

# *A New Year, A New Home*

by John Verser, The Llano News

A larger than expected crowd gathered in front of the new LCA building on Green Street on Tuesday morning, September 5th. This was the first official day of school for the 2017-2018 school year in the new location. The students had started their year working at home on lessons, waiting for the new location to be completed.



**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New LCA School Building**

The former nursing home facility was donated to LCA last spring by Senior Living, L.L.C. "We started working on the building in earnest in July," Dr. Alice Smith said. "We hired a general contractor, John Scott, the Texas Baptist Builders helped us by taking out walls, insulating and putting up sheetrock on the classroom ceilings and the Texas Baptist Builders Cabinet Makers came in and built us classroom bookshelves and storage units."

Yes, it took a lot of hard work in a very short amount of time to get ready for the school year. Dr. Smith said there were at least 125 - 150 volunteers who helped in some way to move the school along quicker. A special thank you goes to everyone who helped LCA to get the building ready and make the transition.

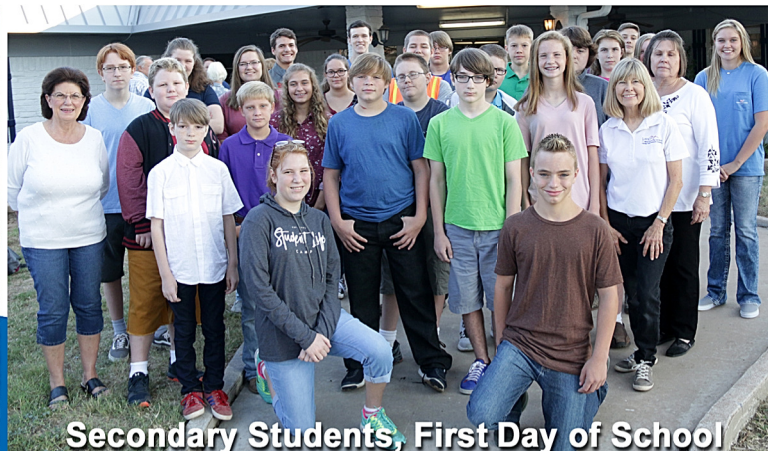
Dr. Smith said they greatly appreciate First Baptist Church for giving the school a home for its first six years, along with other churches in the community who have helped out in various capacities. Pittsburg Avenue Baptist Church housed the secondary school for a few years. The United Methodist Church allowed the school to use their facilities, when needed.

LCA starts the school year with 71 students, PreK through Twelfth grade and will be graduating two seniors this coming May.

"Yes, we are blessed beyond measure and we appreciate the community of Llano," said Dr. Smith.



**Elementary Students, First Day of School**



**Secondary Students, First Day of School**



## 3rd Annual Community Banquet



Let your roots  
*grow* down into Him,  
and let your *lives*  
be built on Him.  
Then your faith  
will *grow* strong in  
the truth you were  
taught, and you  
will *overflow* with  
thankfulness.

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The 3rd Annual LCA  
Community Banquet is  
Saturday, September 23,  
2017 at 6:00PM. This is a  
free community event.

Dinner will be catered  
with live entertainment  
and live and silent  
auctions. All proceeds will  
benefit the future and  
sustainability of Llano  
Christian Academy.

If you would like to attend,  
please contact us at  
(325)247-4942.

## Welcome New Members of the LCA Family

### Jennifer Berry, 4-5 Grades Math & Science

I am Jennifer Berry! This is my first year teaching and I am so excited to be a part of the LCA Family!

My husband, Ricky, and I have been married 10 years this December. We are the parents of two beautiful boys, Bryan and Jacob. Our family is brand-new to Llano. We have already fallen in love with this beautiful area surrounding us. We are ready to see how God blesses the new chapter in our lives.

Thank you for allowing me to work with precious children everyday in a Christian environment.



### Juliet Sueltenfuss, 4-5 Grades Language Arts & Social Studies

I am so very blessed to be joining Llano Christian Academy this academic year!

I was born and raised in Lovington, New Mexico and lived with my wonderful grandparents. I then attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico, where I received a Bachelor of Science with a major of Public Relations. I worked at several places as a Public Relations Coordinator, such as the Lovington Chamber of Commerce, New Mexico Junior College, and Commercial Metals Company in Seguin, Texas.

I came to the beautiful hill country in 1998 and eventually got a job at the First United Methodist Church in San Marcos. After realizing that I needed summers off with my two beautiful girls, I received my alternative certification certificate in 2010. I taught at Llano Junior High for 7 wonderful years.

I am married to my wonderful husband, Gene, and we have three children. Addison, 14; Mikah; 13 and Samuel; 12. We love it here and I am extremely overjoyed to be here with the children of LCA.

### Daniel Adams, Physical Education, Martial Arts

Daniel is honored to be part of the Llano Christian Academy family. He has taught classes after school to our students through his Peaceful Warriors mixed martial arts program for over 3 years.

Daniel was born & raised in Missouri, but moved to the hill country in 8th grade and graduated high school in Burnet, Texas. He served more than 16 years in the US Air Force as a Crash Rescue Firefighter, Hazardous Materials Technician, Emergency Medical Technician and a member of the Air Forces Disaster Response Force.

A dedicated martial artist since the age of 14, Daniel earned a national championship in TaeKwonDo and two Pan American silver medals in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. His passion is passing on these arts to both children and adults and has been instructing since 1998.

Daniel and his wife Sierra have one son, Kona, and live in Marble Falls. He loves working with the children of LCA and teaching them about the importance and enjoyment of physical activity.







## ALONG WITH OUR NEW HOME, WE NOW HAVE OUR OWN SCHOOL BUS!



Thanks to the wonderful generosity of an anonymous donor, Llano Christian Academy is the proud new owner of our very own school bus. The bus is in fantastic condition. We couldn't be more thrilled and excited to begin taking it out on field trips! Praise God!



## A HUGE THANK YOU TO ARENA OF PEACE COWBOY CHURCH OF ROUND MOUNTAIN!

We would like to sincerely thank Pastors Frank & Nancy Spillman of Arena of Peace Cowboy Church of Round Mountain for their generous donation of a tremendous amount of furniture, supplies, decor and so much more for our new school building. Their substantial donation included over 200 chairs, dozens of tables, black and white boards, cleaning supplies carts, many crosses and decor for our walls, toys for our children, and so much more. Your donation is an amazing blessing to us. We can't thank you enough!!

The Arena of Peace Cowboy Church draws on its cowboy church roots with a dash of praise worship create a welcoming place for people from all walks of life. The church offers "come as you are" services on Sundays at 11:00am, and Bible study on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm at their arena and church at 2254 Old Marble Falls Rd, Round Mountain, Texas.



## A New Favorite Past Time in the New Building...



**Reading Time in the Reading Circle!**



# LCA News, Events & Activities

## Llano Christian Academy's First Graduate



Braden Tuman is the first graduate of Llano Christian Academy. He came to LCA at the beginning of his eighth grade year. Braden is a leader among students and was elected Student Council President. He not only professes his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, but his life demonstrates that faith and understanding of who he is in Christ.

Since graduation, Braden is now attending Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas and is studying engineering. We congratulate Braden and wish him luck in his future endeavors.



## A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following organizations and individuals. We wouldn't be in our new home and couldn't be a success without you. Thank you so much, we love and appreciate you all very dearly!

- ♥ The Texas Baptist Builders & Texas Baptist Cabinet Makers for your amazing craftsmanship & hard work on our new building.
- ♥ Bill Barlett & Larry Najar for your countless hours giving to our children and our school.
- ♥ Harold & Joanie Castleman for the thousand things you've done and continue to do for our children, teachers, families and school.
- ♥ Our wonderful community supporters and volunteers for volunteering at the LCA front desk.
- ♥ Our gracious and ever-present school board for your unending love and support.
- ♥ All the parents and grandparents who love and support LCA and our work to grow our children in Christ and academically.
- ♥ The community of Llano for your acceptance, understanding and support of our mission, vision and goals for our students and their futures.