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Hats Off: Tour de Tech Terrace settles down, United aids Army, AWC honors 16

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Miranda Grubbs
Bikers ride down the streets during Tour de Tech Terrace in Lubbock, Texas, Saturday, April 16, 2011. (Miranda Grubbs/ Lubbock Avalanche-Journal)

1,350 riders support food ban

When more than 1,000 young bicyclists tour a neighborhood, imbibing along the way, it's not surprising when arrests are made.

But it is news when an event such as Tour de Tech Terrace pedals beyond missteps of the past and takes a turn toward civil obedience.

Tour de Tech Terrace was first organized in the summer of 2004 as a Labor Day weekend activity.

In the fall of 2005, organizers decided to use the ride as a means to collect

food for the South Plains Food Bank and victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The following spring, the ride was cut short by police responding to complaints of participants blocking traffic. Five people were cited for impeding traffic, and one person was briefly detained.

In 2009, one person who defied police orders to move on was tased by officers when he fought being handcuffed.

In 2010, at least one person was arrested for public intoxication.

But this year's ride of about 1,350 rolled with organizers first coordinating with police, obtaining a sponsor to provide portable toilets and clear instructions to participants to respect the neighborhood and its residents.

The result was an afternoon activity that, while not everyone's cup of tea, did show significant maturing of a fun event coupled with a charitable result. The ride this year collected canned goods for the food band. Ultimately, organizers said, they'd like for the

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event to raise funds for the neighborhood.

United pledges \$150,000 to Salvation Army

United Supermarkets added to its long list of community support by pledging \$150,000 to help with the Salvation Army's renovation of the Walker Homes into a two-year transitional housing program for homeless families.

Robert Taylor, United CEO, called the Walker Homes project "options for a way out" of cyclical homelessness.

AWC honors public service at Celebrity Luncheon

The Lubbock Professional Chapter of the Association for Women in Communications awarded Linda Greenstreet the George Mahon Award for extraordinary public service. During the organization's annual Celebrity Luncheon, Greenstreet was honored for working toward a world without breast cancer.

The organization's Headliner Awards, which are presented to individuals or groups whose achievements have received widespread positive recognition through the media, included: Johnny Mac, Jeanne and Katrina Brown; the Estacado High School basketball team; Idalou High School football and basketball teams; Seshadri "Ram" Ramkumar; and Texas Tech Libraries.

Gold Medal Awards went to Dr. Doug Klepper and Terry Hawkins; Leslie and Mike Moss; Celeste Thompson; and Irasema Velasquez.

Wentz Orthodontics received the Louise Allen Award for outstanding corporate community service.



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