Prosperity Bank’s Re-Grand Opening!

Architects, artists, bankers, builders, Chamber members and customers gathered at the new Prosperity Bank on Tuesday afternoon to celebrate a remarkable blend of history and innovation. The new bank retains many reminders of the 1965 bank building which dominated Kingsland’s landscape for decades, most notably the wall with its now-refurbished Highland Lakes mosaic map, but they are seamlessly incorporated into a modern and efficient structure. In the photo above, Branch Manager (and VP) Melody Yanniell cuts a ceremonial ribbon during the well-attended Open House.
Upcoming Events

The Burnet Area-Wide Garage Sale will be held on the Burnet square and around town all day May 5. The Burnet Farmers and Crafts Market, sponsored by the Highland Lakes Master Gardeners, will be open on the Burnet Courthouse square from 9 to 1 every Saturday from May 5 to November 17. For more information, or to become a vendor, contact Roxanne Dunagan at 512-756-9396.

Hood's Garmes N Things will celebrate Free Comic Book Day at its new Marble Falls location (1814 N. Hwy 281) on Saturday, May 5. Comic book enthusiasts can sort through a large selection of comic books and take home a couple of favorites between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Smoking for Jesus Ministry (on RR 3424 in Hoover Valley) will host a Mother’s Day Free Spa Day from 11 to 3 on Saturday, May 5 (see ad on page 12).

The Llano Community Theatre group will present two more showings of the musical “Lucky Stiff.” This photo was taken after last Friday’s performance; there are two more shows scheduled for this weekend.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Hill Country Community Theatre will present two more weekends of “The Red Velvet Cake War” from May 5 to 13 (Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2:15).

At Marble Falls’ annual Paint the Town event, more than 40 Plain Air artists from across the nation will be working in various media to capture the outdoor sights and scenes of historic Marble Falls and the panoramic Texas Hill Country that surrounds it. During the week of April 29 to May 5, there will be an exhibiting/sales gallery, live demonstrations, a Quick Draw Challenge, Sunrise and Nocturne painting, a student competition, a lecture/demonstration by nationally recognized judge Suzie Bailey, and an awards ceremony.

Shops and galleries in downtown Marble Falls will hold their first Friday Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. on May 4.

Legend drummer and Austin resident Butch Miles heads an impressive lineup of jazz musicians for the ninth annual Toast to Tony tribute concert at the Spicewood Vineyards Event Center, beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 4. Back by popular demand, the Real New Orleans Style Restaurant food truck will be available for dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. for those who would like to eat before the performance. The concert is a celebration of the life of Tony Campise.

Texas High School Student BBQ Cook-Off teams from across the State compete all day on Friday and Saturday (May 4 and 5) at Burnet High School.

The annual 5K Run for Recovery, to benefit the Open Door Recovery House in Marble Falls, will be held at Manzano Mile (just east of Marble Falls High School) beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 5.

The Llano 4-H Shotgun Fund Raiser will be held at Clay Busters (3 miles north on Highway 16), also on May 5. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Noon meal included.

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A “Meet-and-Greet” for those interested in the wonderful Marble Falls Soapbox Classic was held last Saturday afternoon at the R-Bar on 3rd Street, also one of the best locations for watching the action during the June event. Several new prospects showed up for the gathering.

Scatterthought

There wasn’t one big festival that dominated the whole weekend (as there had been the first few weeks of April), but there were more “little” events around the Highland Lakes than I could possibly get to. I tried my best on Saturday, and (if you count the five construction sites I stopped at) probably set a record for photo ops in one day with a total of twenty!

Unfortunately, I missed several good ones, and didn’t stay very long at any of them. When I got home, I realized that I had missed way too many pictures to fit in this week’s paper, and there were events coming up on Monday and Tuesday. In a way, it’s a great problem to have. I’ve always felt that it’s better to be too busy than not busy enough, and we all know that a perfect balance is not likely. So even with a slightly guilty conscience this week, I’m very thankful for my wonderful Highland Lakes neighborhood and my amazing “job.”

As you have probably figured out, one of the first parts of this paper that I put together is the “Upcoming Events” article. (I have to do the outside leaf -- pages 1, 2, 5, 9, and 16 -- first, and I often find later that I have left something out. Because of that, I try as long as I can to do this column so I can mention some of those omissions. Two that I need to mention this week are the First Saturday Market Day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts and the Elvis Tribute show at the Lantex Theater next Saturday evening. (I have an ad on page 15, but I forgot to put it on the events list).

Something else that I just noticed on Facebook is the “Every Brothers Experience” schedule for May 25 at Brass Hall in Marble Falls. I think I want to go and see that performance (actually by the Zmed Brothers, but a quality imitation of the legendary Every Brothers. That reminds me of an old friend, Robb Storm, who now is part of a band called the Elderly Brothers. They are very good, but they seem to stay in the Lampasas area most of the time.

Another old friend, Bill Blose of O’Time Computers, asked me to mention that he will be giving a “Windows” lesson at the Highland Lakes Senior Center (on Chamberlain Street in Kingsland) at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15. You can call him at 325-388-6342 for more details.

The Kingsland Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Breakfast Club meeting at Oma’s Attic (2928 FM 1431) the next morning, the 16th, at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16. Everyone is invited for free breakfast tacos, coffee, and a great networking opportunity. This month’s guest speaker is OZK Kool Refrigeration and AC.

In the meantime, the Hill Country Community Theatre’s production of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “State Fair.” There are parts for adults of all ages, and then some extras. Find more details at thehct.org.

Two great events in June which deserve an extra mention are the Burnet County Fair (June 8 & 9) and the Marble Falls Soapbox Classic (June 16 & 17). Also, the Highland Lakes Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force (one of my favorite groups) will hold its Open Hangar Day from 9 to 3 on Saturday, June 9.

(And now, just to show how oblivious I get when I’m “busy,” I hear on the radio that the Burnet County Rodeo is coming up next weekend, the 11 & 12. That’s an annual event, but it hadn’t crossed my radar yet this year. The Llano County Rodeo is scheduled for the first weekend of June, with the parade on Saturday, June 2. The Marble Falls Rodeo is usually on the third weekend of July.)

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Local artist Donna Bland took advantage of the spacious front lawn at Grand Central Cafe in Kingsland to give an art lesson to a friend last Thursday.

Lisa Morgan’s new Highland Lakes Tiny Homes business got two new tiny homes on Monday to replace the two which sold in recent weeks (see ad on page 9). The business is located on RR 2545 at Granite Lake in Kingsland.

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Owner Derek Timmons and manager Deb Pritchard accepted the Kingsland Garden Club’s Beautification Award for the month of May from KGC committee members Susan Nye and Mary Ann Atwood on Tuesday morning.

Nine former employees of Kingsland’s original Highland Lakes National Bank gathered for a photo at the new Prosperity Bank building, which replaces the 1965 icon, at the “Re-Grand Opening” on Tuesday. Seated (from left): Mildred Bizell, Pat Enloe and Woody McCasland. Standing: Bobby Kinard, Oscar Richter, Connie Speir, Judy Thompson, Janie Collins and Melody Yanniell.

Volunteers for Keep Kingsland Beautiful gathered at the Prosperity Bank parking lot on Saturday morning before picking up trash on RR 1431. From left: Dick Maddern, Tracy Schiemenz, Melissa Eddy, Dianna Hansen and Glenda & R.G. Floyd.

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The “Dinosaurs Live” program attracted a good crowd to Packaddle Elementary School last Friday night; the event included eight life-like dinosaurs, a dinosaur slide, face-painting, and other dinosaur-themed activities in the school cafeteria.

The Burnet Gunfighters, led by “Sheriff” Tex Copsetta, entertained the crowd at Kingsland School’s “Lakerfest” last Saturday afternoon.

Home-schooled 7th grader Carson Moore has a dream of someday going to the Olympics, and his mother, Lisa Moore, is hoping to raise funds to help him at her “Oma’s Attic” re-sale store on Hwy 1431 in Kingsland. Carson is a member of the Burnet County 4-H Rittle Team, and a member of several shooting organizations. He has excelled at area competitions, and travels around Texas and other states to compete with the best in Marksmanship from all around the country.
The Burnet High School Highlandette dancers (with a little help from friends) put on another spectacular Spring Show last weekend. The photos above and below show two of many sights from Saturday night's event.

Next year's Highlandettes were introduced during the show.

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Exuberant pets stole the show at Avery Jones’ “Dogs in the Park” event last Saturday, where yoga enthusiasts and dog lovers met at the Ruff Dog Park (in Marble Falls’ Westside Park) for a yoga lesson and an adoption drive by Living Love Animal Rescue.
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**Zach and Niki Hood's new Marble Falls location will hold a sort of Grand Opening on Free Comic Book Day, this Saturday (May 5). The public is invited to drop in at 1814 N. Hwy 281 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. to check out a large selection of free comic books, including many popular titles.**

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**Well-known area musician Gary Lee Cox posed for this picture at his new business home, the Texas Music Depot (504 Bessemer in Llano). He offers new and used instruments, repairs and instruction (guitar, bass, piano or drums) and hosts regular music events, including an informal jam from 1 to 5 each Sunday afternoon. One upcoming event will feature legendary bassist and songwriter Joe Allen on May 17.**

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**Pet of the Week**

Meet Donnie, a 1-year old Australian Cattle Dog mix who weighs about 55 pounds. Donnie is a great guy, he gets along with dogs and cats and enjoys taking walks. He went to a Show and Shine and did great. He got along well with all the other dogs and loved all the attention from everyone. Donnie has been here far too long and would love to have his very own home. To meet Donnie, please call CHCS at 512-793-5453. To see all of Donnie's friends please visit our website at www.llanoanimalshelter.org. We are open Thursday through Monday from 11am to 4pm.
Music around the Lakes

Above: Jamie Hanks and 2-Timin' Country provided live music at Reverend Jim’s in Buchanan Dam last Saturday afternoon.

At left: Local musician Tom Chick entertained guests at the Oak Ridge POA’s BBQ fundraiser last Saturday evening. The event also included a silent auction.

Gerald Williams and his Dirt Road Crude band provided quality live music for the Buchanan VFD’s annual Fish Fry at the Red Barn community center last Saturday. The meal followed a Horseshoe and Washer Pitching tournament on Saturday afternoon.

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Construction around the Lakes

Above: A 200-unit apartment complex, called The Residences at Panther Hollow, is taking shape on the south side of Marble Falls (just down the hill from Holiday Inn Express and La Ventana). Below: Burnett’s long-awaited Taco Bell restaurant is now under construction on Hwy 281 south.

The new Boat Town complex is nearing completion at the north end of the Hwy 2900 bridge in Kingsland.

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