

# Luncheon honors outstanding employees

City manager presents awards to year's top workers at annual holiday celebration

## SUBMITTED STORY

City of Wylie employees gathered for a luncheon Dec. 8 to celebrate the holidays and honor those who had made exceptional contributions during the year.

City Manager Mindy Manson began the event by noting the violence at just such a gathering in San Bernadino, Calif., the previous week. She asked for a moment of silence in honor of those lives lost.

"In the face of turmoil and horrible events, it is important to also remember that there is so much good in the world," she said. "This room is full of what is good and right and true."

The top award, Employee of the Year, went to Stephanie Storm, the records analyst in the city secretary's office. Manson said that Storm handles her duties with superior knowledge and spends time assisting other departments with their records.

"Stephanie's co-workers say she is accurate, quick to respond, patient, friendly, dedicated, positive and always ready to help," she said.

Nancy Leyva, who works in utility billing, was named Newcomer of the Year, and Angela Daniel, also a utility billing clerk, was named Customer Service Employee of the Year. Both were described as friendly and polite.

Joe McGaughey, who drives the Wylie Senior Recreation Center bus, received an award for demonstrating excellence in safety, and Justine McGee, guest services specialist at the Wylie Recreation Center, was Part-Time Employee of the Year for her work ethic and attitude.

Special Awards, which differ from year to year, went to Craig Kelly and Judy Truesdell from the Public Information Office, who received a Magnificent Messengers award for being tireless, friendly, professional and creative as they spread the word about Wylie; Rushi Patel from the recreation center, who re-



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**Stephanie Storm** (left), the records analyst in the city secretary's office, was named Wylie Employee of the Year and received a plaque for the award from City Manager Mindy Manson.



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**Craig Kelly and Judy Truesdell**, public information officers, received the Magnificent Messengers award.

ceived the Heart and Soul award for being a great role model and serving with heart; and Carmen Ramirez, from the Smith Public Library, who received the Can Do award for her friendly demeanor and attention to customers.

Wylie Fire Rescue's Brandon Blythe received a Commitment to Service honor for being the kind of employee who makes

things happen, never hesitates and never complains.

Andrew Barba and Genaro Trejo from the library were named Dynamic Duo for their enthusiasm and friendly attitude to patrons, and Diane Chesnut from the recreation center was named a Leader Among Peers for her excitement for recreation and love of Wylie.

Julie Pannell of the senior rec-



**Justine McGee** (left), a guest service specialist at Wylie Recreation Center, received the award for Part-Time Employee of the Year from City Manager Mindy Manson.

recreation center was named a Shining Star for being a cheerful and dedicated leader; Tracie Whitford of the library was named a Creative Genius for her imaginative decorations and props; and Annika Sacco and Ofilia Barrera, of the recreation center and library respectively, were dubbed a Dream Team and praised for sharing their talents to plan the Summer Reading

Club Kickoff.

Employment anniversaries were also noted, including Don High, Kendall Edge and Manson for 20 years of service, and Mike Sferra, Cheryl Smith, Aron Bressler and Chris Holstead for 15 years.

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