Rodeo Parade in Llano!

Kingsland’s Aqua Boom Royalty rode on a float in the Llano County Rodeo Parade last Saturday (see more parade photos on pages 7 to 9, and a whole lot more on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page). This year’s Aqua Boom Pageant is scheduled for June 29, and the big days for this year’s huge Independence Day festival in Kingsland will be Thursday, July 4, and Saturday, July 6. Other “Fourth of July” celebrations will be held all around the Highland Lakes area.
The Llano County Historical Museum will host a Llano Founder’s Day from 5 to 9 p.m. this Saturday. This cabin, now located on the museum’s grounds, dates back to the era when Llano County was formed in 1856.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

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

Highland Lakes Baptist Church (on RR 2900 in Kingsland) will hold its monthly Community Gospel Sing at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 14.

The Marble Falls Chamber of Commerce will host a “Family Friendly Slip-and-Slide Water Party” in conjunction with Market Day, with a 3-lane, 85-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 Saturday, June 15, at shops all around downtown Llano. An After-Party will be held from 4 to 8 at Tommy’s Pizza.

Llano Founders’ Day will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Llano County Historical Museum from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 15. Residents and visitors alike are invited to honor that historic moment on June 14, 1856, when early settlers gathered at an oak tree by the Llano River to determine the county seat. The dinner at 6:00 p.m. will serve up the “Llano National Supper” of pork burgers. There will even be a fireworks show at the close of the day!

The 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!

Snydwick Castle (on RR 1331, east of Marble Falls) will host an interactive Murder Mystery from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 15. Call (512) 971-5223 for details.

David Lee Garza will kick off Burnet’s Summer Concert Series on Saturday evening (doors open at 6), June 15, at Hiley Nelson Park.

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

The River Rat Revue and Hard Right Hands will perform in a benefit concert at 1 p.m. this Sunday at The Uptown Theatre in Marble Falls. Proceeds will go to help two well-known local women who are dealing with tough medical issues.

The Lakeshore Library will host Robert Lindsey’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 Strings,” by Erwin Hayward. Bring your scissors to be sharpened (just $4-8).

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.

The Burnet County Historical Commission will hold a Texas Ranger Memorial Cross Dedication at the gravesites of two former Texas Rangers and pioneer Burnet citizens on 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, at the Bethel Cemetery (700 CR 202). The gravesite of another Burnet pioneer will be marked with a medallion from the Sons of the Republic of Texas. The public is invited to attend the dedication, and a lunch reception will follow at the Bethel Community Center (at the intersection of FM 963 and 2340). Please RSVP for lunch to Dot Cresey, dotcresey@gmail.com by June 15.

Whipp 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. (Continued on page 15)
The work isn’t over at Kingsland’s new RM 2900 bridge! Pete Reed, of Starr Roofing, just happened to cross the bridge as these machines were pulling a huge chunk of the old bridge out of the water in front of Boat Town. He took this dramatic picture with his cell phone.

Scatterthought

The two biggest events last weekend were the Burnet County Fair and the Llano County Rodeo (and not necessarily in that order). I got some good pictures of the fair, and I got some good pictures of the rodeo PARADE, but (once again) I had to borrow some rodeo pictures from a friend. It isn’t that I have anything against rodeos, but generally they involve fast action in less-than-perfect lighting conditions, and (except when the sun is shining at the beginning of an outdoor rodeo) my camera just isn’t up to the task.

It’s a trade-off, of course. Not only is my camera small enough to fit in my pocket, but it is very good at most of the events I need it for. I mostly take pictures of people who are sitting or standing still, and if I take enough pictures of someone who is moving, I’ll usually get at least one good one. Most of the time, I’m very happy with my camera (but not at rodeos).

That was my biggest complaint from a mostly wonderful week. It may have been a little too busy! I forgot a couple of events and couldn’t make it to all my Friday delivery stops, but there was so much good news that I felt good anyway. This week may turn out to be a little easier, but there probably won’t be any shortage of photo opportunities any time soon.

Some of those photo ops didn’t get into my Upcoming Events article, but do deserve mention. One is the Feed- raiser this Saturday at Hill Country Feed and Hay in Burnet (see ad on page 23). Another is Commissioner Mike Sandoval’s Town Hall meeting in Kingsland, that is scheduled for 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30) next Tuesday (June 18), at the Kingsland Library. Yet another is the production of Seaside Jr. by the actors from the Youth Summer Program at the Hill Country Community Theatre in Cottonwood Shores; there will be four shows next weekend (6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; 2:15 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday), June 20–23.

The Burnet County Historical Commission will be holding a Texas Ranger Memorial Cross Dedication at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, for two former Texas Rangers and pioneer Burnet County citizens who are buried at the Bethel Cemetery (700 CR 202). Hugh McCoy and Archibald Leslau McCoy. During the ceremony, the grave of another Burnet pioneer, E. O. “Jiggs” Klein, will be marked with a medallion from the Sons of the Republic of Texas. The public is invited to the dedication, and to a lunch reception which will follow at the Bethel Community Center (located at the intersection of FM 963 & FM 2340). Please RSVP for lunch to Dot Creasy, dotcreasy@gmail.com by this Saturday, June 15.

The Court-appointed Special Advocates of the Highland Lakes will be holding lunchtime informational meetings in Burnet and Llano for any adult who is interested in becoming a CASA, or just wanting to learn more about what a CASA does. The Llano meeting will be held in the Community Resource Center at 100 Legend Hills Blvd, from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25. The Burnet meeting will be held at the Herman Brown Free Library (on the square) on June 27. Both counties have an urgent need for more volunteers!

A few weeks ago, I mentioned that Meghan Macek’s art had won the VFW Post #10376 (Marble Falls) and the District #14 competitions, and would be competing at the State level with the best from all the Texas VFW districts. I hear now that she finished 7th of more than 100 district winners, and I think that accomplishment definitely deserves a mention here. Congratulations, Meghan!
The scenic Kingsland Slab was crowded with bathers last weekend as temperatures reached the high 90s on Saturday and Sunday. The low-water crossing on the Llano River has long been a favorite place for locals to beat the heat.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Kingsland celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of Father Uche Evaristus Obikwelu’s 10th Anniversary of Priesthood last Thursday. Father Uche, as he is known to his parishioners, is a survivor of the late-60s Nigerian civil war in Biafra, when thousands of children starved to death. He came to Kingsland in 2016.

Kris Richins, from the Buchanan LDS Family Research Center, gave pointers on available resources during a meeting of the Highland Lakes Genealogy Society on Tuesday at the Kingsland Library. The meeting room is decorated for the library’s Summer Reading Club.

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**Some of the real horses waited in the shade for their turn in the arena during last Saturday’s Play Day at Cross & Spurs Cowboy Church.**
Riding in the Parade!

It was a great day for a parade last Saturday, and folks came from all around to participate in Llano’s annual Rodeo Parade! (See more parade pictures on the next two pages.)

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Rodeo royalty: Rodeo Queen Brooke Meier (left) and Rodeo Princess Briley Crow enjoy the applause of the crowd after they were announced as winners at “half-time” in Saturday night’s rodeo.

Riders wait their turns in the arena during a roping event at the 84th Llano Open Pro Rodeo, at the JLK Event Center last Saturday night.

Rodeo Clown Craig Bickly posed for this photo with HLW editor John Hallowell during a full in the action at last Saturday night’s rodeo.
A capacity crowd watched the action at last Saturday night’s 84th Llano Open Pro Rodeo, held at the John L. Kuykendall Event Center on the west side of town.
At left: Events included Tie-Down Roping, Breakaway Roping, Bull Riding and much more.
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Roland Lang - 1944

The Highland Lakes Genealogy Society
will not be meeting in July. We will return to our regular time at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, in the large meeting room of the Kingsland Library.
You are welcome to attend the following meetings: August 13th our program will be “DNA and what they do” presented by Randy Whited; Tuesday September 10 our members will share their research from the Texas State Library & Archives; Tuesday, October 8 is a presentation by Phyllis Malinak on creating a Family Book from Family Tree Maker. November 12 is a presentation on using Fold3 research program. December 10 is our annual Christmas Party.
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The Llano VFD held its annual BBQ Cook-Off at Robinson Park last Friday and Saturday. The headquarters was the red tent pictured at left, on the south bank of the Llano River; the cookers were scattered around the park. One of the teams was composed of young cooking phenom Nathan Maples, pictured above with his father (and mentor, and designated driver) Marty Maples.

The Hoover Valley VFD held a Fish Fry fundraiser last Saturday. It was accompanied by a silent auction and raffles.

Diners at the Hoover Valley fire hall were serenaded by an informal group of “pickers,” including several well-known area musicians, as they enjoyed delicious fish dinners at the fundraiser on Saturday.
Music Around the Lakes

Above: The Secondhand Prophets band, from Abilene, attracted a good crowd to the courtyard behind Wakepoint LBJ in Kingsland last Friday night.

At left: Well-known local musician Bode Barker headlined last Saturday’s Llano Country Opry.

Below: Country music star Jon Wolfe, from Oklahoma (and more recently from Austin), was the headliner at The Ramblin’ Rose in Llano at the after-rodeo dance last Saturday night.

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The Kingsland Library will host an Open House from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, to celebrate the opening of the new RM 2900, and to welcome returning friends and patrons from the south side of the lake.

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

The Santana tribute band Abraxas will be at the Uptown 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 Patrolico 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.

John Arthur Martinek will perform at noon on Friday, July 5, at the Marble Falls Senior Center (Ave. I and 6th Street).

The 2nd Annual Wild Game Dinner, to benefit His Joshua House, will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, at the Kingsland Community Center. Festivities will include live music, live and silent auctions and raffles for several great items.
The Hill Country Humane Society found a good partner in Johnson Sewell Ford for last Saturday’s “Adopt and Drive” event. Volunteers brought pets available for adoption to the showroom in Marble Falls, and the dealership donated $20 to HCHS for every test drive of a new vehicle during the event. More than $1,000 was raised, several pets found new homes, and local Boy Scouts raised $300 selling hot dogs!

At lower left, Wake-Up Show hosts Ed and Liz, of KBEY Radio, did a remote broadcast in front of the dealership. At left, HLW editor John Hallowell test-drives a 2019 Mustang. Above, left: Gigi Goff, Susan Gallagher and Taylor Gallagher show off three adorable puppies. Above: One of the lovable pets makes a persuasive case for adoption.
The Sons of the American Revolution posted the colors and the Hill Country Blenders sang the national anthem at the always-impressive Opening Ceremony for the Burnet County Area Fair, held last Friday and Saturday at the Burnet Community Center. See more “Fair” photos on the next four pages (and many more on the Highland Lakes Weekly’s Facebook page).
After musical entertainment by the Hill Country Blenders and a flag presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution, County Fair MC Lela Goar and Burnet Mayor Crista Bromley (above) welcomed visitors to the fair. Then the first of many guests toured the exhibits in the community center on Friday morning.

Almost 200 exhibitors submitted nearly 700 entries for judging (and viewing) at the big 2019 Burnet County Area Fair. The event continues to attract new participants and add new categories as it grows and improves each year.

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Three Best of Division Winners were (from left): Colleen Struss (Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs and Eggs; Adult), Rayne Trombley (Patriotism; Senior Youth) and Polly Krenke (Aprons; Adult).

Along with the vegetables and quilts visible in the picture at left, there were dozens of categories in nineteen separate divisions at this year’s Burnet County Area Fair. The exhibits filled the community center; outside the building were vendor booths, bounce houses, a car show and live music. The awards ceremony was held across the street at the Sylvester H. Reed building.


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County Fair Winners

Above, left: Winners of the Annie Mae Glimp Sweepstakes Awards were presented with plaques by Mrs. Glimp’s daughter, Leila Goar. They are: Kerry McDonald (Adult), Evelyne Culver (Jr. Youth) and Carson Culver (Sr. Youth).

Above: Connie Stutenville (right) honored Miley Evans and Amanda Hensley for “Best in Class” Arts & Crafts.

At right: Polly Krenk (left) honored Roberta Eacott, Maggie McDonald and Cayce Rutledge for “Best in Class” Clothing entries.

At right: Carolyn Smith (left) honored Janet Plenti and Francene Culver for “Best in Class” Patriotism entries.

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Everyone is invited for light snacks, fellowship and celebration.

Thank You!
The Library Staff and Friends of the Kingsland Library
Lavona Fry’s Model A Ford won the “People’s Choice” Award in the car show at the Burnet County Area Fair last Saturday.

The “Rio Rising” band, from Bertram, provided live music outside the Burnet Community Center last Saturday afternoon.

Younger fair-goers enjoyed the inflatable slides and bounce houses across the street from the community center at the Burnet County Area Fair.

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At left: Craftsman Ron Foley posed for this photo in one of his beautiful rocking chairs as his wife, Theresa, modeled one of the necklaces she designed. They were at The Ritzy Texan, on Hwy 29 at Main Street in Burnet, for a “Meet the Artist” event last Saturday.

Above: The staff at David Bolin’s Hill Country Feed and Hay, on Hwy 29 East in Burnet, posed for this picture to advertise their “Feedraiser” and basket raffle for HARTH (see ad on page 23).

At right: Annette and Don Wreyford, of Marble Falls, celebrated two big events last week. Not only was their grandson (Josh Wreyford) married in Aubrey, but they celebrated the 73rd anniversary of their own wedding. The Wreyfords are the founders of the Wreyford Foundation, which sponsors the annual Hill Country Space Expo each September at the Boys & Girls Club in Marble Falls.

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Tuesday–Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM
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The Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Highland Lakes have named Leo and Janelle Boutte, of Horseshoe Bay, as this year’s Advocates of the Year. In their three years with CASA, they have volunteered nearly 3,000 hours and touched the lives of at least 50 children! Pictured above: Doris Allen (Director of Advocacy), Janelle Boutte, Leo Boutte and Conrad Arriola (Executive Director).
Join us between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 15 at Hill Country Feed & Hay
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