

# Chandler Lions Den

## Christmas Food Drive Thank you

The Chandlers Lions Club would like to take a moment to recognize and thank the people, volunteers, and organization in the Chandler and Brownsboro area that supported the Christmas food drive. Our community is truly blessed with the spirit of giving and the results were amazing.

The Brookshire Grocery Company under the direction of Chris Jones and Don McLean from the Chandler store set the theme that "no one in the community should go hungry on Christmas Day." They certainly were true to their work. They set up an in store food donation collection box, established a contest in each Intermediate and Elementary schools and sponsored a party for the class that collected the most food. Also, Alison Walker from the Tyler office donated 100 baking hens to the Lions Club for Christmas food boxes. A special thanks to the staff of each school for their cooperation. Three pick-up loads of food were collect from the efforts of those wonderful children.

My fellow Lions Club members under the direction of Ruby Simon donated 115 bags of apples, oranges, and candy canes. Numerous donations were received from the local churches. Two ladies (names unknown-sorry ladies) who normally donate 75 dozen eggs each month added \$70.00 to their December donation because they wanted to be sure there would be enough eggs. What a pleasant surprise when the Henderson County Independent Motorcycle Club arrived with six huge bags of toys. They are members of the Henderson County Toy Run Association. Thanks to Ron Reeves and the Chandler Police Department and their toy drive.

A special thanks to the dedication of Pat Martin who continued to order food from the Food Bank while attending to her gravely ill husband Roy in Houston. (Unfortunately Roy, a dedicated Gods Open Hands volunteer, passed away on January 4, 2008) Thanks to Gary Dinsmore and the staff and volunteers of Gods Open Hands for their hard work during Pats absents.

The spirit of Christmas truly is the spirit of giving where the rewards are much greater than the sacrifice. Please take a moment to thank those who have worked so hard not only during the Christmas season but throughout the year to help those in need. The Chandler/Brownsboro area is truly a community with a heart.

## Kickapoo Creek 4H Club News Shotgun raffle ticket winner announced

The 2007 Kickapoo Creek 4H Club seems to be growing by leaps and bounds, or should I say activities and animals. Several Club members have been busy showing their animals at the East Texas State Fair, the Edgewood Jackpot show, and the Texas Polled Hereford Show. Club members Zachary and Brandon Adair represented the club well at the Henderson County Food Show during October. Both of these members brought home blue ribbons, and Brandon advances to the District level with his healthy snack food.

During the months of October and November all of the club members were busy selling raffle tickets for a Benelli Shotgun. The club is very excited about the success of this raffle all because of the kind hearts of many East Texans. This raffle earned the club over \$2,000, which in return allowed the club to give 50 percent of these earnings back to each selling member to use on project expenses. The Kickapoo Creek 4H Club is proud to announce the winner of this raffle as Terry Chapman of Brownsboro.

Ms. Chapman purchased her winning ticket from 4H member Chance Ridgeway. Congratulations, Ms. Chapman and thanks to all of those who supported our club. Although the December meeting was a little short on member attendance, the information gained was very useful. The club meeting was informed on the basics of swine raising by Buddy Payne. Many members improved their knowledge of swine raising, and were given the opportunity to ask questions, as well as give their personal experiences of raising

show hogs. To add to this swine topic, Zachary and Brandon Adair supplied the club with a snack of pigs-in-a-blanket. The club extends a hearty thank you to Mr. Payne for giving of his time and knowledge to "make the best better." The Kickapoo Creek 4H Club meets at the Opelika Missionary Baptist Church on CR 3520 on the second Monday of each month. Their next meeting will be Monday, January 14th at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Darla Williams, 903-469-3639.

## Chandler church takes part in winter mission trip

In a change of pace from Chandler First United Methodist Church's summer mission trips, Chandler FUMC decided to add something a bit different to its 2007 mix: a winter mission trip.

Marla Frederick, director of youth and missions at the church, said a group of seven FUMC members, including one other adult, a college student and several high school students, visited a Family Homeless Shelter in Galveston. The seven joined a camp of 13 to make a total of 20 people. The trip lasted from December 26 to January 1.

"We work with the United Methodist Action Reach-out Missions by Youth program," Frederick said.

The UARMY chooses the missions locations for those with it.

Frederick said the group from FUMC, a church of over 575 members, had a great amount of fun and made lasting friendships.

"Most of all," Frederick said, "we saw the Lord at work."

One of the more interesting facts about the family shelter, Frederick wrote in an e-mail message, is the Galveston shelter was a style sheltering both children and their parents, and not one group.

"Other families are separated for the holidays," Frederick wrote, "but these were able to stay together."

During the mission trip the FUMC group put shelving and closet units in 14 rooms, repaired a bathroom, built three picnic tables and four sets of locker cabinets and hosted a Vacation Bible School event for the 66 people in the packed shelter. The program included sports, games, crafts, Bible stories, talk time for the adults, singing and dinner. The families also received the paintings the groups worked on, which Frederick wrote reflected crosses and words of inspiration. The FUMC group also cleaned a home which suffered burn damage and made a kitchen usable for a single elderly woman. They also gave something more valuable; the companionship of a group of youth and adults.

The FUMC members themselves started each day with worship before getting to work at the shelter. Some days there would be swimming at a nearby fitness center; the group even had dinner at the Rainforest Café restaurant one night during the week. They also had a candlelight



Members of the U.M. ARMY

service on New Year's Eve. "The best part was seeing the change from the first day to the last day," Frederick said.

Frederick told of how the church group had arrived at the shelter to see a family deep in argument. Later in the week the family had regained a sense of pride and even helped outside to clean the area, all without a single word of argument.

John Taylor, adult sponsor for the trip, said he couldn't point out a specific best part of the trip.

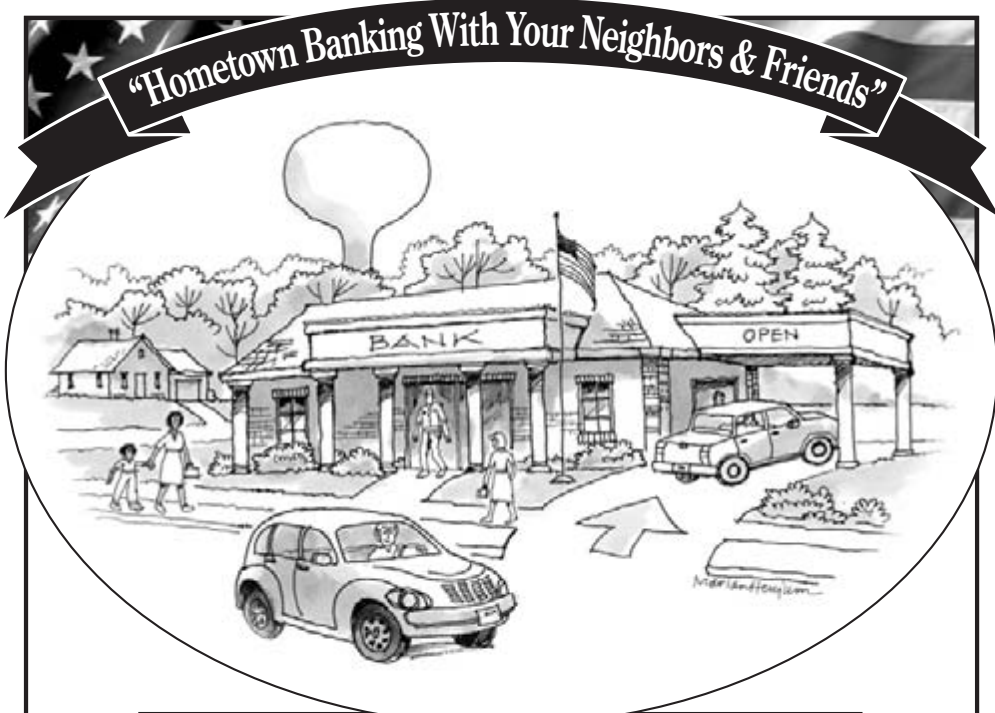
"I really enjoyed it," Taylor said. "It was different from the summer trips. It was smaller, more intimate, and we all worked on one job."

Taylor also said everyone on the trip got to know each other quickly. Frederick said the idea of a

winter mission trip entailed younger churchgoers sacrificing \$200 to take the four and a half hour drive to Galveston and sleep in a church for nearly a week of their winter vacation.

"I was amazed," Frederick said. "They did it not because they wanted to be cool for going on a mission trip, but because they wanted to work."

It was a true blessing for all involved, Frederick said.



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**DRIVE THROUGH**  
Mon - Fri: 7:30a.m. - 5:30p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00a.m. - 12noon

### ★ CBACC

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one student with a \$500 scholarship. Last year the CBACC increased that to (2) - \$500 scholarships, now the CBACC hopes to be able to award two students with scholarships in the range of \$750.

The increase in scholarship money was in large part due to the increase of businesses in the Chamber as well as a successful annual CBACC golf tournament held every June.

Smiley said that there were at least 10 new businesses that joined the Chamber during 2007 that were not established the year before, a sign that the area is growing.

A meeting will be held tonight at the Chandler Community Center at 5:30pm for all members who are interested in filling six available spots on the Chamber board.

The CBACC board consists of 15 seats, all three year terms and is open by nomination to members of the CBACC.

Once all 15 seats on the board are decided upon tonight, the board will then open the floor for nominations for the four executive positions. Executive positions are Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Smiley stated that the board has until January 24 to confirm the Executive board placement as well as the six new seats on the board. If there is not a Chairman named Smiley said he would gladly retain the position until one is found.

On February 7 the new board members and executive board members will be announced at the annual CBACC banquet.

More details on the annual banquet, including guest speaker Ray Stone, will be announced soon, as final details have yet to be determined.

The Chamber is a positive asset to both the community and the local businesses. The Chamber provides people who are new to the community with information on the area including maps and contact numbers for area businesses.

Members of the CBACC have the opportunity to network with other area businesses at monthly luncheons, and gain valuable exposure in the community during annual event such as the Pow Wow.

Most of CBACC's purchases for events or other needs come from the businesses that are members.

"Chambers thrive on volunteers work and the CBACC is always looking for people who are willing to volunteer their time to help improve the City" Smiley said.

The Chamber also has part-time volunteer roles open for different events for those looking to help out when it is most convenient for them.

An awards ballot is located on page nine for the annual CBACC banquet to be held on February 7.

## Brownsboro ISD MENU

January 14-18  
(Milk served with meals)

**BREAKFAST**  
**MON:** Ready-to-eat cereal, Graham crackers, juice

**TUE:** Waffle sticks, syrup, fruit

**WED:** Biscuit, egg & cheese sandwich, juice

**THUR:** Breakfast pizza, fruit

**FRI:** Cinnamon toast, fruit

**LUNCH**

**CES, CIS, BES, BIS, BJH**

**MON:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, green beans, hot rolls

**TUES:** Chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, blackeye peas

**WED:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, hot rolls

**THUR:** Chicken Parmesan, green beans, fruit, hot rolls

**FRI:** Hamburger, burger salad, French fries, cookie or cake

**BHS Blue Line**

Same as above except

**Wed:** WED: Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, fruit, hot roll

**BHS Gold Line**

**MON:** Hamburger, chicken burger, burger salad, lattice fries

**TUE:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit, hot rolls

**WED:** Hamburger, chicken burger, burger salad, French fries

**THUR:** Tacos, chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, fruit, chips/salsa

**FRI:** Chicken wrap, meatball wrap, savory fries, fruit