29 and 30. Mark your calendars.

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John Hallowell

Three area school superintendents will be the speakers: Keith McMurrey (Burnet), Mac Edwards (Llano) and Dr. Chris Allen (Marble Falls). Llano will host its annual Wild Game Dinner, to benefit the Llano County 4-H and FFA, from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, at the JKL Event Center on RR 152. In addition to exotic fare, there will be live music, an auction and raffles. This year’s big ticket item is a Stronghold XLR Gun safe with 12 guns (4 rifles, 4 shotguns, and 4 hand guns/pistols) included. Tickets are $100 each and only 300 tickets will be sold.

The former Hill Country Fine Meats building in Marble Falls (on State Street, between Hwy 281 and Commerce) has been purchased by Hudson Meats of Austin, which will be holding a Grand Opening Party for “Hudson Meat Market and Deer Processing” and “Wildlife Designs Taxidermy” there from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 22. They will be giving away free sausage wraps, along with beef and whiskey from local producers, and offering specials on some meat market products.

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An Ice Cream Social at Highland Lakes Baptist Church, on RR 2900 in Kingsland, attracted a good crowd to meet new pastor Karl Wallace and his wife, Peggy.

Above: The 1960-era Wayman’s Restaurant building at 603 RR 1431, most recently the home of Deb’s Doggy Bath House (now at 3007 RR 1431) and Split Rail K-9, will be open for business as Hood’s Games N’ Things by this weekend. At right: Owner Zach Hood was getting moved in to the recently-remodeled building on Wednesday when this picture was taken.

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Building materials, surrounded by a chain-link fence, are already on the site of the planned new Gatti’s Pizza in Kingsland, located on RR 1431 in front of the Kingsland Community Center.

Workers have made rapid progress this week on the new building across from H.E.B. in Kingsland, reportedly soon to be a coffee shop.

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Kingsland in 1971 – Part 2

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The big news in September of 1971 (at least to Editor Bill Anderson, of the Marble Falls Highlander, who seemed to have a hearty distaste for former President Lyndon B. Johnson) was the apparent falling-out between President Johnson and his long-time business associate, Judge A.W. Moursund. A long article beginning on the front page noted that “no complete breakdown of Mr. Johnson’s or Moursund’s individual holdings, or joint ventures, has ever been made public,” but it told how the two had divided more than $100,000 in Texas and Oklahoma.

Quoting a Houston Post article, the Highlander reported that President Johnson’s share included the 4,053-acre Haywood Ranch (which includes LBJ’s lake house), the 2,769-acre Nicholson Ranch and 214 subdivision lots (including Co-manche Ranchettes) along the shoreline of Lake LBJ. The “ranchettes” averaged about 60’ by 220’ and were worth approximately $6,500; the off-water “ranchettes” averaged 300’ by 400’ and sold for around $7,000.

The Kingsland Masonic Lodge #1422 held its first meeting in its own building ("behind the Weise building off 1431"), and 50 Masons – from all around Texas and Louisiana – attended the meeting. Monthly meetings were planned for each 1st Monday.

Local artist Lillian Hill wrote an article for the Highlander on September 9, telling about plans for the Highland Lakes Tourist Association’s Arts & Crafts Trail, which would be headquartered in Kingsland at the Job Hill Recreation Center for two weekends: September 25 & 26 and October 2 & 3. She reported that all the outdoor spaces had been taken, but there was land for artists to build around the building and a chain link fence where artists could display paintings outdoors. Dot Golightly, Mary Dean and Archie Tharp were members of the Decoration Committee. The Highland Lakes Social Club hosted a style show from Betsey’s Fashions, held at the Kingsland Community Church’s Barrow Hall.

Headlines on the September 16 paper criticized proposed Septic Tank Regulations, saying “Exemptions of Platted Lots, Existing Subdivisions, Lack of Strong, Local Government Ordinances” and “For Shortrun Economies Could Result In ‘Longrun Economic Disaster,’ Say Health Planning Critics.” The story by Editor Bill Anderson reported that Dr. James Stewart, associate director of the health education organization, had pointed out that somewhere between 100 and 100,000 lots on the five Highland Lakes could be exempted, depending on how the vague rules were interpreted. He believed that already-platted lots and subdivisions would be exempt, and that there would be no slope requirements at all.

A story inside that week’s paper reported that the chamber was planning a “Kingsland People Market, Run By Flea’s” for Saturday, November 13. Don Laughter was chairman for the event, which would be an "all-day combination flea market and garage sale" in the space "between Western Auto and the Catholic Church.” The chamber’s booth would feature coffee and doughnuts for sale and hold an auction.

The local Highland Lakes AARP chapter, which had grown from 40 charter members in May of 1970 to 150 members in September of 1971, planned a 10 a.m. meeting on September 21 at Barrow Hall.

On September 23, the obviously-disappointed Highlander editor wrote a front-page story saying that “residents, developers, conservationists and health specialists” were confused and disappointed by the new Septic Tank Regs...
This statue of Norman Hurd, who with his cousin Wayne Hurd bought the "Coca Cola Ranch" on the south side of Lake LBJ and turned it into a world-class resort town in the 1970s, stood for years at the circle on Horseshoe Bay Boulevard. He is depicted pointing at a boulder of "Ilanite," the mineral exclusively found in Llano County; his Horseshoe Bay "dream-come-true" had an enormous impact on Llano County, Kingsland and the whole Highland Lakes area.

In the October 7 paper, Mr. Anderson's editorial was titled, "An Alternative to Septic Tanks?" "Surprisingly to us," it said, "New single-sewage treatment systems are now not only on the market, but have been functioning for some time in areas having no municipal sewer systems and where soil absorption characteristics prevent the use of septic tanks." He went on to say that he thought many homeowners would be willing to pay a little extra for the promising alternative.

Other news made the paper in mid-October: bank reports showed that deposits had risen dramatically during the past year, with Highland Lakes National leading the way. HLH had increased its deposits by 29.69 percent to give it a total of $4,615,453; deposits at Home State Bank in Marble Falls had risen just over 30 percent, but it still lagged in second place with $13,477,417. First State Bank in Burnet had $8,129,987 (up nearly 17 percent) and Moore State Bank in Llano had $7,598,733 (up nearly 15 percent).

More than a thousand visitors, including some from Florida, California, Utah, New York, Colorado, Georgia, Oklahoma and New Jersey, signed in at the Kingsland Arts & Crafts Fair, held at the Nob Hill Recreation Center (now CASA of the Highland Lakes). Co-chairs Dot Golightly and Lillian Hill presented certificates of appreciation to all the exhibitors.

A November editorial by semi-retired former publisher Bob Bray began, "Have you seen what is happening out at Horseshoe Bay on Lake LBJ? If you haven't, you should drive out there some evening!"

The editorial continued: "Millions of dollars are being expended to transform the famous Coca Cola Ranch into the most fabulous development in the entire United States. Allen Keller Construction Company of Fredericksburg has leveled a mountain and is spending almost half a million bucks preparing a 6,000-foot runway capable of handling large jets. A Robert Trent Jones designed golf course is under construction.

A large clubhouse is nearing completion, with tennis courts and a large swimming pool, replete with color and brick. The landscaping will be breathtakingly beautiful. Construction has also started on an adjoining yacht club and marina.

Also adjoining the clubhouse, 60 condominiums are nearing completion. Each has a large fireplace and is constructed of native stone and rough cedar. This is just a start of what is happening in Horseshoe Bay. Unquestionably, it is the greatest thing that has ever happened to Marble Falls and the entire Highland Lakes area."
Runners began to gather at the Reveille Peak Ranch pavilion on Saturday afternoon for the “Kap'n Karl’s Night Trail Run,” sponsored there by Tejas Trails Races last weekend.

Runners’ Romance: Jimmy and Adela Phares, who met at last year’s run, were married in a special ceremony at the top of Reveille Peak on Saturday evening (before running in this year’s “Kap'n Karl’s Night Trail Run”)

As darkness fell, the adventurous athletes set out across the rough terrain of western Burnet County (wearing headlamps for visibility) on courses of varying lengths (10K to 50K).

(Photos by Paloma Ortiz - www.palomaphotography.net)
Good-hearted runners (and walkers) set out on the 5K course around Johnson Park in Marble Falls early last Saturday morning. The event raised funds to provide free admission at the Camp Agape bereavement camp next summer, for children who have lost a loved one.

Members of the Lake Area Rods & Classics car club not only enhanced the celebratory atmosphere at the Camp Agape Fun Run with their unique vehicles; they also presented Camp Agape with a check for $1,500 to help send kids to the bereavement camp next summer.

The Camp Agape event at Johnson Park ended with a balloon release to honor lost loved ones.

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The Llano Country Opry will feature a “Hank & Patsy” Tribute Show, with Lake Perrod and Bridgette Huffines, in two shows (2:30 & 7:30 p.m.) at the Llano Civic Center on Llano on Saturday, September 8.

Llano will host its annual Wild Game Dinner, to benefit Llano County’s 4-H and FHA, from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, at the JKL Event Center on RR 152. In addition to exotic fare, there will be live music, auction and raffles.

The Holy Trinity Catholic Church will host its annual “Chicken Dinner” fundraiser on Sunday, September 9.

The Llano Fine Art Guild will hold its monthly demo (Egg Tempera Painting, by Janet Pedersen) at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 10. The demo cost is $5 and includes a potluck lunch at noon.

Barry Selman will hold a Watercolor Workshop at the Llano Fine Art Gallery from 9 to 3 on Tuesday, September 11. No Experience Necessary; the cost is $65.

The five-story-high ReMax hot air balloon will be at the Kingsland Community Center on Wednesday, September 12 (see ad on page 11).

The Master Gardener Green Thumb program offers a FREE gardening talk (“Art and Architecture Inspired by Plants”) by Allison Bennett at noon on Wednesday, September 12, at the Kingsland Library.

The Wreyford 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 3:30 on Saturday. See authentic artifacts, experience interactive displays and meet an actual astronaut.

The YMCA will host the annual Burnet’s Kid’s 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 Lake Buchanan Sailing Club will host the 2018 Lake Buchanan Regatta, beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 15, at Catamaran Beach and the Llano County Park. Call 512-663-6568 for more details.

The Herman Brown Free Library, on the square in Burnet, will host its annual Batman Day from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 15.

The Alzheimer’s Association will be holding a Virtual Learning Series, with lunchtime programs on September 14 (Understanding Dementia) and October 25 (Know the 10 Signs). Call 512-261-6241 for details and/or reservations.

The Hill Country Community Theatre will present the hilarious musical comedy, “Don’t Hog 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.

Jennifer B and the Groove will be the featured performers as the Spicewood Arts Society opens its new concert season at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 21, at the Spicewood Vineyards Event Center.
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At top: A good crowd gathered at River City Grille in Marble Falls on Monday evening for a “UK by Train” travel presentation hosted by Susie’s Travel.

Above: Laura Giel posed with early arrivals at her new “Luminous Yoga” studio Open House last Saturday. The studio is located in the Bulldog Center, on Hwy 29 East in Burnet.

At right: Owner Sheri Zoch (of the Glass Menagerie shop in Llano) and her well-dressed canine security guard wore white linen for last Friday’s “White Linen Night” at the Fourth Friday Art Walk in downtown Llano.

Thank you for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!

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Above: The Family Sowell, from Nashville, delighted the audience at Granite Shoals’ First Baptist Church last Friday night in a benefit concert for the Granite Shoals Fire Department.

At left: Jim Halfpenny, of the Uptown Art Center in Marble Falls, provided live music for guests at the Fall Creek Vineyard’s Harvest Festival in Tow last Saturday.

Below: Country music star Tony Booth shared the stage with Eddie Shell’s “Not Guilties” at Cadillac Dance Hall in Marble Falls last Saturday.

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Thank you for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!
Potter Clarence Brown, of Brown's Stone Pottery in Mineola, visits with customers at last weekend's "Peddler's Market" in the John L. Kuykendall Event Center, west of Llano. His booth was one of dozens in the air-conditioned hall, offering food items, fashions, jewelry, home decor and more last Friday and Saturday.

In the rodeo arena outside of the clean, comfortable hall, more vendors had booths for the Hill Country Hunting Expo which accompanied the Peddler's Market last weekend. This booth raised funds for Camp Gene Ashley, which offers outdoor experiences such as hunting and fishing (at a 250-acre ranch in Mason County) for children living in group homes across Texas (see OperationOrphans.org). The Hill Country Hunting Expo was sponsored by Miller's Meats and Llano Feed & Supply.

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