Veterans Day was celebrated at many different venues around the Highland Lakes, and you will find photos from seven of those locations in this paper. The photo above is from the wonderful Burnet CISD event at R.J. Richey Elementary School, always one of the biggest and best events in the area. You can see more photos from R.J. Richey on pages 20-22, and many more Veterans Day photos on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” page on Facebook.
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Upcoming Events

The Highland Lakes Classical Chorus, pictured above during last year’s performance, will present the Schubert Mass in G Major (With guest ensemble Highland Lakes Brass Quintet) at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 17, at the First United Methodist Church in Burnet.

By JOHN HALLLOWELL

Ms. Lollipop Parties & Gifts, at 302 Main Street in Marble Falls, will celebrate its one-year anniversary in that location with a come-and-go party from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, November 15. The acclaimed Quebe Sisters (Grace, Sophia and Halda) will be at the Spicewood Vineyards Event Center for a concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 15.
The Granite Shoals Police Officers Association and the Granite Shoals Fire Auxiliary host their annual BBQ (to benefit Granite Shoals Christmas Outreach) from 11 to 2 on Saturday, November 16, at Grace United Methodist Church (4007 Valley View). Seven Creeks Vineyard (400 CR 200A, in eastern Burnet County) will host its first Annual Flutes and Art Fair from 11 to 5 on Saturday, November 16.

Also this Saturday, Torr Na Lochs Winery (off Hwy 29 in western Burnet County) will host a Sip and Shop event (with vendors selling handcrafted gifts) from 1 to 6 p.m.
The Llano River Golf Course will host a "Glowball" tournament this Saturday, November 16, with 9 holes played in daylight, and 9 more after dark. Call 525-247-5100 for details.
The Highland Lakes Classical Chorus will perform the Schubert Mass in G Major (With guest ensemble Highland Lakes Brass Quintet) at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 17, at the First United Methodist Church in Burnet (301 E. Graves St.). Admission is free; donations are welcome.

Author J.A. Rost will be the guest speaker at the Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam in a 2:30 p.m. event on Monday, November 18.
The Kingland Chamber will hold its monthly Breakfast Club networking meeting at Landmasters Real Estate at 7:45 a.m. next Wednesday (November 20).
The Highland Lakes Quilt Guild will host a "Meet and Greet" with coffee beginning at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, at First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls. Guests are welcome. The meeting and program (Award-winning Techniques Fusing Fabric) will start at 9:30.
The Abundant Heart Church (722 W. FM 1431 in Granite Shoals) will host a "Gather and Give Thanks" Thanksgiving potluck dinner at 6 p.m. next Wednesday, November 20. Please help to bring your favorite dish to share.
The Texas Songwriters in the Round, featuring Sam Williams and Alex Winters, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, at Badu 1891 in Llano.

Marble Falls will hold its annual Light-Up Parade on Main Street beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 21. The parade will end at Lakeside Park, where the lights will be turned on for this year’s Walkway of Lights.
The Burnet Ensemble Theatre Company will present threeings of Cinderella at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 21-23 at the Burnet High School auditorium.

Joseph’s Feast of Thanksgiving (hosted by Joseph's Food Pantry) will be held from 11 to 2 on Saturday, November 23, at Highland Lakes Elementary School in Granite Shoals.
The Lake Buchanan Chili Cook-Off, to benefit the Bicycle Giveaway at Burnet’s Christmas on the Square, will be held at 5 p.m. at the Donnell Estates Pavilion (just off RR 2341 in Burnet County). For info, call 512-944-1111.
The Lakeshore Library (on Hwy 261 in Buchanan Dam) will host a program on Texas Whoopee Cranes (which were nearly extinct a few years ago) at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, November 25.
The Bible Baptist Church (Hwy 29E in Llano) will host a Thanksgiving "Pie and Prize" event beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26.
St. James Lutheran Church (1401 Food Street) will host Llano’s annual Thanksgiving Day Community Meal from 11:30 to 1 on Thanksgiving Day (November 28). No donations are accepted.

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Martelle Luedecke took this picture of me with Gold Star parents Elaine and James Holbrook, whose son Jason was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2010, at the Veterans Day dedication of the new Burnet County Veterans Memorial in Bertram. They are longtime friends of mine, but I felt very honored when they invited me to sit with them at the ceremony, then agreed to have their picture taken with me when it ended.

Scatterthought

Veterans Day is a big deal around the Highland Lakes, and I had a wonderful day on Monday! Even though schedulers were considerate enough to allow me to attend six different events, there were at least as many that I missed (friends sent me pictures from the Llano event, so I’ll have seven at least partly covered in this paper). This is a very encouraging trend, and I hope that my coverage of seven events will help keep the momentum going. You’ll notice that my entire “Section B” is devoted to Veterans Day activities, and part of this first section will be, too.

Thanksgiving is not such a public holiday, but usually there will be a few “community Thanksgiving dinners” (and an “After-Thanksgiving Turkey Trot” in Kingsland; don’t forget that!) that I can actually put in the paper. But to me, Thanksgiving is a wonderful American holiday, and I’m going to do whatever I can to make sure it doesn’t get lost in the Christmas rush.

That might be a bit of a challenge, the Christmas season is already well underway, and before Thanksgiving it will be going full speed ahead. I won’t try to stop it; I’ll just try a few times in the meantime to say “Don’t forget Thanksgiving!” This is one of those times.

I remember (vaguely) about 20 years ago when my second son, Danny, had a school assignment to memorize a poem. He didn’t think he could do it, so I tried to help. I still remember the first two lines: “Not just today, but every day should be Thanksgiving Day.” I agree wholeheartedly. I feel better and behave better when I’m feeling thankful (and I have a lot to be thankful for), but sometimes I forget, and I think that having an “official” day is a great reminder.

Danny is a veteran of the United States Marines, and I realized the other day when I was taking pictures of the Burnet County Veterans Memorial in Bertram that his name belongs there (as do the names of Robby and Abby, my other two “veteran” kids). They are still adding names to those monuments, so any other Burnet County veterans should fill out a form and be added to the rolls (I mailed three forms to the committee this morning!).

While I’m still rambling, I want to note (somewhat sheepishly) that sometimes (even though I have the best job possible for me) I get too tired. There are times, particularly after midnight on Wednesdays, that exhaustion affects my attitude and my judgement. It was a time like that a couple of weeks ago when I wrote some nonsense about my goals in life, and I want to set the record straight before I get too tired this evening. My only goals when I started this paper were to stay busy and to pay my bills, but it has turned into an amazing adventure. I am quite proud of my productivity (probably too proud), but it’s only when I’m exhausted and/or feeling overwhelmed that my workload even registers. I really do love my job, and I thank God for it almost every day. I’m going to try to write my Scatterthought column earlier from now on!

Now I’ll try to get down to “business.” Commissioner Mike Sandoval will hold his next Town Hall meeting at the Kingsland Library next Tuesday (November 19), and he promises to have some interesting things to talk about. Doors open at 5:30, and the meeting begins promptly at 6.

Johnson Sewell Ford will begin its annual “Stuff a Truck Toy Drive” on November 29. Last year, employees and supporters filled up the truck bed; there were a lot of excited kids when all the toys were distributed. Collections will

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Principal Ryan Turner directs the proceedings at “Fabulous Friday,” a motivational event where students from Pack saddle Elementary School are rewarded for good behavior and attendance with a bus trip to Llano High School for fun and prizes.

These ladies sang (joyfully and beautifully) together last Friday evening at the Highland Lakes Baptist Church’s Community Gospel Sing. From left to right: Karen Ward, Susan Hernandez, Kathy Crowder, Judy Crank and Luana Overby.

Genealogy researcher Gary Bruton, from Burnet, told the Highland Lakes Genealogy Society about the military records website, Fold3.com, during their regular meeting at the Kingsland Library on Tuesday afternoon.

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Above and below: A good sign for the Kingsland economy: new owner Indra Dosai is doing a thorough renovation of the aging LBJ Hotel (just down the hill from the scenic overlook on RR 1431 in Kingsland) and plans to make it into a nice “new” Lake LBJ Inn. The new sign was put up last week.

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The Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts took advantage of the pleasant weather last weekend to hold its annual Christmas Market on Saturday and Sunday.

Hill Country Shops celebrated its First Anniversary at the charmingly rustic location between Kingsland and Highland Haven last weekend.

The Western Playboys, from Burnet, were one of several groups to provide live music for shoppers at Hill Country Shops during the First Anniversary celebration last weekend.
VFW Post 6974, located on Hwy 29W in Burnet, got Veterans Day off to an early start with a big celebration on Sunday afternoon. Most of the veterans present lined up (in the photo above) for recognition during the event, which featured a delicious fajita meal, patriotic music by DJ Wayne Gatiff, a winning “Voice of Democracy” essay by Angelica Orozco and a speech by county commissioner Damon Beierle.

At left: Commander Reece Carter and Auxiliary President Kat Carter are two of the leaders of Post 6974’s recent resurgence. the Post holds Bingo nights on Mondays and Thursdays, plus many other well-attended special events.
The City of Granite Shoals sent Veterans Day into extra innings with a special event at noon on Tuesday at city hall.

A good crowd gathered upstairs at city hall Granite Shoals for a hot dog lunch and a short ceremony to commemorate Veterans Day.

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continue through December 18; look for ads in coming weeks.

And the Hill Country Community Theatre will present “A Twisted Christmas Carol” the first three weekends in December. According to the press release, “Cantankerous BBQ joint owner (in small-town Texas), Ruford Johnson, gets in an argument with his wife, Darla, and tells her he’s skipping Christmas. He storms out of the restaurant, goes four-wheeling, gets hit by a twister, rolls his truck, and goes into a coma. He then comes back in his dream where he’s visited by BBQ sauce legend, Hank Walker, who plays the ghost of Christmas past, present, and future. Hank takes Buford on a Dickensian journey... Texas-style!” It sounds like fun! (EVENTS: Continued from page 2)

required. Everyone is welcome! Kingsland Health and Fitness will host its annual “After-Turkey” Turkey Trot 5K at 8 a.m. on Friday, November 29.

Llano’s Starry Starry Nights lighting display will open at Badu Park on Friday night, November 29, and continue until December 31.

Kingsland’s Small Business Saturday shop-local event will be held in the Prosperity Bank parking lot on Saturday, November 30.

The Kingsland Chamber will hold a mixer at Boat Town Burger Bar on Thursday, December 5.

Burnet’s amazing Main Street Bethlehem production will open at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 6 and continue Saturday and Sunday nights.

Llano’s Reindeer Fun Run will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 7.

Kingsland’s first-ever lighted Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday night, December 7.

Sandstone Street B&B, in Llano, will host a Christmas Tea at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 8. Call 325-423-2581 for info or Reservations.

Burnet’s Christmas on the Square and Christmas at Fort Crogman will be held on Saturday, December 14; Main Street Bethlehem will also be open that weekend.
Saturday's Bayside Bazaar attracted a large crowd of eager shoppers to the Quail Point Lodge in Horseshoe Bay. Proceeds from the successful event benefited The Helping Center's food bank in Marble Falls.

Well-known local singer Pauline Reese posed for this picture with her two daughters and volunteers Janey and Bill Rives before starting her gig at the 2019 Sculpture on Main kick-off event in Marble Falls last Friday.

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The busy Lakeside Pavilion in Marble Falls was the venue for CASA’s successful “Boots & BBQ” fundraiser last Saturday evening.

General Manager Roger Tobar cut the ceremonial ribbon on Tuesday afternoon to celebrate the new Burger King’s membership in the Burnet Chamber of Commerce. The restaurant, located between Captain D’s and Chicken Express on Hwy 281S in Burnet, opened for business last Monday.

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Above: The highly-acclaimed Malpass Brothers (Christopher and Taylor) brought their polished performance to the Llano Country Opry for two shows last Saturday.

At left: John Arthur Martinez and Chris Reeves provided patriotic music at the R.J. Richey Elementary School’s wonderful Veterans Day event on Monday morning in Burnet.

The Peterson Brothers Band from Austin delighted their audience at the Globe Theatre in Bertram last Saturday night.

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Displays around the community center showed photos and mementos from Darrell Staedtler’s life and musical career. He passed away on October 30.
Gold Star parents James (himself an Air Force veteran) and Elaine Holbrook were guests of honor at Bertram’s Veterans Day event, which also served as a dedication ceremony for the new Burnet County Veterans Memorial next to the railroad depot. An impressive crowd braved the cold wind to attend the ceremony (see more pictures on page 18 – and many more on the “Highland Lakes Weekly” Facebook page).

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The cold front (and a few raindrops) made Bertram’s big Veterans Day celebration a bit uncomfortable, but a large crowd stayed for the duration. Several local veterans and dignitaries (some pictured at right) addressed the crowd before the Hill Country Blenders (above) sang patriotic songs in front of the new Burnet County Veterans Memorial.

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The Falls on the Colorado Museum, on Broadway in Marble Falls, moved its normally outdoor Veterans Day event indoors due to the cold front which dropped the temperature about 30 degrees on Monday. In the photo above, VFW members prepare for the presentation of the colors; at left, local bagpiper Lorinda Peters plays “Amazing Grace” for the assembled crowd. The event was co-sponsored by the Marble Falls Rotary Club and VFW Post 10376.

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A capacity crowd filled the gymnasium at R.J. Richey Elementary School in Burnet for the BCISD's traditional Veterans Day event. Principal Bobbie Steiner (right) MC'd the wonderful event; her husband, retired Colonel Dan Steiner, was the keynote speaker. At left: Scouts present the colors to begin the ceremony.
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Tuesday–Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM
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The “Walk of Honor” is the highlight of each year’s Veterans Day event at R.J. Richey Elementary School in Burnet. Students hold flags on each side of the center aisle, and the veterans in attendance (usually more than 100) file toward the front of the room, where they introduce themselves, are greeted by dignitaries, and are applauded by the enthusiastic crowd. Many are accompanied in the “Walk” by young relatives.

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Marble Falls Middle School
Veterans Day was celebrated at each school in the Marble Falls ISD; this celebration, featuring short speeches, lots of patriotic music, dramatic readings and a slide show, was held in the afternoon at Marble Falls Middle School.

Friday, November 29
8:00 a.m. walkers / 8:15 a.m. runners
Kids 1 Mile 9 a.m.
Pre-Registration Deadline November 20
(THERE IS A FOR-SIZED T-SHIRTS)
Adult: $35 (after 11/11) – $40 | Child: 5 – 12 $15
Children under age 4 walk free (with adult entry fee); must be accompanied by an adult for safety.
Forms Must Be Turned in with Registration Fee
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Kingsland, TX 78639
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