I hope everyone has a good start to new year

Good-bye 2004. This is the last one of the year, but it will print as the first 2005 issue. I hope all so wanting to have had a good start to the new year.

I have heard of several private parties and several public parties. I noticed that a couple of them were offering free shuttle service for those needing it.

The McClung family will be having pizza and Christmas on Jan. 1 with me. It didn't work out over Christmas, as they had a couple of family gatherings to attend.

I had a couple of invites but just



cook for a couple of days.

was wonderful. It was made with pieces of turkey, duck and chicken all together. They called the dish senior meal put out by the school the "turducken," not sure that's the correct spelling.

stayed home, where there was no very tasty. There was an assortment all of those working on these meals icy sidewalks to cope with. I got a of salads and the other usual side have had a good holiday and start of couple of meals and didn't have to dishes. The other meal was equally the new year.

good, and I do thank these folks for sharing their feast with me. It makes one feel like life is worth living when these people remember

those of us who don't have good The one meal had a meat dish that mobility and have other medical needs.

Another remembrance was the week before the holiday. It too was very tasty, and I do thank them also It is a southern dish, delicious and for bringing it to the house. I hope

The wedding in our family dur- pray that most of these young folks ing the holiday went off as planned. Boy it's hard to believe how the military moves things around. The kids will get to finish their specialized training as planned and will not leave for overseas as first thought.

Matt went back to Georgia, and his new bride Tawny is in Texas to complete her training. They decided to drive to their posts, making it possible for them to see his folks and grandparents on the way.

The car, Tawny's, went to Texas, and Matt flew back to his base in Georgia. Best wishes, and I hope as the flood as found in the Bible. It I'll close and wish all a wonderful they'll not have to go overseas, if makes one wonder if that in fact is they get this mess settled. It doesn't turning into reality and a forerunner seem likely, but one can hope and of the future.

will all be getting home, safe and sound.

Now the world is trying to understand what happened this past week in those Asian countries. The television this evening said 118,000 have lost their lives and that the toll would probably rise even higher, as some of the islands further inland haven't even been worked.

I can remember my granddad telling us kids that as the end of the world is a-coming, there will be tragedies with large loss of life such

I have one anniversary, that of Gennifer and Andy House on the 31st. There's one birthday on the 3rd, that of Jim Schiefen. Best wishes to these folks, and I hope the year ahead will be one of well-being.

Sincere sympathy to those mourning the loss of loved ones during the holiday. Get well wishes to those trying to get back to normal. May they all know the Almighty is with them, and I hope the year gets better and better.

Seeing nothing more on the desk, and safe new year. May this new year turn out to be one of good works and good health.

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: **Dec. 3** — Chrystal Loudhawk, 25, Denver, \$126 for speeding.

Linda S. Berends, 33, St. Charles, Mo., \$124 for motor carrier violation.

Mitchell J. Janasek, 34, Fort Collins, Colo., \$120 for speeding. Robert M. Olley, 31, Denver, \$138 for speeding.

Carolyn R. Simon, 23, Glen Rock, N.J., \$138 for speeding. Lindsey M. Young, 21, Golden,

Colo., \$114 for speeding. Joshua A. Petronella, 20, Fred-

erick, Colo., \$300 for speeding. Dec. 6 — Alma M. Rendon, 25,

Liberal, \$132 for speeding. Daniel H. Richards, 25, Fort Lau-

derdale, Fla., \$168 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Carrie J. Cooper, 26, Somerville, Ohio, \$144 for speeding.

George W. Cummings, 19, Edmond, Okla., \$138 for speeding. Scott A. Rayl, 24, Colorado

Springs, \$132 for speeding. Thomas Peracchi, 30, New-

ington, N.H., \$150 for speeding. Luke W. Powell, 33, Brookfield, Conn., \$144 for speeding.

Everton A. Cole, 25, Newark, N.J., \$177 for speeding.

Erika A. Wetherill, 27, Kansas City, Mo., \$132 for improper park-

Pia E. Algor, 59, Denver, \$144 for

speeding. Emily C. Auerbach, 22, Easton,

Pa., \$138 for speeding. Jesus R. Avila, II, 19, Garden City, \$159 for speeding and \$10 for

no seat belt. Jason T. Ayres, 34, Highland Ranch, Colo., \$102 for speeding

and \$10 for no seat belt. James E. Bennett, 51, Grandville, no seat belt. Mich., \$177 for speeding Ronald R. Edwards, 60, Devine,

Colo., \$108 for improper parking. Jtrinidad S. Aldaco, age not given, Denver, \$144 for speeding. Jack T. Penley, 31, Denver, \$120 for speeding.

Dec. 7 — Troy L. Vallejo, 24, Goodland, \$102 for speeding. Brian M. Petty, 27, Overland

Park, \$138 for speeding.

Dec. 8 — Brandon J. Stephens, weight limit on wheels and axles. Jennifer L. Browniee, 31, Broomfield, Colo., \$144 for speed-

ing Rachel C. Turek, 20, Granite City, Ill., \$132 for improper park-

ing. Timothy A. Garrett, 27, Moore, Okla., \$231 for speeding.

Judith E. Pfender, 62, Topeka, \$132 for speeding.

\$120 for speeding.

William L. Moore, 62, Whistler, Quebec, \$120 for speeding.

Edwin Guardado-Caceres, 24, Fennville, Mich., \$114 for speed-

Gary S. Park, 24, St. Louis, Mo., \$132 for speeding.

Brandon S. Barrett, 32, Fort Carson, Colo., \$204 for speeding.

Dec. 9 — Eric Zimmerman, 19, Anchorage, Alaska, \$195 for speeding.

Jennifer Woods, 31, Nashville, ing. Texas, \$120 for speeding.

Corey L. Dinkel, 23, Hays, \$120 City, Colo., \$132 for speeding. for speeding.

Rodney A. Lasater, 51, Lake St. Louis, Mo., \$120 for speeding.

Jennifer D. Schima, 32, Broomfield, Colo., \$126 for speeding. Yoo Yeonyong, 27, Manchester,

Mo., \$150 for speeding. Tina M. Gentry, 22, Goodland, Colo., \$132 for speeding. 80 for no child restraint and 10 for

ning, Ga., \$120 for speeding. David L. Goldenberg, 19, Chesterfield, Mo., \$168 for speeding. William M. Reno, 31, Castle

Rock, Colo., \$126 for speeding. Phillip A. McDaniel, 24, Albuquerque, N.M., \$126 for speeding. Jeremy M. Gibbs, 27, Aurora,

Colo., \$168 for speeding. A. C. Roswell, 72, Oklahoma 22, Shawmut, Mont., \$185 for over City, \$111 for over weight limits on

wheels and axles. Barbar A. Thompson, 51, Tahlequah, Okla., \$117 for over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Dec. 13 — Cynthia T. Wray, 52, Kansas City, Mo., \$150 for speeding and \$20 for no child restraint.

Jose Antonio C. Vera, 44, Plateville, Colo., \$124 for tractor trailer violations.

William L. Smith, 48, Denver, Edward H. Parks, 43, Denver, \$300 for over weight limits on wheels and axles.

> Joseph G. Barron, 24, Arvada, Colo., \$150 for speeding.

> Lakeshaw S. Denton, 18, Colorado Springs, \$144 for speeding. Josh J. Edgin, 25, Russelville,

> Ark., \$126 for improper parking. Carlos Gonzalez-Ramirez, 34, Woodstock, Ga., \$150 for speeding.

> Fresvin Gonzalez, 41, Iztapalmpa, Mexico, \$144 for speeding.

> Kenneth L. Hayes, Jr., 33, Leander, Texas, \$120 for improper park-

Ryan R. Henry, 27, Commerce

Chase H. Horton, 47, Murray, Ky., \$150 for speeding.

Sarah M. Lane, 26, Boulder, Colo., \$132 for speeding.

Brandon Ohmie, 23, Firestone, Colo., \$159 for speeding.

Christy M. Voelker, 27, Avon,

Matthew J. Bridge, 18, Rockvale,

Tenn., \$126 for speeding.

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Texas, \$138 for speeding. Rosales H. Guadalupe, 21, Raleigh, N.C., \$114 for speeding.

Bruce F. Lewis, 48, Boulder, Colo., \$132 for speeding.

Ernest G. Ochoa, 27, Pueblo West, Colo., \$126 for speeding. Yong Su Pak, 46, Aurora, Colo.,

\$222 for speeding and \$20 for no child restraint.

Sandra M. Parkerson, 60, Coral Sag, Fla., \$132 for speeding. Ann M. Pogue, 73, Dyersburg, Tenn., \$186 for speeding.

Alejandro J. Sune, 49, Wichita, \$144 for speeding.

Michael K. White, 18, Arapahoe,

Margaret E. Bracken, 78, Chesterfield, Mo., \$159 for speeding. Henry L. Walsh, 25, Hays, \$177 for speeding.

Dec. 10—Eloise R. Fuentes, 47, Goodland, \$360 for no liability insurance.

Colo., \$120 for speeding.

Benny S. Pemberton, 35, Helenwood, Tenn., \$160 for no Kansas registration.

Kenneth H. Hisey, 59, Ingram, Texas, \$120 for over weight limits Fenton, Mo., \$90 for improper on wheels and axles.

Vipul Patel, 23, Bensalem, Pa., \$120 for unsafe turning or stopping \$120 for speeding. and \$90 for speeding. Larry I. Rougle, 22, Fort Ben-

CassandraA. Gooder, 18, Olathe, \$270 for speeding.

Joseph A. Hammond, 41, Littleton, Colo., \$90 for speeding.

Dec. 14—Benjamin E. Massena, 27, Lincoln, Ill., \$126 for speeding. Dec. 15 — Kristi E. Morell, 24, Peggye D. Long, 69, Boulder, Santee, Calif., \$144 for speeding. Michael B. Breitenbach, 20, Boulder, Colo., \$159 for speeding. Jordan C. White, 18, Denver, \$132.50 for speeding.

Danny L. Reifschneider, 37, parking.

Jennifer M. Evert, 30, Denver,

Daniel R. Hull, 60, Colorado Springs, \$159 for speeding.

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