Two United States Senators assisted in the eagerly-anticipated ribbon-cutting for Kingsland’s new RM 2900 bridge (soon to be christened “Enloe Memorial Bridge” in honor of Kingsland heroes David and Pat Enloe). Visible from left: County Commissioner Linda Raschke, Burnet County Judge James Oakley, State Representative Andrew Murr, U.S. Representative Roger Williams, Senator John Cornyn, Texas Transportation Commission Chairman J. Bruce Bugg Jr., Senator Ted Cruz, Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham, Martha Tyroch (representing State Senator Dawn Buckingham) County Commissioner Mike Sandoval and TxDOT Austin District Engineer Terry McCoy. The bridge replaces the 1968 bridge, which was destroyed in a flood last October 16. See pages 22 and 23 for more bridge pictures, or visit our Facebook page for many more!
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By JOHN HALLowell

The Texas Reading Club will hold a Kick-Off meeting with an indoor plane-
tarium (with programs for kids 3 and up) at the Burnet County Agri-Life Building
(formerly Burnet Elementary School) at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 31.

The Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery is celebrating National Free Fishing Day
from 8:30 to noon on Saturday, June 1, for a total of 300 adults and children to
fish for catfish in a stocked pond. Each participant must register online and
print out tickets to be admitted.

The Burnett Area-Wide Garage Sale will be held on the square from 9 to 3 on
Saturday, June 1.

The Cross and Spurs Cowboy Church, on RR 1431 in Buchanan Dam, will host
a Jackpot Team Roping at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 1. Call 325-248-8445 for
details.

The Kingsland House of Arts and Crafts will hold its First Saturday Market
Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 1. Vendors are invited to come and sell
anything except firearms and ammunition. This Saturday will include
an all-day bake sale, and craft demonstrations at 10:30 and 12:30.

Bubba and the Boys will be playing classic country music at the Trailblazer
Grille in Burnett from 6 until 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 1.

Brian Scartozzi, a 2012 contestant on NBC’s “The Voice,” will be on stage
at the Globe Theatre in Bertram for an
8 p.m. show (doors open at 7) on Saturday,
June 1.

Bluebonnet Chorale and the Hill
Country Community Theatre Players will present “Bluebonnet Country” in
two performances at the theater: 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 2:15 p.m. on Sun-
day, June 1.

Local artist Dakota Flannery will give a Polymer Clay Beginner Basics
Demo from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday,
June 3, at the Llano Fine Art Gallery on Bessemer Ave.

The Hill Country Builders Association
will host a golf tournament (to benefit high school trades programs) on
Monday, June 3, at the Applerock golf course in Horseshoe Bay. West. Call 830-798-
2266 for details or reservations.

The Horseshoe Bay P&A will begin its series of five free “Boogie by the
Bay” concerts with John Arthur Martinez and Friends from 6 to 8 on
Wednesday (June 5) at the Quail Point Pavilion. That concert will be followed
by four more at the same time and place
on Wednesdays through July 3.

The Burnet County Area Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 7 &
8, at the Burnet Community Center on Jackson Street.

Painting With Friends will be at The Place Downtown in Kings-
land from 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 7.

The Llano Open Pro Rodeo will also be held on Friday and Saturday,
June 7 & 8. The parade is scheduled for
10 a.m. on Saturday, Country music star
Jon Wolfe will provide live music for a
dance at the Ramblin’ Rose in Llano af-
after the rodeo on Saturday night.

Meet the Artist day at the
Ritz Texan in Burnet.

Cross & Spurs Cowboy Church will play a 10 a.m. (sign-up begins at 8) on Saturday, June 8. Call 512-
755-4511 for details.

The Kingsland House of Arts and Crafts will hold an “Art of Kumihimo”
workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sat-
day, June 8. Participants will be mak-
ing a red, white and blue bracelet or key
chain. The cost is $20; supplies are pro-
vided unless attendees prefer to bring
their own.

The Llano Country Opry will be held at the Lantex Theater in downtown
Llano, Texas, on Saturday, June 8, at
2:30 PM. Boda Barker will headline the
monthly show and admission is $15.00.
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The Llano Fine Art Gallery (503Besse-
mer) will host a Pre-Rodeo Chili
Supper and a Western Art Exhibit &
Exhibit (Continued on page 15).
I don’t think I made it on TV this time around (although I heard a rumor that one of the TV cameras caught my back as we both tried to get a picture of the “flyover” airplane. I can’t confirm that!), but my friend Rudy Moreno (my picture of him should be on page 19) did catch me by the firetruck as we were preparing for the ribbon-cutting at the middle of the bridge. As you can tell, I was glad to see him, and I thought I’d use his picture of me in place of my usual mug shot.

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Scatterthought
By JOHN HALLOWELL

I remember telling people back last winter that I didn’t really think they could get the bridge done by April, and that if they were finished by Memorial Day I would be thrilled. I am thrilled!

The bridge’s opening was definitely the biggest news around the Highland Lakes last week. I think I crossed it more than a dozen times in its first three days, so it has saved me a lot of miles already.

Memorial Day Weekend was busy, and I got behind schedule (Again, are you surprised?), so I’m going to have to get this column done quickly. One thing I definitely wanted to mention is the Open Door Recovery House Garage Sale, to be held on Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1 (8 a.m. to ??). The entry address I could find on their Facebook page was 2705 Commerce Street in Marble Falls. Google says that is the home of Collision Express, a body shop from Hwy 281 across from Walmart. The Facebook page mentions “furniture, dishes, clothes, household items” for sale there.

Also, the Kingsdale House of Arts & Culture will hold its First Saturday Market Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. That event will include craft demonstrations at 10:30 and 12:30 and an all-day bake sale. On Saturday, May 29, KIAC will host an “Art of Kumihimo” workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will be making a red, white and blue bracelet or keychain. Just in time for the July 4th weekend. The cost is $20.00 and supplies are provided (unless you’d prefer to bring your own).

As schools begin to close for the summer, we are entering the season of Vacation Bible Schools and Summer Reading Clubs at local libraries. I don’t have information on all of the options, but you’ll notice an ad from Chapel of the Hills on page 23, and I’ve received bulletins from three libraries.

The Summer Reading Club Kick-Off at the Llano Library will be held next Tuesday, June 4, with two performances (10 a.m. and 1 p.m.) by Jill Dapay, a Austin musician known for his original children’s songs. The Summer Reading Club officially begins on Thursday, June 6, and continues every Thursday in June, through June 27. There are morning and afternoon sessions geared for children ages 4 to those just completing 5th grade. Call to register at 325-247-5248 or come by the library! Children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Tykes Club at the Llano Library is a summer program exclusively for newborns to 3-year-olds and their families, starting Tuesday, June 11, from 10 to 11 a.m., and continuing each Tuesday through July 16. Story Time combines with crafts, music, science, and developmental play. Be sure to call to register early at 325-247-5248 or come by the library. Space in this program is limited.

There is also LEGO Camp from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from June 11 to July 2 (for children ages 5 years and up), and a Teen Summer Program from 1 to 4 on Mondays.

There are similar programs at the Herman Brown Library (in Burnet) and the Bertram Library. Those summer reading programs run from May 30 (NOT May 31 as incorrectly stated in last week’s paper. Sorry, about that!) to July 17.

I also got a notice about two events at the Marble Falls Library. Travel writer Cynthia Drake will discuss “Tips on Budget Travel” at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 14, and there will be a Patriotic Concert by the Hill Country Community Band at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 28.

There’s an outstanding new “Going Back in Time” geology exhibit at the Falls on the Colorado Museum (FOCM). The display contains rock samples from as far back as 2.5 billion years! Local craftsman Ken McBride built the beautiful display, which ties the geology display in the Main Hall to the Momon Mill display at the front of the museum to the Rockslide display in the Western Natural History room. The Falls on the Colorado Museum (located at 2001 Broadway in Marble Falls) is open from 10 to 4 each Thursday through Saturday.

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Jane Hallowell told a Tuesday afternoon meeting of the Friends of the Kingsland Library about her late father’s poetry, how she compiled his aging-related poems into a book (Haw Haw, Grandpaw: Gleanings from the Old Geezer) and how she is donating proceeds from sales to senior citizens who have no family support network.

Local musician Matthew Butler entertained guests at the Boat Town Burger Bar in Kingsland last Sunday night from the new stage near the lake. The stage is one of many improvements made to the already-impressive venue while Kingsland’s new bridge was under construction “next door.”

DJ and Karaoke entertainer Billy Scott delighted guests at “The Spot” (Wakepoint) in Kingsland with his performance of classic songs last Saturday night. He has been getting more and more requests to perform at venues around Kingsland; when he’s not performing, he runs the Hill Country Recording Studio.

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Llano Junior High School cheerleaders held a car wash fundraiser at the Prosperity Bank in Kingsland last Saturday morning. Others on the squad held a similar event in Llano.

Above: Kingsland’s newest tourist attraction (and sometimes “tourist trap”) is a large sand bar just below the surface of the lake where the Llano and Colorado Rivers meet. Quite a few unsuspecting boaters have run aground there, but locals are using it as a party spot in the middle of the lake. At left: the new Boat Town sign at the corner of Euel Moore Drive and RR 2900. Boat Town has made many improvements during the past few months, and is eager to show them off at a big community party there on Thursday evening to celebrate the opening of the new bridge.
Pet of the Week

Cuteness Alert! Bow came to us with her siblings. All of them were so young they had to be bottle fed by our wonderful volunteers. Now they are all ready for their very own homes. Bow is gorgeous and has already started developing her own personality. She is small, but likes to be in-charge, she enjoys being loved on and she really likes to explore her surroundings. For more information please call HCHS at 512-793-KIND (5463). To see all our wonderful animals please visit our website at www.HillCountryHumaneSociety.

Bow
It’s hard to say how many arrived at the Sunrise Beach VFD BBQ via the new RM 2900 bridge, but a good crowd attended (and the bridge certainly made it easier to get there from Kingsland). There was a stiff breeze blowing on Saturday, but otherwise the weather at McNair Park was perfect for the Memorial Day Weekend event.

A highlight of Saturday’s BBQ was “Fun With Foam,” when fire-hoses sprayed soap bubbles over a crowd of happy kids at the lakeside park in Sunrise Beach.
Pastor Clint Collins and church elders at Life Marble Falls Church prayed with high school graduate Marie Kirtman at last Sunday’s service. Marie will soon be a proud member of the U.S. Army.

Long-time Hill Country Community Theatre actor Marc Lescarbeau (at right) directed and acted in the drama “Doubt: A Parable” with some of his actor friends from Austin at HCCT last weekend.

A good crowd attended the annual Llano County Beef & Range Field Day at the John L. Kuykendall Event Center in Llano. In the photo above, Dr. Jason Cleere discussed nutrition for cattle.

The still relatively new Family Dollar Store in Kingsland is being refurbished, and will re-open soon as a Dollar Tree store.
The stars of the show at the Highland Lakes Writers’ Club’s Open Mic Poetry Night at Numinous Coffee Roasters in Marble Falls on Monday evening were the charming young poets from Colt Elementary: the “Colt Hamlets” (4th graders) and the “Mini-Hams” (1st-graders), coached by teacher Christina DeLoach. The poetry club members each read a poem describing themselves, then a favorite song of their choice. The Highland Lakes Writers’ Club meets monthly (usually on the 3rd Wednesday) at the Marble Falls Library.

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Burnet High School held its graduation at Bulldog Stadium last Friday evening. Marble Falls and Llano’s high schools will follow suit this Friday evening.

Katelyn La Jole, pictured here addressing the crowd, was this year’s Salutatorian for Burnet High School.

Jazmine Castillo, perhaps best-known for her artistic abilities, showed her academic talents by earning the title of Valedictorian at Burnet High School this year.
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Above: Kingsland's River Rat Revue shared entertainment duties at Brad and Sandy Jones' Memorial Day BBQ in Sandy Harbor last Sunday evening (see page 18).

At left: Country music star Zane Williams attracted a good crowd to Wakepoint LBJ in Kingsland last Friday night.

Below: Trey Gilileland and the Downbeat Band put on a great show at the Uptown Theatre in Marble Falls last Saturday night.

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Amy Parker will give a free Master Gardener sponsored Green Thumb gardening talk on “Why Herbs?” (hint: not just for taste!) 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 June, at the Kingland Library. Nationally-known impressionist artist Donna Bland will hold an oil painting workshop from 9:30 to 4 on Thursday and Friday, June 13 & 14, at the Llano Fine Art gallery. Acrylic painters are also welcome to attend.

The Texas Indian Hobbyist Association will hold its annual Summer Powwow at the JLR Event Center in Llano on June 14 & 15. The event is free and open to the public.

The Marble Falls Chamber of Commerce will host a “Family Friendly Slip-and-Slide Water Party” in conjunction with Market Day, with a 3-time, 820-foot water slide from the Urban Slide company on the 3rd Street hill (site of the annual Soapbox Classic) from 10 a.m. until dark on Saturday, June 15. There will be a laser light show at dusk. Sliders must be at least 5 years old and at least 48 inches tall; tickets on sale now at marblefalls.org/slide.

The Firepower Gun Show will be at the Kingsland Community Center on Saturday (9-5) and Sunday (10-4), June 15 & 16.

The YMCA in Burnet will host its 2nd Annual Casino Night from 6 to 10 on Saturday, June 15. Enjoy a barbecue-style dinner and an exciting night of horse races and gambling at the tables!

Smythwick Castle (on RR 1431, east of Marble Falls) will host an interactive Murder Mystery from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 15. Call (512) 917-5223 for details.

Chapel of the Hills will host its annual Veterans Dinner at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 29.

The Santana tribute band Abraxas will be at the Uptown Theater in Marble Falls at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 29.

The AquaRoom Scholarship Pageant will be held at the Kingsland Community Center on Saturday, June 29.

The First Baptist Church of Kingsland will host its annual Patriotic Meal from 3 to 5 p.m. and its Patriotic Concert at 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 30.

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Coles Ryan Cloud, son of Oma Cloud of Spicewood and the late Linda Cloud, and grandson of Laura Stubbe of Highland Haven, graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio with degrees in both Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Political Science. After working at the Governor’s Office this summer, he will attend law school this fall.
About 40 young shooters, including several members of Guy Taylor's Burnet County 4-H team, attended the 2019 Texas State Smallbore Prone & F-Class Championships May 25 & 26, at Copperhead Creek Shooting Club, located inside Hidden Falls Adventure Park, about 7 miles east of Marble Falls.

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Brad and Sandy Jones hosted their “6th Annual Ranch Bash” at their Sandy Harbor Ranch on Sunday evening.

The highlight of the Memorial Day weekend party was a solemn flag-retirement ceremony, conducted by veterans who were guests of honor at the Jones Ranch on Sunday evening.

The 2-Timin’ Country band (pictured above) shared the entertainment duties with the River Rat Revue (pictured on page 13).

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Thank you for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!
Executive Director Briley Mitchell, of the Llano Chamber of Commerce, presided over a solemn Memorial Day ceremony at the Llano Visitors Center, during which he read the names of all Llano residents who have died fighting for America’s freedoms.

The true meaning of Memorial Day: Marble Falls jeweler Rudy Moreno, himself a Vietnam veteran, heard of a neglected grave at the Marble Falls Cemetery from a member of the Honor Guard who had attended the funeral of Petty Officer Daniel MoNeil Gunn (who was killed in action on July 23, 1966). Ronald Hill, of Austin, went back to the grave last summer and was disturbed to see it overgrown with weeds, “knee-high or higher.” He mentioned the neglect to Moreno, who took it upon himself to care for the graves of Petty Officer Gunn, Gunn’s younger brother and their grandparents (who are buried in the same plot). He was able to get the graves cleaned up and presentable before Memorial Day, and plans to continue maintaining them to give this fallen hero the dignity he deserves.

A decorated motorcycle owned by Patriot Guard Rider “Soup” Campbell, seen outside Life Marble Falls Church on Sunday.

Flags flew along the fence in front of the Commemorative Air Force hangar, on Hwy 281 in Burnet, last weekend.

The Texas Building Center, on RR 1431 in Kingsland, was another Highland Lakes area business decorated for Memorial Day.
A group of students from Packsaddle Elementary School in Kingsland posed for this picture during a remarkable field trip on Tuesday to Camp Buckner (on RR 2342 in Hoover Valley (just down the hill from Longhorn Cavern)). Third, fourth and fifth-graders participated in an impressive variety of activities (for all ages) at the scenic ranch.

Camp Buckner covers about 800 acres of beautiful Texas hill country, and (in addition to great recreational facilities for day use) offers a variety of overnight lodging options for groups of up to 350.
Students at Kingsland School, a charter school for grades K-8 which plans to add grades each year until it is a K-12 school, held a Field Day on Wednesday to celebrate the approaching close of the school year. In the photo above, students compete in a relay race during the festivities.

A tug-of-war (above) was another of the entertaining activities, as was the "sack race" pictured below.

These kindergarteners prepared for a race on these Team Walkers "skis" during the Field Day at Kingsland School on Wednesday.
A contingent of Kingsland Volunteer Firefighters gathered for this group picture last Friday before driving two trucks to the center of the new RM 2909 bridge to meet a similar delegation from Sunrise Beach. The ribbon-cutting was held there, in front of the firetrucks.

The Beachers, Sunrise Beach’s famous “lawn-chair drill team,” led off the activities on the bridge with one of their trademark routines.

Commissioner Mike Sandoval (of Llano County Precinct #3, where the bridge is located) was largely responsible for planning the big event, was also one of several dignitaries who addressed the assembled crowd before the ribbon-cutting took place.

After the speeches, dignitaries led the crowd to the middle of the bridge, where they cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the bridge for traffic.

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When the speeches were finished, the crowd moved toward the center of the bridge. Immediately after the ribbon-cutting, retired U.S. Air Force pilot Richard Kelley performed a one-airplane flyover in his Chinese Nanchang CJ-6. Then the crowd dispersed and the bridge was open to traffic, rewarding dozens of drivers who had been waiting in line to cross the new bridge. The photo at right was taken on Tuesday.

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