Kingsland’s 50th Annual Aqua Boom got off to a great start last weekend (see inside pages). The biggest event so far was the 2019 Aqua Boom Scholarship Pageant on Saturday; winners are pictured above. Hattie Blair is the new Miss Aqua Boom; Leyah Wilson is Princess, and Kaitlyn Taras is Duchess. Younger Queens are: Linette Fonseca, Teen Miss Aqua Boom; Bodhi Cherry, Tween Miss; Kaydee Smith, Young Miss; Amory Jackson, Little Miss; Alexa Alley, Tiny Miss and Paizlee Vidaure, Teeny Tiny Miss. See more pageant pictures on pages 17-21 (and on our Facebook page); the entire Aqua Boom schedule is on page 23.
Jet Ski races will be one of many highlights at this Saturday’s Rock’n Riverfest in Llano. Amateurs are welcome, but will have to register and sign a waiver. Racers must have a life jacket and a kill switch as well as a full face racing helmet. Registration is between 8 & 11 on Saturday; there will also be racing on Sunday.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

Kingsland’s 50th Annual Aqua Boom festival will continue on Friday and Saturday, July 5 and 6 (See complete schedule on page 3).

The Aqua Boom Arts & Crafts Show, with children’s rides and activities, will continue through Friday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), behind M&M Donuts on RR 1431. A horseshoe and washer tournament will be held at the Kingsland Community Park beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 5.

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

The Place Downtown (across from the Kingsland post office) and the Unmated band will host a 90s party beginning at 9 p.m. on Friday, July 5.

The annual Aqua Boom Golf Tournament will be held at Lighthouse Golf Course, beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 6.

The Poker Run on the River will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, at the Kingsland Community Park.

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 (including a 1984 Ford Bronco 4x4)!

The River Rats will be playing at a street dance later that evening in the parking lot at First United Bank in Kingsland.

Llano’s Rock’n Riverfest will be held on Saturday, July 6 (see ad on page 21). That festival will include Jet Ski races (amateurs welcome!), a disc golf tournament, a Pet Parade, splash pad & water rides, BBQ Cook-Off, live music and Fireworks Show.

The Llano Fine Arts Guild is holding a Kid’s Art Camp at the Art Gallery for ages 8 to 12. The sessions will be on Tuesday July 9, 16 and 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $15 per session, and includes all materials. Sign up on line http://www.llanonfineartsguild.com or call the Guild 325-247-4839.

Master Naturalist Sondra Fox will give a talk on “Gardening for Butterflies” at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, at the Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam. Please call 325-379-1174 for reservations.

The Marble Falls Rotary Club will host its 70th Annual Fish Fry at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 12, at the Lakeside Pavilion.

The Falls on the Colorado Museum will host its annual Marble Falls Founders Day beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 13. The event honors General Adam R. Johnson and his partners, who founded Marble Falls on July 12, 1887. At 10:30 a.m., local rancher Sam Burnam will explain the effects of the Chisholm Trail on his ancestors and other area ranching families before the founding of Marble Falls and before railroads were built in the county.

Tony Booth and Darrell McCull will headline a 2:30 p.m. show at the Llano Country Opry on Saturday, July 13. A benefit will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, at the Llano County Community Center for William Leach, a one-year-old boy with a rare brain disease. There will be a Fried Catfish Dinner (by donation), live music by Southern Underground, live and silent auction and a Baked Goods Sale.

Painting With Friends will return to The Place Downtown in Kingsland from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 19.

The Marble Falls Rodeo will be held on Friday and Saturday nights, July 19 and 20. Adam Fears will provide music for a dance after Saturday night’s rodeo action.

The Llano Lions Club will hold a “Sporting Clays for a Cause” event to benefit the club’s scholarship program, at the historic Inks Ranch on Saturday, August 17. Entry forms are available at the Llano Chamber office.
Scatterthought

By JOHN HALLOWELL

I don’t think it was my mistake this time, but the first thing I want to mention this week is the fact that I’ve had the wrong telephone number in a rental ad from “55 and Finer” (see page 14). I received a message this week from a lady in New Jersey who is the actual “owner” of that number, she says “I’ve been getting many phone calls as a result.” I very much regret the inconvenience to her, but I’m actually glad to hear that there were “many phone calls.” I think I have the correct number in the ad this week!

I have nothing but admiration for TDxOTT’s great work in replacing the “RM 2900” bridge, but I was really hoping that the “Enloe Memorial Bridge” sign would be installed before July 4. As of Monday, it was nowhere to be seen, and I am worried. The group of former Enloe’s Outlaws is still planning to do a ski show there this Thursday to honor David and Pat Enloe, but I think it would be really nice if the sign was there, too.

Because of a miscalculation during my hurry-up planning this week (deadline was a day early), I found myself with an empty half-page. I decided to re-use an article I had written ten years ago, but one that may be more important to me than ever. You can read it if you had read it before on page 11.

Along with all the fun and celebration planned for this weekend, there is also a benefit for a Burnett Middle School student (Justin Sauronis) who has T-Cell Lymphoma. Friends will be holding a Ramen Sale at 1304 Sunset Drive in Marble Falls starting at 8 a.m. this Friday and Saturday. Donations will be gratefully accepted, and there is a GoFundMe account if you can’t make it to the sale.

The Falls on the Colorado Museum (2001 Broadway) will be hosting its annual City of Marble Falls Founders Day Event beginning at 9 a.m. next Saturday (July 13). At 10:30 a.m., local rancher Sam Burnam will explain the effects of the Chisholm Trail on his ancestors and other area ranching families before the founding of Marble Falls and before railroads were built in the county (one of the new exhibits at the constantly-improving museum is a special display from the Chisholm Trail. The display is sponsored by funds from Burnet County hotel-motel tax (HOT) funds and will remain through mid-August).

Guests are invited to view displays in the museum before or after the program. Light refreshments will be provided. New exhibits include a wall of area geology samples that range in age from 110 million years ago, Glen Rose limestone, back to 2.5-billion-year-old Valley Springs gneiss samples from Inks Lake. Also, there is a section of the railroad that carried stone from Granite Mountain to build the Texas capitol building that was completed in 1888 in Austin. Regular museum hours are Thursday through Saturday, from 10-4.

Many area churches have already had their Vacation Bible Schools for this summer, but others will have them in July. The Lutie Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church in Llano is one of the latter, I saw a sign this week saying their will be July 15-18.

The Vineyard B&B at Lost Creek Ranch (on RR 2233 near Sunrise Beach) will be holding a Rock the Vines event on Saturday, July 20, with grape harvesting and stomping, truffle-making, live music with Donny Brewer, Sonny Jim and George Giagnana, plus special drinks all day and food for purchase. Doors open at 1 p.m. “Showtime” is 6 to 10.

CASA of the Highland Lakes (Court Appointed Special Advocates) will hold a noon session (including a free lunch) at the Community Resources Center (300 Ave. N) in Marble Falls on Thursday, July 11. If you are at least 21 years old and are curious about what a CASA does, please RSVP to diana@highlandlakescasa.com. The next volunteer training session will be starting soon.

The Llano Lions Club will hold a “Sporting Clay for a Cause” event to benefit the club’s scholarship program, at the historic Inks Ranch on Saturday, August 17. Entry forms are available at the Llano Chamber office.

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Children’s Librarian April Puryear posed with the Kingsland Library Summer Reading Club’s champion reader, Nava Carraway, at the award presentation last Friday. Nava won the bookcase full of books by putting in 63 hours of reading last month.

A good crowd attended the Kingsland Youth Football fundraiser at Fuzzy’s Corner in Buchanan Dam last Saturday. The event included a Fish Fry, live and silent auctions, and live music by the Southern Underground band.

As work on the RM 2900 bridge winds down, one of the last two barges was taken apart and loaded on trucks to be taken to another job. As of Monday, there was still one barge retrieving underwater debris near the bridge.
The Kingsland Masonic Lodge (#1424) presented a donation of $1,000 to board member (and County Commissioner) Mike Sandoval, of the Kingsland Boys & Girls Club on Monday evening. Pictured (from left): Senior Warden Jim Simmons, Senior Deacon Jayson White, Treasurer Gene Broadway, Master of the Lodge Matthew Whitaker, Commissioner Sandoval, Junior Warden Brian Banks, Past Master Henry Parker, Past Master Charlie Stitton, Secretary Tracy Schiemenz and Past Master Monroe Joslin.

New officers of the Kingsland Lions Club posed for a group photo at a meeting last Thursday in the Kingsland Community Church’s Barrow Hall. This year’s president is John McWilliams (second from right).

Judge Cheryl Maybrey and Attorneys Susan Potts and Rebecca Lange addressed a meeting after CASA of the Highland Lakes held a graduation for two new Court-Appointed Special Advocates last Wednesday. CASA will hold a noon session (including a free lunch) at the Community Resource Center (300 Ave. N) in Marble Falls on Thursday, July 11. If you are at least 21 years old and are curious about what a CASA does, please RSVP to diana@highlandlakescasa.com. The next volunteer training session will start soon.

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The promised “Enloe Memorial Bridge” sign is still nowhere to be seen, but former Enloe’s Outlaws are planning a ski show there on July 4 to honor Kingsland heroes David and Pat Enloe.

The former County Annex on Chamberlain Street in Kingsland has once again been re-purposed, and will soon be the new home of Deb’s Doggy Bathhouse!

Jack Derington’s new Sale Barn is ready for business (“buying and selling anything legal”). It replaces the old building, on RR 1431 in Kingsland, which burned down quite some time ago.

As of last week, the new Mr. Gatti’s Pizza (“a mini-Gattitown”) was expected to open “the week after Aqua Boom.” The beautiful new building is located just west of Kingsland First Baptist Church, in front of the Kingsland Community Center on Rose Hill Drive.

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Pancho Parker and Eli Hestley were two of the cooks from the Kingsland Masonic Lodge who were busy frying catfish behind the Kingsland First Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon for the Lambda Nu sorority’s “Patriotic Meal.”

Some of the patriotic ladies of Lambda Nu, serving guests at Sunday afternoon’s “Patriotic Meal” (which preceded the “Patriotic Concert”) in the sanctuary at Kingsland First Baptist Church. From left: Judy Taylor, Linda Rogers, Billie Purnell, Paula Macey, Jessamyn Putnam, Mary Ann Hefner and Karen Luckenbach.

The talented musicians of the Highland Lakes Brass Ensemble opened the Patriotic Concert with instrumental renditions of well-known songs.

Worship Pastor Terry Tope led the choir and the audience in singing “The Star-Spangled Banner” at the beginning of Sunday evening’s Patriotic Concert.
Veterans present at the Patriotic Concert were honored in the “Procession of the Patriots,” as members of each branch of the military followed their flag to the front of the room to the music of their song. The concert at the First Baptist Church helps to kick off Kingsland’s huge Aqua Boom Independence Day celebration on the right note each year.
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The sign at right, part of Kingsland Health Mart Pharmacy’s Aqua Boom decorations, seemed to illustrate the spirit of the Veterans Dinner at Chapel of the Hills in Buchanan Dam last Friday night. The pictures above and below were taken from opposite corners of the crowded Fellowship Hall as veterans and well-wishers enjoyed an evening of grateful celebration just before Independence Day.

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By JOHN HALLLOWELL

The Fourth of July is a uniquely American holiday, so it might seem strange for me to begin my thoughts on Independence Day with quotes from a British newspaper, an English politician. But if you’ll bear with me, I think you’ll understand.

Patriotism and love of country are not unique to America. It was the Scottish poet Robert Burns, who said, "What man has he that he is not a kinc?" Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned, As home his footsteps he hath turned From wandering on a foreign strand?" While some might carry patriotism too far, or use it as a tool to manipulate the thoughtless, there is absolutely nothing wrong with that special affection for the particular corner of God's creation in which you live. It is a God-given sense of connection and belonging which, properly used, gives life extra meaning to life and inspires extra achievement from its beneficiaries.

Our own homeland has many de-
tectors, but the most critical of all, I believe, the more I am reminded of Winston Churchill's observations on democracy: "Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except all others that have been tried from time to time." I believe a similar assessment could be made of our country; in the last 240 years, the United States of America (with all its undeniable warts), have made more positive contributions to humanity than any other nation. The U.S.A. has been the world's leader in almost every field of human achievement; it has been the most generous nation in the world's history. It has helped more, defended more, liberated more and given opportunity to more than anyone else, ever. And it has its roots in a 3,222-word document, written mostly by a 33-year-old lawyer from Virginia, 240 years ago.

It was a time when a very few wealthy and powerful men ruled empires, and vast populations lived in poverty and oppression. Somewhere in America, the idea of freedom and equality took root. When Thomas Paine published a 48-page pamphlet called Common Sense in January of 1776, a half-million copies were sold that year, and Americans thrilled to the fiery language: "O ye that love mankind! Ye that dare oppose not only the tyranny, but the tyrant, stand forth! Every spot of the old world is overrun with oppression. Freedom hath been hunted round the globe. Asia, and Africa, have long expelled her—Europe regards her like a stranger, and England hath given her warning to depart. Of receive the fugitive, and prepare in time an asylum for mankind." Thomas Jefferson's more thought-ful—but no less revolutionary—declaration was signed on July 4th, immortalizing the signers' belief that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." They recognized the gravity of what they were doing; the final paragraph reads "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." Benjamin Franklin is reported to have said, "We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." They had the courage to go ahead, and while some lost their lives and their fortunes, their "sacred honor" remains intact to this day.

America has never been a Utopia; it was just 87 years later that Abraham Lincoln would say at the Gettysburg battlefield, "we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether a nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure." But, "we here closely resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

And this nation, under God, DID have a new birth of freedom! The people of France recognized that fact when they presented us with a Statue of Liberty, later inscribed with this message: "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore, Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door! Mill-ions of people from around the world came here, to America, breathing new energy and excitement into the American Dream as they realized their own dreams of "breathing free."

The U.S.A. became an industrial giant, a leader in science, in technology and in the arts. Perhaps even more importantly, it became the "arsenal of democracy," supplying the weapons and personnel that defeated some of the most sinister empires the world had ever known. Perhaps in the years since World War II the lines have not been so clearly drawn, but America has almost always been there to help in disasters, almost always worked to ease suffering, to defend the weak, to feed the hungry, to help the poor and downtrodden and to find new solutions for age-old problems.

It's not that our land is more beautiful or blessed with more resources than any other. It's not that we are smarter or braver or stronger than people from other lands. It's the liberty that those fifty-six men promised us on the Fourth of July -- the freedom to think, worship, dream and achieve -- that has made the United States of America a beacon to the world.

So get out there this Independence Day with your red, white and blue; celebrate with parades and parties and friends and fireworks. Salute the flag and sing patriotic songs without embarrassment. This is America, and God has blessed us all immensely. We have a lot to celebrate!

I'll close with some words from Lee Greenwood's song, which sent chills up and down my spine when I first heard it during the Gulf War in 1991, and which I still love to hear; "I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me. And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today. Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land. God Bless the USA."
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 Malina on creating a “Family Book” from Family Tree Maker. November 12 is a presentation on using Fold 3 research program. December 10 is our annual Christmas Party.

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JoAnn Myers, who chairs the Burnet County Historical Commission, acted as MC at the 2019 “Citizens of Note” event (held at the Texas AgriLife building in Burnet) on Tuesday morning.

Above: Caroline Bradshaw accepts a certificate from BCHC board member Lela Goar, who read the biography of Eve DuVal Duncan at the “Citizens of Note” event on Tuesday. Two of the seven honorees were Duncan family members (the other was Jamie Lois Husted). At right: Tommy Potts presented a certificate to Lavonna “Vonne” Fox, another of the seven honorees. The four others who were honored this year were: Virgil Lewis, Mary Hampton, Jim Luther Sr., and Ina Cooper.
Music Around the Lakes

Above: Kingsland Community Church's new Bell Choir took part in the "Patriotic Concert" at Kingsland First Baptist last Sunday evening.

At left: George Witbeck has taken over regular live entertainment duties at the Highland Lakes Senior Center's Friday pot-luck lunches in Kingsland.

Below: The talented Peterson Brothers Band put on a great show at Wakepoint LBJ in Kingsland last Friday night.

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Above: The Highland Lakes Service League awarded over $13,000 in scholarships to Carie Shipley, Mandi Welch, Virginia Gutierrez, Sandra Hartline, Bobbie Green and Chelsea Webb. Scholarships are awarded to adult women returning to college or certification programs.

At right: Magician John O’Bryant entertained kids from the Marble Falls Library’s Summer Reading Club last Friday afternoon.

Above: Vacation Bible Schools are not all over. Keep an eye out for VBS at a church near you!

At right: The cast for the Hill Country Community Theatre’s production of “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” invites the public to attend shows from July 18 to August 4.

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Miss Aqua Boom contestants entertained the pageant audience with a short dance routine to open the combination Teen and Miss section of the Aqua Boom Pageant last Saturday night.

Three beauties competed for the title of “Teen Miss Aqua Boom” last Saturday. From left: Madelyn Starnett, Catalina Masters and Linette Fonseca. The “50” over the stage marks this year’s 50th Aqua Boom festival. The big Independence Day celebration has been held each year since 1970.

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Linette Fonseca was crowned “Teen Miss Aqua Boom” at Saturday’s pageant.

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Above: Contestants Leyah Wilson (Princess), Kaitlyn Tares (Duchess) and Kyla Cox watched as last year’s Miss Aqua Boom (Kaillee Hair) crowned her successor (Hattie Blair) at the close of last Saturday’s Aqua Boom Scholarship Pageant. Miss Aqua Boom receives a $3,500 scholarship.

At right: Leyah Wilson smiled for the camera after being crowned Princess; Kaitlyn Tares impressed the audience with a rendition of “Danny Boy” on the trumpet, and Hattie Blair posed with her friend Emma Lewis after being crowned Miss Aqua Boom.

The two helped lead Burnet High School’s basketball team to the state finals this year.

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Aqua Boom activities don’t end with the fireworks on Thursday night! Among the remaining attractions (see schedule on facing page) will be the Aqua Boom Golf Tournament at Lighthouse Country Club (above) on Saturday morning, the Wild Game Dinner at the Kingsland Community Center (to benefit His Joshua House) and the Street Dance with Kingsland’s own River Rats on Saturday night.

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(June 29 - July 6)

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Saturday, June 29
10am-9pm Miss Aquaboomb Scholarship Pageant
7am Baby Show Contest
10am Teeny, Tiny Little Young, Tween Miss
8pm Teen Miss and Miss AQUA BOOM
(Kingsland Community Center)

Sunday, June 30
3:00pm-5:00pm Kingsland Annual Patriotic Meal
6:30pm Patriotic Concert
(First Baptist Church - Kingsland)

Thursday, July 4
9:00am-5:00pm Arts and Crafts Show
6:00pm-9:00pm Children’s Rides/Activities
12:00pm-5:00pm Patriotic Costume Contest (Registration - 11:30a)
(Towards 1300, behind MWA) (Event)

Friday, July 5
9:00am Horseshoe Pitch/Washer Toss Tournaments - 13th Annual - Registration
10:00am-12:30pm Tournament Starts (Sold Out)
9:30am-5:00pm Arts and Crafts Show
8:00am-5:00pm Children’s Rides/Activities
(First Baptist Church - Kingsland)

Saturday, July 6
9:00am Shotgun Start Golf Tournament
10:00am-4:00pm Police Run on the River (ends at 4pm)
(Registration ends at 3:00pm)
3:00pm-7:00pm H2O Bash Wild Game Dinner/Auction
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