The young performers from Studio 29 Dance Centre put on a great show at the Burnet High School auditorium last Friday and Saturday in “The Story of the Nutcracker.” Two more “Nutcracker” shows will be presented in the Highland Lakes area: Harmony School of Creative Arts will perform in “The Nutcracker: Gifts of Christmas Ballet” at Marble Falls High School next weekend (7 p.m. on Saturday; 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 10 & 11), and the Wildflower Dance Studio will present “The Nutcracker” in the Llano High School auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 16 & 17.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Liano's wonderful Snow Day, with trucked-in snow for sliding, snowball fights and general fun, will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. (or until the snow all melts) on Saturday, December 10. Other great events this Saturday include Christmas at the Square, Christmas at Fort Coghlan and Main Street Bethelheim, all in Burnet, and Christmas for Kids in Cottonwood Shores.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Liano Art Guild’s Bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 9 to 11. A Photo Walk Reception, featuring pictures by a group of Austin photographers who visited Marble Falls in February to take pictures all over town, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Trendz (203 Main Street, Marble Falls). Singer/Pianist Linda Gill Lewis (the younger sister of Jerry Lee Lewis) will be the featured performer at the Spikewood Arts Society concert, held at Spikewood Vineyards, at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 9. Marble Falls First Baptist will present free performances of Handel’s Messiah at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 9 & 10.

Fumari’s Christmas on the Square will be held all day (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, and the old-fashioned Christmas at Fort Coghlan will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. the same day (second Saturday of December). Main Street Bethelheim will continue this weekend in Burnet, as well (Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m. weather permitting).

Buchanan Arts & Crafts will host its Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, at their Hwy 29 gallery (see ad on page 11). Liano’s wonderful Snow Day, with trucked-in snow for sliding and snowball fights, etc., will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, December 10.

The Falls on the Colorado Museum will open its Magnificent Mountain exhibit at 2-3 p.m. on Saturday, December 10. The exhibit tells the story of Marble Falls Lardmark Granite Mountain.

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 Posse will hold a concert at Liano General Store from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, December 10.

Harmony School of Creative Arts will present two performances of Nutcracker: Gifts of Christmas Ballet at Marble Falls High School next weekend (7 p.m. on Saturday, December 9 & 11).

The Jason Roberts Band will perform in a Holiday Show at the Globe Theater in Bertram, beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 10.

Chapel of the Hills (on Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam) will present the musical “A Joy, Unbreakable Joy” at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 11 (see ad on page 9).

The Church Department of Smoking for Jesus Ministry Christian School will host a free winter concert entitled, “A King is Born,” beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 11 (see ad on page 5).

The Kingwood Genealogical Society will hold its annual Christmas Luncheon and installation of officers at noon on Thursday, December 11, at the Trailblazer Grill on the west side of the square in Burnet. Remaining members from the Burnet County Genealogical Society have also been invited. Please bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry in Kingsland. For details or to register, call Harriet Martin at (325) 385-5489 or Jeanne Scoatnough at (830) 356-8443.

The Liano Library will offer a Christmas Treats to Make and Take program at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 15.

Musicians W. C. Jameson and Buddy Case will perform at the Harman Brown Free Library on Thursday, December 15 (beginning at 2 p.m.).

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I have known the famous artist Benini, since the early days of my Texas Hill Country magazine in 2004. He and his wife, Lorraine, have introduced me to many accomplished artists, including Dr. Marshall Cunningham (pictured above with the Beninis), who was the subject of one of my stories in 2005. I met him again last Friday at the Beninis’ new (private) gallery in Marble Falls.

Scatterthought

The Christmas season is in full swing now, and I haven’t been able to keep up with all the great events going on around the Highland Lakes area. This coming weekend may be the busiest of them all (with Main Street Bethlehem, Christmas at Fort C镁ghan, Christmas on the Square, Snow Day, Handel’s Messiah, the Nutcracker, the Lighting display, and much more) and I know that I can’t be everywhere at once! But with all the events I can see, I’ve got a whole lot more pictures than I can fit into the paper. I hope some of you who see this on Facebook will look up “Highland Lakes Weekly” and enjoy some of the articles I’ve posted.

It’s not only Christmas events. This past week, there was Sculpture on Main, the unveiling of plans for the new Phoenix Center, all kinds of new construction and renovations, etc., etc. Wednesday was Pearl Harbor Day, and Texas Parks and Wildlife was stocking rainbow trout in the Llano River near Castell.

One of the highlights of my week was re-meeting turned-sculptor Dr. Marshall Cunningham. I met him at the Beninis’ Sculpture Ranch near Johnson City in 2007; I remember him mentioning a story about him for your Texas Hill Country magazine back then, but I hadn’t seen him since. The Beninis have moved to Marble Falls now, and invited me to come and visit with Dr. Cunningham again at their private gallery last Friday.

Another highlight was the Kingfish Club Christmas party, where local hero Rex Paul Schenkel was one of the guest performers. I took pictures (of course), and posted some of them on Facebook. I was very honored to see that he had used one of my pictures as his profile picture. Speaking of pictures, Santa will be at Buddies convenience store in Kingsland (on the corner of Hwys. 1431 and 2001) from 2 to 5 p.m. this Saturday (December 10), and everyone is invited to come and get pictures with him. And Santa may not be at Kingsland Community Church on Sunday morning, but everyone is invited there for the choir’s Christmas Cantata. Charles Harper has once again transformed his home (at 200 Fox Circle, in the Delatrine Springs subdivision of Barrett) into an amazing, animated Christmas Light Show. He invites the public to enjoy the show each evening through the end of the year, but ask that viewers bring non-perishable food items for the Llano County Food Bank. There will be a receptacle for these donations out by the street.

And while Pearl Harbor Day has passed, it’s not too late to honor those who were lost in that attack 75 years ago. The Marble Falls VFW (Post 1027, at 1001 Veterans Drive) will host a Pearl Harbor program at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 10. This has been a great year for rainfall, the lakes are full and the rivers are all flowing. I guess that’s one of the factors in the LCRAs decision to lower Lake LBJ about four feet, beginning January 2 and ending February 13. The drawdown will allow owners of shorefront property to repair and maintain docks and retaining walls; it will also aid in enhancing the growth of nuisance aquatic vegetation such as hydrilla and Eurasian watermilfoil. The water to refill Lake LBJ would lower Lake Buchanan by about one foot, but if the rivers continue to rise they will rise as well, the effort would be barely noticeable.

I’ll probably remember later that I had more things to mention, but deadline is here and my train is in (I’m going to stop after this one).

Things generally slow down a little around the middle of December, so I’m thinking of using the December 23 issue as a sort of “Christmas card” to all my readers, with nothing but pictures from the various Christmas events around the Highland Lakes. What do you think? (Who knows, it might even become a collector’s item!)

Have a great week; thanks for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!
Kingsland Family Christmas

Santa and Mrs. Claus were at the Kingsland Community Center last Saturday afternoon for pictures and other activities.

A long line of youngsters waited with their parents for a chance to have pictures taken with Santa.

Christmas arts and crafts kept kids busy after the pictures. There was also a variety of vendors, and refreshments were available. The event ended with a Family Dance that evening.

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A good crowd gathered at Lighthouse Country Club last Friday evening to help former pro golfer Wayne “Red” Davis celebrate his 90th birthday. With him in the photo above are daughters Paula Coffman and Julia Fenner, and grandsons Ephile and Sebastian.

Walt Harris, Stacey Loudermilk and James Berardi helped decorate the front of the Security State Bank & Trust office in Kingsland last Friday. Christmas cheer is evident at businesses (and residences) all around town.

A capacity crowd enjoyed the choir’s Christmas Cantata at Sunrise Beach Baptist Church last Sunday evening. Many other area churches will host Christmas programs this Sunday.

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Kids made ornaments and Christmas gifts in a Christmas Creations Art Camp at the Llano Fine Art Gallery last Sunday afternoon.

Chyna Mason served snacks and spiced wine at TexAss Outfitters (on East Main St.) during the Sip ‘n Stroll in Llano last Saturday before the Lighted Christmas Parade.

Rodeo Queen Elenia Keeroy and Countess Rebecca Vaughn rode in the Llano Chamber of Commerce float during the almost-rained-out Lighted Christmas Parade last Saturday.

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Logos youngsters, from Lutie Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church in Llano, told the story of the Nativity in a charmingly lighthearted way (from the viewpoint of the angels involved) in a production of “The Fear Not Factor” last Sunday evening.

Hostess Virginia Walker of Sandstone Street Bed & Breakfast welcomed guests to her elegant establishment last Sunday afternoon for a Jingle Bell Christmas Tea. Dr. Mike Middleton provided live accordion music for the event, which raised $500 for Llano ISD’s Backpack Buddies program.

The new home of Greg and Ashleigh Morning, located on a hilltop on the northeast corner of Llano, was one of the featured homes in the Women’s Culture Club’s Christmas Tour of Homes last Sunday.

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A crowd of volunteers at Burnett's wonderful Main Street Bethlehem production listen to last-minute instructions last Friday evening before bringing to life the ancient town where Jesus was born. Attendance was reduced by intermittent rains over the weekend, but those who attended were rewarded by a less-crowded and more-relaxed experience.

Tex collectors and Roman centurions reminded residents of Bethlehem (and travelers like Joseph and Mary) who ruled the land of Israel at the time of Christ's birth.

Locals at the tavern scoffed at reports of angels and a miraculous birth in their little town, and "business as usual" was the order of the day. But in a nearby manger lay "a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

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The 3rd Annual Marble Falls Kiwanis Club Christmas Program, held last Friday night at the First Baptist Church in Marble Falls, featured the Highland Lakes Men’s Chorus, the Hill Country Blazers (pictured above) and hometown hero Rex Paul Schnelle (at left), now a well-known musician in Nashville.

Local celebrity John Arthur Martinez, accompanied by fiddler Kurt Baumer and guitarist Chris Reeves, was another of the stars at the Kiwanis program.

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Above: Board members of the Falls on the Colorado Museum in Marble Falls hosted their annual "Victorian Christmas Open House" last Saturday evening at the beautifully restored and decorated home of Caryl Calayn (the historic Christian-Matson House, at 703 E. 7th St.)

At right, Frankie Dix and Mike Brittain, of the Horseshoe Bay Business Alliance, greeted visitors at last Thursday’s successful Holiday Shopping event. Area businesses and organizations staffed booths and various groups provided live entertainment at the good-natured get-together in “downtown” Horseshoe Bay.

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The ladies of the Bluebonnet Chorale delighted their audience with Christmas music at the Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam on Tuesday afternoon.

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Sculptor Peter Mangan, a nationally-known artist who now lives in Blanco, explains some of his pieces to students from Marble Falls Junior High during the kickoff event for the 2016 Sculpture on Main project, held at Lakeside Pavilion last Saturday. His “Awakening” sculpture is on the Main Street island in downtown Marble Falls.

More than a hundred supporters of the Sculpture on Main project gathered for a gala event (which included a gourmet meal and the display and sale of dozens of table-size sculptures) last Friday evening at the Lakeside Pavilion in Marble Falls. A total of 19 nationally recognized sculptors participated in this year’s very successful project.

This “Bull’s Eye” sculpture by Candice Garrett, a highly-acclaimed artist from New Mexico, took “Best of Show” honors at the 2016 Sculpture on Main exhibit in Marble Falls.

Pet of the Week

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