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Toasts: Kudos to the animal shelter, ESF, law enforcement, outgoing county employees

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To the Nacogdoches Animal Services and Adoption Center for implementing the new low-income spay-neuter clinic and to veterinarian Dr. Wendy Blount for donating her services. The clinic is a collaboration between the city and the Humane Society of Nacogdoches. We commend their efforts to lower the number of unwanted dogs and cats in the county and the number of animals that need to be euthanized.

... to the Empty Stocking Fund for surpassing its goal of \$30,000 and to the local residents who opened their wallets to make that happen. For 39 years, the ESF has provided toys to Nacogdoches County children who otherwise might not have gifts on Christmas morning. The fund provides assistance to Child Protective Services, children in foster care and those children who are removed from homes in emergency situations.

... to law enforcement officers across Nacogdoches County who kept the streets a little safer by stepping up patrols on New Year's weekend. On top of stepped up patrols, Nacogdoches County Attorney John Fleming implemented the no-refusal weekend during which drivers suspected of being impaired would be served with a blood search warrant from Judge Jack Sinz if they refused a sobriety test.

... to the outgoing county commissioners and county employees who served Nacogdoches during their time in office. To George Perry Campbell who served as land agent and helped make Lake Naconiche a reality, and to Reggie Cotton and Tom Strickland who served the constituents of their respective precincts on the commissioners court.

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