More than forty accomplished artists from around the country gathered in Marble Falls last week for the Highland Lakes Creative Arts (HLCA) group’s “Paint the Town” plein air competition and accompanying activities centered at the Lakeside Pavilion. In the photo above, artist Linda Dumont (from Austin) works on a Main Street scene during Saturday morning’s Quick Draw contest. You can see a few more “Paint the Town” photos on page 9, or find “Highland Lakes Weekly” on Facebook for a full album.

Painting the Town!
Upcoming Events

The Burnet County Rodeo, with a full slate of rodeo events including Mutton Bustin’ and Calf Scramble for the kids and live music after the action both evenings, will be held this Friday and Saturday at the rodeo grounds behind the airport in Burnet.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Hill Country Community Theatre will present one more weekend of “The Red Velvet Cake War” (Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinee at 2:15)

The annual Marble Falls MayFest, including carnival, games, free concerts, washer pitching, grape vendors, and much more, will be held at Johnson Park from Wednesday through Saturday, May 9-12. A Battle of the Bands will be held from 4 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Burnet County Rodeo will be held this Friday and Saturday nights, May 11 and 12.

Jerry Winger will host an Open House at his “Blood, Sweat & Steel” yard art shop (1220 Old Spanish Trail, in Buchanan Dam) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, (see ad below).

The Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center will host a Family Field Trip from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Reveille Peak Ranch (105 CR 114, on the Burnet County side of Lake Buchanan), Bring a picnic lunch and learn about butterflies, rainwater collection and Hill Country geology. See a real archaeological dig, or take a guided hike with a Master Naturalist.

The Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts will host a Beginning Pointillism class from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 12.

The Burnet Rotary Club will hold its annual Charity Golf Tournament beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, at the Delawor Springs golf course.

A dedication ceremony for historical markers at Burnet County’s two remaining iron bridges (Russell Fork and Joppa bridges) will be held beginning at the Russell Fork bridge at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, and continuing at the Joppa bridge.

Elvis impersonator Josh Davis will present his “Ultimate Elvis Experience” in two shows (2:30 and 7:30 p.m.) at the Llano Country Opry this Saturday, May 12.

The Horseshoe Bay Cultural Enrichment organization whose mission is “to bring stimulating, world class entertainment, music, education, performing arts, lectures, excursions, and more,” (to HBE) will host the Houston Centralis String Quartet and John Arthur Martinez at Quail Point Lodge for a concert and reception beginning at 4:30 p.m. this Saturday, May 12.

Jim Money of Tow, a 15-year veteran, Purple Heart recipient and author of two books, will speak about PTSD and other veterans’ issues at the Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16. For more information or to reserve a seat, call the library at 325-379-1174.

First Baptist Church Marble Falls will host its first ever Church Conference from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16. Dr. Jim Denison, a renowned theologian, author, and host of the Denison Forum on Truth and Culture, will address issues surrounding technology and social media and offer pictures of healthy online practices.

The Phoenix Center will host a “Picnic at the Property” for its future headquarters at 3340 W. Hwy 71 in Horseshoe Bay, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 17.

Legendary bassist (and songwriter) Joe Allen will perform in Llano with local musician Reuben Dannel at Gary Lee Cox’s Texas Music Depot from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17.

The Geri-Hat-Trix band will play at an Aqua Boom fundraiser from 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, at the Club Car Bar in Kingsland.

The Globe Theatre in Bertram will host a “C’est si bon” Crawfish Boil at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, followed by a concert/dance with the Peterson Brothers band from Austin, at 8 p.m. For details or reservations, call 512-277-0496.

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Scatterthought

This issue of the Highland Lakes Weekly is my Seventh Anniversary edition, and I had planned to do a sort of “Commemorative” issue. Fortunately, since there has been so much going on, I don’t have space for too much reminiscing (but I do have a few things to say).

It’s been an amazing seven years (from what I can remember). It hasn’t been easy and it hasn’t always gone smoothly, but I don’t think I’ve ever had a job I enjoyed so much, and I know that I have never felt so confident that I was where I should be and doing what I was supposed to be doing. I have a million things to be thankful for.

I wasn’t so confident when I started. I set a minimum goal of surviving in this business for five to seven years (and this week I feel like I barely made it). I wish I was more organized; I wish my memory and my social skills were better; I wish I had the endurance that I used to have. I hate the idea of doing an unsatisfactory job, but I definitely want to keep going as long as I can. I think I’ll just keep doing it until this summer’s vacation, and postpone any long-range planning until I’ve had a little rest!

In the meantime, there are some things I want to mention for the nearer future. The Hill Country Community Theatre in Cottonwood Stores will be holding auditions on May 14 and 15 (7 p.m. both nights) for its production of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “State Fair.” There are parts for adults of most ages, and some extras. Find details at thehcct.org.

The Kingsland Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Breakfast Club Meeting at One’s Attic (2962 FM 1431) beginning at 7:45 a.m. next Wednesday, May 16. Everyone is invited for free breakfast tacos, coffee, and a great networking opportunity. This month’s event sponsor is O2 Kool Refrigeration and AC.

As I tell anyone who will listen, a small-business owner has to wear a lot of different hats! I was wearing this “Paint the Town” hat last Friday night when Kathy Fletcher took this picture of me with my longtime family friend, artist and Burnet High School art teacher Kim Timmons. She was a contestant in the juried Plein Air Competition, and two of her students (Jazmine Castillo and Taylor Mullins) won 2nd & 3rd prizes in the youth competition.

John Hallowell

John Hallowell

Kingsland’s First Baptist Church will hold a fundraiser next Friday and Saturday, May 18 & 19 (see ad on page 11). Proceeds will help with expenses for a mission trip to Haiti by the Looney and Kitchens families, who will be working on construction projects and putting on a VBS for the children in the city of Cap-Haitien, on the north shore of the island. The Kingsland 4-H Club will be holding a luncheon fundraiser from noon to 2 on Sunday, May 20, at the Kingsland Community Center (see page 12).

The Kingsland Lake L.J.V. Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Comedy Night with a Fajita Buffet at Lighthouse Country Club on June 2. Social hour (with live music) begins at 7, the buffet will go until 7:30, and comedian Alex Barry (from New York City) will perform at 8. Tickets are $35.

My friend Cynthia Ackley-Hall, who runs the Ll’s Sugar Shack in Burnet (see ad on page 6), is planning a “Young Entrepreneur Day Camp” this June for teenagers who may be interested in someday owning their own business. Call 512-756-0050 for details.

The Hill Country Community Theatre is now taking applications for students aged 8 to 17, for its Youth Summer Theatre Program (weekdays 10 to 4:30, June 11-24). If accepted, the price of the program is $295 per student; low-income families may qualify for a scholarship from the Bob Turnbaugh Youth Summer Theatre Fund. This summer’s program will produce the musical, “Annie Jr.”

There will be four public performances by the students at the close of the program. For details or applications, call (830) 693-2474 or email director@the-hcct.org.

I was pleasantly surprised to see my friends, Jim and Susan Wreyford, at the Marble Falls Elementary School’s S.T.E.A.M. Day (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) giving a program on aviation, science, and math. They are also the organizers of the annual Hill Country Space Expo, scheduled this year for September 13 – 15 at the Boys and Girls Club in Marble Falls.

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Longtime family history researcher (and member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas) Julia Newbury brought the DRT’s Traveling History Trunk Show to a meeting of the Kingsland Genealogical Society at the library on Tuesday. The trunk contains a collection of items used by settlers in the early 1830s and 1840s. The items range from clothing and everyday items to eating utensils and examples of period food.

The First Baptist Church of Kingsland welcomed David Henneke as its new pastor on Sunday, May 8. He is a native Texan and an Army veteran who has served most recently as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Independence, Kansas.
Tammy Manning and Julie Green, of Lake Life Realty in Kingsland, were two of the enthusiastic participants at the “Marvelous Mom’s Sip and Shop” event, held at the Kingsland Community Center last Thursday. The evening’s festivities raised nearly $3,000 for the Kingsland Boys & Girls Club.

Jim Chapman and Jim Heartwell were two of the Kingsland Lions Club volunteers who spent last Friday morning collecting donations for White Cane Days. Rain forced them inside the lobby at the Kingsland Post Office, where this picture was taken; other volunteers worked at locations around Kingsland.

A huge crane arrived at the Wake Point construction site, on the east end of the Hwy 1431 bridge in Kingsland, to install fuel tanks on Tuesday at the future convenience store. The complex will also include office space and a bar overlooking the lake.

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According to the City of Burnet’s May newsletter, “the Burnet Economic Development Corporation has committed to the restoration of the Badger Building, on the corner of Pierce and Jackson Streets, to help encourage economic growth on Burnet’s historic downtown square.” The city hopes soon to be able to announce a tenant’s identity, but no contract had been signed as of this Monday.

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Clusters of Jeeps and other 4WD vehicles surrounded the pavilion at Hidden Falls Adventure Park (off RR 1431 east of Marble Falls) as they waited for wounded warriors and family members to arrive for Saturday’s annual “Wheelers for the Wounded” event. Hundreds of volunteers helped provide a day of fun and friendship on the trails at Hidden Falls.
The parking lot at Burnet High School was filled with cooking teams which came from all over the state for the State of Texas High School BBQ Cook-Off. The event is an annual competition for teams of Texas secondary school students enrolled in a Culinary Arts, Agriculture, Welding, Foods, and/or Food Science program. In addition to prizes for cooking, teams were honored for “Best Dressed,” “Best T-Shirt,” “Best Student-Built Pit” and “Most School Spirit.” Live music (and great aromas) added to the festive atmosphere.

Ten-year-old prodigy cooker Nathan Maples could not officially compete with the high school teams, but his recognized skills as a BBQ cook in Llano made a place for him to cook alongside the teens. Nathan’s father, Marty Maples, found the unique pistol-shaped pit in San Angelo; he built and decorated the other himself.
A crowd of art enthusiasts gathered Friday evening at the Lakeside Pavilion in Marble Falls for the announcement of winners in the big Plein Air Competition last week. Above, right: Plein Air Judge Suzie Baker (2nd from left) posed with winners in a group photo. They are (L-R): Randall Cogburn, from Rosharon, TX (Best in Show); Lee Ricks, from Pleasanton, TX (1st Place); Linda Dumont, from Austin (2nd Place); Alison Menke, from Clarksville, MD, and Krystal Brown, from Spring, TX (3rd Place); Mike Simpson, from Montrose, CO (Artists’ Choice).

Artist Alison Menke accepted her 1st Prize in the Quick Draw contest from Marta Stafford and Janey Rives, of Highland Lakes Creative Arts.

Nationally-known plein air artist Suzie Baker gave a presentation on Friday afternoon and served as judge in the Plein Air Competition.

Peggy Kingsbury was one of several artists who painted local musician Caleb Rojas as he played his guitar on the Main Street sidewalk on Thursday afternoon.

The Mariachi Internacional band, from Austin, provided Cinco de Mayo entertainment around noon last Saturday at the Lakeside Pavilion.

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The carnival rides may be the biggest attraction at the Marble Falls Mayfest this weekend, but they are accompanied by a wide variety of other activities, including a “Battle of the Bands” on Saturday.

EVENTS:
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The Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam will host local authors Randal Morgan (“Champion Diet and Wellness Guide,” at 2:30 on Wednesday, May 23) and Ethel Mize (“He Knew,” at noon on Thursday, May 24). For more information or to reserve a seat, call the library at 325-379-1174.

Lakes Area Rods & Classics will hold its monthly “Friday Night Fever” car show on the east side of the Burn net square on June 1 (first Friday every month) from 5 p.m. to sundown.

Rayne Foster will present “an acoustic evening” at the Uptown Art House (formerly Uptown Theatre) in Marble Falls from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, June 1.

The Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center’s Sporting Clay Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, June 9, at Copperhead Creek Shooting Range, east of Marble Falls. Registration begins at 7 a.m.

The Burnet County Area Fair will be held at the community center in Burnet on Friday and Saturday, June 8 & 9. The Highland Lakes Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force will host its Open Hangar Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at the Burnet airport. Buggers will be free; airplane rides (in the SNJ, L-17 and C-47) will be available for hire (weather, crews and aircraft permitting).

The annual Kyle Hofmann Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Lighthouse Country Club in Kingsland on Saturday, June 9 (1 p.m. shotgun start).

Michael Salgado will kick off Burnet’s Summer Concert Series on the evening of Saturday, June 9, at Haley Nelson Park (off Hwy 29W). Doors open at 6:30.

This year’s Soapbox Classic is scheduled for the weekend of June 15-17, in downtown Marble Falls.

Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines will perform at the Uptown Art House (formerly Uptown Theatre) in Marble Falls from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 23.
A team from Hill Country Pediatric Dentistry was one of many presenters at Marble Falls Elementary School’s S.T.E.A.M. Day last Thursday, seeking to spark an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math in the minds of young students. The program seemed to be a big success!

Jim Wreyford, whose family foundation brings the Hill Country Space Expo to Marble Falls each year, told students about aviation (and the importance of math in his career building scientific equipment) at Marble Falls Elementary’s S.T.E.A.M. Day.

Runners leave the starting line in the fog at last Saturday’s Run for Recovery 5K, held on Manzano Mile in Marble Falls to benefit the Open Door Recovery House.

Betty Bieler was the featured artist in a “Galleries at Pecan Creek” reception during the May 4 First Friday Art Walk in downtown Marble Falls.

After an earlier performance by the Burnet Middle School Band, the Burnet High School Band (above) delighted the large crowd at the BHS auditorium for the spring band concert on Sunday afternoon.

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Music around the Lakes

Fellow musician and friend Dennis Dotson told “Tony Campise” stories and played the trumpet at the Spicewood Arts Society’s “Toast to Tony” last Friday night. He shared the stage at Spicewood Vineyards with several other notable musicians who knew and worked with the late great jazz star.

At left: Local musician Sam Williams and his band were the featured musicians at a dance last Saturday night at the Ramblin’ Rose in Llano.

Big Anton and the Alley Cats provided dance music at the Highland Lakes YMCA’s “Spring Fling” last Saturday evening. The Y, located at the former Galloway Hammond Recreation Center on Hwy 281 South in Burnet, offers frequent public events as well as its regularly scheduled activities. See ymca.org for more details.

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Lisa Stone of Kempner (center) brought some friends from San Antonio to compete in this year’s Howdy Roo. She was the winner at the 50th International Championship at Terlingua a year-and-a-half ago.

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