Christmas lights are shining all around the Highland Lakes (see a sampling on pages 2, 8 & 9).

Merry Christmas!

“For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given” Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

It has been a tradition from the beginning of this newspaper to feature a picture of Main Street Bethlehem’s manger scene on the front page just before Christmas each year. Burnet’s wonderful “living history” presentation is an educational and inspiring depiction of the ancient town at the time that Jesus was born, and huge crowds lined up around the downtown area for the past two weekends to see it. You can see more pictures inside this paper and on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page.
Please welcome the Highland Lakes Genealogy Society to our community!

HLGS was formed in 1989 as Kingsland Genealogical Society. We are all about building our knowledge of genealogy and the historical facts surrounding our ancestors. Are you aware that the Internet is not always correct? HLGS can help you learn the facts. You will also learn to work with the different software programs. If DNA testing interests you, we offer discussions on that subject as well.

Your membership will benefit the genealogy collection at the Kingsland Library. For meeting information, contact our 2019 President, Michele Hogan, at 210-216-2044.

PARKER MARINE

NEW & USED BOAT SALES
SERVICE
PARTS
ACCESSORIES

The 2019 Veranda luxury pontoons are in! These come with tritoon handling and Yamaha SHO performance, along with tons of creature comforts in recliners, stereo and customized lighting package... stop by or call us for more information.

2414 Commerce St. – Marble Falls, TX 78654
(512) 553-7020
email: brian@boernemarine.com

Open Monday through Friday, 8:30–5:30

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!
Thank you for reading the Highland Lakes Weekly!

“I Saw the Lights!”

The famous Walkway of Lights, at Lakeside Park in Marble Falls (above), is the biggest and best-known public lighting display in the Highland Lakes area. But Llano, Burnet and Granite Shoals each have spectacular displays of their own.

While Kingsland does not have a big public display of Christmas lights, businesses (such as the Antlers Inn, pictured above), homes and even entire neighborhoods have beautiful decorations.

In addition to the spectacular Starry Starry Nights display at Badu Park (on the north bank of the river), Llano has beautiful lights around its courthouse and throughout its historic downtown district (see more photos on pages 8 & 9).
I welcomed two sisters, a daughter, two sons, a daughter-in-law and a “grand-dog” to my home for a combination Thanksgiving/Christmas celebration last weekend, but I was back on the job by Monday night!

Scatterthought
By JOHN HALLOWELL

Under normal circumstances, a “home invasion” would not qualify for publication in “football-good-sports” newspapers, but my normally quiet and uneventful home was full of family and Christmas cheer last weekend; I’m reporting it here because it’s my official excuse for missing several great events last weekend around the Highland Lakes.

I didn’t have any big plans for Thanksgiving or Christmas. I don’t have any family close by, and I’m not very good at socializing. I always have something to do, and I’m not allowed to eat anything really good because of my diabetes. I had thought about flying up to Walla Walla to see my father (and all the other family members there) between Christmas and New Year’s, but my sisters and my kids decided to come here last weekend. Just to make sure that way, I’ve got bored my son and daughter-in-law brought their highly-energetic young hunting dog!

It didn’t go exactly as planned; my older daughter, Abby (who had been here for a week in October to help with cleanup after the flood), came down with a virus the night before she and her husband were supposed to be heading this way. But we were able to video-chat with her on Sunday afternoon, and she says that she’ll be coming this way in January “to collect her presents.” It was a great weekend, and if I get this paper satisfactorily completed, I’ll be feeling very well as this year draws to a close.

Regular readers will note that I have no “Upcoming Events” article in this week’s paper. That’s partly because there aren’t a whole lot of public events left before New Year’s Eve, but also because this is my annual “Christmas card” edition, and I thought some pictures of Christmas lights would be more appropriate for page 2 than a list of livestock shows and Chamber banquets scheduled for next year. I can’t afford to buy real cards for everybody, so I hope you’ll accept this week’s paper as a message of my best wishes for the holiday season and the coming year. I hope it will be wonderful!

The lack of an event calendar doesn’t mean there’s nothing to do. Several area venues have great live music events planned for this weekend and next: Danny and Debi Brooks will be at Tamale King (on Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam) this Friday evening (December 21), Dub Miller will be at Joe’s Bar (on the north side of the Llano square) and The Flashbacks will be at For- no’s (by Wertz Dam in Horseshoe Bay) this Saturday night. Most area churches will hold special Christmas Eve services, and many parties are planned for New Year’s Eve parties (in the Kingsland area, there are events planned at the Kingsland Community Center – see ad on page 10 – The Place Downtown, the Vineyard BBQ and probably more).

Construction and business activity have not slowed down, at least not in King- sland. The Dairy Queen reopened (after extensive restoration from flood damage) on Tuesday, the 2900 bridge construction site is an amazing sight to see, the Lazy Heron coffee shop is nearly done, the new Catt’s Pizza is well underway, and Derek Timmons (of Buddies) is working on two big projects: the restoration of the unique Central Texas Land Titles building on Hwy 2900 and a new convenience store and automatic car wash at the corner of 1-351 and 2545. (The closed a closed deal to purchase the old DAV building on Wednesday; see page 4).

The Upper Highland Lakes Nature Center (UHLNC), based at Revelle Peak Ranch in western Burnet County, has announced a schedule of “coffee house talks,” to be held on the first and third Sunday mornings of the next few months at Numinous Coffee Roaster in Marble Falls. In the past, those events have all been “come and go” learning experiences; you don’t have to be punctual, and you don’t have to sit through a long program. Just look at the displays and ask questions.

That’s about it for this week. Have a very Merry Christmas!
Executives from the Richeson Group joined local employees and representatives from the Kingsland Chamber for a “Grand Re-Opening” at the Kingsland Dairy Queen on Tuesday, just two months after the devastating flood (see below) caused extensive damage to the popular restaurant on RR 1431.

New Location: 706 Ridgeway St.
Fall Special! - Golf Car Battery Sets $599.70
We Repair all brands of Golf Cars. Our FACTORY-TRAINED service technicians have most repairs done in 24 hours or less. Call 325-388-6953

Kingsland Insurance
A Member of Timmons Insurance Group
Your top choice for a local independent agency.
Serving the Highland Lakes Area for more than 58 years!

We support local businesses and hope you will too!

Germania Insurance
Now proudly adding the insurance Texans trust to our lineup of the nation’s top carriers!

Call Blake for a Commercial Insurance consultation!
325-388-4934

Call Deborah or John for a FREE QUOT; or consultation on your insurance needs!

Eat ... Drink ... & be Merry! Then Come See Me!
Special! 10 / 1hr...
2 Sessions ‘FREE’
(new clients only)
Available packages:
10 1/2hr
6 1hr
2 4 Body Transform
Colby Collins
Training Coach
Kingsland Health & Fitness Center
2335 W RR 1431 325.248.5975

‘ON THE GO’ Coming Soon!
State of the art automatic car wash

Less than two hours after closing, new owner Derek Timmons put up this banner at the former DAV building on the corner of Hwys 1431 and 2546. He plans to build a “west end” branch of his successful Buddies convenience store, complete with an automatic car wash.
County Commissioner Mike Sandoval and Tammy Manning (who was recently chosen as Executive Director of the Highland Lakes Crisis Network) discussed various aspects of the re-building effort in Burnet and Llano Counties during Tuesday evening’s well-attended Town Hall meeting at the Kingsland Library.

President Jay Ward addressed the guests during the Kingsland Lions Club’s Christmas party, held last Thursday evening at Windchime.

Employees at Bancorp South in Kingsland (at Hwys 1431 and 2342) posed by the well-stocked buffet table before a Christmas Open House at the bank last Friday. From left: Debi Carlson, Jeannie Murchison, manager Shannon Ziese and Carrie Young.

KINGSLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH
GOD CARES! WE CARE!
COME JOIN US for Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Worship at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday (Nursery provided from 9:30 to noon)
Monday: Morning Devotion Time 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
Holy Communion – First Sunday of every month
Community Coffee – First Tuesday every month – 9:30 a.m.
Men’s Breakfast – Second Tuesday – 8:00 a.m.
Women’s Christian Ministry – Second Wednesday – 9:30 a.m.
EXCITING WORSHIP – Come, worship the Lord with us!

1136 Hwy 1431 • P.O. Box 627 • Kingsland, TX 78639

FLOORMASTER
We have what you need!
Hundreds of styles and colors available
Carpet • Vinyl Wood • Laminate Ceramic Tile Carpet Cleaning Water Extraction
In the “Old West” building, at 3308 RR 1431 in Kingsland
Serving the Hill Country since 1965
(325) 386-4871

Tow Valley Flotation
Encapsulated foam dock floats
512-576-4204
Various Sizes Delivery Available
bob.mathews49@yahoo.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
From Sure Cuts & More
“Where we treat you like Family”
Check out our Weekly Specials:
MONDAY: HONORING OUR VETS ($2 off any service)
TUESDAY: KIDS DAY ($10 for kids under 10)
FRIDAY: BLUE HAIR DAY (Roller Sets only $10)
Bring Toys here to help the VFD Toy Drive!
(Sure Cuts will be closed December 24 – 26)
CUTS: Men & Kids $12. Women 12 and up $17. Lowest prices on Cuts, Perms, Color and Waxing
Full Service Salon “Se habla Español” 325-386-4192
OPEN Mon-Fri, 9-5:30 • Sat, 9-2
Walk-Ins Only • Hwy 1431 • Kingsland

December 21, 2018 Highland Lakes Weekly Page 5
**Highland Lakes United Methodist Church**

Join us as we celebrate Jesus on Christmas Eve

Mon. Dec. 24th

worship at 6:00 pm

highlandlakesumc.org - 325-388-4187 - Sun Services 10:45 am

8303 W. RR 1431, South of intersection of Hwy 29 and RR 1431

---

**Pet of the Week**

Chiyu is a cute kitten who came to us with her siblings and is now ready for her very own home. She is a typical kitten who likes to play and explore, but also enjoys being loved. Take her home, and she will make you smile every day. For more information, please call 911 at 512-793-5468. To see all our wonderful animals, please visit our website at www.HillCountryHumaneSociety.

---

**“Anything in Stone”**

THE LIVING STONE COMPANY

201 East Young Street
Llano, Texas 78643

1-888-483-7625

Open Monday thru Saturday, 8:30-5

GRANITE, MARBLE, SLATE, ONYX, TRAVERTINE, QUARTZITES, KITCHENS, BATHS, FIREPLACES, TABLES, BASES, SIGNS, MONUMENTS

“A full city block of slabs and monuments to choose from.”

Package Pricing includes any Plumbing Item, Tile or The Stepples at wholesale.

---

**Art in Thread**

Embroidered caps, shirts and jackets – Let us help you brand your business! With a talented graphic designer on staff, we can personalize clothing, bags, accessories (even pet accessories), etc. Check out our Facebook page for the latest on gift items for every occasion.

513 Main St. • Marble Falls • 830-637-9145

Artinthread-TX.com • A Division of Custom Creations & Interiors

---

**Members of Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts held their Christmas Lunch and elected new officers last Friday.**

---

**Lindner Carpentry**

Will build anything from blueprints or from your imagination – with a personal touch!

Small or large jobs, no problem. Fences, decks, trim work, finish carpentry, pergolas, furniture, cabinets, etc.

Over 20 years in the business. Satisfaction guaranteed. References available upon request.

Call Jeff at (830) 613-8540 or Email: 1puriff3ff@gmail.com

Standard decks, 20' X 16' for $3000.00 (as well as any other carpentry needs)
Volunteers at Grace United Methodist Church in Granite Shoals sort some of the hundreds of toys donated to Granite Shoals Christmas Outreach, which served 232 children from 83 local families this year.

The volunteers at Grace United Methodist Church posed for this photo in the middle of Granite Shoals Christmas Outreach’s mountain of toys last Saturday morning.

This cheerful group of volunteers from the Highland Lakes Boys & Girls Club came to Johnson Sewell Ford Lincoln in Marble Falls on Tuesday afternoon to collect toys gathered in the dealership’s “Stuff the Truck” toy drive. Even “The Grinch” pitched in to help unload the donated toys.

Highland Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

Serving others God’s way (Luke 6:46)

2310 W. Hwy 1431 • Kingsland, TX 78639

COME VISIT OUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY!
Sunday: Bible Classes in English and Spanish (9 a.m.)
Sunday: Worship (10 a.m. and 5 p.m.)
Wednesday: Bible Study (7 p.m.)
OTHER ACTIVITIES
Tuesday: Helping Hands Community Pantry (9:30-11:30 a.m.)
Wednesday: Ladies Bible Class (10 a.m.)
Men’s Prayer Fellowship – Second Saturday each Month (9 a.m.)
FREE World-Wide Bible Correspondence Program
(Study the Bible at home free of charge, with no obligation)

www.hlcoc.org – 325-388-6769

JESSE JAMES REAL ESTATE
Voted Best Real Estate Company for Over A Decade

Liano Riverfront!
16.65acs + lovely 3/2 home, 665ft Riverfront, covered pavilion with outdoor fireplace & kitchen, metal barn w/ living space & much more! $149,943

9.72acs w/slice custom 3/2 home, highly productive hay fields, great hunting, guesthouse, working pens, barn & so much more! $937,500

7.7acs 25 mins W of Liano, open range land, rolling hills, granite outcroppings, seasonal creek, country home, Elms & much more! $65,000/acre

4acs on Liano River w/ beautiful brick 3/3 large home, 2018 WD, upscale custom features in home, garage, workshop, barn & more! $497,500

Fantastic large 3/3 brick home, Waterfront on Lake Buchanan on 80ac! Fireplace, game room, barn, great lake living! $480,000

This is only a small snapshot of the properties we currently have available. To view more listings and search the MLS, visit our website below or give us a call today!

HIGHLAND LAKES OFFICE
512-793-2851
HILL COUNTRY OFFICE
325-248-0818

www.JESSEJAMESREALESTATE.COM

AUTO • HOME • BOAT & RV
COMMERCIAL AUTO • BUSINESS OWNERS POLICY
FARM & RANCH • MOBILE HOME • FLOOD • LIFE
WORKERS COMPENSATION

December 21, 2018 Highland Lakes Weekly Page 7
Burnet's courthouse (and much of the historic district) is beautifully decorated. The inset below shows the Nativity scene on the east side of the courthouse lawn.

A whole separate "walk-through" display is at Wallace Riddell Park, across from Subway on Hwy 29 East in Burnet.

Visitors pose for a photo at the walkway entrance in Llano's "Starry Starry Nights" display, on the north bank of the Llano River.

The Llano County courthouse is lit up for the Christmas season.

Come Celebrate Christmas with us!

Share the warmth of comfort and joy!

Make Christmas meaningful for your loved ones by being part of our Candlelight Christmas Celebration.

May your family be richly blessed this Christmas!

MONDAY, DEC. 24th
5:30pm
“Family Friendly” Community Christmas Eve Service

Silent Night by Candlelight

Highway 29 @ Buchanan Dam
512.793.2453
hillcountrychapel.com
AMERICAN
Mobile Detailing
Ron Bourque • Stephen Moran
Veteran Owned & Operated
Auto • Boat • RVs • Boat Docks
Patios • Driveways
(325) 956-1163

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA
A FUNDRAISING EVENT
7:00PM - 12:30PM
Cocktails at 7PM. Dinner served at 7:30PM
Band starts at 8PM

benefitting
Kingsland Community Center
and
AQUA BOOM
50th Anniversary

A night of Dinner and Dancing featuring the
Big Band Jazz sound of
The Skylarks

TICKETS $30
Includes: dinner, dancing, one complimentary cocktail,
party favors, champagne toast with black eyed peas at
midnight, door prizes, silent auction
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

TICKETS AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:
KINGSLAND COMMUNITY CENTER 325-388-3321
KINGSLAND AQUABOOM OFFICE 325-245-3393
GRAY INSURANCE 325-388-9382
Christmas Headquarters for
The Hill Country

Featuring unique creations by master craftsmen

Ritzy Texan
inspiration lives here.

Art, Décor, Gifts & More

Artist creations for the Holiday Season

Holiday Decor
Ritzy Texan showcases unique creations by master craftsmen. Our artisans work with wood, metal, glass, canvas and other materials.

Inspiration lives at Ritzy Texan.
Our Artisan Elves have been hard at work for creations for the holiday season!!!

Gifts for everyone. $20

103 W. Polk (HWY 29)
Burnet TX 78611
800-701-9530
512-234-8008
RitzyTexan.com

Holiday hours: 11/18-12/23
Monday -Friday 10am to 6:00pm
Saturday 10am to 6:00pm
Sunday Noon to 6:00pm
Christmas Eve: 10am to 3pm
Christmas Day: Closed
Above: The new Highland Lakes Classical Chorus delighted its near-capacity crowd at Burnet's First United Methodist Church with selections from Händel’s “Messiah” on Sunday, December 9.

At left: Youthful singers joined the regular choir to present a wonderful musical program at Chapel of the Hills in Buchanan Dam last Sunday.

Below: The Bluebonnet Chorale provided an excellent program for the Christmas luncheon at Marble Falls Senior Center last Friday.

Automotive Repair
Dependable & Quality Service

Family Owned & Operated
Celebrating 30 Years in Business

COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
Alignments • Diagnostics • Brakes • Tune Ups • Exhaust
Electrical Repair • 4-Wheel Drive • RV Chassis

Highland Safety Center
325.388.9227
4401 Ranch Rd 1431W, Kingsland, TX 78639

Chapman Docks
Quality Waterfront Construction
325.388.6545
Scotty’s Screens
repair & replace
fiberglass & solar
325-247-6180
Mobile Screen Service

Visiting Angels

Visiting Angels needs experienced caregivers willing to work all shifts. Pay ranges from $8-$14/hr depending on the job, part time or full time. Will need a reliable vehicle and a valid driver’s license, and must be able to pass background checks. Give us a call today at 800-337-7119. Immediate work is available for qualified applicants!

COMPUTERS
The new slate of officers for 2019 was installed at Buchanan Arts & Crafts Guild on Tuesday, December 11. From left: Shirley Muery and Lois Hance, co-treasurers; Nancy Mattingly, Secretary; Katie Do, Vice-President; Becky Carberg, President and Don Sharp, Chairman of the Board. If you would like to join this fun group of artists, come to the January 8 meeting at 10:30 a.m. (17534 E. SH 29, in Buchanan Dam).

Cheerful volunteers posed for this picture at the Buchanan Arts & Crafts Gallery's Christmas Bazaar, held on Saturday, December 8.

Chloe Hinton is a talented artist, as you can see by the pet portraits in this photo, and at the age of 15 she is already well on her way to a successful career. Her life-long passion for art showed good results at age seven, when a portrait of her dog “turned out very nicely.” She began taking lessons from noted local artist Daniel Adams when she was in 7th grade, and has won several awards for her work, including “Best of Show” at the “Spring Hof” art show in Lampasas last summer. A straight-A student at Burnet ISD (who also plays the flute), she persuaded school administrators to allow her to accelerate her high school education at the alternative Quest High School, and finished her sophomore, junior and senior requirements in just three months this past fall. She graduated in November and became an apprentice at Daniel Adams Fine Art in Buchanan Dam. Beginning with pencil drawings from photos of pets, she has branched out into charcoal portraits. She is working on a horse drawing for the art show at Austin’s Pro Rodeo, and plans to enter several more competitions in the near future; in the meantime, she will do a remarkably life-like 8” x 10” portrait (double-matted to 11” x 14” total size) of your pet for just $45! You can call the gallery for more details at 956-432-2262.
TEXAS BUILDING CENTER

Barndominiums
Many Sizes and Colors to choose from
Locally Owned and Operated Family Business
More than 30 years experience!

LOOK AT THIS LIST OF FEATURES:
DELIVERY and INSTALLATION, FOUNDATION with masonry rock options on an all-steel building with 3/12 pitch roof, full insulation, custom trim package with 12” eave, personalized door and window packages with sectional and/or roll up doors. TURN-KEY interior build-out available; visit our website or facebook page for more photos.

(325) 388-5752 – Find us on Facebook or at www.TexasBuildingCenter.com
Office/Model Home located at 3110 W. Ranch Road 1431 in Kingsland

ALL-STEEL SHOPS AND GARAGES
We manufacture and install all of our own projects

20-Plus Colors!

Janus 2000 commercial doors 12” eaves • custom soffit

SMALL OR LARGE – MANY COLORS TO CHOOSE FROM
OPTIONS INCLUDE: 26-gauge commercial-grade panels • Full Insulation Windows • Foundations • Custom Rock • Color-Matched Screws