Allyson Warwick posed for a picture during Saturday’s Premium Sale with her Grand Champion heifer, buyers, and friends displaying some of the many awards she earned at last weekend’s Burnet County Livestock Show. The industrious teen entered five heifers, three steers and two pigs in the show! You can see more photos from the livestock show on pages 7-10, and many more on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page. Llano County’s livestock show will be held this weekend.
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The Llano County Livestock Show began with the Rabbit show at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, at the JML Event Center, and will continue through the Premium Sale on Sunday evening. A BBQ lunch will be held on Friday, and an Art/Crafts & Food show will be held beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

A Painting With Friends event will be held at 6:30 p.m. this Friday, January 11, at the Place Downtown in Kingsland (across from the post office on RR 1431). Also, a Prayer breakfast at First Baptist Church, on RR 2900 in Kingsland, will hold its monthly Community Gospel Singing this Friday at 7 p.m.

The Four Winds will be the featured performer at the Llano Country Opry on Saturday, January 12, with shows beginning at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Rick Trevino will perform at Brass Hall in Marble Falls from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, January 12.

Hill Country Shop, on RR 1431 between Kingsland and Highland Haven, is planning a Chili Cook-Off and Market Day event on Saturday and Sunday, January 12 & 13. Call (512) 964-0636 if you are interested in competing for $500 prize.

Jenai’s Cedar Craft will feature the Allan George Duo at Texas Music Depot in Llano, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15. Texas Music Depot is located at the corner of Bessemer Avenue and Market Street.

The Highland Lakes Quilt Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls. Guests are welcome. The program will be demonstrations on how to make various charity projects. For more information, call 830-637-7197.

The Kingsland Chamber’s Breakfast Club networking meeting will be held from 7:45 to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, at The Place Downtown.

The Hill Country 100 Club will hold its 16th Annual Barbecue from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, at the YMCA in Burnet.

Jack Ingram will be on stage at Bertram’s Globe Theatre beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 18.

Charles Beierle will present a “Geology of the Hill Country” exhibit and answer questions at Numinous Coffee Roaster in Marble Falls on Saturday morning, January 19, as part of the Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center’s Coffee Talks program.

Well-known singer/songwriter Kimme Rhodes will be on stage at Spicewood Vets’ Stadium beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 19, for a concert sponsored by the Spicewood Arts Society. Her songs have been recorded by such stellar artists as Emmy Lou Harris and Wynonna Judd; she has also released 16 solo albums, written and produced three musical plays, and recently published a novel entitled “The Lakehouse.”

The Geri-Hat-Tris Band will play from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, January 19, at the Club Car Bar (Grand Central Cafe) in Kingsland.

The Watchmen gospel vocal band will perform at Kingsland Community Church during this Sunday’s worship service.

A “Paint Like Bob” event will be held beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 20, at Calamarth & Grace (on the west side of the square) in Llano.

The Highland Lakes Service League will host a Chuck Wagon Chow Down & Auctions beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, at the Lakeside Pavilion in Marble Falls. Proceeds will help fund scholarships (for women pursuing further education) and grants (to non-profit organizations). Tickets may be purchased at Chocolate’s or by calling 830-693-2659.

The Llano County Community Awards Banquet will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, at the JML Event Center.

Martelle Lueddecke will present a “Vultures” exhibit and answer questions at Numinous Coffee Roaster in Marble Falls on Saturday morning, February 2, as part of the Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center’s Coffee Talks program.

The Burnet Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Awards Banquet at the community center on Jackson Street, beginning with a social hour at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 2.

The Globe Theatre in Bertram will host a Winter of ’59 Dance Party, featuring classic cars, live tribute music and dancing, beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 2.

Harmony School of Creative Arts will host a Daddy/Daughter Dance from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, February 10.

The Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center will present a “Bats Curious Critters of the Night” exhibit and answer questions during a Coffee Talks program at Numinous Coffee Roaster in Marble Falls on Saturday morning, February 16.

The Marble Falls Chamber Banquet will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, at Lakeside Pavilion.

The Kingsland Chamber Awards Banquet will be held on the evening of Thursday, February 28, at the Cedar Skies Hall (Log Country Cove, off RR 2342 in Hooven Valley).
A “new” attendee at last Thursday’s Chamber Mixer in Kingsland (held at the Grand Central Café’s “Club Car Bar”) turned out to be none other than Mackenzie White. Kingsland’s Miss Aqua Boom in 2012 and Texas Tech’s “Masked Rider” in 2014. She is now an Associate Realtor with the Caraval Group in Horseshoe Bay. Welcome back, Mackenzie!

Scatterthought

By JOHN HALLOWELL

In previous years, January has been my “slow time,” a month to work on history articles and get caught up on my sleep. This year seems a little different, and the little bit of Kingsland history that I’ve written this week is going to have to wait. Also, I have a LOT of items that I want to mention here, so I’m going to get started right away.

First of all, the Boys & Girls Club of the Highland Lakes is currently without a food provider. While management is working as quickly as possible to resolve the issue, they need help to feed the children through other means until they can get a regular supplier (hopefully before March 1). You can help by bringing snacks (fruit, cheese sticks, juice packets, cookies, pretzels, etc.) or cash donations to club locations in Kingsland, Burnet or Marble Falls (or make cash donations online at http://w3.bgcweb.com). If any restaurant would be able to provide free or discounted meals, please call 830-798-2582. The three locations together serve approximately 350 children each day.

Longtime area fishing guide Ferrin Fernandez will be guest speaker at the next Lake Buchanan Conservation Corporation meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, at the Hill Country Hall in Buchanan Dam. He will share his wealth of knowledge on fishing for stripers or hybrids on Lakes Buchanan and Inks. You are invited; be prepared to ask questions! (Call Ken McCarty at 512-755-2526 for more details.) Lake Buchanan Conservation Corp. is a 501c3 organization working to improve Lake Buchanan for the benefit of those wishing to enjoy it.

The Kingsland Chamber will hold its next Breakfast Club Meeting at The Place Downtown next Wednesday morning. Coffee and breakfast tacos will be served beginning at 7:45. Introductions and the program will begin at 8.

Due to last week’s rains, the LCRA has extended the drawdown of lakes LBJ and Marble Falls by five days to assist property owners in recovering from recent flooding. The refill is now scheduled to begin on February 24.

Unforeseen circumstances such as floods or power emergencies could prompt LCRA to change or cancel the drawdowns. Equipment and tools should not be left in the lake unnoticed and should be removed from the lakebed when not in use.

Trainer Jeremy Johnson will offer a six-week Horsemanship I course on Thursday mornings beginning January 24 at the Healing and Recovery Through Horses (HARTH) facility, on the east side of Lake Buchanan. Horses are provided; the training will include horse behavior, basic groundwork, haltering, leading, round pen work, proper grooming techniques, etc. The course is free to veterans, but open to others for a fee of $150; class size is limited to two six. You can sign up at www.harthtx.org or email info@harthtx.org for more details.

The “Join the Journey” group in Burnet is planning a “Safe & Drug-Free Wellness Fair” from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, at the Burnet Middle School’s auxiliary gym. The free event will include family activities, healthy snacks, demonstrations by first responders, health screenings and information on drug and alcohol recovery. If you’d like more information, you can call 512-756-2124.

The Kingsland Chamber’s mixer last Thursday (see photos above and on page 4) was sponsored by New Wave Resources, of Marble Falls. The company specializes in “flood damage clean-up and restoration, demolition and haul-off services, watercraft detailing, and more.” Justin Gregg was at the mixer; you can call him at 830-613-9050 or see NewWaveResources.com for more information.

The “Night Mares” of Marble Falls, who claim the title of “the Hill Country’s #1 Roller Derby team,” held an open tryout on Tuesday evening at the Boys & Girls Club. My camera didn’t seem to like the lighting in the gym there, and I didn’t get any really good pictures, but several new prospects showed up for an evening of free roller skate training, and it looked like a fun event (good exercise, too!) They will be practicing again from 4 to 6 on Sunday, and I think they will still be welcoming new recruits (bring your own pair of skates, helmet, elbow knee pads, and wrist guards – loaner gear is limited).

That’s probably enough scattered thoughts for now. Have a great week!
The Kingsland/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce held a well-attended mixer at the Grand Central Cafe last Thursday evening. The event was sponsored by New Wave Resources.

Ray Lynch, Kim Deiz, and Carolyn Holton posed for this picture on Tuesday morning in their totally remodeled Kingsland office, which had been badly damaged in the October flood. They have been working from Edward Jones offices in Marble Falls and Horseshoe Bay while the office was under construction.

The new Highland Lakes Genealogical Society held a planning meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the Kingsland Library. Meetings will be held there at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

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Despite some logistical problems resulting from the flood, there are still a good number of Winter Texans in Kingsland! A good crowd gathered at the Kingsland Community Center on Tuesday evening for the Chamber’s first Winter Texan Dinner of 2019. In the photos below, Eric Thacker provided live entertainment at the Winter Texan Dinner and sponsors Lisa Morgan and Mike Leammon, of Highland Lakes Tiny Homes, provided some delicious hams for the meal.
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RNB Controls, located in the former Moody’s Feed building near the Slab Road on RR 1431 in Kingsland, is putting another addition on the east end of their building. The company describes itself as “a full-service manufacturer of custom material handling equipment, conveyor systems, automation control panels and custom cable harness assemblies.”
Some more-experienced exhibitors helped young “Future Feeders” show their animals last Friday evening in one of the most photogenic events of last weekend’s Burnet County Livestock Show.

Dozens of young Burnet County livestock raisers showed off hundreds of animals at the Burnet County 4-H & FFA Livestock Show Association’s huge event last weekend.

The Burnet County fairbarn was filled with exhibitors, buyers and spectators for the Premium Sale last Saturday afternoon.
Neil Denton shows off his Grand Champion Market Turkey at the Burnet County Livestock Show's Premium Sale last Saturday afternoon.

Ainsley Goehring won top honors with her Grand Champion Market Broiler.

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Volunteers from the Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center (Billy Hutson, Chuck Hixson, Paige Wukasch and Jim Wukasch) staffed an exhibit on “Archaeology of the Hill Country” and answered questions during the UHLNC’s “Coffee Talks” program at Numinous Coffee Roaster in Marble Falls last Saturday morning.

A good number of new recruits attended an “Intro to Roller Derby” skating lesson, held by the “Night Mares” of Marble Falls at the Boys and Girls Club on Tuesday evening. The next practice is this Sunday, from 4 to 6 p.m.
Above: Staffers and supporters joined national coordinator Kathleen Deer, of Family Place Libraries, as she presented the official “Family Place” designation to the Llano Library. From left: Denae and Samson Steelman, Tommi Myers, Ann Rossberg, Kathleen Deer, Jeanne Puryear and Robert Thompson.

At left: Kimmie Rhodes will be the featured performer at a Spicewood Arts Society concert at Spicewood Vineyards next Saturday evening, January 19. (Courtesy photo)

Below: Well-known area musician Wake Eastman was accompanied by his son, Cliff, on the harmonica during his gig at Trailblazer Grille in Burnet on Tuesday evening.
MISCELLANEOUS

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The Ritzy Texan got its start at a family gathering, when Stan and Debbie Denison began discussing ideas for a side business with Jerry and Sandi Holt in 2014. They all had "day jobs" at the time: Stan worked for the Nabisco corporation, Debbie and Jerry were in the high-tech industry, and Sandi worked in the medical insurance business, so they decided to market unique, handmade products in the huge "First Monday Trade Days" at Canton. Their best-sellers were decorated "Memory Boxes" and insulated "bread bags" which could keep a loaf of bread fresh for more than four weeks, but their product line grew until they were filling ten booths at the four-day event every month. They also set up booths at many other community events, including Burnet's Bluebonnet Festival and Christmas on the Square.

It wasn't too long before they started thinking of opening a full-time store (the idea of living in an RV for four days and setting up and breaking down ten booths was too much merchandise one month had lost some of its appeal). Last year, they began looking for a permanent location in Burnet.

After considering several possible locations, they decided to lease the former Family Dollar building (originally a grocery store) on Hwy 29 at Main Street. The four co-owners of the business power-washed and painted the building's exterior last spring, then papered over all the windows and began to refurbish the long-neglected interior of the building. Curiosity about the renovation created a great public interest in the new business, but they kept their business plans private.

This past summer, they announced "The Ritzy Texan," a collection of unique home decor and gift items, plus original works of art by more than fifty painters, craftsmen and artisans (including quite a few gifted locals). Just visiting the store is an adventure, but there are many useful and fascinating items you will want to buy (even if you are not an art collector).

The Ritzy Texan features regular "Meet the Artist" events, but there's a special Open House coming up from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 19, when all 55 of the artists who have worked displayed there will be together at The Ritzy Texan (and YOU are invited)!

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