

# December

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## Christmas Greeting Ads

The Journal is now selling its 2009 Christmas greeting ads.

If you are not contacted and would like a Christmas greeting ad, please call the Journal at (254) 729-5103.

The deadline for the Christmas greeting ads is Tuesday, Dec. 8, and the greeting ads will be featured in the Dec. 17 edition.

All businesses, churches, organizations and individuals are cordially invited to place a Christmas greeting ad in the Journal to

wish friends, customers and family a very Merry Christmas!

The Journal also welcomes Christmas greeting ads and New Year's ads for the Journal of Dec. 24. New Year's ads are welcomed for the issue of Dec. 31.

## Santa Letters

The Journal is again publishing Santa Letters from the boys and girls of the area.

The Santa Letters will be published in the Dec. 17 edition. The deadline for Santa Letters is Tuesday, Dec. 8.

# Celebrate the Season

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at Hawkins Park for the celebration. Food vendors will be set up on the empty lot across Waco Street from City Hall.

Electricity will be available, and the fee is \$10 per booth. Booths will not duplicate food items, and the first vendors to register will have their choice of items.

To sign up for a food or vendor booth, call Sharon Barnes at (254) 729-5375. Vendors must complete a form. Forms are available online at [www.cityofgroesbeck.com](http://www.cityofgroesbeck.com) under "new events." Print the form

and send it and payment to Sharon Barnes, 401 W. Navasota, Groesbeck, TX 76642.

Persons interested in operating other type booths or activity also must fill out a vendor form. The form may be faxed to (254) 729-8155. Holiday items, baked goods and children's activities will be welcomed.

In addition to vendors at and around Hawkins Park, some Groesbeck businesses will stay open late Dec. 3 to provide extra time for families to shop.

# Food Drive

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said. "But that number has grown every month, and in October we served about 155 families."

"We're picking up about 10 new families every month," Haynes said, "and there doesn't appear to be an end in sight. The economy is bad, and a lot of folks are out of work. They still have to feed their families."

While most donations to the food pantry are non-perishable, Haynes said farmers with excess vegetables and fruit occasionally make fresh-food deliveries. And, sometimes fresh produce is available through Capital Food Bank in Austin.

While Hammett and Haynes were unloading and weighing donations in front of the downtown building, a small army of volunteers was busy inside the building sorting, boxing and stacking canned goods on pantry shelves. A class of gifted and talented students from Groesbeck Elementary was unloading sacks of donated items into bins, and other volunteers were carrying the sorted grocery items to nearby shelves.

While many food drives are held during the holidays, hunger is a year-round problem. Remember to support local food banks all year long.

# Limestone Conservatives hear potential candidates



CHUCK WILSON



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## By Tom Hawkins

The Limestone County Conservatives met on Monday night, November 16, at the Kosse Community Center.

John McCarver presided during the meeting, and following the pledge to the American flag, Rev. Billy Anderson gave the invocation.

Prior to the actual meeting David Saucedo, aka "Polatik", addressed the youth present.

In opening remarks McCarver stressed the importance of electing conservatives to the legislative bodies on both the state and federal levels.

McCarver as well as others present expressed grave concern over the health care issue and fair treatment of the men and women in the U. S. military.

Emphasis was placed on the upcoming 2010 congressional

# Pursuit

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Meyers was driving, had been stolen. The vehicle involved was disabled by law enforcement officers.

Sheriff Wilson declined to comment on various aspects of the case including the identity of

the officer who wounded Meyers.

Law enforcement agencies assisting in this incident were DPS officers, the Mexia Police Department, and Limestone County Sheriff's Office.

Wilson stated, "I understand how precious freedom is." He also stated, "I understand economic growth and development."

Also speaking was Ben Bius of Huntsville. Bius is seeking the GOP nomination for the State Senate 5 seat which is being vacated by State Senator Steve Ogden.

Bius stated his family has been part of Texas for over seven generations. He added, "My family

has been blessed to be Texans and enjoy the vast opportunities this state provides."

In his remarks at the Kosse meeting, Bius stated, "Texas is the last great hope for America."

During his remarks he expressed concern on the health care issue on both the federal and state levels.

In stating that today a lot of non-Texans are trying to tell Texas leaders how to run this state, Bius added, "We need a State Senator who will stand up for Texas."

The Limestone County Conservatives will not meet in December. The next meeting is Monday, January 18, at 7 p.m. at the Kosse Community Center.

## Journal's Political Announcement Column

The following candidates have authorized the Journal to place their names in its Political Announcement Column. This column will be published until the March primary election.

### Democratic Primary For Justice of Peace Precinct 3

SHERRI LeNOIR

### For Justice of Peace Precinct 2

FREDA "COOKIE" GREMMINGER

### For County Commissioner, Precinct 2

PETE KIRVEN

### Republican Primary For County Judge, Limestone County

DANIEL BURKEEN

# Groesbeck City Council has special meeting

The Groesbeck City Council met in a special meeting on Thursday night, November 19, at the Groesbeck City Hall.

Mayor Jackie Levingston presided at the meeting.

The Council approved the proposal for site preparation on City Park II Project as presented by Sherrod Services.

The Council accepted the resignation of Scott Wilson as a member of the Board of Directors of the Maffett Memorial Library. Wilson has served on the Library Board for the past several years.

In his letter of resignation, Wilson stated, "I have enjoyed my time on the Board and working with each of you."

Joy Budde was appointed as the new member of the Maffett Memorial Library Board of Directors. The Library Board recommended the appointment of Ms. Budde.

Ms. Budde has been employed by the Groesbeck Independent School District since 1972 where she taught English and journalism for eight years. She has served as the Groesbeck High School librarian for the past thirty-one years.

cially fortunate that there were not other serious injuries."

Sheriff Wilson stated that Meyers could possibly be facing charges of aggravated assault of a peace officer with a motor vehicle and possibly other charges.

Sheriff Wilson stated, "We feel very fortunate that others were not injured."

He added, "Noting the fact that this happen at the beginning of the work day for MSSLC personnel, we should feel espe-

# Closings

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Thanksgiving Day.

The First National Bank of Groesbeck Thanksgiving Schedule is as follows: Wednesday, Nov. 25, Drive Thru, 8 a.m. to 3 p. m.; Lobby, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, November 26, closed. Friday, November 27, Drive Thru, 8 a.m. to noon; Lobby, 9 a.m. to noon.

The Farmers State Bank's

Thanksgiving Schedule is as follows: Wednesday, Nov. 25, close at 3 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 26, closed all day; Friday, Nov. 27, closed at 12 noon; Saturday, Nov. 28, all branches closed.

The Groesbeck Journal will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving Day.

The Journal will close at 12 noon on Friday, Nov. 27.

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tor, or other means of expression.

Americans should always be thankful for the right to vote. With an important election year coming be sure to register and be prepared to vote in the primary, general, and local elections of 2010.

As stated earlier, times have been rather tough in many ways during 2009. But, during this special Thanksgiving season, we all need to thank God for the many blessings which have been accorded us!

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The Groesbeck High School production of "The Music Man" was truly an outstanding and very professional production. All of the local students from the various campuses of the school district performed in a very fine manner. Included in the cast were various adults including some GISD teachers. The acting, music and choreography

were all just great.

In speaking for many, this Editor will say, "Please do such a production again for this community!"

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In spite of a steady rain for most of the day, the annual Food for Families was very successful. Attention is called to a separate story in this week's Journal on the Food for Families drive and the Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry.

It appears that this year's drive equaled or exceeded last year's drive according to figures reported in the Journal last year.

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For those traveling during the Thanksgiving holidays, please drive carefully.

This Editor is predicting nice weather for the upcoming holiday period.

Again, Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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