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Howe's That

"Victory Town" parade set for Saturday

by Monte Walker

It's always nice to have a good neighbor. This week the antiquated copier machine in the downtown HDA office needed a toner transformation and I, for one, was highly unable to figure out how to manipulate the first generation machine. After I summoned help from a fellow city co-worker, I felt a little better because two people could then not figure out the contraption.

Here I am, the grandson of a printer. I watched him spin the wheels and master those machines effortlessly and administer perfection to ink. I can't even change the toner.

But after nearly losing my cool and wanting to toss the thing in the landfill, I called on Todd Creekmore who is. by the way, Mr. Copier in this town and has a downtown business full of copiers and that's, um, what he does for a living.

Todd came over and gave me a quick lesson on what to do and what not to do. He cleaned up the giant mess that I'd made and helped me out just as my Papaw would have done to anyone that asked.

His ad is at the bottom of page 12 - Advantage **Business Machines**

This Saturday Howe will celebrate Christmas with the annual parade. For the second year in a row, the route will make a trip through the downtown stretch on Haning Street. Prior to 2014, the parade would bypass downtown via Denny Street to Haning Street, but the one block venture off of the path creates the special community atmosphere.

and it was the first time I remember a parade through downtown." said Joyce Park in December of 2014.

"I feel like we're a real town now."

The parade will start with a lineup of floats at the Howe Middle School parking lot. The route will be from Beatrice Street to Duke Street to Denny Street to Davis Street to Hughes Street to Haning Street down to King Street and back to the Howe Middle School campus.

Commerce is preparing the parade and organizing the been registered and there is



Candy canes and lollipops have been placed

no charge to enter and those For the spectators in the "I've lived here for 50 years The Howe Area Chamber of interested in signing up can do so by visiting howechamber.com and floats. So far 15 floats have navigating to the bottom of the page.

downtown area, the Church of Christ will serve cookies while hot chocolate will be available from a vendor. The downtown retail continued on Page #4

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#14 ranked Lady Bulldogs come back vs. Muenster



Peyton Streetman - Photo by Michelle Carney

It was announced last Monday that the Lady Bulldogs of Howe (then 6-0) had moved up to #14 in the Class 3A rankings by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. On Tuesday, they found themselves trailing to #8 ranked Muenster (then 3-0) from Class 2A.

The traveling Lady Hornets

immediately jumped out to a 19-10 lead after the first period. All they did in the second period was extend their advantage to a commanding 34-22 halftime lead over the Howe girls. to become battle-tested before

Character is often build and tested

by resiliency and for teams as good as the Lady Bulldogs, resiliency is rarely ever tested. But on this night, the girls from Howe stood up and fought their way back into the game by staying even with a 12-12 tie in the third period and completely dominating in the final period by exploding for 26 points to finish out the dramatic comefrom-behind one-point win, 60-59.

It wasn't the best performance by the Howe girls, but it was a chance entering the heart of their season.

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Bulldogs open season by ringing Bells, now 2-2 on season



Bulldogs meet before tip-off (photo by Keri Harvey)

Athletes are athletes and Howe has plenty of them. No, they don't just reside on the football field. It's the time of year where leaping members of the football secondary become leaping power forwards and and shooting guards. And then there are other players in this small town that shine this time of year because for them, this is not the "off-season" - this is their time to shine. Guys like Griffin Underwood, Michael Kehrer and Sam Akins think Friday night lights are made for gymnasiums and buzzer-beaters instead of the endaround-reverses and halftime performances.

Keher, Underwood and Akins have been patiently waiting on the others who were all members of the varsity football team that played two rounds deep into the playoffs and shortened the basketball season. But on Tuesday night, the wait was over and Howe exploded on Bells to start the season with a 68-48 win on the road.

Kehrer finished as the game's leading(4) and Ty Harvey (3).scorer with 18 points coming on all2-point field goals.Howe's second game of

Howe led 22-10 after the first period with all five starters chipping in with points. The starting five of Underwood, Akins, Nick Wilson, Levi Mrozinski, and Kehrer all finished in double digits with points.

The Bulldogs took a 33-16 lead into the first halftime of the year and then came out and commanded the third quarter, 18-13. The only period that Howe failed to outscore Bells was in the final one that saw the Panthers put up 19 to Howe's 18.

Other scorers behind Kehrer were Akins (12), Wilson (11), Underwood (10), Ty Harvey (8), Mrozinski (6) and Brandon Wall (3).

On Thursday night, Howe defeated Gainesville, 62-56 with a strong second half performance in the Sanger Tournament opener. The Bulldogs were tied 29-29 at the half, but had their best defensive period in the 4th by holding Gainesville to 12 points. Underwood led the 'Dogs with 13 points and was closely followed by Keher with 12. Other scorers were Akins (10), Wilson (7), Wall (7), Mrozinski (6), Stratton Carroll (4) and Ty Harvey (3).

Howe's second game of the tournament was against Chant Home School. The 'Dogs won the first period 16-10, but couldn't regain that form until the fourth period. Howe eventually lost, 61-49.

Howe finished out the tournament with a loss to Denison, 66-57 and sit with a record 2-2 on the young season.



Top: Sam Akins. Bottom: Michael Kehrer. *Photos by Keri Harvey*



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Lady Bulldogs continued from Page #1



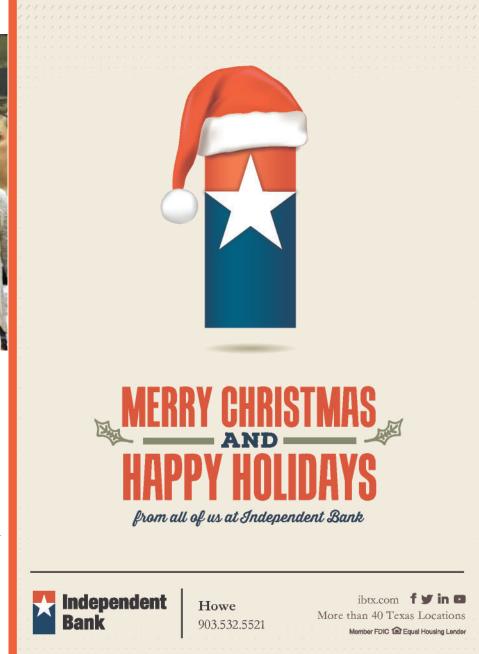
Howe Head Coach Derek Lands keeps the girls calm on their way to a dramatic come back win vs. Muenster. **Photo by Michelle Carney**

Leading the charge for the Lady Bulldogs was Holly Hawkins who had a team high 13 points. She was a perfect 4 for 4 from the field and sunk 5 of 8 free throws while also pulling down two rebounds. Alissa Smith had 11 points and three assists the free-throw line. while Darci Foster, Riley Harvey and Landry Rhoten each had nine points. Harvey led the team with six Howe's Lady Bulldogs moved to rebounds. Other scorers were Peyton Streetman (7) and Kayla

Anderson (2).

The Lady Bulldogs shot 43 percent as a team from the field and 33 percent from three-point range. They shot 62 percent from

With the win over Muenster, 7-0 while Muenster fell to 3-1 on the season.



Howe FFA students finish 3rd at state competition

Allie Morgan, Mati Abner and Jessica Doty are the first Ag Advocacy team in the LDE (Leadership Development Events) program to advance to state from the Howe FFA chapter. They are now the only Ag Advocacy team from Howe to place as they finished third of 300 teams overall. Finishing just ahead of the Howe girls was Salado (1st) and Madisonville (2nd).

Howe had previously participated in the district contest on November 9 and were one of two teams that advanced to area where they finished second and qualified for state.

Friday, the girls competed in the individual events are used prelim competition. That evening at reinforce what is taught in awards, it was announced that they had made the top 10 which qualified them for the finals. Saturday morning, they competed in the finals and that afternoon at awards ceremony they announced

the placings.

"We were all very excited and proud to find out that we had placed third." said Doty. "It was a great time that couldn't have been made possible without the hard work of these girls as well as the constant support and dedication of Mrs. Blum. I will always cherish the memories that I made this weekend."

LDE focuses on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. Team and individual events are used to agricultural science classrooms.

All LDE events have elimination rounds at the district and area before the state level competition.



L-R: Allie Morgan, Mati Abner and Jessica Doty finished third in state for their presentation of "The Greatest Show on Dirt."





A lollipop located by Independent Bank faces Downtown Howe

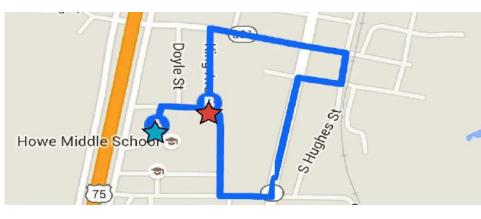
businesses and restaurants will be open during the parade. **Registered parade floats**

Corey Horton, owner of The Green Acre Garden Center of Van Alstyne gave Keep Howe Beautiful a great deal on an upgraded tree from last year's six footer to the ten foot beautiful tree this year. It is the second year in a row that the Van Alstyne nursery has donated the Howe Community Christmas Tree. Discussions were taking place to plant a living tree in the area of the old First Christian Church, but more time is needed for a project like that.

Keeping with tradition, Paris Palacios will once again emcee the parade from the downtown area. She will be located between City Hall and Abby's Restaurant by the community tree.

The Howe Area Chamber of Commerce and Keep Howe Beautiful area asking the community to help decorate the tree.

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Howe is ready for Christmas



Lollipops on the south side of Haning Street



Freshly painted Christmas windows at Advantage Business Machines (the Chisum building). Painted by Stephanie Pratt.



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Description A local company is looking for an EVENT SPECIALIST who will possess a minimum of 3 years of event planning or catering management experience in a high-end hotel, catering company or special event venue.

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Is God still blessing America?



by Monte Walker

My pastor once said that he thought that God is no longer blessing America because America has shunned Him. We have banned Him from our schools, our children, the workplace and in public. Why would He continue to bless America? Maybe America should turn to Him again so He will bless us again.

I recently read an article in rebuke to the *New York Daily News* headline after the heinous attacks in San Bernadino on Wednesday. The article was from Sean Davis, cofounder of *The Federalist*. With his permission, I took a few excerpts from his online post:

"Come down from the cross and save yourself!" they later demanded. He did not save Himself by hopping down from that cross.

Instead, He "fixed" the situation by dying an unimaginably horrible death, bearing the weight of the sins of all mankind for all eternity, being laid in a cold and empty tomb, and then, on the third day, after literally defeating death and sin itself, Jesus Christ rose from the dead and informed the world that as a result of His perfect life, painful death, and resurrection from the dead, sinful man might one day share in the infinite glory of God's holy and perfect Son, not because of our own actions or merit, but because of the sacrifice and unending grace and mercy of the only perfect man to ever walk the earth.

Granted, it's not a snarky tabloid cover, but it's pretty impressive nonetheless.

We don't have to imagine how God might respond to those clever little devils in charge of formulating headlines for New York City's third-tier tabloids, because the Bible tells us exactly how God responded when questioned by man. Job 38 and 39 should sum it up quite nicely.

It seems to me that the agenda of the front page was political which is just as disturbing as the shocking insinuation. It paints the picture that all Democrats are atheists and I happen to believe that the thought of that should be offensive to the left-leaning party members.

My feelings on this cannot be measured in a few hundred words. It is rarely a good idea for a small town newspaper editor to get involved in politics or religion, or in this case BOTH. But the news of the world today involves Christianity, Atheism, Islam, Republicans, Democrats, moderates and extremists. Each member of these associations have an agenda. The country seems to be split more so than anyone can ever remember.

The storm clouds are gathering. The winds of revolution are blowing. The farther we get from God, the more the world spirals out of control. The most pressing problem facing America can't be solved in Washington. True hope and change can only be found at the foot of the cross. Let us return to HIM.

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Howe Chamber of Commerce board meeting December 7 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Howe Community Center, 700 W. Haning St. Howe, TX 75459

Lady Bulldog Basketball vs Princeton – JV2/JV/V December 8 @ 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Lady Bulldog Basketball @ Princeton Tournament - JV2/JV/V December 10 @ 8:00 am - December 12 @ 9:00 am

Howe Farmers Market December 10 @ 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm; Salvage Junky, 200 S. Denny St. Howe, TX 75459 December 14 @ 6

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> Wee Readers Storytime December 11 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am; Howe Community Library, 315 S. Collins Frwy Howe, TX 75459

> FBC Howe Adult Choir Dramatic Christmas Musical December 11 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm; First Baptist Church Howe, 100 W. Davis Howe, TX 75459

Peggy's Porch December 12 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am; Peggy's Porch, behind City Hall Howe, TX 75459

Howe Chamber "Victory Town" Christmas Parade December 12 @ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm; Downtown Howe, Texas, 100 E. Haning, St Howe, TX 75459

Keep Howe Beautiful Meeting December 14 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Howe Development Alliance, 101 E. Haning St Howe, TX 75459

First United Methodist Church of Howe Tuesday, December 8 8:15 - 1:15 Wee Care Preschool 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Wednesday, December 9 9:00 am - Wednesday Workers 6:00 pm - Wed Night Meal & Family Night 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Jr.High and Sr. High Youth 6:30 pm - Chidren's Program - "Encounter" Thursday, December 10 8:15 - 1:15 Wee Care Preschool Sunday, December 13 8:40 am - Coffee and Donuts 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship service 3:00 pm - Cub Scouts 7:30 pm - Men's Bible Study

First Baptist Church Howe Tuesday, December 8 7:00 pm - Bible Study Wednesday, December 9 6:30 pm - Fuel 6:45 pm - Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study 7:30 pm - Choir Sunday, December 13 8:30 am - Traditional Worship service 9:45 am - Bible Fellowship 11:00 am - Contemporary Worship service

First Baptist Church Dorchester Wednesday, December 9 6:00 pm - Meal (Donations for adults and kids eat free) 6:30 pm - Praise service 7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm - RA's/GA's/children's group Sunday, December 13 9:00 am - Men's Prayer Time 9:45 am - Sunday School 10:45 am - A.M.Worship Service 5:00 pm - Adult Chior Practice 6:00 pm - Evening Worship

Local Church Calendar

Howe Church of Christ Tuesday, December 8 10:00 am - Terrific Tuesday Bible Class Wednesday, December 9 7:00 pm - Bible Classes (all ages) Friday, December 11 7:00 pm - Friday Bible Study Group Sunday, December 13 9:00 am - Bible Classes (all ages) 10:00 am - Worship Service 5:00 pm - Worship Service

New Beginning Fellowship

Wednesday, December 9 7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm - Kids Church 7:00 pm - Radiate Youth Sunday, December 13 10:00 am - Kids Church 10:00 am - Morning Service

A Christian Fellowship, Luella Wednesday, December 9 6:30 pm – Potluck Meal 7:00 pm – Worship Service 7:00 pm – Jr & Sr High Youth Sunday, December 13 9:30 am – Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 am – Worship Service 10:30 am – KidZone Children's Service (5yr – 12 yr)

Community Bible Fellowship Monday, December 7 7:00 pm - Luella home group Bible Study Wednesday, December 9 6:30 pm - Food and Fellowship 7:00 pm - Childrens's Ministry 7:00 pm - Youth and Adult Bible Study Sunday, December 13 10:15 am - Worship Service 7:00 pm - Howe home group Bible Study

Times are subject to change. Please check with each church for any possible changes

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Faith

by Debbie Wallis



"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace," Isaiah 9:6.

It is Christmas time and Jesus is the reason we even have this season. I cannot think about the birth of baby Jesus without remembering the cross on which He died. The cross is where we see the true heart of God. It's where love went to die for everything you and I did and will ever do in contradiction to love. The cross is the perfect representation of God. The cross is where we see the ugliness of our sins. The cross is where God met an ungrateful world and poured out His unconditional love.

The cross is where God gave His perfect sacrifice for you and for me. "He made Him who knew no sin, to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him," 2 Cor. 5:21. The cross is where Jesus was crushed for our redemption. Jesus felt the

overwhelming emotion of abandonment by His Father. "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Matthew 27:46. Jesus became sin on our behalf and God the Father had to turn His back upon the Son. Hab. 1:13 says that God is too pure to look upon evil. When Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross (1 Pet. 2:24), God the Father spiritually turned away. We have no capacity to appreciate the utterly horrific experience of having the sins of the world put upon Jesus as He hung in excruciating pain from that cross. The physical pain was immense and the spiritual heaviness must have been even greater.

Jesus was born for you. He lived a sinless life so you could relate to His temptations. He chose right over wrong every time because He had a life goal and it was to die for you. He had to remain pure so He could be a perfect, blemish free and blameless sacrifice at the cross for you.

He didn't defend Himself when He was falsely accused. He chose to be guilty of your sins. He carried the cross for you. He stayed on the cross for you. With every agonizing lash of the whip He made a conscious decision that you were worth dying for. He accepted your sins as His own so that He could pay the penalty of death for you. He took back the keys of hell for your life and defied the grave so you could live eternally with Him in Heaven. Jesus went to the cross for one reason; desire. "Father, I desire that they would be with Me where I am," John 17:24.

"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness," Genesis 1:26. God has always loved you. When rebellion entered Adam and Eve's life they hid from their nakedness. We hide from God because we feel the embarrassment

of our sin. If you think you are not beautiful and loved by God...think about the cross. God has always loved you. Every step Jesus took closer to His death was because you are lovely and loved by God. He saw Adam and Eve when they talked to Satan. He saw their sin against His Word. He saw their shame and He said," I shall put enmity between your heel," Genesis 3:15. The "He" is Jesus. God made a way for our sins to be forgiven at the point sin entered the human race. God said If you don't have a Bible please that Jesus, the Seed, will come and be killed by man for all mankind.

This Christmas focus on the short distance between the manger and the cross. They both were a valuable gift. One without the

other would leave us lost. The gift of the cross will drastically change your way of living. The birth of Christ lead to the life He gave at the cross. Christ is the good news of Christmas...so, keep saying, "Merry Christmas!" it's the most wonderful time of the year!

Jesus defeated death and rose again! He now sits at the right hand of seed and her Seed; He shall bruise God. "I go and prepare a place for your head and you shall bruise His you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also," John 14:3.

> contact me at sfadebbie@yahoo.com and I will provide you one.

IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T SEE THE WHOLE STAIRCASE. -MARTIN LUTHER KING, IR



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Area Chamber of Commerce



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"Save the Church" Meeting

The committee that constructed the "Save the Church" fundraiser met for the first time since the Dec. 7 event. President Jean Norman opened the meeting by thanking all of the committee members. Secretary Georgia Caraway gave improvement ideas for things to consider on future fundraisers. Treasurer Janie Finney gave the report that the account now has over \$29,000. Construction Project Manager Boyd Dunn gave a recap of what they've done on the construction phase of the structure. The baptistery has been removed and matching pine flooring has been found for replacement portions of rotted spots on the floor.

The committee discussed what the interior should look like and agreed to have a wedding venue professional give direction. Also, a new name for the former church was discussed and Summit Garden Event Center was originally suggested by Janie Finney. The words Event Center then was replaced with "Venue." No official action was taken on the renaming.

Learn about antiques and collectibles with Georgia Caraway



Rare large Christmas balls called Kugels first appeared in the early 1820s when German glassblowers would sometimes amuse themselves by challenging each other as to who could blow the biggest bubble. They often silvered the inside of the bubbles with lead or zinc for a reflective effect.

Kugels quickly became popular Christmas tree decorations and glassblowers soon created them in various shapes and sizes. Berries, grapes, apples, pears, and balls were made. Early Kugels are rare and valuable. Dating Kugels is easy—early Kugels have broken stems with fitted cork caps for hanging. By 1885, embossed brass caps with metal rings were used; in 1892, metal treehook loops appeared. From 1900 to 1913, flat caps had embossed tin and after 1913, caps had a spring hook. This design is used today.

Prices vary according to size and design: 2-inch silver ball with some rubbed spots, \$150; 5-inch cobalt raspberry, \$1,000, deep red ball, \$200; 7-inch cobalt ball, \$535; 6-inch cobalt grape cluster, \$400.

Because Kugels were so large they were not hung on Christmas trees but were rather hung in doorways. Yule want to hang these ornaments very carefully.

A Christmas present from Georgia: If you will bring a copy of this column into Howe Mercantile, you will receive a free Howe Christmas votive candleholder as a gift. A Happy, Healthy Holiday to All.

Dr. Georgia Caraway, former director of the Denton County Museums for 14 years, and her friends opened the Howe Mercantile at 107 East Haning. Store hours are Thursday through Saturday noon until 8 p.m. In addition to Tips, Tools, & Techniques: Caring for Your Antiques and Collectibles, she has written four Denton history books and is working on a 5th history about the North Texas State Fair and Rodeo. Come shop for your Christmas treasures and gifts. SHOP LOCALLY. We can show you Howe!

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The Texas Minute: Henry B. Gonzalez



Dr. Ken Bridges

Henry B. Gonzalez had a long and controversial career as a Texas politician. He was the first Hispanic elected to Congress from Texas and was never afraid to speak his mind on the issues.

Gonzalez was born to immigrant parents in San Antonio in 1916. His parents arrived in Texas, fleeing the violence of the Mexican Revolution. His father rose to become an editor of a local Spanish-language newspaper and started a successful translation service.

Gonzalez graduated from San Antonio Junior College in 1937 and briefly attended the University of Texas. However, he completed his bachelors degree at St. Mary's University in Austin where he also earned a law degree by 1943.

After graduation, he briefly worked as a probation officer, quickly rising to lead the Bexar County office. He also worked as a teacher for a short period. In 1952, he was elected to the San Antonio city council.

He soon aimed for higher office. In 1956, he was elected to the state senate. While a state senator, he became an outspoken defender of civil rights as he filibustered a bill that would have allowed the state

to close schools that faced any disturbances related to racial integration and defeated other bills His harsh criticisms of political attempting to enforce segregation. In 1958, Gonzalez ran for governor, losing the primary but winning re-election to the state senate in 1960. In 1961, after Lyndon B. Johnson became vicepresident, Gonzalez ran for his open U. S. Senate seat. In a field of fifty candidates, he placed sixth statewide with 9% of the vote, carrying Bexar County.

Later that year, San Antonio's longtime congressman, Paul Kilday, resigned in order to take a position on the Court of Military Appeals. Gonzalez quickly jumped into the race to fill the remainder of the term. In a hardfought race, Gonzalez prevailed with 55% of the vote.

He went to work immediately. On the same day he was sworn into office, he filed a bill banning the poll tax, through which many states required citizens to pay to exercise their right to vote. The poll tax was banned by the Twenty-Fourth Amendment, which was ratified in 1964.

One of his most well-publicized actions was his service as chairman of the Select Committee on Assassination in 1977. This committee was pushed by Gonzalez in 1976 to study the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Behind the scenes, the committee quickly erupted into acrimony over disputes stemming from investigative techniques, committee procedures, and even the budget. Gonzalez resigned from the committee within a few months, while the committee ultimately concluded that no conspiracy was apparent with the

murders.

opponents did not win him many allies at the Capitol, but he eventually became the chairman of the House Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs Committee in 1989. Here, he advocated banking reforms to make it easier for the working poor to afford their own homes. He criticized deregulation attempts that resulted in the collapse of the savings and loan industry in the late 1980s which ultimately cost taxpayers more than \$1 trillion. He chaired the committee until 1994.

In 1998, as his health failed, he announced his retirement. His son, Charlie Gonzalez, won the race to succeed him. He died on November 8, 2000, but has since been widely honored for his service to Texas and the nation as the convention center in San Antonio was named for him in addition to three different schools across the state.

Dr. Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at drkenbridges@gmail.com.



Henry B. Gonzalez Photo from Wikepedia

TABC Rankings - November 30, 2015 **Girls - Class 3A**

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Texoma Community Center serves people in Grayson, Fannin, and Cooke counties who have mental challenges. The mission of the center is to provide services that improve quality of life and support mental, intellectual and developmental challenges. 1974.

The Mental Health Centers located in Sherman, Bonham, and Gainesville offer 24-Hour **Emergency Services**, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team, Benefits Eligibility Assessments, Case Management, Community-based Assessments, Counseling Services, Individual & Group Services, Integrated Health Care Services, Medication-Related Screening, Assessment & Services, Respite Services, Skills Training, Substance Abuse Treatment, Supported Employment, Supported Housing & Transitional Services, Telemedicine & Tele-Assessment Services, and Transportation . A

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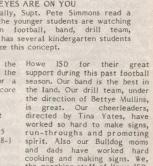


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Christmas Lighting Contest Sponsored by Chamber

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The Howe Chamber of first, second and third places of commerce is again sponsoring a Christmas Decoration Contest for residents and business owners in the Howe ISD school district. Prizes will be offered for Krantz at 532-6042 or Lana Rideout at 532-6012 to register or for more information. Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. Judging will be on Monday, Dec. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. by judges from out of town.

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Please enter our home in the Howe Chamber of Commerce Decoration Contest. We agree to publication of the location of our home so others can drive by and see our decorations and to have lights burning the evening of Monday, Dec. 17, from 7-10 pm for inspection by the judges. Entry deadline is Friday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. Entry forms should be mailed to Howe Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 250, Howe, TX 75059 or dropped off at Krantz Floor Covering, 201 S. Collins Frw. or at Howe Enterprise, 106 E. Haning.

ADDRESS & DETAILED LOCATION and DESCRIPTION OF HOME:

PHONE NUMBER

HOWE CITY COUNCIL will hold the December meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at Howe City Hall. Meeting is open to the public.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HOWE ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Monday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at the board room. Weeting is open to the public.

SEE WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR located on page three of this issue for events at Howe ISD.

OPERATION SUPPORT SHIELD, support group for families separated by military duty, Tuesdays, 5:30-7 p.m. at Bank One Plaza, Suite 2, 123 N. Crockett, Sherman. Call 868-2229 for more information.



Howe Chamber of Commerce held a tree lighting ceremony Saturday, Dec. I. Decorations on the tree were made by students at Howe Elementary School. The tree is located on the vacant lot just south of Krantz Floor Covering.