Burnet County Judge James Oakley was the keynote speaker at the Marble Falls Rotary Club's 18th annual 9/11 Day of Remembrance Ceremony, held at the Lakeside Pavilion on Wednesday evening. See more 9/11 photos on page 10 (and many more on the "Highland Lakes Weekly" Facebook page).
PYrotechnics by the Commemorative Air Force “Blastards” will once again be one of the special features of the CAF’s big Air Show this Saturday in Burnet.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

Highland Lakes Baptist Church in Kingsland will host its monthly Community Gospel Sing at 7 p.m. this Friday (every 2nd Friday).

The Ladies in Leather Motorcycle Parade and Rally will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 13-15 at the JLK Event Center in Llano.

The Llano County Historical Commission is offering a van tour of eight rural schools, leaving the Depot Visitors Center in Llano at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, September 14.

Bumet’s big Bluebonnet Air Show will be held on Saturday, September 14. There will also be a car show this year. Gates will open at 9 a.m. for the static display; flying will begin between 12 and 1.

The Marble Falls High School Alumni will host an all-class Homecoming Reunion to honor Madelyn Frasier beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, at the Lakeside Pavilion. Festivities include lunch and a silent auction. Special recognition will be given to classes from years ending in “9.”

The Lake Buchanan Sailing Club will host its 2nd Annual Regatta at Llano County Park (off Hwy 261 on the west side of Lake Buchanan) beginning at noon on Saturday, September 14.

The Ritz Texan shop, in Burnet, will host a “Meet the Artist” event from 11 to 2 this Saturday (see ad on page 11).

The Hoover Valley VFD will host a Fundraiser Golf Tournament at Legends Golf Course (off RR 2342) beginning at noon on Saturday, September 14.

The Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center will host its 36th annual golf tournament fundraiser at Delware Springs in Burnet, beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 14.

The Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts will host a “Nature’s Gems” workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 14.

Johnny Rodriguez will be the featured entertainer in two shows (2:30 and 7:30) at the Llano Country Opry on Saturday, September 14. The Spicewood VFD-EMS-AUX will hold its annual Destruction Derby at 6 p.m. (gates open at 4) on Saturday, September 14 (rain date September 21).

The First Baptist Church of Tow will present a showing of the new movie, “Pilgrim’s Progress,” at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 14. For more information, call 325-379-3918 or e-mail at ewmga@gmail.com.

Marcus and Sara Acker will provide live entertainment during Steak Night at The Place Downtown in Kingsland this Saturday, September 14 (7:30 to 10 p.m.).

The Open Door Recovery House will host its annual Golf Tournament fundraiser at Apple Rock Golf Course in Horseshoe Bay West at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 15.

This month’s featured artist at Texas Songwriters in the Round at Texas Music Depot in Llano is Donna Fredt, from Hendersonville, Tennessee. That event will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17.

The Phoenix Center will host its Art Therapy Exhibit, Mosaic: Fractured Realities & New Hope, featuring origami by Phoenix Center youth and works by local artists September 17-20 at Marta Stafford Fine Art Gallery in Marble Falls (2nd & Main). A special reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 19.

The Peddler Show will be coming to Llano’s JLK Event Center on the weekend of September 20-22, with juried artisans, crafters, jewelers, designers, boutiques and unique vendors from all over the country.

Llano will host its National Dance Day at Badu Park on September, 21. Optional practice sessions will be held at 9 a.m. on September 7 and September 14, also at Badu Park. All skill levels are welcome; there are no fees but participants are asked to costume, dance and return for the final dance performance on September 21.

Bumet’s annual Kids Day Out will be held from 9:30 to 3 on Saturday, September 21, at the Highland Lakes YMCA.

The Herman Brown Free Library will (Continued on page 25)
Scatterthought

I got a slight reprieve on Saturday, with only six events on my schedule. I had almost finished my morning stops (and was trying to think what I could do next), when my friend Jackie Hood called to tell me about a bunch of unique cars parked at Buddies in Kingsland. I was just a few minutes away, and she got them to wait; all of a sud-
dden it turned into another great Sat-
iday in my High-
land Lakes neigh-
borhood!

I had never heard of the Lon-
estar Gamblers, but their cars were certainly interesting! You can see a few pictures of the cars on pages 6 and 7 (and, as always, more than that on Facebook). When I looked them up on Facebook and saw that this excursion (the Lonestarr Gamblor 300) was headquartered at Oxford Campground (north of Llano), I decided to stop by there on the way to the Wild Game Dinner that evening.

As if to make up for the relaxed schedule on Saturday, I had to go to seven events on Sunday; I ended up working 14 hours on my “day of rest,” but it was almost all fun, and I really enjoyed it. The highlights were hear-
ing The Watchman at Kingsland Com-
munity Church (I stayed longer than I intended just because they sounded so good) and meeting Lt. Col. Allen West at the GOP Picnic in Burnet (see pages 20 and 21). I also enjoyed Jessa Myer’s CD release concert at Marble Falls First Baptist (and came home with a couple of excellent new CDs).

Of course this was the “9/11” week, and there were some good “remem-
bances” (see pages 1, 9 and 10). I was able to listen to The Watchman again on Tuesday night at the Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center’s “Cel-

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Photo of the Week

The cooling rain of Wednesday morning is probably not the end of summer in the Highland Lakes area, but it was a welcome event none-the-less. This photo was taken at the height of the brief down-
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Music in Kingsland:

Above: Husband-and-wife duo Jeremy and Kaci Neely entertained diners at The Place Downtown on Friday night.

At left: Allan Ray Reed sang gospel songs in the courtyard at Wakpoint LBJ on Sunday morning. He will be there again from 9:30 to 11 the next two Sundays.

The Watchmen Gospel Vocal Band, accompanied by manager Denny Hill on the keyboard, delighted their audience at Kingsland Community Church last Sunday afternoon. From left: Wayne Bennett, Andy Cook, Dennis Steele and Jeff Haase.

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Summer isn’t over. The new sandbar in Lake LBJ wasn’t as crowded this past weekend as it had been over Labor Day, but quite a few local boaters stopped by on a very warm weekend.

There was quite a bit of activity at the Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts last Saturday morning, as members held an outdoor Market Day/Garage Sale/Bake Sale.

Brian Fraus, of Texas Big Worm in Bertram, discussed vermiculture and compost at a meeting of the Kingsland Garden Club (held at the Kingsland Library) last Friday afternoon.
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SAVE THE DATE: OUR FALL GALA IS NOVEMBER 14TH AT THE WEDDING OAK WINERY IN BURNET. MORE INFO COMING SOON.

This Ford Edge was one of the most civilized-looking of the Lonestar Gambler 500 participants at Buddies last Saturday. The group takes imaginatively-decorated cars (purchased for $500 or less) on a 500-mile road rally somewhere in Texas. This event was based out of the Oxford Campground in southern Llano County.

Two of the Lonestar Gambler vehicles leave Buddies convenience store in Kingsland after a pit stop there Saturday morning.

This rough-looking Lonestar Gambler 500 participant was parked at the Oxford Campground on Saturday evening.

Part of the good-humored event (not a race) involves picking up roadside trash. This load was mostly picked up along Kingsland’s Slab Road.
Lonestar Gambler 500!

Some of the good-natured motorists from the Lonestar Gamblers group made a stop last Saturday morning at Buddies convenience store in Kingsland. The group holds 500-mile road rallies for cars costing $500 or less, each of which is lovingly “customized.”

These members of the Lonestar Gamblers gathered for a group picture in front of Buddies last Saturday morning. Their road rally is not a race; just a fun ride around the countryside which also includes picking up trash along some of roads they travel in their “ridiculous cars.”
Pastor Scott Freking, of Hill Country Fellowship in Burnet, prays with visiting Pastor Rafael Cruz (father of Senator Ted Cruz) before a talk on dangers facing American Christians.

This September 6 photo shows a nearly-completed renovation of the historic Badger building on the Burnet square. Wedding Oak Winery is now open for business there, and a Ribbon-Cutting and building rededication will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 26.

Burnet’s new Burger King (above) and Captain D’s seafood restaurant (below) are both currently hiring, and should be open for business by the end of the month. They are located side-by-side on Hwy 281S, between Taco Bell and Chicken Express. A ground-breaking was held last week on Hwy 29E in Burnet for a new Baylor Scott & White clinic.
Bertram Prayer Walk

Pastor Ryan Schmidt, of One Desire Church in Bertram, led the annual 9/11 Memorial Prayer Walk through downtown Bertram last Sunday. A crowd gathered at the library before following a fire truck to four buildings: city hall, the fire department, the police department and the elementary school.

At each of the four locations, a member of the community led with prayer followed by a time of silence. The event is held each year on the Sunday before September 11 “for all who love our community and believe the power of love can overcome evil.”

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The Rotary Club of Marble Falls held its 18th Annual 9/11 Day of Remembrance with an impressive (and well-attended) ceremony at the Lakeside Pavilion. At left, Fire Chiefs Stephanie Black (Horseshoe Bay) and Russell Sander (Marble Falls) explained the use of the traditional Fireman’s Bell and John Arthur Martinez and Kurt Baumer presented a song for military veterans. Above, Mayor John Packer proclaimed an official “Day of Remembrance” in Marble Falls and (below) area First Responders presented the colors. First Responders and military veterans were recognized, four area First Responders received awards, and bagpiper Lorinda Peters opened and closed the event with special music.

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A good crowd attended Tuesday evening’s “Celebrate Life” fundraiser for the Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center, held at Hill Country Fellowship in Burnet. The church foyer was arranged with displays illustrating some of the many services offered by the HLPRC.

Guests were served dinner in the HCF gymnasium (above) before they gathered for the program in the sanctuary (below).

After a rousing concert by The Watchmen (above) and a presentation by HLPRC manager Stennis Shotts, the keynote speaker at Celebrate Life was Christian author and comedian Mike Williams (right).

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Above: John Arthur Martinez and “Friends” (Kurt Baumer and Caleb Rojas) entertained diners at the Badu 1891 restaurant in Llano last Saturday evening.

At left: Worship Leader Jessa Myer, of the First Baptist Church in Marble Falls, released a new “Rock in the Storm” CD at a Worship Night last Sunday.

Below: Sam Williams performed on the lakefront deck at Wakepoint LBJ in Kingsland last Friday night.

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There will be a fun four-hour-long yoga class (3-7 p.m.) followed by a “guilt-free” burger! No yoga experience is necessary, but you should bring a mat.

Then (on a Thursday, of course; 4:30 p.m. on September 26), there will be a Ribbon-Cutting and re-dedication of the beautifully-renovated Badger building (on the southeast corner of the square in Burnet) as Wedding Oak Winery. I hear that Wedding Oak is already open for business there.

I always tell people that “there’s no bad news in my paper,” but I remember reporting a little on the terrible fire in Spicewood back in 2011 (and, of course, the flood on the Llano River last October). One of the victims of that fire was Spicewood’s acclaimed potter, Susie Fowler, her beautiful home burned to the ground along with many valuable (and uninsured) works of art. The last time I was there, she was living in a travel trailer on the property and had her studio re-opened. Now I hear that she has had a music pavilion built on the house/gallery slab, and is planning an event there on Sunday, October 6. There will be a potluck and finger foods & BYOB starting at 2 p.m., Javier Chapaaro and his band, Salud, will be on stage from 3 to 5. A $20 donation is requested; RSVP to susie@shadetreepotter.com.

The Kingsland Community Park is almost put back together, and with a few finishing touches it will be better than ever. The boat ramp, the pavilion, the picnic tables and the docks are already available for use by the public.

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Since sometime in the spring, people in the community of Kingsland have been working together to help others in their community. Men from the Kingsland Community Church have been busy picking up donations all around the area, and have at least ten storage units already filled with items for the huge annual rummage sale at the church (September 27 & 28 this year). For one weekend, the church is transformed into a sort of “department store,” with sections for furniture, clothing, toys, household goods, books, art, jewelry, electronics, etc., etc. The amazing event raises thousands of dollars for area non-profits every year; last year’s distribution was about $35,000!
A huge crowd gathered at the John L. Kukendall Event Center in Llano for the Llano County Wild Game Dinner, hosted by the Llano County Junior Livestock Show Association last Saturday evening. The event, coupled with raffles and live and silent auctions, raised thousands of dollars for the livestock show in January.
A varied wildlife menu, including delicacies like alligator and quail, was available for sampling by the crowd of well-wishers who attended this year’s Llano County Wild Game Dinner.

The Wild Game Dinner crowd filled the John L. Kuykendall Event Center, a wonderful venue which has benefited Llano over and over again. This weekend it will serve as headquarters for the huge Ladies in Leather Motorcycle Rally.

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The annual Chicken Dinner, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Llano, was very well attended once again this year. And, once again, John Wade (below) donned his chicken suit to invite passers-by to the feast.

A crowd of cheerful volunteers served eat-in guests (above) and those with take-out orders (below).

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The Skylarks provided quality live “big band” music for the Burnet County Republican Picnic, held last Sunday afternoon at Bill’s Burgers in Burnet. A good crowd turned out for the event, which featured an appearance by Lieutenant Colonel Allen West and most Republican office-holders from the area. The Llano County Republican Party will hold a big Constitution Day fundraiser at Horseshoe Bay Resort next Tuesday, September 17.

Photos by John Hallowell
A cheerful crowd filled the back patio at Bill's Burgers in Burnet last Sunday afternoon for the Burnet County Republican Picnic.

The guest of honor at Sunday's picnic was Lieutenant Colonel Allen West (retired), who moved to Texas from Florida five years ago, and is currently running for Texas G.O.P. Chair. In the photo above, he poses with Amber and Max Cardenas, owners of Bill's Burgers. Other officials in attendance included State Senator Dr. Dawn Buckingham, State Representative Terry Wilson and most of Burnet County's elected officials.

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Big changes are underway in the historic Main Street shopping district of Marble Falls. Michele Hart’s familiar La-Ti-Da shop has already moved to Johnson City, and several other stores are for sale. Several new businesses are expected to open in coming months.

Students were practicing at Family Taekwondo Center in Marble Falls for the twice-yearly Black Belt tests, scheduled for the first weekend of October.

Artist Becky Widner led a hands-on class (in acrylic painting on tiles) for a large and enthusiastic group at the Llano Fine Art Gallery on Monday morning.

The Kingsland Community Center was a busy place last weekend as enthusiasts flocked to the FirePower Gun Show on Saturday and Sunday.
host its annual Batman Day celebration from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 21 (enter through front doors).

The Marble Falls Music Festival, featuring Kyle Park, Shinyribs, John Arthur Martinez, Pauline Reese and Brandon Alan, will be held from 4 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, at the Johnson Park amphitheater in Marble Falls.

Blue Water Highway, a rising Austin-based roots-rock band, launches its new season of the Swisswood Arts' newly renamed concert series, "Swisswood Live," at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Swisswood Vineyards.

Clayton Gardner will be the featured performer in a concert at the Briggs Community Center from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 21.

Bertram's A Globe Theatre will host an Evening With Comedy beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 21.

First Baptist Church of Marble Falls will host a Carnegie Hall Benefit Concert from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 22. Proceeds will help the choir travel to Carnegie Hall in New York, where they have been invited to sing on December 2.

The Kingsland Chamber will hold its Fall Social from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, at Log Country Cove (off RR 2342 in Hoover Valley). John Arthur Martinez will provide live entertainment.

This year's Hill Country Space Expo, sponsored by the Wreyford Foundation, will be held at the Boys & Girls Club in Marble Falls, September 26-28. Thursday and Friday will be reserved for school and home school groups; Saturday will be open to the public from 9 to 3:30. The Kingsland Community Church will hold its annual Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, September 27 & 28.

The Llano Christian Academy will host its annual Community Banquet at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, at the J&K Event Center.

Burnet will host a Day Out with Thomas event on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29, at the Community Center (by the railroad tracks on Jackson Street).

Smithwick Castle will host a Big Band Dance Extravaganza, featuring a lesson by the Arthur Murray Dance Studio, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 28.

The Uptown Theatre in Marble Falls will host a concert by Cheap Sunglasses (a ZZ Top tribute band) at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 28.
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