Jaxon Whittonburg was one of the dozens of colorful young characters who participated in the Costume Contest last Saturday during the Halloween Carnival at the Kingsland Community Center. Other activities at the well-attended annual event included a dunking booth provided by the Kingsland Volunteer Fire Department and booths set up by local businesses and civic groups. See a few more pictures on page 6 or visit our Facebook page for almost 140 more pictures from the very photogenic event.
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Kristan Farnham is a nurse who works for Encompass Home Health, and is well known and loved within the community. Her 4-year-old son, Bryan, was recently diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. Kristan, a single mother and foster parent, has had to take a leave of absence from work to care for her son. The treatment will last 3-5 years, with Bryan not being able to return to daycare/school for the first eight months. Kristan is an amazing mother, and a Godly woman who gives to anyone in need. We are all rallying together to support her in her time of need. Bryan is the most fun boy she has ever known; he doesn’t meet a stranger, and loves everyone. He is full of energy, and loves to play with cars and trucks (and just being outside!). It is our goal to help encourage and lift up Kristan Farnham and her family during the stressful times ahead. Please show your support for Bryan, our community and our culture.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The charming “Over the River & Through the Woods” production, starring (from left): Dean Zachary, Cheryl Crabtree, Lance Moran, Crystal Ceynowa, Lisa Rogers and Steve Lange, will continue this Saturday and Sunday at Llano Jr. High School.

By JOHN HALLOWELL

The Humanities Texas exhibit (called “Lone Star and Eagle: German Immigration to Texas”) will be at the Llano Library until November 22.

Marble Falls will host its First Friday Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. on Main Street this Friday (November 4).

Burnet’s Fall City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on the square and at different locations around town this Saturday. For more information, contact Cindy Lamb at 830-798-5778.

Packard Fellowship, on Hwy 2900 in Kingsland, will host the “Walk Thru the Bible” experience from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday.

The Helping Hands Craft Guild will open the holiday shopping season with their 15th Annual Bayside Bazaar, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, at Quail Point Lodge in Horseshoe Bay. The event benefits the Helping Center of Marble Falls; festivities will include a fashion show (by Salem’s) and a quilt raffle, as well as a variety of vendors. Call Mary Danieu at 830-596-6035 for more details.

U-TODAY Ministries is planning a “Block Party” for the first Saturday in November at its Hwy 1431 lot in Kingsland (November 4, from noon until dark). The event will feature several popular area musicians (see ad on page 10).

The Llano Community Theatre group will present the hilarious and heart-warming “Over the River & Through the Woods” at 7 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 4 and 5, at the Llano Junior High auditorium.

Kingsland Florist (2521 RR 1431) will hold its annual Open House to celebrate the Holiday Season from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 5.

Referrals will be served, and the shop will be beautifully decorated and well-stocked for the occasion.

The Highland Lakes Social Club will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 6, for a luncheon and Fall Fashion Show (by Beall’s of Marble Falls) at First Baptist Church Kingsland. Reservations for the catered lunch ($10) should be made to Barbara Moen at 830-613-8935. All ladies are invited to attend.

The Herman Brown Free Library in Burnet will hold a ribbon-cutting for its recently-completed 2,800-sq-ft expansion at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8.

Author Danzel Holmes (historical writer/photographer set in Texas) will be the featured speaker at the Herman Brown Free Library’s Coffee Talks event, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 9.

The Highland Lakes Writers’ Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, at the home of Caryl Calson (603 Seventh Street in Marble Falls). Visitors and new members are welcome.

Burnet’s J.R. Elementary School will host its big annual Veterans Day celebration at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 10.

The Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts will hold its annual Christmas Market from 1-6 on Friday and 9-5 on Saturday, November 10 and 11.

Laurel Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church (in Llano) will host a “Taste of Broadway” musical review and dinner theater at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11, to raise funds for a mission trip to Costa Rica. For tickets or info, call 325-247-4009.

The Jane Wells Woods Chapter of DRT (Daughters of the Republic of

(Continued on page 10)
Scatterthought

I'm sure that you'll all be interested to hear that I have a brand-new excuse for any sloppiness or disorganization in this week's paper. It's the Houston Astros. I hadn't been paying much attention to Major League Baseball this season before Hurricane Harvey hit the Houston area in late August. I knew the Astros were having a good year, but I didn't really start to notice them until after I heard that the team had donated 35 million dollars to hurricane relief efforts. Then it seemed like they were winning every home game they played, and I started to wonder if this might be the "year." It was, and a couple of those World Series wins (especially Game 7 on Wednesday) made me feel unproductive for several hours. I started typing this column about half an hour after the game ended, and it's now 11:45 p.m. I've got six more pages to put together by my 9 a.m. deadline (plus proof-reading, etc.), so you can be sure it won't be a methodical process. There will probably be some glaring errors, but you can blame them on the Astros.

Actually, I had an excuse ready before the World Series got started. You probably remember when the cold front blew in last week; to quote the old Abba song, "there was something in the air that night," and my allergies have been in high gear ever since. I haven't been able to function very well for more than a week, and I really didn't want to be seen in public most of the time. I missed a lot of events, but fortunately I was able to make it to several very photographic Halloween events. That explains the preponderance of Halloween photos in this paper.

Which reminds me; you know that I take most of the pictures that appear in this paper, but you probably suspect that some of them were sent to me by someone else. You would be right, and my policy is to put "courtesy photo" or "photo by" with the photographer's name (if I know it). Last week, I forgot (as is my habit, I'm afraid) to acknowledge four "courtesy photos." The fish picture and group shot of the theatre cast on page 12 were sent to me by email, and the photo of the poster winners on page 4 was actually a "screen shot" of someone's phone at Puckett Elementary. The picture of Dan Gower at the Friends of the Kingsland Library meeting (on page 2) was sent to me by Faye Spera. I didn't mean to imply that I had taken them.

Now I have several "business" items to mention.

Since Veterans Day falls on Saturday this year, some area schools will celebrate on Friday the 10th. The R.J. Elementary School in Barret will host its big annual Veterans Day celebration at 10 a.m. next Friday, and I hear that the Highland Lakes Men's Chorus will be singing at the Kingsland School to honor our Veterans at 11.

That Friday is also the last day to sign up for next April's "Paint the Town" art festival in Marble Falls. See www.hlarts.com for details and an application.

Highland Lakes Tiny Homes (on RR 2455 in Kingsland) will be holding a Grand Opening on two consecutive Saturday's: November 17 and 18. Look for more details next week.

The Lake Buchanan/Inks Lake Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Chili Dinner with the winners of the Welcome Westerners. It will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, at Hill Country Hall in Buchanan Dam. RSVP at 512-793-2803 by November 13 if you'd like to attend.

The AgriLife Extension Office in Llano will offer a Hunters Education Course from 9 to 5 on Monday, November 20. You can register at https://txpvd. elemenlms.com.

The LCRA is planning to lower Inks Lake for about six weeks beginning January 2, 2018, to allow lakeside property owners an opportunity to repair and maintain docks, retaining walls and other shoreline property. The drawdown also will aid in curbing the growth of nuisance aquatic vegetation. The lake will be lowered about 2 feet a day from January 2 through 5, for a total drawdown of about 6 feet. The refill will begin about February 10, and will be completed by the 13th.

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Fire Chief Darryl Miller Sr. gave a talk on fire prevention at the community room of Windwood Apartments after the Tenants Association’s regular lunch on Friday.

Alison Thompson of HOMESMART (Satellite Station) invited her neighbor, Judy Tuttle of Pac-Ship & More to draw winning tickets for door prizes from the Showcase Builders entry in this year's Parade of Homes. Paula White and Pam Parkman won Bose portable Bluetooth speakers, while Lora Cheney and Thom Fairleigh won Ring Camera doorbells. Entries were collected from Tour visitors at the home.

These two structures are part of an amazing “haunted village” assembled by Dr. Robert Sawyer as part of the extensive Halloween decoration at his Central Texas Family Dentistry office in Kingsland.

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Good-hearted golfers gathered in front of the clubhouse at Kingsland’s Lighthouse Country Club last Saturday for the Lions Club’s Charity Golf Tournament. This zoomed-in shot from a rise to the east shows Kingsland’s dramatic western “skyline,” Packsaddle Mountain.

The Fall Festival at Packsaddle Elementary School last Thursday attracted a good crowd, many in costume, for the festivities.

Art students at Kingsland School decorated plastic “skulls” for a Dia de los Muertos project last Wednesday. Their work will be on display next week at El Bracero restaurant, on Hwy 1431 in Kingsland.
A good crowd came to the Kingsland Community Center for Saturday’s Halloween Carnival. Above: Contestants in the 8-12 age group of the carnival’s Costume Contest gather for a group photo. At right: Aqua Boom Teen Miss Jalynn Clark and Miss Aqua Boom Amber Dyess helped staff the Chamber booth at the Halloween Carnival with volunteers Louann Raley and Haldis Gentry.

Family members and contestants in other age groups filled the seats on both sides of the runway during the Costume Contest at Kingsland Community Center in last Saturday’s Halloween Carnival.

Fire Chief Darryl Miller Sr. emerges from the dunk tank after an accurately thrown ball unseated him during the Halloween Carnival last Saturday. Other attractions included game booths, food and a Haunted House in the front room of the Community Center.
Sweet Berry Farm, which has been transformed by owners Dan and Gretchen Copeland into a sort of agricultural Disneyland in Marble Falls, will be open again this weekend. Among the attractions last Saturday was a large selection of pumpkins (some visible from a distance on the east side of FM 1980 in the photo above).

A popular attraction on the west side of the highway is the Texas-shaped corn maze.

A group of whimsically-designed scarecrows at this “wedding” make up one of the remarkable sights along the trail ride, another very popular attraction on the west side of the highway. Sweet Berry Farm will be open again for a “Thanksgiving Feast-ival” November 18-26.
Family Fun Day in Bertram

Despite the threat of rain on Tuesday evening, Bertram's Family Fun Day attracted a good crowd (many in imaginative costumes) to the temporarily-closed Vaughan Street for safe trick-or-treating. Quite a few local businesses and organizations provided treats and activities, and the aptly-named event lived up to its advance billing.

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Above: Artist Daniel Adams holds two of his intricately-carved pumpkins at the Llano River Pumpkin Float last Saturday. At right: Wader-clad volunteers arranged and lit the carved pumpkins as the sun went down, and the crowd enjoyed a unique spectacle on the water after dark.

Two of the chief instigators of Llano’s delightful new tradition (Binky Morgan and Cheryl Quallenburg) dressed up as pirates and towed two pumpkin-laden kayaks around the “lake” by the Llano River dam as a large crowd in Badu Park waited for nightfall.

Sand Sculptor Joaquin Cortez, who also participated in the Llano Earth Art Festival (LEAF) this spring, was one of the guests of honor at the Llano River Pumpkin Float. His amazing jack-o-lantern sculpture, complete with lights, was one of the many attractions around the park. There were many costumed visitors, several vendors’ booths, a fortune-telling gypsy, a magician and more, all assembled at the park on the north side of the Llano River.
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Texas) will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 11, at Herman Brown Free Library in Burnet. Any woman aged 16 or over, who believes she is a lineal descendant of a man or woman who rendered loyal service to the Republic of Texas, is invited. For more information, contact Jane Napier at knap@nctv.com. The Falls on the Colorado Museum (FOCM) is joining with the Rotary Club of Marble Falls again this year to honor area Veterans at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 11, at the museum.

The Quilts of Valor group will be awarding quilts to 36 Veterans at 11 a.m. on November 11 at the Kuykendall Center in Llano. Vietnam Veterans will also be recognized by the Llano Uplift Charter of the DAR. The public is invited.

The Granite Shoals Police Officers Association and Fire Auxiliary will be holding its annual BBQ fundraiser at the former Ryder’s building (7911 Hwy 1431) 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 11. The event benefits the Granite Shoals Christmas Outreach, bring an unwrapped new toy and get a free dessert!

Burnet’s VFW Post 6974 (1402 W. Buchanan Dr.) will host a Veterans Day celebration from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 11. Mayor Christa Goble Bromley will speak. There will be food, a band, a raffle, and a flag retirement ceremony (bring your faded, tattered, or torn flags). For further information, please leave a message at (512) 385-6070.

The Llano Country Opry will feature Nashville musicians Jim Glasier and Bobby Tomberlin at 7:30 p.m. show on Saturday, November 11.

Robin Chiesa, of Old Glory Millinery will be offering a hat-decorating class from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, at Llano Fine Arts Guild and Gallery. No experience necessary! For details and/or reservations, call 325-429-6404.

Llano High School Student Travel is hosting a Bunco Night at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, to raise funds for a trip to the eastern seaboard. Email brcdaniel@flanoid.org for tickets or info.

The Lake Buchanan/Llano Lake Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Chili Dinner, with all the fixings, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, at Hill Country Hall to welcome Winter Texans! RSVP by November 13 at 512-793-2803.

Marble Falls will officially begin its Christmas season at dusk on Friday, November 17, with a lighted Christmas Parade down Main Street and the opening of this year’s Walkway of Lights at Lakeside Park.

The Spicewood Arts Society’s second concert of the season Friday, Nov. 17 brings rising stars Collin Hauser and Stevie Jo Emanuel to the Spicewood Vineyards stage. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Event Center, 1419 Co. Rd. 409, Spicewood. For more information or to purchase tickets, see www.spicewoodearts.org or call 512-264-2820. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

A charity golf tournament to help pay for Bryan Meeks’ medical expenses (see ad on page 2) will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 18, at Lighthouse Country Club in Kingsland.

The Native Plant Society will host a “Butterflies and Native Wildflowers” program at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, at the Marble Falls Library.
**Epsilon Pi sorority volunteers posed for this group picture during their big garage sale at the Burnet County Fairgrounds last Saturday morning. From left: Peggy Hansen, Lorena Blaylock, Janis Spears, Yvonne Evans, Caryl Pase, Evelyn Sandner, Jamye Wilson and Deanie Smith. Proceeds from the sale support local non-profits.**

**Originally planned for McNair Park, the Sunrise Beach community Trunk or Treat was moved indoors to the fire hall because of predicted rain on Tuesday evening. A good crowd enjoyed the festivities there.**

**A crowd gathered in front of the Chapel of the Hills, on Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam, for last Sunday evening’s Trunk or Treat celebration.**

**These two photogenic unicorns (Kadence Light and Hailee Wooten) were among the many costumed characters at Kingsland First Baptist’s Trunk or Treat last Sunday evening.**

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Above, left: Danika Ostrowski, of Austin, was one of many fine artists with booths at the Spicewood Arts Society’s “Arts Roundup” at LaCabana last weekend. Left: Loreta Stubblefield presided over the Halloween Party at the Marble Falls Senior Center on Monday.

Above: “Walkers” packed Valerie Smasa’s Calamity & Grace shop (on the west side of the Llano square) during last Friday’s Art Walk in downtown Llano.

Safari Greg entertained young patrons at the Marble Falls Library during his educational animal magic show last Friday.

The sign wasn’t up yet last Friday, but Russell Buster’s intriguing new “Del Rio Comida Deluxe” restaurant was already serving diners in a “soft opening.” The new eatery, in the rebuilt former Smartie Pantz store at 205 Main Street in Marble Falls, will offer gourmet fare in a unique “Main Street” atmosphere.

Johnson Park was filled with vendors and shoppers during last Saturday’s Citywide Garage Sale in Marble Falls.

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Local musician Sam Williams (whose wife, Alecia, is a Pre-K teacher at Packsaddle Elementary School in Kingsland) sang songs with an anti-bullying/anti-drug theme at Packsaddle’s Red-Ribbon Week program last Friday.

The Hilltop Flyers group sang old-fashioned Gospel songs for residents at the Gateway Gardens assisted living center in Marble Falls last Friday afternoon.

Businessmen turned musicians, the excellent “Square Grooves” band posed for this picture before entertaining the crowd at the Spicewood Arts Society’s big Arts Round-Up event at LaCabana Grill, on Hwy 71 East in Spicewood last Saturday afternoon.

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