While Thanksgiving is more of a private family holiday than some others, there were still some public events last weekend (and more planned for Thanksgiving Day). One of the most photogenic was this “Turkey Trot” event at R.J. Richey Elementary School in Burnet, where a crowd brought perishable food and cash donations to help area food banks. Attractions included a run/walk, games, prizes, bounce house — and the Burnet Bulldog football team’s tunnel (above). For many more pictures of the week’s events, visit the “Highland Lakes Weekly” page on Facebook.
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By JOHN HALLOWELL

For early readers (on this mixed-up week): A free Community Thanksgiving Meal will be held at Umit-Walton Memorial United Metho
dist Church in Llano from 11:30 to 1
on Thanksgiving Day; Burnet Community
Kitchen’s Free Thanksgiving Day Meal will be held from 11 a.m. to 2
p.m., at the Vanderzee Street Church of
Christ, Kingsland Health & Fitness will host its annual “After Turkey” Turkey
Trot 5K and Kids Run beginning at 8
a.m. on Friday, November 22.
Llano’s Starry Starry Nights lighting
display will open at 6 p.m. on the
day after Thanksgiving in Badu Park.
Santa will arrive by firetruck, returning
every Friday and Saturday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. until December 22. The
Christmas Park will be open every night
from 6 p.m. until New Year’s Eve.
Josh Ward will perform from 10 to
midnight that Friday night (November 23) at the Ramblin’ Roos in Llano.
A “Thanks4Giving” motorcycle poker run will be held at Tootie’s (on Hwy 281 in Round Mountain) on
Saturday, November 24, to benefit Operation ExFil. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.
The Texas Crossing will entertain from 5 to
8 p.m.

Kingsland merchants will host anoth-
er Small Business Saturday event (at storefronts and at the Prosperity Bank parking lot) from 9 to 2 on Satur-
day, November 24.
Flanigan’s Distillery in Bertram will
host a Holiday Market from 10 to 6 on Saturday, November 24.
Philly Smith will present his “St.
Paul Speaks” program during the wor-
ship service on Sunday, November 25,
at Packsalette Fellowship in Kingsland.

The Highland Lakes Women’s Club will sponsor an Open Mic Night at Nu-
minous Coffee Roasters, beginning at 5
p.m. on Monday, November 26. Writers
and poets are invited to share their cre-
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The Hill Country Community The-
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cember 16.

The Town Quilts will host a craft/ bake sale from 9 to 4 on Saturday, De-
cember 1, at Town First Baptist Church.
Vendors are welcome. For more info, please contact Gloria Buchanan at 325-
379-1516.

Santa Claus will arrive at Llano’s Badu Park this Friday evening to help
open the Starry Starry Nights lighting display, and to pose for pictures with fans. He will be there each Friday and Saturday evening until December 22.

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Scatterthought

By JOHN HALLOWELL

It’s a good thing that 3-year-old Kerri Delz wasn’t too worried about spelling when she won First Prize in the “three-wheel” category at the Aqua Boom’s “motorless parade” in 1972. The Highlander called her “Keri” (which I copied in last week’s history article), and Austin’s American-Statesman, which published this photo, called her “Carey.” Now Kerri Cooley, she works at the Prosperity Bank in Kingsland and is proud to be part of Kingsland history!

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Free sausage wraps, live music by George Gurganus and a colorful bounce house for the kids were all part of the “Fifth Anniversary” celebration at Buddies in Kingsland on November 10.

New owner Derek Timmons is making rapid progress on renovations at the former Central Texas Land Titles building in Kingsland.

Aqua Boom Royalty represented Kingsland well on the red, white and blue float in the lighted Christmas Parade in downtown Marble Falls last Friday evening. The parade marked the opening of the Walkway of Lights; you can see more pictures on pages 8 & 9 (and many more on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page.)
While not exactly “24/7,” work on the new RR 2900 bridge seems to be making rapid progress. If all goes according to plan, the bridge should be open for traffic by the middle of next April.

Llano County finally signed a contract with TFR Enterprises (from Leander) last Friday, and trucks immediately began picking up some of the month-old debris piles around Kingsland.

These four ladies (Tina Claxton, Heather Martin, Karen Ward and Tammy Manning) played a huge role in the impressive “disaster response” in Kingsland. In their Volunteer Reception Center at Kingsland’s First Baptist Church, they kept track of damaged homes, affected people, and donated supplies; they then directed their many enthusiastic volunteers to the places where they could do the most good.
Members of the Women’s Christian Organization (WCO) at Kingsland Community Church presented checks from the proceeds of their September Rummage and Bake Sale (more than $51,000!) to representatives from most of the 19 non-profit beneficiaries at a special ceremony on November 8. Standing: Dan Gower (Operation 2nd Chance), Anne Minnik and Karen O’Rourke (Hill Country Memorial Hospital), Jeannette McPherson (Llano Re-Cycling), Keenan Fletcher (Agape Haus), Gay Wheeler (Gift of Music), Ryan Turner and Mac Edwards (Packsaddle Elementary), Tom Stewart and Bill Drake (Boys & Girls Club - Kingsland), Ron Cunningham and Rudy Cunningham (Boys & Girls Club - Llano). Seated: Dr. Alice Smith (Llano Christian Academy), Jenny Shaw (Camp Agape), Robert Hall (His Joshua House), Paula Maisel Hall (Open Door), Brooks Frederick (Sunrise Beach VFD), Mark Talamanz (Hoofer Valley VFD), Lynette Williams and Amber Milum (Kingsland Library), and Hafdis Gentry (Highland Lakes Senior Center). Unrepresented recipients were: LaCare Food Pantry, Hill Country Humane Society, and Kingsland VFD.

Lollipop the Clown joined representatives from the Kingsland Boys & Girls Club and Buddies as the popular convenience store made a donation of $1,684.00 to the club during the store’s “5th Anniversary” celebration on November 10. From left: Lollipop, Tom Stewart, Kathy Van Eeten, Deb Pritchard, Alva Timmons and Derek Timmons. The donation is a regular monthly event, based on a percentage of gas sales at Buddies.

This group of good-hearted ladies enjoyed last Thursday’s Bunco Night (held at The Church in Horseshoe Bay) to benefit Llano County Young Life.
Bertram churches joined to sponsor a well-attended and cheerful community Thanksgiving event at the elementary school cafeteria last Sunday night.

A crowd gathered at the railroad depot in Bertram for the Sunday evening "North Pole Express," a special two-hour excursion featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus (plus seasonal refreshments and stories) in decorated passenger cars. Another North Pole Express is planned for this coming Sunday (November 25).

These cheerful hunters are part of a group of friends, mostly football players from Texas A&M's legendary team of the 1980s, who have met each year for 32 years at the E.H. Fry Ranch near Bertram on the third weekend of November. The men (who have been successful in a wide variety of careers) hunt, drink beer and re-live their glory days (when A&M beat UT on Thanksgiving Day four years in a row).
One of the “floats” in last Friday night’s lighted Christmas Parade on Main Street in Marble Falls was this boat. The Granite Shoals Police Department is holding a “Fill the Boat” gift drive from November 23 to December 15. Bring unwrapped new toys, clothing, shoes or books to the police department if you’d like to help.

Young cheerleaders made up one of many marching groups in the lighted Christmas Parade last Friday. The parade led to Lakeside Park, where the Walkway of Lights was turned on to begin the 2018 season (see facing page).

Subway employees and family members rode on this float in last Friday's parade.
One of the top Christmas attractions in the Highland Lakes area is the Walkway of Lights, at Lakeside Park in Marble Falls (and clearly visible to northbound travelers on Hwy 281). With 130 sculptures featuring more than two million lights, the Walkway is open from 6 to 10 p.m. every evening until December 26 (weather permitting).

Santa Claus makes appearances at the Walkway on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.
The lights were turned on last week, and are on every evening around the courthouse square in Burnet.

The pergola at right, constructed next to Burnet’s VPW Post 4076, is the Eagle Scout project of Boy Scout Trevor Livingston.

The community has rallied around the new VPW and Auxiliary leaders, breathing new life into the long-lived veterans support group in Burnet.

(EVENTS: Continued from page 2)

in Marble Falls, will present “A Not So Silent Night” at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, at the Uptown Art House on Main Street.

Burnet Middle School Greenhouse will host its annual Poinsettia Sale from 8 to 4 on Monday, December 3. For more information, call 512-756-6182.

The Highland Lakes Social Club will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 3, at Highland Lakes United Methodist Church in Buchanan Dam. The Bluebonnet Harmonies will provide Christmas music; RSVP at 512-756-6610 by Thursday, November 29, for the catered luncheon. All ladies are invited to attend.

Kingsland Community Center will host its 3rd Annual Jingle Mingle “Ladies Night” shopping event from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 6.

The Hill Country Community Band will present a Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 7, at the Marble Falls Public Library.

The Llano Art Guild will host its Holiday Market Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 on Friday, December 7, and a Kick-Off Party for its Gift of Art promotion at 5:30 the next evening.

Burnet’s wonderful Main Street Bethlehem presentation will be open December 7-9 and 14-16, from 6 to 9 each evening.

Burnet’s Christmas on the Square will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 8, and Christmas at Fort Croghan will be held this year from 5 to 8 that evening.

The Llano Country Opry will present Billy Dean and Kristi Kaly in two shows (2:30 and 7:30 p.m.) on Saturday, December 8.

Buchanan Arts & Crafts (17534 E. SH 29 in Buchanan Dam) will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 10 to 4 on Saturday, December 8. There will be lots of Christmas gift ideas, a bake sale, refreshments and raffle prizes.

The Kingsland Community Center will host its 2nd Annual Christmas Gala, featuring dinner and dancing with music by The Skybirds, beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 8.
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Buchanan Arts & Crafts Guild held an Ugly Christmas Sweater Decorating Workshop last Saturday. Members will wear their “Ugly Sweaters” to the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 8 (10-4) at the gallery on Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam. There will be lots of Christmas gift ideas, a bake sale, refreshments and raffle prizes.

The Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts has named Mary Kay Flanary as its Crafter of the Month for November. She brings variety to her counted cross-stitch craft, with pictures, trays, wall hangings and pillows (to name a few). Visit the house at 112 Chamberlain (blue building behind Wells Fargo Bank) to purchase her items as well as the crafts of all the KHAC members. The House is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Monday. You can contact them online or at 325-389-6159.

The Country Quilt Shop invites you to get in the Christmas spirit and (possibly) win this antique sewing machine lamp. Come to the shop Monday through Friday from 10AM to 5PM or Saturday 10AM to 3PM with two can goods or non-perishable food items to be donated to Llano’s Food Pantry. These two items will “buy” you a chance at winning the lamp. The drawing will be December 21.

(SCATTERTHOUGHT: continued from page 3)

Burnet’s Christmas on the Square coming up on December 8th. In addition to a parade, Arts & Crafts vendors, holiday entertainment & a visit from Santa, there will again be ‘Snow on the Square’ (a snow slide and 2 snow play areas) and The always-popular Bicycle Giveaway Parade. Vendor and Bicycle sponsorship applications are available on the Chamber website, www.burnetchamber.org. If you have any questions, please call 512-756-4297.

Don’t forget to get your tamale’s from the Knights of Columbus. They are just 57¢ per dozen, place your order at 512-385-5540. Deliveries will begin on December 7.

And don’t forget the Highland Lakes Master Gardener 2019 certification class. The deadline to apply is January 11, 2019; the class will begin on February 14 and run for 13 weeks, meeting every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office in Burnet. To get more information or to download an application and the background check form (mandatory) go to the website at www.burnetcountyhighlandlakesmastergardener.org and click on the How-To-Join tab. For questions contact Amy Parke at 254-533-2770 or steveannparke@yahoo.com.
Above: The Lake Bottom Jazz band delighted the near-capacity audience at Fuel Coffee House in Llano last Saturday night.

At left: Caleb Rojas and John Arthur Martinez entertained diners at the Tamale King restaurant in Buchanan Dam last Friday night. Owners Tim and Gina Chittim hope to make live music a regular tradition at the popular restaurant.

Below: Kayla Outlaw and part of her Fridayz Band provided great musical entertainment at the Trailblazer Grille in Burnet last Saturday evening.

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