The Hill Country Community Theatre’s production of "The 39 Steps" has been a big hit in its first weekend. The slapstick spoof of several Alfred Hitchcock thrillers stars just four actors (Katherine Clay, Cody Petty, Graham Avery and Doug Hart), who play dozens of different characters during the fast-paced, hilarious play (directed by Laura Gisi). The 39 Steps will continue this weekend and next, with 7:30 shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, plus a 2:15 matinee on Sunday. For more photos, see page 7 or search for “Highland Lakes Weekly” on Facebook.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

By JOHN HAllowELL

The Hill Country Community Theatre will continue its spoof of sev-
eral classic Alfred Hitchcock thrillers ("Rear Window," "The Birds," "North by Northwest" and more). "The 39 Steps" is directed by Laura Giss. It opened on February 15, and will run through March 4 (see ad on page 8). Burnet High School's Project Graduation 2018 will host a BBQ Brisket Luncheon fundraiser at the Burnet Housing Authority building on Hwy 281 (805 S. Water St.) from 11 to 2 on Friday, February 23.

The Fourth Friday Art Walk will be held in downtown Llano from 5 to 7 p.m. this Friday. It will feature a two-year "birthday" celebration at Calamity & Grace, on the west side of the square. The Marble Falls Kiwanis Club will sponsor "An Evening of Entertainment" beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 23, at the First Baptist Church in Marble Falls (see ad on page 7).

The Faith Angler Network will be holding its second annual Largemouth Bass Tournament on Lake Buchanan on February 24. Over 50 FAN teams are expected to participate in this profes-
sionally run, faith-based tournament.

The Wild Wessel Gun Show will be held at the Kingsland Community Center on Saturday (9 to 5) and Sunday (9 to 4) at the Kingsland Community Center.

St. Frederick Baptist Church, on Avenue N in Marble Falls, will host a special Black History event beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 24.

The Marble Falls Chamber of Com-
merce will hold its Chamber Awards Banquet at the Cadillac Dance Hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 24.

The 3rd Annual Antler Drop Masquerade Ball will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, at Horseshoe Bay Resort. It will include dinner, music, and silent and live auctions. Proceeds benefit the Llano Parks Project.

The Geri Hat-Tris band (a down-
sized offspring of the famous River Revue featuring Steve Gilder, Steve Miller and Pat Moran) will perform from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, at the Grand Central Cafe's Club Bar.

The Smokin for Jesus Ministry Christian School will host its Black History Program, "Faith Produces Greatness," at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28 (see ad on page 15).

Grace United Methodist Church will host a Soup Supper Fundraiser for the Granite Shoals Christmas Outreach, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1.

Mandy Rosen will entertain the crowd at the Dabb's Hotel's Music Night on Thursday, March 1 (7-9 p.m.).
Dr. Stuart Nunnally will speak on "Healthy Garden, Healthy Food, Healthy Body" in a free Kingsland Garden Club program for the public at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 2, at Kingsland First Baptist Church.

The Lake Area Rods & Classics car club will hold its Friday Night Fever event (see ad on page 11) from 5 to 6 p.m. on March 2 at the Hwy 281 Food Court on the north side of Marble Falls (1610 N. Hwy 281). The public is invited to see some beautiful vehicles and meet their owners (at no charge).

The annual Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, at Westside Park in Marble Falls.
Rodds, Barrels & Strings will host two Turkey Seminars on Saturday, March 3, in their new location (1300 Hwy 281N). Basic turkey calling (on box and slate) will be discussed at 11 a.m. and turkey hunting at noon.

The Lake Buchanan/Inks Lake Chamber of Commerce will host their annual Las Vegas Night at the Hill Country Hall (on Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam) from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 3.

Carla Sanchez will give a hands-on Oil Painting Demo at the Llano Fine Arts Gallery from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, March 5. Bring own oil paint (if you have them). Canvas, brushes and paint will be supplied. The $5 cost will include a Pot Luck lunch supplied by Guild members from 12 to 1.

Lighthouse Country Club will host its annual Blue/Grey golf tournament on Wednesday, March 7.

The Herman Brown Free Library (on the square in Burnet) will present author Karen Casey Fitzgerald in its Coffee Talks series, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8. Fitzgerald is the author of Forgiving Effie Beck, a novel of small-town Central Texas life during the Depression.

Joel Salcido will be the featured author at the Marble Falls Public Library's Booked for Lunch program at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 9. He will discuss his book, The Spirit of Tequila; the program is free, but dona-
tions are welcome. Reservations are required and seating is limited. A light lunch will be provided. Please make your reservation in person at the library, or by calling (512) 364-3023.

Llano's Earth Art Festival (L.E.A.F.), home of the World Rock-
stacking Championship, will be held on the weekend of March 9-12.

The Llano Country Opry will fea-
ture Ronnie McDowell in two shows (2:30 and 7:30 p.m.) on Saturday, March 10.

The Sunrise Beach CCA will host a Concert in the Park, featuring the Dirty River Dixie Band from San An-
tonio, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 11. In case of bad weather the concert will be held at the SRB Civic Center.

(Continued on page 10)
What a difference a week makes! I was so tired when I wrote last week's Scatterthought column that I thought I wasn't going to make it; this week was the perfect antidote. My book was all done and at the printer's; there weren't that many events on my calendar, the weather wasn't conducive to outdoor photography, and I decided to celebrate my 61st birthday (last Saturday) by getting a couple hours of extra sleep. It was great.

You will see that (even with a more relaxed schedule) I got enough pictures to fill this week's paper, even though my Burnet Chamber banquet photos didn't turn out as well as I would have liked, there were more than enough to fill two pages. A couple of other events could have filled more space if it had been available, the Diva Dawgs dancers and the "39 Steps" production at the Hill Country Community Theatre may have been the most fun, but there was some great music around the Highland Lakes last weekend, too.

If all goes as planned, my books ("Lake LBJ and the Re-Birth of Kingsland: 1951-1970") should be printed and on the way to Kingsland by the time you read this. If they get here before 2 p.m. next Tuesday, I'll have some with me when I address a meeting of the Friends of the Kingsland Library (I'll be talking about Kingsland history whether I have the books there or not). I have packages ready to mail for all those who pre-ordered the book, and I hope to have book-signings at the Kingsland Library and The Place Downtown (across from the Kingsland post office) as soon as they can be arranged. The Kingsland Chamber will have books for sale as soon as they arrive, and I hope to place them with other local merchants soon, as well. I'll keep you posted right here in 'Scatterthought.'

Speaking of next Tuesday, Commissioner Mike Sandoval will be holding a Precinct 3 Town Hall meeting in the small meeting room at the Kingsland Library from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. He says that there will be important issues to report on from the Commissioners Court meeting the previous day, so the Town Hall is at a good time.

One of the good "issues" in Kingsland right now is the future of the Kingsland Boys & Girls Club. It has 77 school-age kids already signed up, and would like very much to offer expanded hours for a summer program. The club not only keeps kids "off the street" while their parents are at work, but it offers all kinds of positive activity. Kingsland First Baptist Church has provided a great facility and support, but the club could still use whatever financial support the community is willing to provide. You can call Colby Collins (325-388-2800) or Jason Cullison (325-388-4507) for more details.

The Place Downtown is another great resource for Kingsland kids. I hear that they have a girls-only dance on Friday evenings, with 60 or 70 participants (at least I think that's what I heard at the Chamber's Break- fast Club meeting there on Wednesday morning; you should stop in or call 325-388-6552 to find out for sure).

The Texas Exes are planning a work day this Saturday (February 24) at the Boys & Girls Club in Marble Falls. They invite all Alumni and Friends of the University of Texas to join them in the repair and maintenance of the clubhouse, playground, sports courts, and grounds (from 9 to 1; bring gloves, glasses, snacks and bottled water. They are hoping for 15-20 volunteers for this Project Worldwide community benefit program. Call (830) 796-2205 or email HLTexasEx@gmail.com to sign up.

It's probably a little late to announce the McTeacher's Night this Thursday for Shady Grove Elementary, but there will be another from 4 to 7 p.m. next Tuesday for R.J. Rice Elementary. While students, parents and other school supporters are having a great time dining at McDonald's, the teachers and staff of these schools will be working behind the counters. McDonald's will donate a portion of sales to the school.
Inks Lake State Park interpreter Lindsay Pannell gave a presentation on cowboy life and dutch oven cooking last Friday evening, one of many interesting programs at the popular park.

After being closed for a couple of weeks for renovations, Inman’s BBQ re-opened with an all-new dining room last week.

VFW Post 10376 in Marble Falls held a “Feel the Love” veterans benefit fundraiser just before Valentine’s Day.

The new home for Cross Stone Church, currently meeting at 1405 Mormon Mill, is going up on Hwy 281 North in Marble Falls.
A good crowd, including visitors from Liano, Marble Falls and Horseshoe Bay, gathered at The Place Downtown on Wednesday morning for the Kingsland Chamber’s Breakfast Club meeting. Stacey Leal (pictured at right), of Golden Genie Organizing (see ad on page 14), was the event sponsor for the breakfast.

Founder and Executive Director Jeff Cook, of the Faith Angler Network in Cedar Park, told a meeting of the Lake Buchanan Conservation Corporation about the vision (and the rapid growth) of his faith-based fishing outreach for area youth. The group started four years ago with six high school fishing programs; this year, they have more than forty high schools fielding a total of 89 teams.

FAN will be hosting a tournament on Lake Buchanan this Saturday (based at Liano County Park), and expect more than fifty teams to participate. That will be the final “qualifying” tournament, but five more teams will earn the chance to compete in the State Finals at Waco during a “Wild Card” tournament on Lake LBJ next month.
By JOHN HAWHELLOW

On March 25, 1954, the “drought” took top billing in The Llano News. Even though one headline said “53 inches of precipitation pupils count,” a picture of the bridge and the dam accompanied a story reporting that flash boards had been placed across the top of the city reservoir dam to impound 90 acre-feet of water (a “month and half supply” for local residents), while another estimated 600,000 gallons per day in 1953.

Another photo showed three boxcars filled of “Drought Feed” at the Llano railroad depot, part of a 30-carload supply that had been sent to Llano since the county had been recently reconnected to the Drought Emergency Feed Relief program.

Less than half of the county’s vehicles had been registered by March 24. Inspections were held at theballroom at the Llano Gas Station, J.S. Sabo’s grocery store, and next door at the Llano Electric Building. A total of 130 vehicles remained, with 75% of the license tags still on.

The Llano FFA Livestock Judging Team (under the guidance of John C. Reeger, Roy Greenwold, and Carroll Osborn) won 1st place among 58 teams at a FFA contest in San Marcos. A Teen Center was opening on May 1.

The Llano Daily Times grocery store (between John Cummings and Dr. Henry Hoerster’s offices) was ready for the TVI Speedway as a crowd estimated at 350 people from towns all around central Texas. Llano High School won the district Intercholastic League’s One Act Play competition; Emma Lou Wilke, the “Best Actress” and Dale Fry, the “Best Actor”.

Burling’s drug store took out a full-page ad for its 34th Anniversary Sale (“Since 1920,” they said). An article about the Llano police department was also published in another page.

An ad in the Llano News for a “new and improved” Firestone tires, offering $1.65 for each tire, with tires “new tread” were only $7 apiece, and used tires were as low as $2.

Charlie’s Store advertised the amazing features of the new Zenith TV, and an accompanying story about the character of Charlie Ratliff, with a headline reading “Charlie Ratliff triples national average with television sales.”

On April 8, the lead story reported that airport area and ground controller from the Denver Exploration Branch of the Atomic Energy Commission were exploring Llano County (along with parts of Burnet and San Saba Counties) for the possibility of uranium deposits. The story noted that the famous Basketball Hill, by then under Lake Buchanan, would be abandoned on the airplane in search of uranium.

Local business owners Taylor Virdell and Sam Rayburn were on the school board; Hudson Fowler was re-elected as school board president. M.H. McDermott was re-elected as City Marshal. The United Telephone Company announced that it was “going ahead immediately with plans to serve the Kingsland area with five new circuits for telephone subscribers.”

It predicted that the work would be completed within three months.

The Llano Chamber of Commerce voted not to hold the normal “Homecoming” activities (which included the LiL John Cummings rodeo), but to wait two years because of budget shortfalls in the recent past. The 1953 Homecoming had cost $482.91.

The Highway Department called for bids to construct “3,938 miles of state roads” at an estimated cost of $350 per mile. The Llano High School was completed in “one of the finest of Central Texas areas” for $55.50 per acre, with “half mineral rights to be reserved.”

John Cummings advertised a “Big 9.2 cubic foot” General Electric refrigerator for just $159.75 (regularly priced at $279.95). Wm. Cameron Co. offered a nice-looking “Lake or Resort Cottage” (“will furnish materials and you build, or we will build for you”) with “Easy Monthly Payments”.

Ben Allen Wallis was selected for admission to Llano High School that year. In addition to his excellent grades, he had lettered in football and track and served as editor of the school newspaper, “The Buzz.” Marlene Kowierski was salutatorian; she had played basketball and was a member of the LHS Band, also serving as editor of the class’s annual “Mountaineer.” A water line, paid for by the Rodeo Association, was installed at the athletic field to keep the grass irrigated. Previously, any time the grass really needed water, it would be provided by fire trucks with hoses.
The 39 Steps

The photos above and at left show two of the dizzying array of costumes and personalities adopted by supporting actors Doug Hart and Graham Avery in the Hill Country Community Theatre’s presentation of “The 39 Steps.” The hilarious show will continue its run this weekend and next.

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Some of the awards presented at the Burnet Chamber’s awards banquet last Saturday evening were (clockwise from lower left): Outstanding Senior Citizen, Carole Gobie; Wallace Riddell Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer, Myron Hall (presented by Ann Riddell and Vonnie Fox, daughter-in-law and daughter of the famous sheriff); Outstanding Chamber Volunteer, John Will; Distinguished Former School Board Member, Camm Lary Jr.; Distinguished Former ISD Employee, Mary Gurno; and (below) Outstanding Youth, Ellett Vann. The Outstanding Youth Award was accompanied by a $1,800 Bluebonnet Festival Scholarship, a new feature for this year’s award.

Two more honorees were Mitzi Williams Lancaster (above, left), who accepted the Distinguished Former Athlete award from school board member Jeff Hullum, and the Chamber’s 1st Vice-President, Mark Lunsfords, who accepted the Director of the Year award from outgoing President Gilda Glaser.
Chamber board member Ben Farmer presented the Thomas C. Ferguson Outstanding Citizen of the Year award to school superintendent Keith McBurnett, who has earned the respect and affection of the Burnet community in many ways during his six years in charge of the BCISD.

Richard and Rachael Hausman, of Chicken Express (pictured here with Board President Roger Moore), received the award for Small Business of the Year at last Saturday’s event.

Board member Cresta Tate presented the Outstanding Farmer/Rancher of the Year award to Kenneth Pruitt at Saturday night’s Burnet Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

At right: City Manager David Vaughn presented the “Large Business of the Year” award to Danna, Vivian and Dennis Hoover, of Hamilton Valley Management. Dennis Hoover was also honored as the school district’s Distinguished Graduate.

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The BCISD Parent Resource Center, led by Darlene Denton, arranged Valentine Dances at the YMCA in Burnet last Sunday for their “Diva Dancers” “Dad” and families. Most of the Dads were on the sidelines watching the line-dancing (above), but they all joined in for the dodgeball competition after the Daddy/Daughter Dance.

The well-dressed daughters showed their “wild side” during a vigorous game of dodgeball after the Daddy/Daughter Dance. That game was followed by a Family Dance and a Mother/Son Dance.

EVENTS:
(Continued from page 2)

The City of Marble Falls and Elev-ate Church will host a Spring Break Skatepark Contest at noon on Thursday, March 12. The skatepark is located at Main and Yen Streets.

The Friends of the Kingsland Library will host a Game Day at Highland Lakes United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 15 (see ad on page 11).

The Lamba No scary! will host a Tea Under the Sea party from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, at the Kingsland Community Center. A hat contest and other activities will be included. Call 830-928-3444 for reservations or details.

The 20th Annual Hill Country Lawn & Garden Show will be held from 9 to 3 on Saturday, March 24, at the Burnet Community Center.

The Llano County Lawn & Garden Show will be held from 9 to 1 the same Saturday, at Llitch Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church in Llano.

The Kingsland Beautification Golf Tournament will be held from 11 to 6 on Saturday, March 24, at The Legends golf course. Proceeds will benefit the Kingsland Community Park.

The Llano Uplift Archeological Society will hold its annual Archeology Fair from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Nighthengale Archeological Center, off Hwy 1431 just east of Kingsland.

At the same time, the Hill Country Children’s Advocacy Center will host its always-popular Designer Purse Bingo event at Horsehoe Bay Resort.

The Young Life Banquet will be held at the Highland Lakes United Meth-odist Church in Buchanan Dam at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26.

The Kingsland Lions Charities will host a Pancake Breakfast at the Kingsland Community Center from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 31.

The Llano Art Studio Tour (LAST), headquartered at the Llano Fine Arts Gallery, will be held from 10 to 5 on Saturday, March 31.

The Llano Fiddle Fest Weekend will be held April 6-8.

Author Melissa Lombardi will discuss her Sawbones female westerns and her Jack McBride small-town Texas mysteries in another Coffee Talk event at the Herman Brown Free Library at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12.

The Friends of the NRA will hold their annual fundraiser beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at the Lakeside Pavilion in Marble Falls.

Burnet will hold its 35th Annual Bluebonnet Festival on the 2nd week-end in April, beginning on Friday, April 13 and continuing until Sunday, April 15.

The Llano VFD will hold its annual fundraiser Fish Fry and BBQ on Saturday, April 14 (from 4 p.m. until the food runs out.

The Highland Lakes Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force will host its Open Hangar Day from 9 to 5 on Saturday, April 28, at the Burnet Airport.

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Volunteers from the Hill Country Humane Society in Buchanan Dam were joined for their February 3 First Saturday Show and Shine at Ace Hardware in Horseshoe Bay by local First Responders, who have partnered with them to help find homes for the pets.  

Members of the Marble Falls Key Club show off one of many loads of food they collected for the Helping Center during their Annual Souper Bowl. The annual event, held between Christmas break and the NFL Super Bowl, features a competition between classes to see who can collect the most food. This year’s winner was Mr. Jacob Taylor’s 4th period class; all together, more than two tons of food was donated!

Above: Burnet sculptor Eduardo Rivera was joined by well-known Italian artist Benini (who now resides in Marble Falls) as he installed a work called “Regular” at the Marble Falls Skate Park last week. The City of Marble Falls and Elevate Church will sponsor their annual Spring Break Skatepark Contest from noon to 3:30 on Tuesday, March 13.

Not only about horses! The Burnet County 4-H Horse Club provides a variety of educational programs to help the community. In February, 14 club members were certified after taking a CPR training class (pictured above).

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Music around the Lakes

Country music star Rick Trevino attracted a capacity crowd to the Ramblin’ Rose in Llano for a dance last Saturday night.

Above: Broken Walls, a First Nations musical group which travels the world with a message of restoration and reconciliation, performed at Hill Country Fellowship in Burnet last Sunday and Monday.

At left: Shea Abshire and Paul Oliger, of the Nighthawks, performed last Friday night at Brass Hall in Marble Falls.

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The 3rd annual Prospectors Conference, held at the Llano County Community Center last Saturday, featured a variety of displays and vendor booths of interest to “Prospectors, Rock Collectors, Treasure Hunters and Metal Detecting Enthusiasts.” Among the treasure hunters were Earl Theliss and author W.C. Jameson, who wrote a book about their search for the Lost Adams Diggings in Arizona.

Prospector Ron Self, from Lorenta, brought his amazing home-built “DredgeZilla” gold-dredging machine to the Prospectors Conference in Llano last Saturday. He plans to test it on the Llano River to make sure it works as planned before taking it to promising locations in Idaho, Alaska and elsewhere.

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