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Epic Entertainment will present a high-energy variety show for children (who can participate in all the games) beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, at the Hermann Brown Free Library in Burnet, to emphasize the importance of reading.

The Lake Bottom Jazz band will be on stage at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, at the Uptown Art House (formerly Uptown Theatre) in Marble Falls.

tag localsinger Paul Finley will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, at the Dabb Hotel in Llano.

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

The Burnet County Area Fair will be held at the community center in Burnet on Friday and Saturday, June 8 & 9. The theme will be “Hill Country Wildflowers,” and entries are encouraged in any of 17 different divisions (including Buttons, Jewelry, Woodworking and Metal Arts this year). See ad on page 11 or www.burnetcountyfair.com for more details.

The Highland Lakes Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force will host its Open Hangar Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at the Burnet airport. Burgers will be free; airplane rides (in the SNL-17 and C-47) will be available for hire (weather, crew and aircraft permitting).
Scatterthought

Over the past few years, quite a few people have said something like “I don’t know how you keep up with everything!” The simple answer is: I don’t!

This week, however, several really good events (which I should have been mentioning for the past few weeks) just snuck up on me. So this week’s paper contains my first mention of the Llano County Rodeo, the Hoover Valley VFD Fish Fry and a few other things that will be happening this weekend and during the next few weeks.

In fact, until this last-minute column-writing, I had completely left out the “1st Annual Free Fishing Day” at the Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery this Saturday morning, the Rodeo Dance with Roger Creager at Llano’s Ramblin Rose on Saturday night and the YMCA’s Casino Night 2018 on June 16.

The Fishing Day will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the first 200 kids (16 & under; one adult required with every two kids) will be allowed to fish (with single barbless hooks only; limit two fish) without a license. Some instruction and limited loaner equipment is offered; bring your own equipment if you have it. There will be a fish-cleaning and cooking demonstration.

Roger Creager probably won’t be on stage until the rodeo is over, but the doors at the Ramblin Rose will open at 7 and an opening act will play beginning at 8. Also this Saturday evening is the Kingsland Chamber’s Dinner and Comedy event, at Lighthouse Country Club.

The Casino Night isn’t until two weeks from Saturday, but I saw the poster at the Y last week, and I really meant to put it in my Upcoming Events article. It will be from 6 to 11 p.m., and the poster says: “Join us for an exciting night of horse races and gambling at the tables. Enjoy fellowship and fun over a barbecue-style dinner!”

Something I did have in last week’s paper was, unfortunately, wrong. I got a message at the last minute about “Granite Shoals Business Day” at Anthem Bank & Trust. I thought it was last Friday, and said so, but reality was THIS Friday (June 1).

The Burnet County Area Fair is an event that I’ve been aware of (and had in my events list), but never got around to really publicizing it. This week I’ve included an ad (on page 11). I hope that will make up for some of my negligence. The Soapbox Classic has seemed quite far away, and now it’s just two weeks. It’s a great event, and I wish I had given it more publicity!

I could probably compile a long list of Vacation Bible Schools if I took the time to do some research. I’ve heard about a few, and I know there are a lot of them now that the school year is over.

Look for info at churches in your neighborhood if you have kids who could benefit from it.

Then, believe it or not, Aqua Boom is almost upon us! The pageant will be held on June 23, and the Veteran’s Dinner on June 29. June 30, July 1 and July 4 are the big days, but this year’s event continues until July 7! I’ve got some ads in this week’s paper, and I hope to continue publicizing it; Aqua Boom is Kingsland’s biggest annual event, and the best Independence Day celebration I’ve ever seen. (Of course, other communities have celebrations of their own all around the lakes.)

There are some area businesses that I’d like to mention this week. The Trailblazer Grill in Burnet was honored in LUX magazine as the “2017 Best Restaurant in Burnet County.” Along with good food and friendly service, Trailblazer has a great live music lineup, including a regular Tuesday evening performance by John Arthur Martinez and Friends. And a variety of excellent acts on Saturday evenings (Alex Harvey, Cody Reed, Lakey Outlaw and the Friday Band, Wake Eastman and Jeff & Lauren Hause will all take a turn in June).

And the LCRA and PEC are “sharing the wealth” again with a succession of community grants. The latest (as I’ve heard of one) is a $44,950 grant to the Bertram VFD to help put a new roof on the century-old fire hall and purchase an automated external defibrillator for each of the department’s four trucks.

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Students Ryan Bertram (pictured above) and Emily Winger accompanied Principal Meloni Pulishes to a meeting of the Kingsland Lions Club last Thursday to tell members about the Kingsland School. The now-two-year-old charter school served 185 students in grades K-7 during the just-completed school year; administrators hope to add 8th grade this fall and high school grades next fall (2019).

Students enjoy “Field Day” games at the Kingsland School last Friday.

The Ventilators band (at right) gave their first public performance at The Place Downtown in Kingsland last Saturday night. They followed the “1 Foot N’ band in one of the regular live music nights at the popular restaurant and community gathering center on Hwy 1431 (across from the post office).
Progress continues at the exciting new WakePoint complex, located at the east end of the Hwy 1431 bridge in Kingsland. Builders hope to have the upscale convenience store/offices/lakefront bar project done by the end of July.

Work continues on the interior and the landscaping of the new Boat Town Burger Bar restaurant, part of a multi-faceted showroom/marina/restaurant project at the north end of the 2900 bridge in Kingsland. Management is hoping to have the restaurant open sometime in June.

Two of many upscale lakefront homes under construction around Kingsland, these "luxury contemporary farmhouses" by Keith Wing Custom Builders are located on Euel Moore Drive, next door to the new Boat Town complex.

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Memorial Day

Chaplain Harvey Klee led a short Memorial Day ceremony at the American Legion Hall in Liano on Monday morning.

The Iron Wolf Ranch & Distillery drew a good crowd to its new facility, on 15 scenic acres in Spicewood (101 CR 409), for its Memorial Day weekend “Carry the Load” fundraiser. In addition to producing quality vodka, gin, rum and whiskey, the family-and-pet-friendly venue offers a playground, a 9-hole disc golf course, walking paths and fire pit, plus live music and gourmet catered meals on special occasions.

A display in the corner of the spacious deck advertised some of the ways to contribute to “Carry the Load” (www.carrytheload.org).
Family Fun Day at Camp Peniel

Camp Peniel, a 382-acre Christian camp a few miles east of Marble Falls, invited the public for a free afternoon of adventure on Monday. A crowd showed up to enjoy swimming in the pool or the spring-fed lake, hiking, zip-lining, rock-climbing, riding horses, canoeing, using the water-slide, jumping on the “Blob” (below) and more! Camp Peniel was founded in 1946 for the sole purpose of reaching youth for Jesus Christ. The non-denominational ministry believes that “every week of camp should be a life-changing experience – because of the extreme fun experienced, and the rock-solid Bible training received.” Their stated mission is “to challenge every camper to strengthen their personal relationship with Christ” while experiencing “an Adventure with a Purpose!”

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A crowd of pets (and their people) gathered at the Hill Country Humane Society headquarters in Buchanan Dam last Saturday for a Pet Wellness Fair. Veterinarian Dan McBride provided low-cost shots for rabies, etc., and other booths offered toys, microchips, wellness tips and more.

Up the road in Tow, another crowd gathered for the Volunteer Fire Department’s annual Fish Fry fundraiser in the shade of the beautiful trees at the Tow Community Center. McKenzie Jones provided live entertainment at the well-attended event.

A few miles east of Marble Falls, at the Copperhead Creek Shooting Club, the Burnet County 4-H Rifle Team hosted nearly 50 participants from all around the state at the Texas State Small-Bore Prone Championships on Saturday and Sunday. Once again, the “home team” (and especially the younger groups) dominated the competition. Coach Guy Taylor credits Burnet County’s “many talented young shooters” and “supportive parents” for the locals’ successes.

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The Memory Ensemble, a group of singers and theatre enthusiasts from around central Texas, brought their talents to the Hill Country Community Theatre last Saturday evening for a performance of hits from “Broadway’s Golden Age.” From left: Dawn Hahn, Kerry Goff, Ashleigh Goff, Sarah Spillman, Caleigh Wilson (singing) and Luke Cummings.


The other Memory Ensemble singers listen as Kerry Goff and Sarah Spillman sing the duet “Do You Love Me?” from Fiddler on the Roof.
June is another busy month in the Highland Lakes area. Three of the big events are: The Llano County Rodeo, this weekend (above); the Burnet County Area Fair, next weekend (above, right); and the Soapbox Classic (at right) on the third weekend in June. In the meantime, the clock is ticking down toward Kingsland’s Aqua Boom (see ad on page 9), which begins near the end of June and stretches through the second weekend of July. Other Independence Day celebrations will be held all around the Highland Lakes, most notably Llano’s Rock’n Riverfest, scheduled this year for Saturday, July 7.

EVENTS
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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.

Brenda Barker and Bill Middleton will be the featured performers at the Llano Country Opry, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 9.

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Belinda Kelley opened her upscale Main Street Consignments shop a couple of weeks ago in the newly-renovated Michel Drug Store building, on Main Street in Marble Falls.

Above: The well-known Peach Valley Farm, on Hwy 281 in Round Mountain, has been purchased by Harry Mueller, of across-the-highway neighbor Hofbrau RV Park. In addition to selling delicious peaches from the orchard, Mueller will offer additional RV sites on the property, plus open storage for RVs, boats and trailers.

At left: McKenzie Jones, Llano’s young celebrity musician, provided live entertainment for the crowd at the Tow Community Center last Saturday for the VFD’s Fish Fry.

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A crowd filled the home bleachers at Bulldog Stadium for Burnet High School’s graduation last Friday evening.

Graduating seniors from Burnet High School’s Class of 2018 filed onto the temporary midfield stage to receive their diplomas. Michael Rivera was the class valedictorian; Meghan Hoefling was salutatorian.

Educators stood to welcome the Class of 2018 as Llano High School seniors filed into the packed auditorium to take their places on the stage for their graduation ceremony last Friday evening. Chance Bailey was valedictorian this year; Katie Clausen was salutatorian.
Music around the Lakes

Above: Country music star Darrell McCall joined members of Eddie Shell’s “Not Guilty” band at the Cadillac Dance Hall in Marble Falls last Saturday night.

At left: Dylan and Zachary Zmed delighted the crowd at Brass Hall in Marble Falls last Saturday night with their “Everly Brothers Experience” show.

The Hilltop Flyers group (Ron Donaho, Bob James and Randy Tobey) brought their upbeat gospel music routine to the Gateway Gardens Assisted Living Center last Friday afternoon.

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Admiral Al Kellin, who has written a book about his adventures as a submarine commander with the U.S. Navy, posed for this picture at the Llano Library last year with two of the “students” at his summer program, called “Sea Adventures and Knowledge Grabbers with Admiral AL.” Prizes for completion of the seven-session course (see ad on page 12) included copies of his book. One of Admiral Kellin’s claims to fame is being the first person ever to fly over the North Pole, stand on the ice at the North Pole and sail UNDER the ice in a submarine!

Pet of the Week

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