

THE EAGLE

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SCOUTREACH - REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Established in 1998, the Scoutreach division strives to create more opportunities and positive support for traditionally underserved urban and rural Scouts. Often these youth

come from single parent or low income homes. As needed the council supplies paid leaders, uniforms, manuals, fieldtrip fees, etc.

The Buffalo Trail Council is proud to currently have 4 areas of Scoutreach:

- ♦ Lunchtime Units - approximately 45 7th and 8th graders meet once a week during their lunch time with a neighborhood counselor or program aid serving as their unit leader.

- ♦ Afterschool Units - currently at 6 locations, these units meet at their school/center after regular school hours with a council program aid serving as the unit leader.
- ♦ Juvenile Diversion - watch for more information on this new program **that seeks to improve a youth's self-image, social skills, and attitude about the legal system, and aims to teach the youth better methods of communication.**

Most of the participants served by Scoutreach find it hard or impossible to join and participate in a traditional Scout unit.



MISSION MOMENT

A MOMENT WHEN WE SEE OUR MISSION BEING MET

From a letter from a Scouting grandma

"It was my grandson's own idea to sign up for Scouts this fall - which he did at school and then told his parents about it! He's been in the troop (pack) for about a month or so, and he could not be happier. He feels welcome and accepted by his peers and was extremely excited about participating in the push car derby in Odessa on Halloween weekend. He gets his uniform out on Monday nights or sees that his mom has it laundered so he can put it on immediately on Tuesday

morning! He's already asked me to help him sell his popcorn by taking him to my friends' homes! He wants to do his part!

I believe Scouts will be the avenue that will help build his character and self esteem. He struggles some in school and doesn't much like it that he is in a couple "special" classes. In Scouts, he's just "one of the guys" and that's a perfect place to be."



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Buffalo Trail Council is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law

FOUNDATIONS AND GRANTS 2011

Fire Fund

Abell-Hanger Foundation..... \$25,000.00

James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation..... \$15,000.00

Juvenile Diversion

National Christian Foundation (Excelsoir Foundation Fund) \$50,000.00

Scoutreach

Wayne & Jo Ann Moore Charitable Foundation \$10,000.00

Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust..... \$10,000.00*

Shooting Sports Equipment

National Shooting Sports Foundation \$2,000.00

* An incorrect amount was previously listed.

A Scout is

HELPFUL

A Scout cares
about other people.
He helps others
without expecting
payment or reward.
He fulfills his duties
to his family by
helping at home.

NOTABLE GIFTS

American Business
Equipment

Better Than Some Rookie

Big D Equipment

Big Mike's Farm Store

Campbell Construction Co.

Circle M Welding

ConocoPhillips

Dixie Electric, Inc.

DRM Sales and Supply Co.

The Edmar Co., LLC

ExxonMobil Foundation
Volunteer Involvement
Program

FirstCapital Bank of Texas

Hanley Petroleum

Henry Resources, LLC

Johansen Landscape
Company

Kent Companies

KSNY Radio

Medical Center Hospital

Milagros Foundation

National Fuel Gas
Company Foundation

Odessa Texas LDS Stake

Order of the Arrow

Pemco Equipment, Inc.

Permian Basin Area
FoundationPermian Basin Land
Association

Planet Satellite

Sam's Club

Schwab Charitable Fund

Sewell Family of
Dealerships

Snyder Broadcasting

Standard Sales Co., Inc.

TransPecos Foods

Watson Machinery

West Side Lions Club

Y'all Haul Trailers

Valerie Acosta

John Anderson

Dale Brown

David Brown

Donna & Jim Byerlotzer

June Cowden

Neil Florer

Marian Freeland

Robert Gaines

Lyman Gifford

Peter Hagist

Oley Hedrick, Jr.

James Henry

Ted Hogan

John Hood

Randall Kelly

Bill Kent

Robert Leibrock

Douglas Lunsford

Edwin Magruder

Ty Maxey

James Newman

David O'Neill

Bruce Peeler

Christopher Peterson

Kathy Rhodes

James Riggen

Myra Robinson

Deana Savage

John Scherer

L.D. Buddy Sipes

Tom Sloan

Donald Smith

Rod Stephenson

Frank Stowers

Charles Sweatt

Nicholas Taylor

Stephen Thomas

C.W. Turner

Carey Turner

Byron Welch

Richard Williams

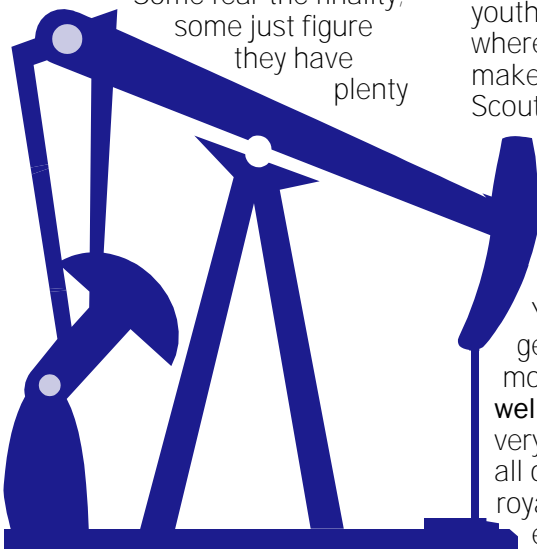
Kyle Womack

Gary Wood

USING ROYALTIES TO HELP

Most Americans die today without any type of estate plan. Estate plans can be as simple as a will to more complex planning mechanisms. Their expense depends upon the complexity, but the cost to your family, if you do not plan, can be far more expensive and stressful to them. Many put off doing any estate planning for a variety of reasons.

Some fear the finality; some just figure they have plenty



of time. Whatever the reason, each family should carefully consider some form of planning to **protect their family's interest**. If you do not plan, Uncle Sam and the IRS have a plan for you.

The Buffalo Trail Council is actively pursuing gifts to their endowment fund. From general operations, maintenance at BTSR, and scholarships for underserved youth, there are several areas where endowment dollars would make a difference to the future of Scouting in the Permian Basin.

One thing to consider in our geographical area is oil and gas royalties. One might consider looking at some of their smaller output wells. You may have a well that only generates \$100 or \$500 a month. Compared to other wells' royalties you own, this is very small. Consider donating all or a portion of that smaller royalty to the council endowment fund. Over time,

this could create a steady stream of income that could become substantial to the council endowment fund.

Please contact Lyman Gifford, (432) 570-7601 or Lyman.Gifford@Scouting.org for a confidential discussion on this or other estate planning ideas. All conversations are handled with discretion and complete confidentiality.

The values of Scouting are worth endowing, please remember Scouting in your estate plans.



AREA GOLFERS SUPPORT SCOUTS FORE 36TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Since 1976, area golfers have hit the links at Hogan Park Golf Course to support the Scouts of the Buffalo Trail Council in the annual BSA Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

This year the BSA Pro-Am Golf Tournament will be Monday, August 29. The fee for a 3-person amateur team is \$800. Professional golfer fee is \$75. Fees include carts, shirts, lunch and two drink coupons per golfer. Check in begins at 11 a.m. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m.

If interested in sponsorship opportunities or registering a team, contact Valerie Acosta or Tracy Macilroy at (432) 570-7601 or Valerie.Acosta@Scouting.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN TO BE HONORED THIS NOVEMBER



This year's Distinguished Citizen Dinner will be at 7:00p.m., November 3 in Midland with a private reception beginning at 6:15p.m. Information is now available for table sponsorships and participation at this black-tie optional event. Highly respected

citizens throughout the Permian Basin have been honored including Charles Spence, General Tommy Franks, Laura Bush, Ed Magurder, Dick Sivals, Lorraine Bonner Perryman, Don Evans, and Judge John Hyde. These and many others have been recognized for their contribution to our community.

For more information, contact Valerie Acosta at Valerie.Acosta@Scouting.org or (432) 570-7601.

WILL YOU GO



FOR THE SCOUTS OF WEST TEXAS?



*October 6
Scouts
introduce a
new event to
West Texas*

The Buffalo Trail Council is taking fundraising to new heights! In

what is surely one of the more unique events to ever take place in downtown Midland, Buffalo Trail Council has teamed up with the Wilco Building and Over the Edge to help support Scouting.

Over the Edge is a unique fundraising event, providing participants the thrilling chance of rappelling down the first skyscraper in Midland, the Wilco Building. Yes participants will rappel from the rooftop, 22-stories above Midland on October 6.

Individuals who want to participate are required to raise a minimum of \$1,200 and can solicit donations from family, friends and co-workers through our Over the Edge on-line giving site. There is no age limit to participate but rappellers must weigh between 110 and 300 pounds.

Heights not your thing? Then **"Toss Your Boss!"** Find a willing supervisor or other executive where you work who will agree to go **"Over the EDGE"** if you and your workers raise the money (\$1,500). But remember the boss can always respectfully decline ONLY IF he or she, or the company matches the donations raised by the employees. This is what we call THE BOSS BLOCKER.

Can't find someone to send over and still a little queasy at the

thought of 22-stories but want to help? How about raising \$1,000 and join the festivities from the CHICKEN COOP? Enjoy all the VIP treatment the EDGERS receive minus the harness and belly butterflies.

Will YOU go Over the Edge for the Scouts of West Texas? For more information or to register, visit us at www.facebook.com/BuffaloTrailOTE or contact Valerie Acosta at (432) 570-7601 or Valerie.Acosta@Scouting.org

See you at the top!



EAGLES - MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Zachariah Wallace, Troop 34, was looking for a way his eagle project could help in his community. He thought of the Jesus House Church on 6th street, which is a small mission center for the homeless men and women of Odessa.

Zachariah explains how he got started, **"I contacted Pastor Donnie and talked with him about any projects he needed done. We discussed the storage shed because he wanted to open it up as a specific food supply for the homeless in our community. The shed was in very**



Before.....

bad shape, it needed new interior walls and shelving torn down and totally rebuilt shelves to hold up **thousands of canned goods."** Zachariah contacted many home improvement/hardware stores in the area. **"I was stunned by the responses I got. Through the generosity of these companies, I was able to gather all the supplies I needed for this project without any monies. The total cost of the supplies was \$1010.00, all of which was donated."**

With the help of friends, family, Scouts and leaders, Zachariah spent 4 days (70 hours) working on the restoration. The major obstacle faced was the uneven

floor. By measuring each section of wall and cutting the panels accordingly, they got an excellent fit for each section of wall.

After completion this shed was immediately utilized by the church for their food distribution project. Pastor Donnie was very thankful for the Boy Scouts and their willingness to provide for their community.



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