The Cross and Spurs Cowboy Church held a Team Roping event at the impressive arena on the church property on RR 1431 in Buchanan Dam last Saturday. There is a Play Day scheduled at the venue for 10 a.m. this Saturday (June 8). Also scheduled for this weekend are the Llano County Open Pro Rodeo, the Burnet County Area Fair and more (see “Upcoming Events” on page 2). You can see more roping photos on page 22, and quite a few more on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page.
The Llano County Rodeo will be one of this weekend’s biggest attractions around the Highland Lakes (along with the Burnet County Fair). The parade (pictured above) is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, to be followed by the Boy Scout BBQ on the courthouse lawn.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Burnet County Area Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 7 & 8, at the Burnet Community Center on Jackson Street (See photos on page 16). The Llano VFD will host its annual State Championship BBQ Cook-Off on Friday and Saturday, June 8 & 9, at Robinson Park.

Painting With Friends will be back at The Place Downtown in Kingsland at 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 after the rodeo on Saturday night.

June 8 is Meet the Artist day at the Ritchy Texan in Burnet (see ad on page 9). Cross & Spurs Cowboy Church will host a Playdate at 10 a.m. (sign-up begins at 81 on Saturday, June 8. Call 512-755-4511 for details.

The Watchmen will entertain guests at The Place Downtown in Kingsland in two ‘Gospel Brunch’ shows (10:30 to 11:30 and noon to 1) this Saturday, June 8.

The Hoover Valley VFD will hold a Fish Fry & Silent Auction from 11 to 3 Saturday, June 8. Festivities will include live music, firetruck tours and a firefighting demonstration.

The Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts will host an ‘Art of Kumbhino’ workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 8. Participants will be making a red, white and blue bracelet or key chain (just in time for July 4th). The cost is $20.00, and supplies are provided (unless attendees would prefer to bring their own supplies).

The Llano County Opry will be held at the Llano Theater in downtown Llano, Texas, on Saturday, June 8, at 2:30 p.m. Bode Barker will headline the monthly show and admission is $15.00. Tickets are on sale in advance at www.heartofllexa.com or by calling (325) 247-5354.

The Llano Fine Art Gallery (503 Beesemter) will host a Pre-Rodeo Chili Supper and a Western Art Exhibit & Sale from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 8. An original painting donated by Kim Roberti will be raffled at the event, with all proceeds going to help renovate the Historic Building.

The Highland Lakes Genealogy Society (HLGS) will host a program focusing on some especially helpful sources at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, at the Kingsland Library. The presenter will be Kris Richards, director of the LDS Buchanan Family Research Center. Visitors are welcome to attend the program and discussion.

Amy Parke will give a free Master Gardener sponsored Green Thumb gardening talk on “Why Herbs” (hint not just for taste!) at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 June, at the Kingsland 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 JLK 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 2-lane, 800-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 Llano Artwalk will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 14, at shops all over downtown Llano. An After-Party will be held from 4 to 5 at Tommy’s Pizza.

Llano Founders’ Day will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Llano County (Continued on page 15)
It’s amazing how much difference a good night’s sleep can make! After a Friday when I just dragged myself around until my deliveries were done (I had to borrow graduation pictures from some of my friends), and a Saturday when it took me a couple of pots of coffee to really get going, I actually felt healthy and reasonably energetic on Sunday! I had been wanting to make a trip to Colorado Bend State Park for the past few weeks, and I went ahead and did it on Sunday afternoon.

The waterfalls probably looked even better a few weeks ago, but there still was water flowing everywhere I looked, and the trip was an exhilarating experience. I hiked the Spicewood Springs Trail and the Gorman Falls Trail (see photos on pages 20 and 21), and even contemplated another mile-and-a-half trek to the river overlook before my knees started protesting (by the time I got back, I was glad I hadn’t taken that detour).

Of course, Colorado Bend is not technically in my chosen territory (Burnet and Llano Counties), but it’s pretty close as the crow flies, just north of Lake Buchanan. And it’s an amazing place to go hiking, fishing, swimming, camping — even spelunking sometimes, from what I hear. So I’m glad I got there while everything is still green and the waterfalls are all flowing. I put a big album of my pictures on Facebook, so anyone interested in looking can vicariously share my adventures.

There’s a whole lot going on inside the boundaries of my territory this weekend and next. One thing I want to point out is advertised on page 11: the Johnson Sewell Ford “Adopt & Drive” event, to benefit the Hill Country Humane Society. There will be a lot going on there, and if you take a test drive in any of their cars, they will donate $20 (up to $6,000 total!) to help the Humane Society save pets and find them “forever homes.”

I have purchased two vehicles there in the past 20 months (and they know very well that I can’t afford a third), but if I have time I think that I’ll test-drive at least one of those classy-looking new cars they have there!

The following week, there is another interesting fundraiser going on. That’s the “Feed-Raiser” at Hill Country Feed and Hay in Burnet (see ad on page 23). The folks there have partnered with the H.A.R.T. Foundation (Healing and Recovery Through Horses), an equine therapy group for veterans affected by PTSD and also for special-needs children. They are hoping to get well-wishers to donate feed to H.A.R.T. to help lower the costs for that worthy nonprofit.

A group to which I actually belong, the Friends of the Kingsland Library, is holding a fund-raising raffle until July 8. The Grand Prize is a collection of BBQ-related items: a Weber grill, 20 pounds of grass-fed beef, a carving set and cutting board, and apron and an RTC cooler. Tickets are $1 for $5 or 5 for $20 from any member who is in better standing than I am. Call Lynette at 325-385-4384 or Cindy at 325-248-3972 if you aren’t sure whether you know any of those upstanding members.

I also want to remind you of something I mentioned a few weeks ago. My new friend Roland Lang (who is actually quite old!), from Lampasas, is still looking for anyone who might have attended Kingsland School in the 1940s (when he was there). The only person he can really remember from that time was the daughter of local businessman Fred Wood. If any of my readers might know something about her (or anyone else from around that time), please call him at 512-556-7956. Thanks!

I never run out of scattered thoughts, but I often run out of time. This is one of those occasions, so I think I’ll stop right here. Have a great week!
Jason Cullison, of Thrivent Financial, coached one of the Little League teams this season. In the photo above, he serves as pitcher, manager and umpire in a just-for-fun kickball game before the league’s closing ceremonies. Thrivent will be sponsoring a Softball Home Run Derby at the Little League field in the near future, to raise money for scholarships.

Kingsland Little League President Brian Groothoff and Coach Jason Cullison led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance in Saturday’s closing ceremonies at the Little League field. The Little League will be holding a T-Ball Tournament at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, and will have BBQ plates for sale at lunchtime that day.

Little League coaches and players applauded as volunteers were recognized for their efforts. Among several planned additions to the normal Little League schedule is the “first-ever” Fall Baseball season a few months from now.
Kingsland Aqua Boom and Boat Town Burger Bar collaborated last Thursday to host a big “Bridge Celebration” party. Along with good food and beverages, highlights included live music and a Ducky Race fundraiser for Kingsland’s Aqua Boom festival next month.

Doors were wide open at Boat Town Burger Bar, located at the north end of Kingsland’s brand-new RM 2900 bridge, as a crowd of guests celebrated the bridge’s opening last Thursday.

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Vendors set up booths at the Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts “First Saturday Market Day” last Saturday morning. This Saturday, KHAG is offering an “Art of Kumihimo” workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will be making a red, white and blue bracelet or key chain (just in time for July 4th). The cost is $20.00, and supplies are provided (unless attendees would prefer to bring their own supplies).

**LCRA representatives present an $18,124 grant to the Kingsland Volunteer Fire Department to purchase battery-powered Jaws of Life.**

The grant is part of LCRA’s Community Development Partnership Program. Pictured, from left to right, are: Michael L. “Mike” Allen, LCRA Board member; Susan Patton, LCRA Regional Affairs representative; Danny Stone, fire chief; George W. Russell, LCRA Board member; Jayden Foster, Earl Foster’s grandson; Nancy Eckert Yeary, LCRA Board member; Joey Whittenburg, assistant fire chief; and Earl Foster, Lakeway Municipal Utility District general manager and CDPP review committee member. Similar grants were made to VFDs in Hoover Valley ($23,295 for new, state-of-the-art radios), Cassie ($19,643 for a new rescue boat) and Burnet ($50,000 for a fire training tower).

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National Free Fishing Day was observed in style at Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery last Saturday. Well-prepared volunteers helped guests of all ages and skill levels to fish successfully in a hatchery pond stocked with catfish.

The stocked pond at Inks Dam Fish Hatchery was a great place for young anglers to be last Saturday morning. One boy reportedly caught thirteen catfish during the first two-hour session, and several 14-pound catfish were caught during the day. At left: Bryan Ochoa and his daughter, Amaris, cooperated to bring in this slightly-smaller catfish; they, and all the others there, seemed to be having a very good time!
Austin musician Will Dupuy entertained kids at the Llano Library’s Summer Reading Club’s Kick-Off Party on Tuesday, June 4. The club (just one of many library activities this summer) will meet each Thursday through June 27.

Local artist Dakotah Flannery presided over a polymer clay workshop at the Llano Fine Art gallery on Monday. The gallery will host a Pre-Rodeo Chili Supper and a Western Art Exhibit & Sale from 4 to 6:30 p.m. this Saturday.

Valerie Smasaal watches as two of her guests (Dana Fos and Donna Davis) participate in a “Paint Like Bob” session last Sunday afternoon at her Calamity & Grace art supply shop in Llano. The shop offers a variety of activities this summer (see ad on page 22).

Construction workers are making rapid progress on improvements for a section of Hwy 29 between Buchanan Dam and Llano. The project will include wider shoulders, turn lanes and passing lanes as the stretch is upgraded to “Super 2” status.

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Above: John Arthur Martinez and his band attracted a good crowd to the Quail Point pavilion (on the lakefront behind Quail Point Lodge) in Horseshoe Bay for the season’s first “Boogie By The Bay” concert. Four more Wednesday evening concerts are planned.

At left: HCCT Player Seth Smith was one of the participants (with the ladies of the Bluebonnet Chorale) in last weekend’s performances of “Bluebonnet Country” at the Hill Country Community Theatre.

Bubba and the Boys entertained diners at the Trailblazer Grille in Burnet last Tuesday evening with their classic country music.

Chris Desormeaux and George Pemberton, of the Southern Underground band, provided quality live music for patrons of the Club Car Bar in Kingsland last Saturday night.
Music Around the Lakes

Above: Kingsland’s River Rat Revue delighted a good crowd of loyal fans last Saturday night at Wakepoint LBJ.

At left: Randy Wright performs his classic mostly-country music for diners at the Cafe 2300 in Burnet most Friday evenings.

Below: Brian Scartocci, a 2012 contestant on NBC’s “The Voice,” brought his band to the Globe Theatre in Bertram last Saturday night for an excellent show.

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

YMCA in Burnet will host its 2nd Annual Casino Night from 6 to 10 on Saturday, June 15. Enjoy a barbeque-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) 917-6233 for details.

The Lakeshore Library will host Robert Lindsay’s “Meet Your Reptile Neighbors” program at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17. The program is free; please call 325-379-1174 to reserve a seat.

The Highland Lakes Quilt Guild will host a “Meet and Greet” coffee at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, at First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls. Guests are welcome. The program will be “All About Scissors,” by Erwin Haywood. Bring your scissors to be sharpened (just $4-5).

The Kingsland Library will host a Wildlife on the Move program (“Helping kids develop a true appreciation for nature”) from 11 to noon on Friday, June 21.

Whip Farm Productions will hold a Gun Show at the Burnet Community Center on Saturday (9 to 5) and Sunday (10 to 4), June 22 & 23.

Chapel of the Hills will host its annual Veterans Dinner at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 28.

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

The Aquaboom 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.

Kingsland’s 50th Annual Aquaboom festival will be held Thursday through Saturday, July 4-6.
These photos from last year’s Burnet County Area Fair give just a small sampling of what you can expect this weekend at the Burnet Community Center. Opening Ceremonies (as pictured above) are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Friday; activities continue through Saturday.

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This picture by Kelly McDuffie, of Marble Falls, captures some of the excitement at local high school graduations. Marble Falls High School and Llano High School both held their graduation ceremonies last Friday night; you can see a few more pictures on page 18.

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Thank you for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!
Volunteers from the Hill Country Humane Society posed with Horseshoe Bay firefighters and a few of the available-for-adoption pets during a Show and Shine at Ace Hardware last Saturday.

Winners of the “Best Dressed Theme Award” at the recent Highland Lakes Service League’s "For Ladies Only – Stars of the Silver Green" golf tournament went to the Horseshoe Bay Dental Girls: Jen Chariton, Gloria Sopel, Stefanie Ramirez and Susan Milican.

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