Llano’s Starry Starry Nights lighting display, which is providing some real competition these days for the spectacular Walkway of Lights in Marble Falls, will welcome Santa around 6 p.m. this Friday for its big Opening Night at Badu Park, on the north side of the Llano River. Both displays, and beautiful lights in Burnet and Granite Shoals (coming soon), will be shining each evening through the end of 2016 for your viewing pleasure. For at least a partial list of Christmas activities around the Highland Lakes, see “Upcoming Events,” beginning on page 2.
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Upcoming Events
The Horseshoe Bay Business Alliance will host its annual “Holiday” shopping event (which includes prizes, refreshments and live entertainment) in the “downtown” area along Hwy 2147 next Thursday evening.

BY JOHN HOLLOWELL

Kingsland Health & Fitness Center will host its 7th Annual “After” Turkey Trot and Kids 1-Mile Run on Thursday, November 24. (See ad on page 5.)
Santa will be on hand to help kick off Llano’s Starry, Starry Night lighting display in Bella Park at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 25.
Llano General Store will host a Pop-Up Artisan Market this weekend (November 26-27), with local, artisan-made Christmas gifts in all price ranges.
Kingsland merchants will hold a Small Business Saturday shopping event on November 26 (see ad on page 11).
Llano’s Gun Shop & Gourmet (featuring firearms, food, blowguns, crafts, etc.) will be held at the JLK Event Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 26. Admission is $5 per person w/4 cans of unopened food or $5 per person. Kids 12 and under are free (paid adult). Shoppers are welcome!
The new Zeroidia-Trixi tea (all members of Kingsland’s well-known River Rat Revue) will perform at the Club Car Bar (on the second floor of the Grand Central Cafe in Kingsland) next door to the Amber’s Hotel from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, November 26.
Waldencroft Productions will host a Gun & Knife Show on Saturday and Sunday, November 26 & 27, at the Kingsland Community Center (see ad on page 9).
Llano Library will have a “New & Interesting” program at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. All of the supplies will be available to make a rug sash.
The Horseshoe Bay Business Alliance will host its Holiday shopping event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, at the “downtown” area on Hwy 2147.

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**Scatterthought**

Before I get down to business this week, I want to bring a little about my son, Danny (better known to passport readers of Leatherneck magazine as Lance Corporal Daniel Hallowell, and to all of the Texas Tech friends as Daniel). Danny joined the Marines after graduating from Burnet High School in 2004 and was involved in a fierce battle in Iraq in 2005 where one of his good friends (Lance Corporal Christopher McCracken) was killed and another (Lance Corporal Jordan Moore) earned the Navy Cross for saving the lives of two fellow infantrymen and driving a fierce force of insurgents. I heard about Danny’s two friends that year, but I didn’t read about the battle until an article appeared in Leatherneck magazine (with Danny in two of the accompanying pictures) in November of 2011. Now it’s in the New York Times (I saw it online). The story called the fight “a little-known but deadly fight WHERE ALL WERE HEROES.” I am so proud of Danny.

That leads to my second “scatterthought.” When Danny was in third or fourth grade he had to memorize a poem for a homework assignment. He was having trouble focusing, so our whole family memorized it with him at the dinner table. I still remember and appreciate the first two lines: “Not just today, but every day should be Thanksgiving Day.” And so, as I reread this paper’s quick jump from Halloween to Christmas, I think that November’s two wonderful holidays are more of a year-round celebration. Most of us here in the Highland Lakes area appreciate our veterans and give thanks to God for our many blessings all through the year; it’s just not quite so public.

Having said all that, I am very happy to note that last week’s paper was filled with Veterans Day pictures, and I’ve already been to a Thanksgiving celebration (see pages 8 & 9). Just because we enjoy Christmas doesn’t mean that the November holidays are forgotten. And we do enjoy Christmas! This paper (and the next four issues) will be filled with Christmas celebrations as the Marble Falls parade and Wallerapy are followed by the great events and traditions at around the lakes (especially in Llano and Burnet). I tried to mention as many as I could in my “Upcoming Events” article (starting on page 2), but I’m sure I didn’t get them all.

One event that I did not was the 2nd Annual Kiwanis Christmas Program, to be held at 5 p.m. next Friday (December 2) at the First Baptist Church in Marble Falls. It will feature music by John Arthur Martinez, the Highland Lakes Men’s Chorus and the Hill Country Blazers. Proceeds benefit local charities, and attendees are invited to bring “$10 and under” gifts for children.

Another item was the concert this Saturday evening (7 p.m. at First Church in Llano) by The Skylarks, a renowned “swing jazz orchestra” which includes several members of The Flashbacks.

Something I did remember to mention, but want to mention again, is the Weekday Ministries’ planned “Community Caroling” in Burnet (December 16) and Granite Shoals (December 19). Rev. Norma Shaw is asking those interested in attending to email her at weekdministriessemail.com so she’ll know how many treblebells will be needed! The carollers will need to meet at 6 p.m. for both those events.

Something I meant to mention last week (before I ran out of space) was the donation of 18 turkeys by Hope Lutheran Church in Marble Falls to the Mission Outreach Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Frederick Baptist Church. They, and other donors, helped feed hundreds of people, including Meals on Wheels clients and many drops in guests (see photo on page 8). Also, I wasn’t able to attend the Highland Lakes Legacy Foundation’s 2016 Celebration of Giving last Thursday in Horseshoe Bay, but several outstanding citizens were.

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The crowd at Kingsland’s First Baptist Church for last Sunday evening’s Community Thanksgiving Dinner waited patiently for Pastor Bubba Stant to call their table number before getting in line to help themselves to the delicious meal provided by the church.

Three new homes are rapidly taking shape on Brookwood Street in Kingsland, the first of what builders Wind & Water Construction (from Dallas) call “a community” of affordable homes in the Nob Hill section.

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Friends of the Kingsland Library Betty Goodby, Matthew Johnson and Donna Merzi helped wait on customers at the big Book and Bake Sale held at the library last Friday and Saturday.

Kingsland artist Marilyn Houston displayed her amazing dolls, mostly Santa Claus variations, at a special exhibit last Friday evening at Marta Stafford’s Fine Art gallery in Marble Falls.

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This photo (taken from the Highway 201 bridge in Marble Falls) shows part of the amazing Walkway of Lights in Lakeside Park. The lighting display was turned on and opened to the public last Friday night, following an excellent Christmas parade down Main Street.

The iconic "Old Glory" lights tower over the Walkway in a patriotic touch at Marble Falls' spectacular lighting display each Christmas season.

This impressive sculpture, "Cache del Mar" by Dr. Marshall Cunningham, was installed last Thursday as one of the early entries in Marble Falls annual "Sculpture on Main" program. The kick-off event, to be bigger and better than ever, is scheduled for December 2; one of the highlights will be an indoor display and sale of table-top sculptures in the Lakeside Pavilion (see ad on p. 12).
Christmas Parade in Marble Falls

A long procession of floats, marchers and brightly-lighted vehicles delighted the crowds along Main Street in Marble Falls last Friday night. The parade led to Lakeside Park, where the lights were turned on for another spectacular season at the Walkway of Lights.

A variety of civic groups, companies and churches joined to make the parade last Friday a big success. The cold front that blew in on Friday was just enough to contribute a seasonally-appropriate chill to the annual Christmas event in downtown Marble Falls.

Photos by John Hollowell
Volunteers lined up to take boxes of groceries to guests’ cars at Joseph’s Feast of Thanksgiving, held last Saturday at the Highland Lakes Elementary School in Granite Shoals, as hundreds enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal and live music inside. The event was organized by Joseph’s Pantry, a local charity which provides food and clothing year-round for those in need.

Volunteers at St. Frederick Baptist Church in Marble Falls (including the cheerful group pictured above) delivered hundreds of meals (and served hundreds more at the church) on Saturday as part of St. Frederick’s Community Outreach Thanksgiving Dinner.

Pastor George Pary and other members of St. Frederick Baptist Church visited with guests during the Community Outreach Thanksgiving Dinner last Saturday.
Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Gordon Bergstrom, from the First Baptist Church in Bertram, issues a Call to Worship at Bertram's Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday.

Guests at Kingsland First Baptist Church help themselves to the delicious Thanksgiving Dinner provided there last Sunday evening.

The Hoover Valley Baptist Church was another great place to enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner last Sunday.

Pastor Ryan Schmidt, of One Desire Church in Bertram, addresses the multi-denominational congregation at Bertram Elementary School for the Community Thanksgiving Service last Sunday evening.

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Centurions maintain law and order during the tax-collection season in Burnet's annual Main Street Bethlehem production, held the first two weekends each December. The popular Christmas attraction brings new life to the Christmas story from 6 to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays (December 2-4 and 9-11).

EVENTS (Continued from page 1)

The Links Lake/Lake Buchanan Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled its annual golf tournament for Sunday, December 4, at Delavan Springs in Burnet. They are still looking for golfers; if you are interested, please call 512-793-2860.

The Phoenix Center and Texas A&M University Department of Architecture will present architectural designs for the future Phoenix Center campus at Lake Buchanan Church in Marble Falls (704 Hwy 281N) at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 5. The Friends of the Llano Library Chili Lunch will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, at the Library.

Kingsland merchants will host a "first annual" Jingle Mingle at the Kingsland Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 8. Proceeds will benefit the Easter Harvest Food Bank.

The Llano Art Guild will host a Kick-Off Party for its big Barzaar from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8. The Barzaar will continue from 10 to 7 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 9th to 11th.

Singer/Plastic Linda Gail Lewis (the younger sister of Jerry Lee Lewis) will be the featured performer at the Spicewood Arts Society concert, held at Spicewood Vineyards at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 19. Burnet's Christmas on the Square will be held all day (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) on Saturday, December 10, and Christmas at Old Fort Crogan will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. the same day (second Saturday of December). Main Street Bethlehem will continue that weekend in Burnet as well.

Llano's wonderful Snow Day, with trucked-in snow for sledding and snowball fights, etc., will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, December 10.

The Cottonwood Shores Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual Christmas for Kids at the fire hall from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 10.

The Blues Pesse will host a concert at the Llano General Store from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, December 10.

The Choir Department of opposing Jesus Ministry Christian School will host a free winter concert entitled, "A King is Born," beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 11.

The Llano Library will offer a Christmas Treasures To Make and Take program at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 15.

Weakland Ministries will hold a community carding event in Burnet on December 16 and in Granite Shoals on December 19. Both events will begin at 6 p.m. RSVP to weaklandministries@gmail.com before December 9 if you'd like to participate.

The Hill Country Community Theatre in Cottonwood Shores will host two showings of "Hill Country Christmas on the Air," a modern, old-fashioned radio variety show and sing-along, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, December 17 & 18.

The choir at First Baptist Church in Bertram will present A Night of the Father's Love at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 18.
About a dozen businesses are offering specials at their places of business on the Saturday after Thanksgiving (for Small Business Saturday) and another two dozen will set up booths from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kingsland’s First Baptist Church for the “shop local” event. Storefront locations are designated on the above map: 1) Massage Douglas, 2) Reflections Day Spa, 3) Lake Fun Designs, 4) Pizza Box, 5) Sister’s Antiques, 6) MelLife, Kloset Deja Vu & Pink Zebra, 7) Ron’s Tires and Batteries (at the western edge of town), 8) Spa Tots, 9) MAS Floral, 10) Tan That, and 11) Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts.

These other businesses plan to set up booths at 12) the First Baptist Church in Kingsland (3435 W Ranch Road 1431): Advocare, Air Erase, Boot Camp, Catholic Life, Clean Channel Dredging, Do Terra, Hair Bows & Bow Ties, It Works Global, Jenn’s Jewelry, Kingsland Chamber, Kingsland Community Center, Kingsland School, Kloset Deja Vu, Lake Fun Designs, La Roc Clothing, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Massage Depot, MatLife, O2 Kool, Pilates, Pink Zebra, Premier Designs, Premier Leather Restoration, Prevention Thru Nutrition, Pretzels, R&M Training, SeneGence Cosmetics, Soil Cleaning Services, Tan That, Wildflower Fitness & Health and Younique.

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The Burnet High School theatre group presented three showings of 
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crossed couple. It will show again this Friday and Saturday 
(November 25 & 26; 7 p.m. both nights) at the Family Life Center 
of Lutie Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church.

SCATTERED THOUGHTS: (Continued from page 3)

honored, and I'd like to at least mention them here. Stuart and Rebecca Nunnally 
are the founders of Faith Academy. Martin McLean is a long-time county judge 
and community volunteer. Lily Banyard is the founder of Children's Day in Marble 
Falls, and Sophie McCoy and Bill Worley are coordinators of VetKid. All of them 
are most deserving recipients of their awards.

One more thing: the annual Victorian Christmas Open House sponsored by 
the Falls on the Colorado Museum is set for Saturday, December 3, 2016. Home 
owner Carol Calsby will be on hand to talk with visitors as they tour the historic 
Christian-Matusic home, 603 Seventh Street at Avenue F, on the east side of Hwy 
281 in Marble Falls. The community is invited to visit any time between 6:00 and 
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The First Baptist Church choir was one of the participants from several Bertram churches in a Community Thanksgiving service last Sunday evening at Bertram Elementary School.

Area musicians (pictured from left: Darrell Vaughn, Dennis Lofton, Virgil and Julie Taylor and James Redford) helped entertain the crowd at Joseph’s Feast of Thanksgiving, organized by Joseph’s Food Pantry at Highland Lakes Elementary School in Granite Shoals last Saturday.

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