The Llano Community Theatre group presented three showings of “Big Bad” last weekend, the latest in a series of quality productions. The imagined trial of the fairy tale world’s most villainous character, the Big Bad Wolf, is turned into a very entertaining comedy with representatives from quite a few well-known nursery rhymes and fairy tales making appearances. The shows were held at the Llano Junior High School auditorium last Friday and Saturday; see more pictures on page 9 and on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page.
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Upcoming Events

Burnet County’s Rodeo Royalty rode on this float in last year’s Marble Falls Rodeo Parade. This year’s parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. this Saturday. The Open/Pro Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday nights.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

Movie Night at the Trailblazer Grille in Burnet will feature “Zootopia” from 6 to 8 p.m. this Friday (July 14). Along with weekly live music and other events, the popular restaurant on the Burnet square will show family-friendly movies once a week this summer.

The Highland Lakes Baptist Church, on RR 2900 in Kingsland, will be hosting its monthly Community Sing this Friday, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Marble Falls Open/Pro Rodeo will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings, July 14 and 15, at the Charley Taylor Arena (on Hwy 281 S). The Rodeo Parade will be held in downtown Marble Falls at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

A Creative Arts Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, at the Alexander Center of St. John the Evangelist (on Hwy 1431 East in Marble Falls). Call 830-693-5134 for details.

Burnet County ESD No. 6 and the Marble Falls Area Volunteer Fire Department invite the public to a Firewise Communities presentation from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 15, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Marble Falls. Come and hear about local solutions for residents in reducing, managing and preventing losses.

The YMCA in Burnet will host a free “Christmas in July Dive-In Movie” (How the Urschin Stole Christmas), in the pool at dusk on Saturday, July 15.

The Marble Falls Triathlon will begin at 7 a.m. this Sunday (July 16) at Lakeside Park, and continue through the morning all around Marble Falls.

Tiffany Thomas and Shelley Wier will host a “Straight out the Gates” program at 9 a.m. this Sunday at the Smoking for Jesus Ministry church, telling about their recent mission trip to Uganda.

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Burnet will host a free concert by Brooks Crossing at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 16. For more information, call 512-756-2233.

Robert Lindsey will give a free “Meet Your Reptile Neighbors” program at 2 p.m. next Monday (July 17) at the Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam. RSVP to 512-379-1174.

The Llano Art Gallery will host an Art Party from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18. Cheryl Qualkenbush will lead the group in painting on wine glasses. The meets at 9:30 am, Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

Susanne Marshall (from Missouri) will present the program, “Evolution of a Quiltmaker,” at a 9:30 a.m. meeting of the Highland Lakes Quilt Guild next Wednesday (July 19), in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls. Guests are welcome. She will also lead a workshop on Thursday, July 20, on “Embroidered Applique.” Call 830-613-6368 for details.

The Llano Fine Arts Guild’s Art Camp, for children 7 to 12 years old, will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on (Wednesdays) July 19 & 26. Please call or text Laura Cozine at 830-444-2327 for details.

The Phoenix Center invites the public to stop in for coffee, pastries, and tours from 8:30 to 10 a.m. next Thursday (July 20). RSVP by July 18 to sarah@phoenixart.org or call (830) 637-7848.

Janet Hoefsch, of Baylor Scott & White, will give a free presentation on Over 55 Car Safety at the Llano Library’s Lunch & Learn Program at noon next Thursday (July 20). A light lunch will be provided or bring your own lunch (tea and dessert will be provided). Call 325.247.5248 to reserve your seat.

The Hill Country Community Theatre in Cottonwood Shores will present
(July 15)

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This mural, apparently dating back to 1915 when the building at 304 S. Main Street in Burnet was built, advertised “Hooper’s Herbton – For Pury People” and other remedies. The mural was uncovered when new owners Danny and Berenice Dugain began renovating the building for their Napping Mouse stationery store and gift shop. Read more about the Dugain’s store in Scatterthought (below).

**Scatterthought**

I have to start this week’s column with a correction. Sea Doo raffle winner Chris Heerlein did NOT buy 3,000 tickets, as I thought he had been told. He actually bought $3,000 worth of tickets. That means that he had just a little more than one tenth of the tickets, so winning the Sea Doo was not at all a sure thing. Still, I’m told that his purchase was the biggest in Aqua Boom history, so I’m glad he won (and if that “fact” turns out to be wrong, I’ll let you know next week!).

I have been very busy with my paper’s circulation lately; I rarely have time to pick up even close to ten percent of the papers I put out, and I think that more people are reading the Highland Lakes Weekly than ever before. In addition to the actual printed papers, there is an online flip-through edition posted every weekend, and I’m hearing from more and more people who read it. And this past week, Facebook informed me that I had 42,914 “post engagements” (whatever that means) on my Aqua Boom albums. I want to say “Thank You!” to everyone who pays any attention whatsoever to my efforts; you make me feel that I’m doing something worthwhile, and that thought gives me great satisfaction.

Now that I’ve got so many people paying attention, it really seems like a shame to announce that I am taking my annual vacation in three weeks, and that there will be no paper on August 4. I don’t count that against my tally of consecutive deadlines met (I’m at 318 now); there just won’t be a deadline that week to miss.

Of course, my business is still very new compared to a lot of the other businesses in the Highland Lakes area (especially in Llano and Burnet). I am told that the First State Bank of Burnet will be presented with a Texas Treasure Business Award from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) during the Burnet County Commissioners Court meeting on Tuesday, July 25, for its 109 years of providing employment opportunities and support to the state’s economy. First State Bank is the first Burnet County business to receive the award; it was chartered on October 5, 1908, and has served Burnet and surrounding communities ever since. It was first located in the two-story brick building on the southwest corner of Pierce and Jackson Streets (on the square); it has been at its present location since 1964. A brand-new business in Burnet has almost as much history. It is The Napping Mouse, at 304 Main St. The building (built in 1915) had been used for storage the entire time that I lived in Burnet, but at one time it was home to Hen’s Meat Market and the Debo family’s Cowboy Cafe. It has been beautifully renovated by new owners Danny and Berenice Dugain (see photo on page 12), and should be visited even if you are not in the market for cards, gift wrap, scrapbooks or stationery (or at least didn’t THINK you were)! The most striking feature of the store is a 1915 wall mural that was uncovered during renovations; another fascinating exhibit is a copy of a photo from local historian Darrell Debo, showing employees and furnishings of the Cowboy Cafe.

Back to the present, Highland Lakes United Methodist Church will be having a food donation drive through the end of July; fans will be distributed through Sharing the Harvest in Kingsland. If anyone wants to donate, fans can be brought to the church near the intersection of 1431 and 29 in Buchanan Dam (Fuzzy’s Corner) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Please help those in need.

And in the very near future, a Firewise Communities presentation has been set up for July 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Marble Falls, Burnet County ESD No. 6 and the Marble Falls Area Volunteer Fire Department invite everyone interested to come and hear about local solutions for residents in reducing, managing and preventing fire losses. Call 512-567-3204 for more details.

On Tuesday, July 18, Llano County (Continued on page 12)

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The foundation has been poured for the new Prosperity Bank at the 1431-2900 intersection, and workers were busy Wednesday morning putting up the frame.

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The Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts hosted a cheerful group of children and parents at a workshop last Saturday. Attendees were able to make their very own customized name plaques.

Chloe Ropner, from the YWCA in the Austin area, presided over a discussion of the dangers of prescription drugs, held at the Kingsland Community Center on Tuesday evening. The meeting was part of the YWCA’s Summer Series, which will feature “The New Tobacco” at the next meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25.

This little Snow Cone stand, operated by Sue Abbott next to the Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts, is one of many local businesses which benefited from Kingsland’s successful Aqua Boom festival over the July 4th weekend. It is open from noon to 6 “on sunny days.”
By JOHN HALLOWELL

Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa, who had invaded the U.S. the previous year, made the front page of The Llano News on January 11, 1917, amid rumors that his “army” was advancing toward Chihuahua City (the state capital where he had served as provisional governor before the 1914 revolution, the attack never happened, and Villa made peace with the Mexican government in 1920).

Closer to home, Mrs. A.A. Knowles (born Adeline Agustus Osborne, reportedly in Burnet County, although the article may have been mistaken in claiming that she was born there in 1920), died suddenly in Llano on Tuesday, January 9. The article called her “one of our noblest and best known citizens,” and described her 37 years in Llano as a caring, warm-hearted Christian life.” Her husband, Captain W.W. Knowles, had owned the gin, mill and water works in Llano in the 1880s; he died in 1893.

Locals who sent carloads of hogs by train to Fort Worth that week included A.N. Box, W. Heister, Geo. Schuessler, Jas. Wyckoff, R.S. Schreed, J.M. Walling and D.B. & M. Moss.

Colonel A.J. Zilker (who also donated land for the future Zilker Park to the City of Austin that year) paid a visit to Llano that week. The paper noted that he was the principal stockholder in the Llano Milling and Manufacturing Company, T.W. Norton returned to Llano from a week-long business trip to Austin.

A.Z. Fuston Jr. was recovering from a successful appendectomy, and Mrs. Clint Brozeale III was reportedly “improving” after a serious illness. Ed McClary was in the Llano Hospital with a badly broken arm, and a 7-year-old child, who had been brought to Llano from Menard for medical treatment, died there on January 9.

On January 18, Watkins Auto Sales Company reported that nine more Ford models arrived in Llano. The buyers included R.H. Penscow, Ed Crossoway, Nelson Davis, G.L. Biggs, and D. Smith (from Llano), Doke Long (Kingland), C.L. McDonald (Cherokee), Dave Moss (Lone Grove) and John Smith (Oxford).

But a cautionary news item titled “Speeders! Beware!” warned drivers that speed limits on straight roads had been lowered from 20 mph to 15, and drivers would be arrested for driving more than 15 mph around “the curves and corners.”

The Llano National Bank announced that M.M. Moss would become president of the bank and Myrick following his election. The article reported that “in addition to his active connection with the bank as president, Mr. Moss will look after the cattle loan department.” Mr. Smith will supervise the Marble Falls, Cherokee and Junction City banks.” J.C. Stibbling was re-elected as vice-president, F.K. Lange and Clay Faubus were re-elected as assistant cashiers.

Home National Bank re-elected all its officers: W.F. Gray was president; A. Vander Stucken and C.E. Schults, vice-presidents; W. Vander Stucken, cashier; Eli Parkhill and W.B. Haynie, assistant cashiers.

A new manufacturing firm, called Armadillo Basket Company, opened “the next door east of the store of H.E. Hedeman” on the north side of the Llano River. E.D. Durfee was the manager. Mrs. Brozeale, who had seemed to be doing better the previous week, died on January 16. Born Pennsylvania in Holton in Bostock County 1849, she married Clinton Breazeale in Llano in 1867. The couple had ten children, seven of whom survived him. The music at her funeral was led by Mrs. George Watkins (Lutie Watkins). Prize winners in the Llano County “boys agricultural contest and pig club” were Hubert Schuessler of Overstreet of Llano, Ted Fowler (Valley Spring), Eric Ray (Lone Grove), Billie Christian (Boy Head), Leo Warden (Lone Grove) and Aubrey Noland (Kingland).

On January 25, a fascinating article described renovations at the 25-year-old Franklin Hotel (usually called the Hotel), “The entire roof of the building had been torn off,” and the new roof was “one of the most substantial kind, and over the first framework was a plaster, which had fallen down in places, will be put a durable and pretty tin ceiling.” The story continued, “All the walls have been gone over and they are made absolutely new. New floors will be put in the dance hall, dining room, and one has already been laid in the kitchen. In the old basement, which at one time held the electric lighting plant for the building, a concrete floor has been put in and the walls will be plastered, making two well-furnished living rooms. All of the furniture that will be reserved from the old equipment has been removed. Much of it has been discarded and will be replaced by the new.

The truth is that Llano will soon have a hotel which will be an ornament to the town and one that will attract visitors from far and wide. The Llano Milling and Manufacturing company was also doing extensive remodeling and improving at their plant,” including the addition of “a large concrete storage room,” the expansion of the ice plant, and a “gravel walk from the office to Bridge Street.”

Butler Auto Company moved into a new office in “the new part of the building,” described as a “well-appointed office with sectional racks for the holding of automobile tires and other accessories,” and a “up-to-date office with plenty of room.”

Construction was completed at the new Llano County “disposal plant,” and two rent houses were nearing completion by A.H. Strauble. Local agent T.S. Parker announced the arrival of “a carload shipment of Overland automobiles,” one of which was “one of the new clover leaf designs.”

Nelson Davis opened his new wholesale grocery warehouse, and a “new Ford truck from Austin” was seen delivering groceries to Mr. Roy B. Inks, who had started with Mr. Davis as an “office boy” in Austin twelve years earlier, was in charge of the new warehouse. Mr. Smith will continue to be a travelling salesman for the previous nine years has built up Mr. Davis’ business in the area and made the new outlet in Llano possible.

Mr. C.E. Shults announced a contest to re-name the almost-completely-renovated hotel (previously known as the “Franklin”). The prize would be $10 in gold.

Pancha Villa made the front page again on February 1, when a story reported that the first American troops under General George Pershing, were preparing to cross the border in pursuit of the elusive guerrilla leader. In the meantime, refugees were streaming across the U.S. border from Mexico.
The Llano Uplift Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Blue Bonnet Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) co-sponsored a “U.S. Constitution Camp,” targeted for students aged 7 to 11 (and their parents) at the Llano Church of Christ annex last Saturday. Costumed members of the two groups helped local volunteers shed light on the time of the Constitution’s creation, as well as the importance and lasting effects of this nation’s founding document.

Above left, local military veteran Mike Greco poses with Charles Bush, current president of the Blue Bonnet SAR.

The two ladies at left are Jan Bush and Georgi Brochstein, of the DAR.

Demonstrations included pioneer-style cooking, spinning and quilting. There were displays of flags, stamps, coins, etc., plus photos and notes from early American history. Speakers included County Judge Mary Cunningham and Commissioner Mike Sandoval.

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Above: Dr. Harry Shafer, a retired professor of archeology from Texas A&M University, gave a talk on bison and their importance to pre-historic Native Americans at last Saturday’s Marble Falls Founders Day, held at the Falls on the Colorado Museum. The museum is currently raising funds to reconstruct the skeleton of an ancient bison found recently in Rocky Creek.

At left: Descendants of an early Marble Falls resident, George M. Stinnett, pose beside a table that he built more than a century ago. They are Janet Lewis Crain, of Burnet, and Leslie Russell Markey, of Austin.

Clyde Lyda, Phil Boring and Jerry Boatright provided appropriately old-fashioned country music for guests at Marble Falls Founders Day last Saturday at the Falls on the Colorado Museum. Three of the town’s lesser-known founders (Dr. Ira Dawson, City Marshall Thomas Odiorne and banker Otto Ebeling) were highlighted at this year’s event. Descendants of all three were present.
Witnesses from various fairy tales and nursery rhymes waited their turns to testify against the notorious Big Bad Wolf (played by Clayton Hull, above and at right) in the Llano Community Theatre group’s presentation of “Big Bad” last Friday evening. The wolf was represented in court by the Evil Stepmother (Lisa Rogers), and won his case by falsely claiming that he was a gentle vegan, driven to violence only because of society’s suspicion and mistreatment! Mike Hazel played the judge, and Kari Miller gave a play-by-play narration of the trial as writer Sydney Grimm (left).

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Some of this summer's remaining events are the Marble Falls Triathlon (scheduled for this Sunday), swimmers waiting to begin last year's race are pictured above), Marble Falls' Lakefest drag boat races (above, left, scheduled for August 11-13) and Bertram's Imaginative Oatmeal Festival (winners of last year's Oatmeal Festival Pageant are pictured at left; this year's event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2).

Anthony Wright Blues Band and The Blues Posse at the Lantex Theater from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. Call 830-996-8031 for tickets or details.

Brass Hall (on 3rd Street in Marble Falls) will host a 90s Flashback with DJ Omeril from 9 to midnight on Friday, July 29.

The Burnett County Historical Commission will host a free regional training session (by the Texas Historical Commission) at the AgriLife Extension Building in Burnet (607 N. Vanderveer) from 8:30 to 4 on Thursday, August 3. Registration is required (online or at 512-463-7812); lunch will be provided.

Bubba and the Boys will play their old-time country music from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, at the Trailblazer Grille in Burnet.

Marble Falls will host its big Lakefest drag boat racing event Friday through Sunday, August 11-13.

The Burnett Chamber and Workforce Solutions will host a Job Fair at the Burnett Community Center from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 17. Employers are invited to set up booths.

The Kingsland Genealogical Society of the Highland Lakes will host a Summer Workshop at the Marble Falls Church of Christ (711 Broadway) from 9 to 1 on Saturday, August 19. Noted genealogist Nancy Bremer will be the featured speaker; call 830-385-7070 for details or reservations.

Bertram's Summer Concert Series will feature Aaron Watson (with Randall King) at Haley Nelson Park on Saturday, August 26. Doors open at 6:30, and the show starts at 7:30.

Bertram's whimsical Oatmeal Festival is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2.
Young cowgirls and cowboys got the rodeo action off to a great start on Wednesday evening at the Charley Taylor Arena, off Hwy 281 South in Marble Falls. The Open/Pro Rodeo will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings, complete with trick riding by Ginger Duke & the Dynamite Dames, and a dance with the Genevieve Allen Band on Saturday night.

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“Walkers” met with shopkeepers and artists on Main Street in Marble Falls last Friday evening during the First Friday Art Walk. The photo above is from Marta Stafford Fine Art, on the corner of 2nd and Main.

Artist Gary Jack Thornton, from Lakeway, poses with one of his paintings at Marta Stafford Fine Art during the First Friday Art Walk in Marble Falls last week.

Coaches from Learning Fun 101, which aims to bring Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to more kids at an earlier age, conducted a Lego Fungineering Camp at Harmony School of Creative Arts in Marble Falls this week. In the camp, Learning Fun 101 introduced young students to the basics of structural engineering, simple machines and basic physics concepts.

Berence and Danny Dugain, who were attracted to Burnet’s historic downtown during a visit almost 20 years ago, have been renovating the long-vacant building at 304 South Main (just off the square) for the past four years, and recently opened The Napping Mouse, a shop featuring a variety of paper products: cards, invitations, scrapbooks, stationery, wrapping paper and more. Included in the history-celebrating decor is an advertising mural (from a long-forgotten pharmacy) which they uncovered during the renovation. An enlarged and framed photo from local historian Darrell Debo hangs on the wall, showing the inner workings of the Debo family’s Cowboy Cafe, which occupied half the building in the years before World War II.

SCATTERTHOUGHT:
(Continued from page 3)

Commissioner Mike Sandoval will hold a Town Hall meeting will from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Kingsland.

The Burnet County Historical Commission is hosting a regional training session by the state’s Texas Historical Commission in Burnet from 8:30 to 4 on Thursday, August 3, at the AgriLife Extension Building (607 N. Vanderveer). The session is free and open to all, but advance registration is required (find the commission online or call 512-463-7812).

The next production at the Hill Country Community Theatre will be “9 to 5: The Musical” (July 20 through August 6), but the theatre is already planning for “Senior Moments” (opening September 21). Auditions will be held Monday, July 24, and Tuesday, July 25, at 7 p.m. at the theatre in Cottonwood Shores. “Senior Moments” is a poignant and hilarious view of aging; there are multiple roles for seniors and adults. For more information, please call the theatre at (512) 693-2474 or send an email to director@theHCCT.org.

CASA will be beginning a new group of volunteers on August 1. If you’d like to learn more about this good cause, you can call 325-388-3440 or look for Casa of the Highland Lakes online.

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Pet of the Week

Hill Country Humane Society would like to introduce you to Buddy 2, a male Staffy mix. Buddy 2 is one year old and weighs around 72 pounds. He is super sweet and loving. While he would prefer to be the only dog, don’t let that deter you. He is very well-mannered and likes to be by your side.

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