

Christmas is just two weeks away and the neighborhood is all dressed up for the occasion! Each year certain traditions continue – such as red ribbon-wrapped light poles, lighted buildings and the beautiful lighted front gate. And just when we need some cheer up most here comes Stillwaters lights.

Here are some shots of our neighborhood this year.

And don't forget those holiday traditions nuts and pecans!

Resident Linda Bailey is selling Pecans as a fundraiser for Altrusa International. The local chapter has been selling pecans for 30 years as an annual fundraiser for Centralia College Scholarships. Two choices this year – Regular one pound, no preservatives = \$12 and Dark Chocolate one pound is \$15. There are many holiday pecan recipes for the regular pecans and as Linda says “the dark chocolate pecans are so good right out of the package.” Contact Linda at 360-827-1338 to purchase and she will deliver.

Quote of the Week:



Happenings this Week:

Tonight: Movie Night here at The Gathering Place. This month it's "Meet me in St. Louis". Starring Judy Garland. Ice Cream is served at 5:45 p.m. and the movie starts promptly at 6 p.m. Come join the fun.


Starting Tonight: The Evergreen Playhouse is proud to present Charles' Dickens classic tale A Christmas Carol. Show dates are December 10th-13th, and 17th-21st. Show times include; 7:30 on Thursday, Fridays/Saturdays at 8pm and 2pm on Sundays. This tale takes on a unique twist when the story is actually told by Charles Dickens himself, with the help of a number of his close friends. Audiences will be able to come along for the ride as we see the past, present, and future of Mister Scrooge and understand the true spirit of Christmas. Call 360-789-1828 for more information. The Evergreen Playhouse is located at 226 West Center Street in Centralia.

Starting this Friday: Fort Borst Park Light Display Begins

The annual Fort Borst Park Drive-Thru Light Display begins at 5 p.m. Friday at the Centralia park. This Christmas light show will feature an array of lights and season's greetings. Each year, the exhibit continues to grow as more displays are added. New this year are hayrides and carolers, weather permitting.

Admission is \$3 per car or \$2 with a can of food or new toy donation. The display will run through Saturday, Dec. 26. It is open each night 5-9 p.m.

Saturday, December 12th: Centralia to Feature Lighted Tractor Parade

 Rapidly becoming one of Lewis County's most popular events, the Downtown Lighted Tractor Parade will run through the streets of downtown Centralia Saturday. The parade, which begins at 6 p.m., will run from Main Street to Pearl Street, then south to Locust Street, and from Locust to Tower Avenue. The parade is sponsored by the Centralia Downtown Association. For more information, call Steve Koreis, (360) 219-8192.

Sunday, December 13th: Williams Christmas Party for all Stillwaters residents, 1:30 p.m to 4:30 p.m., here at the Gathering Place.

Next Week: The **Southwest Washington Dance Ensemble** presents the **Nutcracker**, Thursday, December 17th through Sunday, December 20th at *Corbet Theatre at Centralia College*. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$15 for children and seniors. You'll find performance times at swwdance.org.

Weather:





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Rain and more rain has been the news this week. Lots of areas are flooded in this county and we are particularly lucky to live on high ground. Click [HERE](#) to see footage taken yesterday of the areas locally that suffering from too many inches of rain this week. We could use a few days of dry please!