The Soapbox Classic in downtown Marble Falls looks to be the biggest event in the Highland Lakes area this weekend. The hugely entertaining adult soapbox derby, held on Father’s Day weekend for each of the past eight years, consistently draws enthusiastic crowds to the corner of Main and Third Streets in the “little city by the lake.” For more Upcoming Events, and pictures from last weekend’s highlights, see inside pages and check the “Highland Lakes Weekly” page on Facebook.
Kingsland’s huge Independence Day celebration begins with the Aquaboom Scholarship Pageant, to be held for age groups from infant to high school senior all day next Saturday (June 23).

By JOHN HALLOWELL

VFW Post 6974 in Burnet will host a Flag Day celebration from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 15. Boy Scouts will hold a flag retirement ceremony at 5, and a potluck supper will follow.

Cody Canada and The Departed will be on stage at The Globe Theatre in Bertram on Friday evening, June 15. This year’s Soapbox Classic is scheduled for the weekend of June 15-17, in downtown Marble Falls (see ad on page 14).

Kingsland House of Arts and Crafts will host a “Signs of the Time” workshop (making signs out of reclaimed wood) from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 16. Cost is $15. Supplies will be provided, just bring an idea of what you would like your sign to say. Call Renee at 512-354-6856 for more information or to reserve a spot.

The YMCA in Burnet will hold its Casino Night 2018 from 6 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 16. Bet on horse races and table games. Enjoy fellowship and fun over a BBQ style dinner.

Drew Moreland and the Neon Hustle will be the featured musicians at a Saturday night dance (June 16) in Bertram’s Sundown Series, to be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the E.B. Goodwin Pavilion in downtown Bertram to raise funds for this year’s Oatmeal Festival.

Brooks Crossing will present a free Gospel Jubilee concert beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 17 (Father’s Day) at the Oatmeal Community Center, one of the group’s monthly “Third Sunday” performances.

The Antlers Inn and Kingsland Coffee will host a free showing of “Hook,” featuring Robin Williams and Dustin Hoffman, at their “Movie Night” on Sunday, June 17. Bring blankets or chairs to sit on. Kingsland Coffee will be open for refreshments and snacks starting at 8 p.m.

The Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam will host a screening of the documentary “Josiah” at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, (Continued on page 10)
Photos of the Week

Family members and employees of Sam’s Nursery and Landscaping joined Billy and Sherry Cummings and several members of Buchanan Fire & Rescue for a photo on Wednesday. The Cummings’ had been visiting from Brownwood on June 2, and were in the Sam’s parking lot when Billy collapsed with a heart attack. Fortunately, help was not very far away; employees called to the firefighters, who ad been collecting donations at the intersection (29 & 1431). They were able to resuscitate him and get him on a helicopter to Austin, where he underwent emergency surgery. He was well enough to return this week to say “Thanks!” to the Hometown Heroes who saved his life.

Billy Dale Cummings

This week’s “Scatterthoughts” column is on page 6!

Sights from the Burnet County Area Fair: The Model A Ford pictured above belongs to Master Gardener Lavona Fry, and was not part of a car show when I took this photo last Friday. I didn’t make it to the Lake Area Rods and Classics show the next day, so this picture will have to do! The art work at left was one of two paintings that caught my eye when I went taking pictures at the fair. Both were painted by Paige Adams, and this one won “Best of Division” for the talented young artist.

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Above: This year’s “Hometown Heroes” event at the Kingsland Library is scheduled for 11 a.m. to noon this Friday, June 15. Representatives of several First Responder groups will explain their jobs to members of the Summer Reading Club and other visitors.

At right: Lodge Master Charlie Sitton, of Kingsland Masonic Lodge #1424, presented a donation of $500 to the Kingsland Boys and Girls Club on June 4. The donation was accepted by County Commissioner Mike Sandoval, who is also member of the club’s board of directors.

Progress continues at the striking new WakePoint complex at the east end of Kingsland’s Hwy 1431 bridge. The project, which will include a convenience store, upstairs office space and a lakefront bar, should be completed sometime this summer.

The planned “Opening Day” for the new Boat Town Burger Bar, near the north end of the Hwy 2900 bridge in Kingsland, has been pushed back a few days, but management is counting on having the restaurant open before Aqua Boom. The boat showroom should be open for business even sooner.
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Above: This striking new billboard on RR 1431 advertises one of the latest additions to the Kingsland economy, the excellent La Tequila Jalisco restaurant, in the former Storm’s building.

At right: Linda Scott, who was named as “Crafter of the Month” for June at the Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts, enhanced her crafting credentials by winning a blue ribbon at the Burnet County Area Fair last weekend with this attractive outfit.

“Young Eagles” Micallie Miller and Patty Malsono posed with Jim Wreyford’s 1939 Piper Cub, in which they enjoyed a ride during the Experimental Aircraft Association’s Young Eagles Day last Saturday. Wreyford is president of the Kingsland Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association; the EAA offers free flights to kids aged 8 to 17 to introduce them to the wonders of aviation.

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A crowd of good-hearted golfers participated in the Kyle Hohmann Memorial Golf Tournament at Lighthouse Country Club in Kingsland last Saturday. The annual event raises funds for the Kyle Hohmann Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Three of the five 2018 Kyle Hohmann Memorial Scholarship recipients present for the tournament (Amber Dyess, Dalton Bauman and Kinzie Johnson) posed for this picture while golfers were out on the course. The other two recipients (Tyler Gann and Quint Pincelli) were on duty somewhere on the golf course, and were not available for the photo. Scholarships are presented to college-bound seniors at Liano High School each year to honor the memory of Kyle Hohmann, a young man with a very promising future who was killed by a drunk driver in 2006.
The Highland Lakes Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force held an “Open Hangar Day” at the Burnet municipal airport last Saturday. Visitors enjoyed tours of the hangar, the airplanes and the museum; they also were treated to free burgers, etc., for lunch!

Above: A rider boards the CAF’s 1943 SNJ-4 trainer aircraft. At left: Pilot Gary Neely takes off for a short flight in the SNJ.

Guests at the Open Hangar Day were treated to free tours of the C-47 “Bluebonnet Belle.” The airplane is the Highland Lakes Squadron’s pride and joy; it has received an invitation to attend a 75th anniversary celebration of D-Day in Normandy, France (where many planes just like it were employed to transfer paratroopers and supplies in 1944) next year, and CAF members are planning to fly it across the Atlantic Ocean for the very special event.

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The Free Fish Day at Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery was just one of the activities that have made the historic site a more “user-friendly” destination in recent times. The hatchery was built in the late 1930s as one of the projects for the National Youth Administration, then headed (in the state of Texas) by Lyndon B. Johnson. Hiking trails and a bird blind are now open there year-round.

After an educational program including fish ecology and fishing techniques, young anglers were issued equipment to catch fish in one of the ponds of the fish hatchery last Saturday.

The crowd of youthful fishermen was joined by at least one “old pro.” The egret pictured at right was the first one there, proving its belief in the old adage: “The early bird gets the fish.”
Some of the volunteers at the Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center’s Sporting Clay Shoot fundraiser posed for this picture at the event’s temporary headquarters last Saturday. From left: Kim Shotts, DeeAnna Bishop, Christy Fickle, Joyce Flack and Sheila Wier.

Shooters lined up at various stations to take their turns; here, several watch as HLPRC Co-Chair Dennis Hill does some shooting. More than sixty HLPRC supporters participated in the successful fundraiser.

Event organizer Stennis Shotts, also a member of the HLPRC board, chauffeured the Chick Fil-A Cow around the range. Chick Fil-A was a major sponsor and catered a special lunch for the shoot participants.

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PROPERTY: Most of the property is heavily wooded with mature trees, along with a pasture suitable for horses or livestock. It is completely fenced and cross-fenced and is AG exempt (less 4 acres around the house). The property totals just less than 30 acres, comprising 3 separate tracts. The house is offered with as few as 12 acres or a combination of the tracts up to the entire 30. The house with the 11+ acre minimum is offered at $469,000. The price with additional property is determined by the additional tract(s) added.

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The Burnet County Area Fair was a big success again this year, with dozens of exhibitors and hundreds of exhibits in 17 separate categories. This year’s theme was “Hill Country Wildflowers,” and new categories included Buttons, Jewelry, Woodworking and Metal Arts. After the impressive Opening Ceremony (with Sons of the American Revolution and Hill Country Blend pictured above), visitors were invited to peruse the wide variety of exhibits. Some of the winning entries (at right) were tomatoes and peppers from Lynn Mefford (of Burnet) and a unique cat quilt by Sue Kersey, of Highland Haven.
Above: prize-winners gathered for a group picture at the Burnet County Area Fair’s Awards Presentation last Friday evening.

At left: Sweepstakes winners Nathan Beaman (Jr. Youth), Roxanne Dunegan (Adult) and Courtney Burrow (Sr. Youth) had their picture taken at the end of the Awards Presentation.

Roger Vertrees and Carey Headrick provided quality live music during the reception before awards were presented on Friday evening.

This photo shows part of the capacity crowd which gathered for the Burnet County Area Fair’s Awards Presentation, held across the street from the Burnet Community Center (where fair entries were displayed) in the Hill Country Community Foundation building.

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Bode Barker was the featured star at last Saturday’s Llano Country Opry.

Bode Barker enlisted the help of his two children and a nephew to help him sing the national anthem as the Llano Country Opry resumed after intermission.

One of the guest singers at Saturday’s Llano Country Opry was Marble Falls veterinarian, Dr. Donnie Jung, who delighted the audience with a couple of classic country favorites.
PEC Building Open for business

VFW members raised U.S. and Texas flags in front of the Pedernales Electric Cooperative's new Northwest Operations Center in a Tuesday morning ceremony, marking the successful opening of the beautiful and technologically-advanced building just north of Marble Falls. The center, which features solar and rainwater collection systems, will serve as a one-stop headquarters for all the PEC's business operations, including training and vehicle maintenance, in the "northwest" section of the PEC's service area. A public Grand Opening is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, June 27.

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The August 26, 1954 edition of* The Llano News* reported that three hires had "completed" the staff of the Llano school district, bringing the total to 12, previously served as principal at the junior high school in Sweaney, was hired as the new high school principal. Alton Kincaid had taught and coached at Fabinos for the previous three years, was hired to teach eighth-graders and coordinate the junior high athletic program. Clarke Templeton, a 1948 Llano High School grad who had earned a degree at Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos and served fourteen months in the Army in Korea, was hired to teach sixth-graders. He was the son of "Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Templeton, of Lone Grove." Head coach Bob Young announced a "Football Camp" to begin at 7 a.m. on August 23. The camp would continue with two practices a day, six days a week, until school started on September 7. Between 40 and 50 boys were expected to participate.

Ten candidates were scheduled to compete for Llano County Farm Bureau Queen (a first for Llano County) at a huge party for Farm Bureau members in the high school stadium on Friday, August 27. Arlene Otto, Murlene Walker, Marilyn Cech, Betty Preston, Lou Ann Banner, Marlene Kowles, Rachel Gail Gregory, Patty Whigham, Peggy Brown and Reb Walatis would be judged (by judges "from neighboring towns") on "charm, poise, carriage, personality and beauty.

Two incidents were reported of Rotenone poisoning in the near-dormant Llano River. On August 18 a body was found in the river and "scaly-tough" fish were found abandoned. A fire destroyed the historic Norton Grant School on service street in 1948 but vacant since the death of owner Tom W. Norton six years earlier. The cause of the fire was undetermined; the building had no electric wires or gas lines, but was constructed of heavy timbers which "could have been smoldering for days."

The Farmers Home Administration released the required information for all applications for emergency grain in Llano County were approved. Nine of 18 hay applications were also approved, and 112 tons of hay were expected by Llano ranchers. The upcoming run-off election between gubernatorial candidates Alan Shivers and Ralph Yarbrough at a front-page story reported that absentee voting was double that of the original primary election. The Llano News favored Shivers, who had already served as governor for five years.

The September 2 paper reported that Patty Whigham had been named Farm Bureau Queen the previous Friday, and a little lower on the front page that "the Llano Shivers had won the run-off election and would be the Democratic nominee for governor that fall. In a surprising turn of events, the recently-hired principal, E.J. Christian, informed school superintendent C.E. Vowels that he would be impossible to fill his contract. Raymond Cogburn (who would also teach some commercial courses and edit the Buzz) was appointed to fill the principal’s position. Band director Dean Folly, notified Superintendent Brown that he had been offered a "much higher salary" elsewhere, and submitted his resignation. The school board approved a district budget of $197,483.88 for the year, up $7,000 from the previous year. Around 825 students were expected at Llano schools, which would open on September 7.

The September 9 paper reported that Charles Beene, who had recently graduated from McMurry College, would take the job of band director. The PTA planned to provide First Aid kits for each classroom in the elementary and junior high schools, and in the office at the high school. They also continued working on the high school tennis courts.

A group of men were killed in a car accident between Fredericksburg and Mason. Kenneth Wells and Bobby Banner were in Banner’s brand new Ford around midnight on September 2. Insects were causing severe damage to the peanut crop in Llano County.

An A&M entomologist studied plants near Llano that had been damaged "to lessen Cornstalk Borers."

A front-page editorial urged residents to begin planning for the Llano County Fair and Rodeo in 1956, less than two years away.

Doris Rod’s Hereford calf, Tiny, won the month’s weight-gaining contest with a 135-pound gain in 31 days. That was over 300 pounds, and Roy Grenwells’ "Rufus" tied with Benton Cassandra’s "John" for third place, with a 100-pound gain for both. The weight-gaining contest was in May and June, and was still the leader for the entire three-month contest with 3.66 pounds per day. Grand total for the year came to $55 cash prize for his accomplishment.

Game laws were changed to allow a doe season and alter bag limits on game on Llano River for the season. Game on November 16 to December 24, for antelope December 26 to January 3. Wild turkeys could be legally hunted in both seasons (but not on Christmas Day). Daily limits for crappie, bass and catfish would be 15, with no more than 30 "in possession."

On September 16, one of the top stories was the Commissioners Court had approved a county budget of $161,744 for 1955, including $78,740.04 for roads and bridges and $42,993.59 for education. Other stories reported that 40 Llano High School graduates were headed for college. Southwest Texas State Teachers College and Texas Memorial were among the two most popular destinations; Kenneth Gray headed for Howard Payne in Brownwood, and Dale Fry was bound for Texas Christian University. A third story reported that the Llano city reservoir still had 30 to 45 days worth of water after a "record-setting" month of September. Don "Elongus" consumed in August. September’s demand was expected to be far less than August’s.

A few more items of interest included: P. L. Little, from the Wright’s Creek area of northern Llano County, showed the 1st Place Champion Gift in the Llano 4-H Club’s 4th Annual Gift Show on September 11. The PTA created a "Cinemascope-wide vision screen" to better serve its viewers. And public school enrollment was lower than expected by the school district employed 50 people, including 35 teachers, in the fall of 1954.

Utilities Manager Elwood Rawes announced that the delayed construction of Mason’s new water tower would be the city’s next project after the water lines for Barbie Flats were completed. Patty Whigham prepared to move with her husband to the Llano County Queen Contest in Brownwood. The Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority planned a Cake and Pie Sale to benefit the March of Dimes.

The September 23 headline announced that "Money Now Available to Complete RM 93," and the accompanying story reported that all the necessary work had been done to transform a "modern, up-to-date highway" from Austin to Llano (now Hwy 71) was secured. The section from Oak Hill to Hwy 215 had been completed, and the section east of Llano in Llano County was being paved. The Sandy Creek bridge was under construction, and the Burnet County section was expected to be under construction by the end of 1954. The trip would shorten the trip from 84 miles (by Hwy 29) to just 72 miles.

A Girl Scout fund drive set a goal of $1500, and paper activities would be held at the 59-month school year. Llano County Farm Bureau Queen Patty Whigham won the district title, and made plans to compete in the state in Galveston that November. The VFW (Post 5802) announced mid-season Trophy Races at the VFW Speedway; 14 cars (from several area towns) were expected to participate. Part of Llano County received good rains. Click and other communities in southern Llano got nearly 3 inches, but Llano itself got only 0.10 inches.

Carlson’s Cleaners, from Cabinview, announced the establishment of a dry cleaning sub-station to serve Llano Days and Mrs. Fay Bickelton was officially put in charge of the school lunchroom program. The Yellowjackets lost to the highly-rated Junction Eagles, but it was a much closer game than had been predicted. The final score was 21-14. A new concession stand was under construction at the high school athletic field.

On September 30 urged the Highway Department to create a 4-way stop at the intersection of Ford and Main, where apparent that the crossing was "dangerous." The street was at the time. It referred to the successful 4-way stop at Hwy 29 and 16 while making an argument against closing the crossing.

A good rain fell over most of Llano County and west, with 1.6" reported in town, but "no rain" in Kingsland and only "new to the dust" at the Ray Smith ranch a few miles west. Rainfall in Mason County got the Llano River flowing again, and Utilities Manager Elwood Rawes predicted that the city reservoir would be full in a day or two.

Albert Bank was taken to Brackenridge in effluence after a car accident on Hwy 29. He was treated there for a "broken and lacerated right arm."

Korean War veteran Jack Tyler purchased the Llano Goodyear store from County Judge R.P. Williams. The two tennis courts on the "Llano High School grounds" were nearly ready for use, as workers had been "backstop wire on the pipe frames."

A few humorous notes were included in that week’s paper; an observer noted that geese had hatched small formed an "L," while over Llano, then reverted to their normal "V." He raced down the highway to see if they formed an "F" while flying over, but was unable to keep up with them.

A classified ad offered a $10 reward for a southside apartment "large enough to go home to mother, but small enough to keep mother from coming here."

Thank you for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!
Music around the Lakes

Above: Country music star Bill Middleton was a featured guest singer at last Saturday night’s Llano Country Opry with Bode Barker and the Opry band.

At left: Two-time Latin Grammy winner Michael Salgado attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd to Haley Nelson Park to open this year’s Summer Concert Series in Burnet. Rick Trevino will be featured at the next concert, on June 23.

Michelle Montague won’t turn 17 until next month, but she’s already attracting a lot of positive attention with her Thursday and Saturday evening singing gigs at Bertram’s new Mambo Italiano Ristorante. Michelle will be a senior this fall at Liberty Hill High School, where she plays the French Horn and sings in the choir; she brings a Bluetooth speaker with downloaded music to the restaurant, and is constantly adding to her repertoire. After high school, she hopes to go to UT’s Butler School of Music, and to make a career performing or teaching.

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Studying "advanced calligraphy" with teacher Patricia Rex (at right) in the studio at Calamity & Grace on Sunday afternoon were: Valerie Smasal, Nancy Watson and Lisa Rogers (who is planning to open her new "Parcel & Ink" business soon in the former Berry Street Bakery building).

The former Berry Street Bakery is now "Berry Street Business Center," with offices for attorney Dwain Rogers and the "Parcel & Ink" shop ("Print. Copy. Scan. Fax. Notary. Office supplies and much more!").

Rumor has it that this building at 803 Berry Street (two doors down from Calamity & Grace, on the west side of the square in Llano) will soon be refurnished and made into a charming new shop.

Pet of the Week

Mufassa is a handsome boy; this picture doesn't do his brindle color justice. Mufassa loves people, rarely barks and would be so very happy to have his own home. Please come visit him; we're sure you will fall in love. To meet Mufassa, please call the Hill Country Humane Society at 512-793-5463 or visit our web site at www.HillCountryHumane-Society.org. We are open Thursday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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