



A look at Thanksgiving meals, holiday events in the Killeen-Fort Hood area

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As Thanksgiving approaches, many local cities and organizations are celebrating one or more holidays this year, and the Herald has collected a list of area events. The Herald will update this listing and run it multiple times during the holiday season.

EVENTS

BLORA Nature in Lights: The annual Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Center's "Nature in Lights" 5.5-mile-long holiday light trail opened Nov. 15 and will continue until Jan. 5. The trail will be open every day from 5:30 to 11 p.m., including Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas holidays.

Thanksgiving dinner: Grace United Methodist Church in Copperas Cove will be hosting a free Thanksgiving dinner for everyone in the community at 6 p.m. Nov. 27. The church will serve a complete turkey dinner with sides and desserts. No RSVP needed.

Killeen meal: Jesus Hope and Love Mission, 818 N. Fourth St., will host a free Thanksgiving Day dinner for the community, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, the 10th annual event. Volunteers are needed to serve and to deliver meals. Contact: 254-291-2314.

BOSS Thanksgiving Dinner: BOSS, also known as Better Opportunities Shoemaker Students, is holding its first Thanksgiving Dinner and Coat Drive from noon to 4 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at the campus' cafeteria. The group is also asking for the public to donate new or slightly used coats. The main drop off is the school's front office. Anyone

who wants to donate after the deadline can contact Reeves by email at bossmentorshs@gmail.com.

Heights meal: A free Thanksgiving meal open to all and "especially our men and women in blue" will be provided at Ari's Italian Restaurant, 2330 Verna Lee Blvd., in Harker Heights from 11 to 2 p.m. Nov. 28, according to organizers.

BOSS Thanksgiving Dinner: Join BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) for a fun Thanksgiving luncheon, movie and games from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 29, 72nd St and Battalion Ave Bldg 3202, Fort Hood. No single soldier gets left behind.

Church meal: A Killeen church is providing free meals at two locations on Nov. 29, the day after Thanksgiving. The meals will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 4201 Zephyr Road, and from noon to 1 p.m. at the Killeen Mission Soup Kitchen, 205 W. Ave. C.

For more information call the church at 254-680-4378.

Wreath laying: The annual Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 30 at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 State Highway 195. The Friends of the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery will lay more than 8,000 wreaths to honor the lives of those laid to rest.

Belton Parade of Lights: The annual Parade of Lights will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 1 in Belton. The boat parade can be viewed from the Dead Fish Grill, 2207 Lake Road.

Tri-County Toy Run: The annual Tri-County Toy Run will start at American Legion Post 133 in

Temple at 10 a.m. Dec. 1. The ride will depart at 1 p.m. and drive to the 281 Cafe in Lampasas. Admission is a \$10 donation or a new toy.

Harker Heights tree lighting: The city of Harker Heights will perform the ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 2. The event will occur at the Harker Heights City Hall, 305 Millers Crossing.

Salado parade: The Salado Lighten Christmas Parade will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 5. Many of the shops throughout the village will have floats, as well as old cars and golf carts all decked out for the holidays.

Christmas on Clear Creek: The public is invited to AdventHealth Central Texas, 2201 S Clear Creek Road in Killeen, for an event with a Christmas-tree lighting, refreshments, music, children's entertainment, and an appearance by Santa at 6 p.m. Dec. 5. Attendees at the Christmas on Clear Creek event will have the opportunity to light a gift of love and remembrance by purchasing for \$10 an ornament in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The loved one's name will go on the ornament, and the attendee can hang it on the tree at AdventHealth. The AdventHealth Foundation will use the funds raised to help patients through the Grateful Patient fund to help the "continue to improve quality of life through the maintaining of medical service standards of excellence for the patients we serve," according to the Killeen hospital.

Cove Krist Kindle Markt: The city of Copperas Cove will host the 25th annual Krist Kindle Markt on Dec. 5-8. The tree lighting ceremony and kickoff is 6-8 p.m. Dec. 5. Events are at Copperas Cove City Park,

1206 W. Ave. B in Copperas Cove. For a full schedule, go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/750249455348572>.

Breakfast in Toyland: The annual Breakfast in Toyland event sponsored by Globe Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will be Dec. 7 at the Killeen Community Center from 8 to 11 a.m. The menu of pancakes, sausage, milk or juice and coffee is \$5 per plate. Santa will be there and available for pictures. Toys and a girl's and a boy's bicycle will be given away. Please contact Linda Hutto at 254-220-0351 for more information and tickets. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Killeen Feast of Sharing: H-E-B will host the 12th annual Killeen Feast of Sharing from 4 to 8 p.m. Dec. 17, at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center, 3601 S. W.S. Young Drive. The meal is free to members of the community.

Copperas Cove Feast of Sharing: The Noon Exchange Club of Copperas Cove and the City of Copperas Cove, along with sponsors H-E-B Plus and Bush's Chicken, will host the 22nd Annual Feast of Sharing from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Copperas Cove Civic Center, 1206 W Avenue B. Free tickets will be available at the following locations: Boys & Girls Club, 1002 Veterans Ave.; Clear Creek Meadows, 1202 S. FM 116; Copperas Cove Senior Center, 1012 North Drive, Suite 5; Cove House Emergency Homeless Shelter, 108 E Halstead Ave.; Exchange Sunshine Apartments, 1103 Leonhard St, Copperas Cove; Housing Authority, 701 Casa Circle; My Brother's Food Pantry, 107 Lyons St.

If we missed an event, please email your information to us at news@kdhnews.com.

AREA HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Thanksgiving Day is on Thursday, and many local governments and entities will be closed in observance of the holiday. The following cities and school districts will be closed Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving Day:

CITIES

- Killeen — Closed Thursday and Friday
- Harker Heights — Closed Thursday and Friday
- Copperas Cove — Closed Thursday and Friday
- Belton — Closed Thursday and Friday
- Lampasas — Closed Thursday and Friday
- Gatesville — Closed Thursday and Friday
- Nolanville — Closed Thursday and Friday
- Salado — Closed Thursday and Friday

TRASH IMPACT

- Killeen — No impact. Trash will still be picked up on Thanksgiving.
- Harker Heights — One-day delay. Thursday routes will be picked up Friday, and Friday routes will be picked up Saturday.
- Copperas Cove — One-day delay. Pickup for Area 8 will be Friday.
- Belton — One-day delay. Thursday routes will be picked up Friday, and Friday routes will be picked up Saturday.

- Lampasas — One-day delay. Thursday routes will be picked up Friday, and Friday routes will be picked up Saturday.
- Gatesville — One-day delay. Thursday routes will be picked up Friday, and Friday routes will be picked up Saturday.
- Nolanville — One-day delay. Thursday routes will be picked up Friday, and Friday routes will be picked up Saturday.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- Killeen ISD — Closed Monday through Friday
- Copperas Cove ISD — Closed Monday through Friday
- Belton ISD — Closed Monday through Friday
- Lampasas ISD — Closed Monday through Friday
- Gatesville ISD — Closed Monday through Friday
- Florence ISD — Closed Monday through Friday

COLLEGES

- Central Texas College — Closed Monday through Friday
- Texas A&M University-Central Texas — Closed Thursday and Friday
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor — Closed Wednesday through Friday

BUSINESSES

All H-E-Bs will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving. The company's spokesman Johnny Mojica said shoppers need to place

curbside and home delivery orders by Wednesday.

All Walmarts and Neighborhood Markets will be open normal business hours

on Thanksgiving. Company spokesman Payton McCormick said all grocery pickup locations at the Neighborhood Markets will be open Thanksgiving also.

Killeen House Investors
(254)-255-1706
killeenhouseinvestors.com

PROPERTIES FOR SALE
Seller will Finance -NO Banks Needed



3902 Roundrock Dr., Killeen, TX
4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,621 sq. ft.
Brick home with fireplace, open floorplan, laminate floors. Oversized deck in fenced yard. Minutes to Ft. Hood. \$132,000, 10% Down Payment.



109 S. 29th Street, Temple, Tx 76504
3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Dining Room. 1,160 sq. ft.
Home sits on 2 lots with oversized deck and fenced yard in quiet neighborhood. Fier-upper, home needs TLC. \$55,000 worth. \$80,000 after repairs. \$20,000 Down Payment.



2912 Transit Dr., Killeen, TX 76543
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by donating toys to local children in need. Please help, we are very short of toys this year. Thank you for being generous.

Thank you for more than 30 years of support!

Last day to drop off toys will be December 20. New Toys can be dropped off at the

American Legion 223 - 208 S. Park, Killeen

Big Rick's Auto Care - 505 S. Twin Creek Dr., Killeen

Bridgemoor at Killeen - 2700 Cunningham Rd., Killeen

Coffee Beanery - 2408 Clear Creek Rd, Killeen

Endeavors - 1103 W. Stan Schlueter, Ste. 100, Killeen

Extraco - 1002 W. Cen.Tex. Expwy, Killeen

Family Dollar - 416 W. Rancier, Killeen

Killeen Daily Herald - 1809 Florence Rd., Killeen

New Horizons - 203 Jasper Dr., Killeen

Pen Fed Credit Union - 701 W. Cen.Tex. Expwy, Harker Heights

Specs Liquors - 2500 E. Central Texas Expressway

Veterans United Home Loans - 1302 W. Stan Schlueter Lp. #100, Killeen

For more information, please call
Maureen Jouett (254) 681-9112. Thank you.