



Howe's That

by Monte Walker

It's not often that you get to take a stroll through town on a Saturday night with your girl, but that's what happened when "Silver", my 11-year-old Buick Rainier decided to pop a gear shift cable. The silver lining was that it wasn't raining at the moment and my wife and I were in Howe and not South Dallas. It was kind of refreshing to take a walk through the Bean Street district. This is also the second week in a row that it is nice to have fellow friends and business owners in your smart phone contact list. My first thought was to text Rob Hunt at AAAA Automotive on FM 902 (and former Howe graduate). At 9:30 at night, he had given me everything I needed to start the process of getting it repaired.

If you see an awesome BMW parked in downtown today, I didn't hit the lottery and this publication didn't just land an advertising contract with Nike. My friend Scott Frantz let me borrow one of his babies for a few days. Now THAT is a friend! I may just leave my SUV in the shop forever.

Parade rescheduled for this Saturday due to rain

Due to heavy rain in the forecast, the Howe Area Chamber of Commerce made the decision on Wednesday to move the parade back exactly one week to Dec. 19.

Both Anna and Van Alstyne had a rain or shine policy that Howe was going to hold to in order to keep all three parades together on the same day, however, with the forecast calling for 100 percent showers on Saturday, Howe and Van

Alstyne decided to postpone and Anna stayed course due to an earlier scheduled start time.

Kids will be able to decorate the Community Christmas Tree with Mardi Gras beads following the parade. The beads have been donated by Keep Howe Beautiful.

The parade will start at 4:30 and make a round trip from the middle school through downtown.

HHS and HMS Band program hitting high note



Photo by Michelle Carney Dec. 7.

Six Howe band students earned the right to advance to the area level of the All-State process of the ATSSB (Association of Texas Small School Bands) All-State Band process on Monday,

Kaylee Dwyer, Jessica Doty (1st chair), Airianna Smith (1st chair), Greg Snider, Lindsey Krueger, Isaac Huerta, and Jordan Griffin

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Lady Bulldogs to participate in 58th Annual Whataburger Tournament



Riley Harvey, Howe's leading scorer
Photo by Michelle Carney

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Whataburger Basketball Tournament, hailed by USA Today and Sports Illustrated as one of the nation's top holiday tournaments, returns to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex for its 58th year.

The three-day tournament takes place Monday, Dec. 28 through Wednesday, Dec. 30, at three venues. The 5,000-seat Birdville Independent School District's W.G. Thomas Coliseum will host the high-powered Orange Division, the 1,700

-seat Chisholm Trail High School arena will host the Boys Blue Division and the 2,200-seat Saginaw High School arena will host the Girls Blue Division. More than 30,000 fans and spectators are expected to attend.

The tournament began in 1957 with a competition between only eight teams. Today, the tournament has become a nationally acclaimed competition with college scouts and coaches in

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Akins, Bulldogs dethrone Princeton



Sam Akins

Howe's week of basketball started with a win on the road in Bonham on Tuesday night by a score of 47-38. The game was a tight one for the most part, but a third period that saw Howe outscore the Warriors, 18-13 gave the 'Dogs enough cushion to use the final period to close it out.

Sam Akins and Michael Kerher each scored 14 to lead Howe. The two combined for five three-pointers and Nick Wilson added three of his own three-pointers and finished with 11 points. Levi Mrozinski added five points while Griffin Underwood had a three-pointer. All five starters had at least

one three-pointer in the game.

On Thursday, the Bulldogs entered the Princeton tournament and started with a win over Canyon Creek Christian Academy, 46-34. Howe led at the half, 19-17 after trailing 10-8 after the first period. The Bulldogs ripped 17 points in the third period to seal the would-be victory.

The 'Dogs would then take on tournament host Princeton on Friday night and Akins electrified the crowd with a last-second flying layup to tie the game with ten seconds left. He was also fouled on the shot and made his free throw for the dramatic 37-36 win in come-from-behind fashion as Howe trailed by 10 at one point in the fourth quarter.



Howe's Levi Mrozinski

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Darci Foster plays defense for Howe. *Photo by Michelle Carney*

attendance as 48 top-ranked boys and girls teams from around the nation compete for the championship. In addition to going home champions, the winning team in each division will also earn a \$1,000 scholarship from Whataburger.

“At Whataburger, we believe participating in athletic programs gives students confidence in the classroom,” said Whataburger Director of Operations Kelvin Buggs. “The Whataburger Basketball Tournament is our way of investing in our students, and we know these rising stars will continue to impress us with their success both on and off the court.”

The Whataburger Basketball Tournament provides teams throughout Texas and across the country with the unique opportunity to test their skills against other top-ranked schools they normally would not compete against during the regular season. This year, out-of-state teams like Chicago’s esteemed St. Rita and defending champions, Little Rock Parkview, will be competing in the Orange Division.

“This year’s tournament is jam-packed with incredible talent from Texas along with notable out-of-

state teams,” said Tournament Director Tom Rogers. “These students, coaches and parents have worked hard to make it to this point, and we are happy to provide the opportunity for student-athletes to sharpen their skills.”

Fans interested in attending the tournament can purchase tickets at each of the tournament’s three venues. Tickets are \$8 for a single day pass, \$20 for a three-day pass at a single venue, \$35 for a three-day pass for all games and venues throughout the tournament. Senior citizen and student discounts are also available.

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 Richland
 Shoemaker (Killeen, TX)
 South Grand Prairie
 Southlake Carroll

St. Rita (Chicago, IL)

Boys Blue Division:

- Abilene Wylie
- Argyle
- Bowie
- Brock
- Burkburnett
- Central Heights
- Grapevine Faith
- Jarrell
- Kennedale
- Liberty Hill
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- Peaster
- Ponder
- Silsbee
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Girls Blue Division:

- Abilene Wylie
- Bowie
- Bullard

Central Heights

- Crandall
- Dallas Christian
- Grandview
- Howe
- Jarrell
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- LaVega
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- Seminole
- Wall



City of Howe hits \$300k in sales tax for first time



Shop Local campaign has helped Howe's revenue

In a year that saw Howe restart its chamber of commerce, hire a full-time economic development president, land three new retail businesses and a new apartment complex, the State Comptroller Glen Hegar revealed that Howe has eclipsed the previous high in sales tax with a 2015 total of \$308,689.11 which is up 12.44 percent equating to \$34,163.72 from 2014's total of \$274,525.39.

The 2014 total was the previous high of any year since the 1992 recordings. The largest jump from one year to the next happened from 1997 to 1998 when the revenue increased by \$51,212.86. That year's increase was due to the adoption of the 4B sales tax funding, therefore making this year's increase the largest jump with all things equal.

Howe's 12.44 percent change ranks the city 265 out of 1152 Texas communities. In comparison to other surrounding communities, Van Alstyne increased 8.27 percent, Anna increased 7.25 percent, Denison increased 4.45 percent and Sherman increased 2.10 percent.

By percentage growth in sales tax revenue, Howe compares to nearby communities of Princeton, 12.61 percent; Wylie 12.82 percent; Leonard 13.34 percent and Whitewright, 13.47 percent.

Howe and Whitewright's sales tax revenue numbers are nearly identical on a monthly revenue basis and a year-end total. The total of \$309,799.20 shows an increase for Whitewright above their \$273,020.36 from 2014. However, Whitewright is just now coming back after a massive fall off of \$420,888.59 total in 2011 to \$271,629.03 in 2012.

"This is only the beginning of what will be an economic transformation of Howe." says Howe's President of Economic Development. "Being located on US 75 gives us a great opportunity in the next 10 years to go from this new accomplished goal of \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 by 2025. I really feel like we are on track and can look 14 miles to the south to back up those goals." Anna went from \$353,781 in 2005 to \$1,472,317 in 2015.

The north to south US 75 corridor in sales tax revenue:

- Denison, \$5,896,065, +4.45%
- Sherman, \$18,336,491, +2.10%
- Howe, \$308,689, +12.44%**
- Van Alstyne, \$984,349, +8.27%
- Anna, \$1,472,317, +7.25%
- Melissa, \$1,706,728 -0.65%**
- McKinney, \$43,383,455, +7.50%
- Fairview, \$3,045,766, +4.22%
- Allen, \$35,478,210, +0.44%
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Smith puts Princeton in timeout; Lady Bulldogs win, 49-43



Alissa Smith hitting one of her three three-pointers on Tuesday.
Photo by Michelle Carney

The Lady Bulldogs found themselves trailing at the half by a score of 24-18, but the grit of the girls was represented by Alissa Smith and her cold-blooded back-to-back-to-back three-pointers that saw Princeton call back-to-back-to-back timeouts to try find an answer for her spacious deep-sinking missiles. Smith and the Lady Bulldogs overcame the deficit in the third period by outscoring Princeton, 20-8 in route to a 49-43 win and move to 8-0 on the season.

Smith totalled 10 points and five rebounds on the night, just under leading scorer Riley Harvey who had 11 points and seven rebounds.

Princeton held Howe to only seven points in the opening period and scored 11 themselves to put them with an early lead. The Lady Panthers also outscored Howe, 13-11 in the second period to get to their 24-18 halftime lead.

Darci Foster scored 10 points by way of four field goals and two three-pointers. Other scorers were Landry Rhoten (6), Madisyn Hargrove (5), Holly Hawkins (4),

Peyton Streetman (2), and Kayla Anderson (1).

Howe entered the Princeton tournament on Thursday and suffered their first loss and then their second loss in back-to-back games.

The girls took on Lubbock Christian in the opening game and started the game slow, which has become a recurring theme lately. Howe trailed at the half, 28-17. A typical third quarter rally saw the Lady Bulldogs win that period, 14-9, however Lubbock Christian closed it out with a 19-10 fourth period over Howe. The girls' first loss came by a final score of 56-41. Harvey was the only scorer in double digits with 16.

Trying to regroup in a hurry, Howe had to face a tall and tough Sanger team. It was a defensive battle from the beginning as Sanger lead 9-6 after the first period. After the two teams tied 13-13 in the second, Howe trailed at the half for the fourth straight game. Just as the

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Alissa Smith made eight fourth period free throws in Saturday's win.
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previous four games, the Lady Bulldogs stormed out with a good third quarter performance, this time outscoring Sanger, 15-9 and taking the lead. But Sanger finished the game with a 12-0 run and handed the girls their second straight loss and second overall on the season by a score of 47-42. The Lady Bulldogs' season record heading into Friday was 8-2.

The girls got back on the winning track with a 60-51 win over Melissa. Harvey finished with a double-double of 22 points and 11 rebounds. Howe stopped the streak of trailing at the half with an advantage of 27-21 at the midway point. Melissa finished strong with a 21-20 win of the fourth period, but not enough to overcome the deficit

Foster and Streetman each went 2 of 3 from three-point range and each finished with 10 points. Smith finished with seven points to go with her two rebounds and two steals. Other scorers were Hawkins (5), Anderson (2), Hargrove (2), Kamryn Fulenchek (1) and Rhoten (1).

Playing for the consolation, Howe took on tournament host Princeton

on Saturday. The girls once again put themselves behind at the half for the fifth time in six games and trailed, 21-18 at intermission.

The Lady Bulldogs steam rolled out of the third period gate led by Hawkins' seven points in the period. Smith would hit eight free throws in the fourth period to slam the door on Princeton and secure the consolation trophy for Howe and bring their season record to 10-2.

Harvey led all scorers with 19 points with Smith and Streetman following with 10. Hawkins finished with nine points overall. Other scorers were Anderson (2) and Fulenchek (1).

The girls will face Pilot Point on the road Tuesday night.



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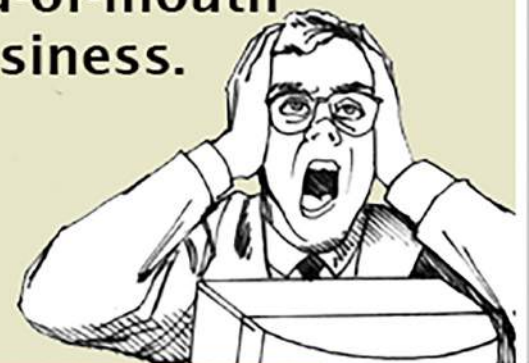
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Jun-14	4178	9080	15021
Jul-14	2477	3593	7132
Aug-14	3510	7043	11495
Sep-14	4289	9156	14151
Oct-14	7531	12611	17737
Nov-14	5120	12242	18904
Dec-14	4438	7751	10881
2014 Total	36662	70142	112927

2015 Howe Enterprise traffic

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages
Jan-15	8797	13517	16806
Feb-15	6496	11713	16445
Mar-15	4816	8101	14149
Apr-15	5811	10018	14973
May-15	25965	34803	43190
Jun-15	8529	12975	16309
Jul-15	10451	17597	22082
Aug-15	7091	14802	21901
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Keep Howe Beautiful Meeting December 14 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Howe Development Alliance, 101 E. Haning St, Howe, TX

Howe Bulldogs at Van Alstyne Panthers, 9b,b,B, December 15 @ 4:30 pm - 9:30 pm, Van Alstyne High School, 1722 N. Waco St. , Van Alstyne, TX

Lady Bulldog Basketball @ Pilot Point – JV/V, December 15 @ 5:00 pm, Pilot Point High School, 1300 N. Washington St. , Pilot Point, TX

Howe ISD Board of Trustees Meeting, December 17 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Howe I.S.D. Administration Office, 105 W. Tutt, Howe, TX

Howe Athletic Booster Club meeting, December 17 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Howe High School Lecture Hall, 200 E. Ponderosa Rd, Howe, TX

Howe Bands Christmas Concert @ HS Cafeteria, December 17 @ 7:00 pm -

Wee Readers Storytime, December 18 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am, Howe Community Library, 315 S. Collins Frwy, Howe, TX

Howe ISD Early Release December 18 @ 1:00 pm

Howe Bulldogs at Celina Bobcats, 9b,b,B, December 18 @ 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Celina High School, 3455 N Preston Rd, Celina, TX

Lady Bulldog vs Gunter – JV/V December 18 @ 5:00 pm, Howe High School Gymnasium, 200 E. Ponderosa Rd., Howe, TX

Peggy's Porch December 19 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Peggy's Porch, behind City Hall, Howe, TX

"Victory Town" Christmas parade, December 19 at 4:30pm from Howe Middle School to Downtown and back to Howe Middle School.

Community Christmas Tree Decorations following parade.

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Local Church Calendar

First United Methodist Church of Howe

Tuesday, December 15

8:15 - 1:15 Wee Care Preschool

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 16

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 17

8:15 - 1:15 Wee Care Preschool

Sunday, December 20

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 15

7:00 pm - Bible Study

Wednesday, December 16

6:30 pm - Fuel

6:45 pm - Adult Bible Study

7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study

7:30 pm - Choir

Sunday, December 20

8:30 am - Traditional Worship service

9:45 am - Bible Fellowship

11:00 am - Contemporary Worship service

First Baptist Church Dorchester

Wednesday, December 16

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 - RA's/GA's/children's group

Sunday, December 20

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

Howe Church of Christ

Tuesday, December 15

10:00 am - Terrific Tuesday Bible Class

Wednesday, December 16

7:00 pm - Bible Classes (all ages)

Friday, December 18

7:00 pm - Friday Bible Study Group

Sunday, December 20

9:00 am - Bible Classes (all ages)

10:00 am - Worship Service

5:00 pm - Worship Service

New Beginning Fellowship

Wednesday, December 16

7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study

7:00 pm - Kids Church

7:00 pm - Radiate Youth

Sunday, December 20

10:00 am - Kids Church

10:00 am - Morning Service

A Christian Fellowship, Luella

Wednesday, December 16

6:30 pm – Potluck Meal

7:00 pm – Worship Service

7:00 pm – Jr & Sr High Youth

Sunday, December 20

9:30 am – Sunday School (all ages)

10:30 am – Worship Service

10:30 am – KidZone Children’s Service

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Community Bible Fellowship

Monday, December 14

7:00 pm - Luella home group Bible Study

Wednesday, December 16

6:30 pm - Food and Fellowship

7:00 pm - Children's Ministry

7:00 pm - Youth and Adult Bible Study

Sunday, December 20

10:15 am - Worship Service

7:00 pm - Howe home group Bible Study

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Faith

by Debbie Wallis



“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn,” Luke 2:6-7.

Nativity scenes decorate our homes, our lawns and our Christmas cards. For many of us, the manger is a reminder of the true meaning of the holiday when Christian roots seem to be threatened. When Jesus was born, a manger was not a decoration. It was where food would be placed for sheep and other animals.

Christmas is good news because of Easter, but there would be no cross without the manger. Jesus was laid as a baby in a manger with the remnants of animal feed and hay. Shortly before Calvary, Jesus would take a loaf of bread, break it and tell His disciples, "This is My body given for you" Luke 22:19. Jesus' purpose in coming to earth was to be broken for our sins. Jesus would also declare in John 6:48 and 51, "I am the Bread of Life. ... This bread is My flesh,

which I will give for the life of the world." Jesus' birth in Bethlehem is more than a census decree. It's God designed and directed.

The shepherds were forever changed that first Christmas night. We should learn and follow their example as we celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas. The shepherds broke their own rule of leaving their sheep behind. They walked away in search of the new thing the Lord was doing. Luke 14:26 says, “You cannot be My disciple unless you love Me more than you love your father and mother, your wife and children, and your brothers and sisters. You cannot come with Me unless you love Me more than you love your own life.” Luke is not telling us we have to literally leave all of our family like the disciples did. He is saying if Jesus asks you to...would you be willing? You can have no one or no thing that you cherish more than following Jesus. Not just in words but in all your actions.

Luke 2:17 tells us that the shepherds shared their experience with everyone they could find. They couldn't stop talking about Jesus and what God had done for them. In Luke 2:20 it says the shepherds left the manger "glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.” Shepherds lived their lives like peasants. Most spent their lives on the edge of society, feeling disconnected from the God of Israel. Through Jesus, God brought these men near and they couldn't help but worship!

There is nothing we can do to make our way to God. God made His way to us through the birth of Jesus. New life will not be found in anything we may do for God but only in what Jesus has already done for us. “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except

through Me.” John 14:6. Purposely look for the manger in Naivety scenes this Christmas. The Bread of Life was born to be the Broken Bread for your salvation. It's not by happenstance that the enemy of our soul wants to have it removed from our eye sight. Hide the vision of Jesus born in a manger in your heart because the day has come where there are few to view.

“And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Luke 22:19.

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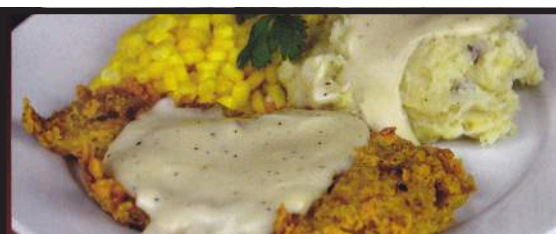
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From: Taylor Brunner

Dear Santa:

I would like a Kittery baby doll, and a little barbie doll, for my sister, Harlow, a barbie doll and a baby. My big sister, Bailey, would like a New American Girl doll and clothes for the A.G Doll.

From: Rylie Marc

Dear Santa:

I want a monster high doll. My mom + want her a candle and a trips to the casino. For my brother, I would let him have a new rattle. I want a Ninja Turtle big pillow for Carson and Caden. For the rest of my family I want necklace, bracelets and rings.

From: Illison Frazier

Dear Santa:

I would like a tablet computer. Santa please may I have a phone for my mom? Can I have a bike please? Santa can I have one please a phone for my dad.

From: Angel Monroy-Cuevas

Dear Santa:

I want a soccer ball a jet that shoots bullets. I want to get new shoes and a barbie doll for Kennedy Tate. My mom wants a necklace and my dad wants a hammer truck.

From: Kash Marc

Dear Santa:

I want a makeup box, pink baby stroller, my momma to have new shoes. Get my little brother a truck. My big brother another blanket. My daddy new shoes.

From: Adalae Carter

Dear Santa:

I want a new LeapPad, cause my old one is cracked, Legs for my brother. My mommy would want to have a new trampalene and a motorcycle for dad and a kid motorcycle for my brother. I also would like a Karaoke machine.

From: Ella Owens

Dear Santa:

I want an Ariel undersea palace, get my fingernails painted and a new iPod. My brother wants a gun. I want my momma to have a new necklace.

From: Kenady Gomez

Dear Santa:

I want a tablet, bike, a lothes, Christmas tree andl cars. I want Braden to get a tablet. Tobanie have sugar, milk and baby toys. My two sisters to get a jump rope + bike.

From: Emanuel Cabrera

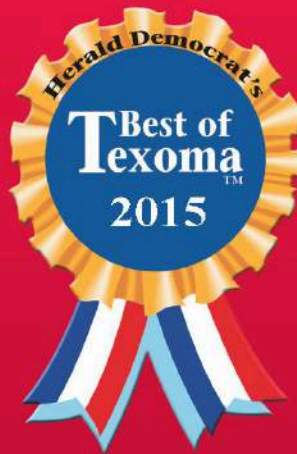
Dear Santa:

I want my mom to have a dog and a cat. I want my dad to have a nice pillow. I want my sister to have a big teddy bear. I want me to have an Avengers toy.

From: Keelan Painter

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Learn about antiques and collectibles with Georgia Caraway



With Christmas fast approaching, and gift giving (and receiving) on the minds of many collectors, I thought I would recap the newly released Top 10 collectibles categories as sold on eBay.

1. Classic Cars,
2. Vintage Electronics,
3. Coins,
4. Books,
5. Baseball Cards,
6. Dolls and Action Figures,
7. Antiques
8. Signage,
9. Fine Art
10. Stamps

Christmas greetings cards are becoming more popular as a collectible category. They may come in the form of a postcard greeting or as a multi-fold greeting card. Henry Cole is credited with being the originator of the

greeting card industry. In 1843, he commissioned an artist friend, John Calcott Horsley, to design a card that could be mailed in an envelope to friends, relatives and business associates. Queen Victoria, helped establish the holiday and special-occasion card in Great Britain and the United States. Louis Prang became the foremost greeting card maker in the U.S. when he introduced the Christmas card in 1875. The company manufactured nearly 5 million Christmas cards each year.

John C. Hall and his brothers opened the first Hallmark card shop in Kansas City in 1914. He predicted that sending cards would become a social custom conveying that the sender cares about the recipient. Even in light of the advent of email cards, more than half of the first-class mail sent in the United States is still greeting cards.

Several books about greeting cards have been published: *The Very Best from Hallmark: Greeting Cards through the Years* (Abrams, 1988), *The Romance of Greeting Cards* (Chase, 1971), *The History of the Christmas Card* (Buday, 1954), and *Greeting Card Design* (Fink, 1992).

My friends have become used to receiving greetings cards from me from the 1940s and 50s with slightly yellowed envelopes. A few years ago a friend of mine who had shopped one of my garage sales and

bought a box of used cards for \$3, sent one back to me with a computer-printed sticker affixed inside explaining it was a vintage card from our sale. They had carefully struck through the signature of the original sender and signed their names. I usually recycle Christmas cards after the season is over, but I can assure you that I added their card to my collection of vintage cards.

So, if you care enough to send the very best, send a vintage card, yellowed envelope and all. Just be sure it arrives in the Nick of time.

A Blessed Holiday and Healthy Happy New Year 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!

Mrs. Smith's Kindergarten Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa:

I want a laptop, a toy rifle, and toy bullets, and for my Barbie I would like a laptop. I would also like a toy Hulk action figure. My mom she would want a pen and my dad a to do list.

From: Noah Pugh

Dear Santa:

I want a sponglebe with a Cinderella doll in it. My little brother want a little remote control helicopter. I think my big sister wants an American Girl doll-her name is Grace Thomas. My brother wants a big remote control monster truck.

From: Carie Riley

Dear Santa:

I want to ask Santa for a Barbie doll house. I ask for my mom a ring. My daddy for cookies. This gift is for a girl who doesn't have a little Charmer girl doll.

From: Sophie Sutton

Dear Santa:

I want a bike, a Barbie and an electric pencil. For my sister a Frozen Barbie. For my mom I want flowers for her and for my dad a new car.

From: Claudia Valdez

Dear Santa:

I want a puppy. I want to get my little puppy. Pistol a sweater. For my mommy perfume and I want to give my daddy a new deodorant.

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I don't have a pet puppy
so I want one I want a
toy poodle because I
don't have one, I need
boots because they
are too small, I need
socks because they
I hope you give
me the things I
need and write
Andronica Morris




December 3, 2015

Thanks for every thing you
do. I want a puppy
because Mal has him. I
want Halo because
I don't have it.
I need a new
cote because
I don't have
much, I want
Halo toys
because I don't
have any.



December 3, 2015

Dear Santa
How do your elves make all the toys
so fast I want a duster because
they would be fun I need new
sneakers because they don't
fit me I want a
diamond because I want
to be rich I want
a bb gun because I
don't have one. Santa
I hope you have a safe
drive. Garrett Redburn



December 2, 2015

Have a good time.
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The Texas Minute: Oil legend H. L. Hunt



Dr. Ken Bridges

“Money is just a way of keeping score,” oil baron H. L. Hunt was once reported to have said. H. L. Hunt kept score, counted cards, and had a relentless appetite for anything he saw in one of the most unusual rags-to-riches stories in the history of American business.

Haroldson Lamar Hunt, Jr., was born in Ramsey, a small farm community in southern Illinois, in 1889. He was the youngest of eight children. His father, Haroldson Hunt, Sr., was a farmer, and all the entire family worked full-time to support the farm. His mother, Ella, taught the children at home, and Hunt had very little formal schooling. At the age of 16, he left home and started exploring the West, taking a series of odd jobs along the way, including lumberjack and mule skinner.

He had a talent for math and turned to gambling. He made it to Arkansas by 1910, and after his father’s death, he used his inheritance and bought a cotton plantation in Chicot County. He married Lyda Bunker in 1914. By the early 1920s, facing ruin from a series of floods, Hunt moved to nearby El Dorado, which was in the midst of an oil boom that was producing incredible fortunes and

bringing in swarms of prospectors.

While he had seven children with wife Lyda Bunker of Lake Village, he was not a devoted family man. He carried on torrid affairs with at least two other women, having eight known children with his mistresses.

According to several stories, nearly broke, Hunt gambled his last dollars in a series of poker games in the notorious “Hamburger Row” area of El Dorado, an area known at the time for speakeasies, greasy spoons, and houses of prostitution. Hunt ended up winning a fortune in games that included stakes in the lucrative oil fields of South Arkansas. One turn of the cards made the difference between riches and ruin.

From these developing leases, he formed partnerships with businessmen in the area and began parlaying investments from oil sales and began brokering oil leases, steadily building what would become a business empire. Eventually, he had 44 producing wells in South Arkansas and sold a stake in 40 wells in 1924 for \$600,000 (more than \$8.1 million in 2015 dollars). By 1925, the once nearly-bankrupt cotton farmer was now a millionaire and had bought out an entire city block in downtown El Dorado where he built an august three-story mansion.

At this point, Hunt was just beginning. He began expanding his oil holdings, drilling more wells in southern Arkansas and expanding into Louisiana and Oklahoma. By 1930, he was exploring the rumored oil fields in East Texas.

At this point, he was approached by Columbus M. “Dad” Joiner, who owned a small farm in Rusk County, Texas. Joiner had been attempting to find investors for his claims. Hunt learned that there were problems with Joiner’s legal claims to the oil and that he was deeply in debt. Convinced there was oil, Hunt gambled again. Hunt bought the oil leases for \$30,000 in cash, secured mostly from an El Dorado investor, and promised Joiner up to \$1.2 million when oil was found. Hunt promised to protect Joiner from any lawsuits or legal action regarding the claims. The field paid off beyond his wildest dreams.

In 1932, Hunt moved his family and his headquarters to Tyler, Texas. He began drilling more wells and buying local refineries. The East Texas oil fields would make Hunt not only a billionaire but the richest man in the world.

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



H.L. Hunt

TABC Rankings - December 7, 2015 Girls - Class 3A

1. Brock (8-1)
2. Wall (7-2)
3. Jarrell (10-0)
4. Shallowater (11-2)
5. Central Heights (4-2)
6. Bowie (9-4)
7. San Antonio Cole (12-1)
8. Winnsboro (11-2)
9. Life Oak Cliff (8-2)
10. Malakoff (10-2)
11. Sunnysvale (10-3)
12. Mathis (10-0)
13. Idalou (9-3)
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Dear Santa,
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I want a crayola 64 box
because coloring is
fun. I had her
before because
my old one has
a problem. I need
new clothes
because I grow
out of them.




December 4, 2015

How is your reindeer?




December 2015

Dear Santa
I hope you do good.
I want a dirt bike because I
don't have it. I want Halo
toys to play with I
need a room to sleep in
I need apples to eat.
Ho Ho Ho have
a good Christmas
Rhyin M. Vidal




December 3, 2015

Dear Santa,
Thank you for Elfy. I need
a cloud pet so I can contact
my name. I would love a Dalmatian
because I love puppies.
I would like a real
horse please because
I love to ride them.
I just want a reader
because I can't get
hurt.




I need new SLIPPERS
because I have grown
out of my old ones.
Lillian Smith




12-6-15

Dear Santa,
Would you come to my
house? I want a
trampoline. I like to
jump on it.
I want a sports
game play with my
family. I want
some teddy bears
to play with
them. Dinosaur
pants to wear.



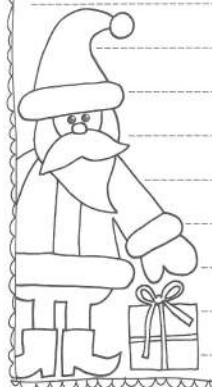
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Dear Santa
I want a puppy because I need to
love. I want a cat because I need
to love. I need a shirt because
I go places. I need
some pants so I can
go to my cousins
house.
Alanna Howard




December 3, 2015

I was wondering if Elfy
could come to my birthday.
Tris Burton




December 4, 2015

Dear Santa,
I want a new mine maze kitchen.
I want a new table. I want a new Barbie
house. I want a new Frozen doll
with a microphone.
We all love you Santa!
I want jammie. I want a
Barbie car. I want too.
See you Santa. Will
it be snowing me
Christmas? We want
to see you.




I want some tie
spoons. I can use them.
I want a spider
toy that crawls. I want
an ambulance car
to play with them.
Thank you
Parker Barrett




December 3, 2015

Dear Santa
Thank you for all your help.
I want a play station 4 because I like
to play on it. I want a Mega set gun
because I enjoy it. I want new
boots because I do not have any.
More. I would pay more because
they don't fit me.
I hope you have a
good holiday.
James Michelle Benge




December 3, 2015

Dear Santa,
Thank you for a Barbie house.
I want an iPhone because
my iPad broke. I need a
camp because I need to
my way. I want Art
because I love Art.
I need new shoes
because my shoes
have holes in them.
Have a safe trip
Rylie Johnson

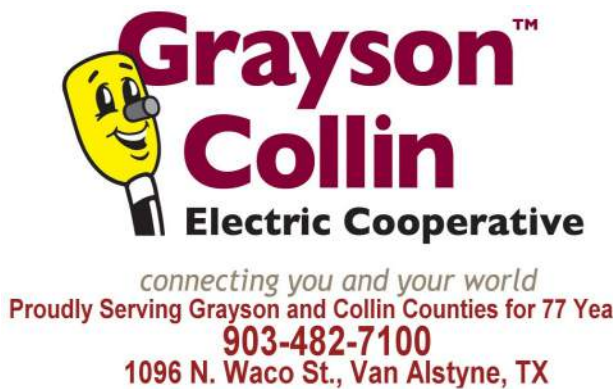


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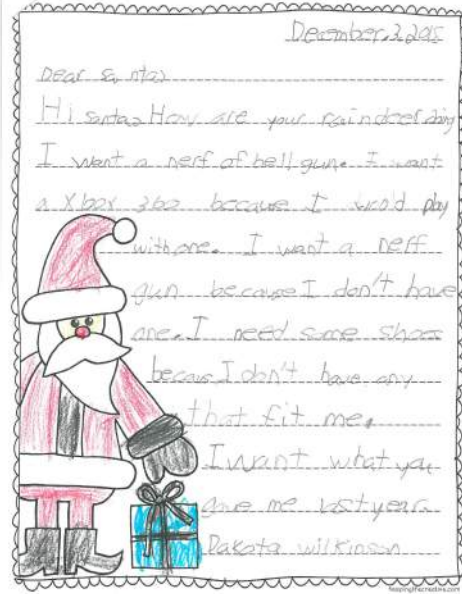
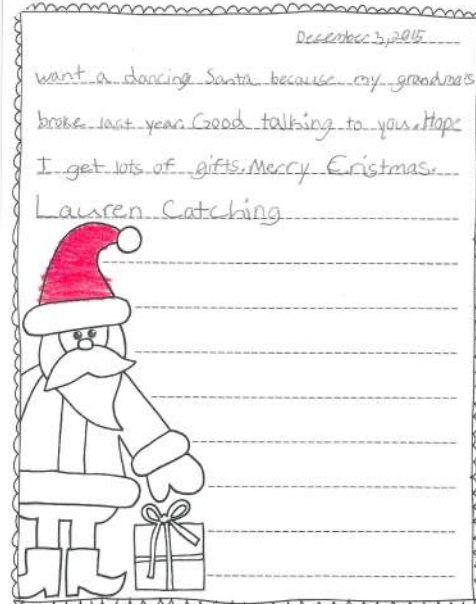
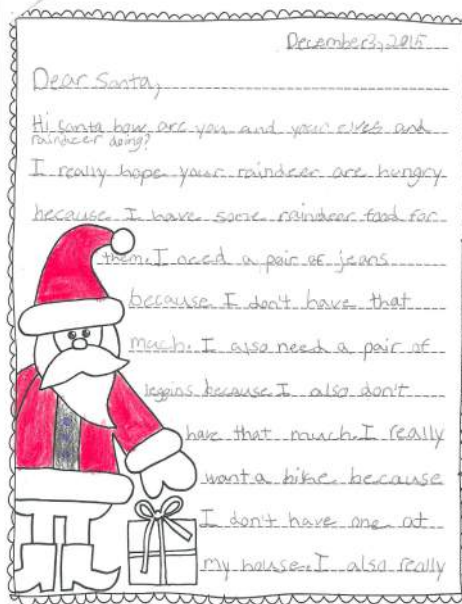
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December 3, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the gifts last year.
 I need pencils because their erasers are bite off. I want baby kittens because their warm when you hug them. I need shoes because mine are dirty. I want a trampoline because it's fun to jump in.




December 3, 2015
 Thank you for your hard work.
 Katy Davis



December 3, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 Santa how do your elf or where my house is?
 Santa I want some paint for art. Santa I need some tooth past because for my teeth brush.
 Santa I want a pony because it is cute. Santa I need books.




December 3, 2015
 because so I can read. Thank you Santa forever thing Santa.
 Kameron Robertson




December 3, 2015
 Dear Santa
 How do you make your slap fly?
 I want new close because I love shopping. I want a mermaid tale because I want to swim. I need new boat because I am going to New York. I want new socks because I need to be warm in New York.
 Merry Christmas Santa!!!
 Kayla Klarsfeld



December 3, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 Hi Santa thank you for new clothes. I want a jingle bell to put it on my Christmas tree. I need new mittens because I do not have it. I need new clothes because I do not have a lot of clothes. I want a toy horse because it is fun to play with.
 Santa, thank you.
 Family Gonzalez




December 3, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 Thanks for the things you gave me last year. I want a 10000 dollar bill because I want to be rich. I want a puppy because it would be soft and cute. I want a sled because I want to sled. I want a sled because I want to sled.
 I love you Santa.




December 3, 2015
 Happy Holidays,
 AJ Johnson




December 3, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 Santa how do you get them walls?
 I want a drisy because so my brothers don't see my secret. I want a electric skateboard so I can ride around. I want a waging til guitarilla because I can play. I want a new shirt because I got my shirt.
 Have a safe ride see your shop.
 Sam Harper




December 4, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 Santa you are so nice you are one of my friends. I have a blue bean I want to call my roomy. I need a new pair of shoes because my shoes are old. I have a new roomy because I do not have the roomy I have a blue bean because I want to drive.
 Santa you are so nice!
 David Lavis



December 3, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 I have I get the play station 4 that I want. I want a play station 4 because they are shutting down X Box 360. I want the play station 4 live. I want another elf on the shelf because I want my first step. I hope to get because I want.
 Colton Carr



Dec 3, 2015
 to have a friend. I need socks because I have a. I need underwear because I don't have any.
 Colton Carr




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Mrs. Wilson's 2nd grade Letters to Santa


Dec 7, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 How are you? What kind of
 cookies do you like? How
 are you elves busy making
 toys? Am I on the naughty
 list? I hope I'm not on
 the naughty list. Santa I
 want Mike's story. My
 new best friend is my
 puppy. I have a pet
 named love.
 Love,
 Ben




DEC. 4, 2015
 DEAR Santa,
 How are you? I
 hope you and Mrs. Claus
 are doing well. What are
 your favorite cookies?
 Are your elves
 working hard on
 presents. I hope
 for a call of
 duty black ops.
 Love,
 Clayton Skelton




December 4, 2015
 Dear Santa Claus,
 How are you and Mrs. Claus?
 Will you call
 me? Are the elves working hard?
 If they
 are can they make funny boots?
 Did you and
 Mrs. Claus have a good Christmas
 last year? Would you make
 me a I want like a math book
 so I can study. Do you make
 long sleeve shirts? Do you
 make cake? I phone if they
 do tell them for me. Happy
 Christmas to the elf on the shelf was



December 4, 2015
 very tired, so I made him a bed. He is a
 great elf. Santa can you make a note for
 Christmas? The thing I want most is
 for my whole family to come over. Only
 twenty one days until Christmas.
 How you and the elves are
 excited. Can Herman stay with me
 forever? Merry Christmas to
 everyone!
 Love,
 Benjamin



Dec. 4, 2015
 Dear Santa Claus
 I hope your elves did a
 good job of making toys. I
 wish I was you. I LOVE
 Christmas. I hope I was
 good all year long. I want
 one of your elves Santa.
 I like the color red
 and white. I want
 a toy and two
 baking ovens.
 Love, Marley




Dec 4, 2015
 Dear Santa Claus
 How is Mrs. Claus what are
 your favorite colors? I hope had a
 a good year. I hope I get a horse
 and some funny boots. I
 would like earrings, pants,
 shirts and a new car.
 please I can't wait for
 Christmas. Merry Christmas
 love,
 Addison Bird




Dec 4, 2015
 Dear Santa
 How are you? How is Mrs. Claus?
 Are you ready for next year? May you
 please bring me a ps4 or a xbox
 and some money. I want
 a new car. How is
 the weather and the rain? How
 are your elves?
 what kind of
 cookies do you like?
 Love, your friend
 Vincent




Dec 2, 2015
 Dear Santa
 How are you? I hope you
 are doing good. What cookies
 do you like? I would like
 a pet bear and skates
 for Sydney at home.
 can you make
 it please.
 Love,
 Xavier Fouse




Dec 4, 2015
 Dear Santa I would like
 call duty black ops. I want
 kart 2, wii, super smash
 bro, xbox 360, 3DS, mapy, kart
 yu gi o card box call
 wave 2 k10
 mortal combat call of
 duty Advance war field
 field wagner
 love Santa
 NIS fox




Dec 4, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 I am enjoying you cookies. I like
 don't put it on the naughty list.
 I had a bad and some money. Will
 you please bring me some
 things? I want like a puppy
 it's a help and on Xbox
 see this or in you don't
 bring me more nice things
 I love you so much what
 you bring me
 love,
 Gilmore



Dec 4, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 How are your elves doing?
 Good or bad? I hope I'm
 on the nice list. I'd like an
 xbox. I want six pic of
 that and put I need
 Christmas books for
 Christmas and some
 clothing. I will
 like shopping season. I
 I want pretty things
 like the blue bag.



I want a hoverboard please.
 I want a Bill-a-Bear work
 shop sponged square pants. I
 hope you have a good trip!
 Love your friend
 Russell Hawkins



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Dec 3, 2015
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I hope you and Mrs. Claus are having a good time in the north pole. How are the elves. I need some more jeans. I need more shoes and skirts. I hope I am on the good list. Have a good day.
Love,
Ayra

Dec 4, 2015
Dear Santa!
Is Rudolph real? what really wait is a new Husky puppy. My mom would like me to get clothes and shoes. I want a toy. How can it be a present please.
Love,
Harper pink

Dec 3, 2015
Dear Santa
How are you? I love you. I want a soft toy. I want some average. I want a couple of Xbox 360 games. And I need some good clothes. I love you.
Ali stoner @

Dec 3, 2015
Dear Santa
How are you? I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. I am in the nice list. I wish you have a good trip. I hope you can take back all their presents. I love to see you on TV.
Love,
Bryce Malin

Dec 4, 2015
Dear Santa,
I need food and drinks. I want a Amairin Dolls dresses and shoes and food drinks and Amairin girl Dolls and high heels and Amairin girl Doll house. I love you! my teacher is being nice. I am big is falling down my far lady! Love,
Karrin

Dec 3, 2015
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I love you Santa! Santa I want clothes, shoes, and a new puppy. I would also like a Build a Bear Elsa and a bakery set and a hoverboard. I want a phone. I can't wait til Christmas!
Love,
Yara Tovar

Dec 2, 2015
Dear Santa
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope I get a fur and a laptop. I need clothes shoes and I would like a Baby Alive. I would also like a motor scooter. I hope I am on the nice list.
Love,
Riley

Dear Santa
How is Mrs. Claus? I hope I can see you. I want you to be careful. I want you to be safe for my brother. I love you Santa very much. Please send me a hoodie. I want a blue hoodie. I want a blue hoodie. I want a blue hoodie.
Love,
Eli

Dec 2, 2015
Dear Santa
How are you? Are you and Mrs. Claus doing good? I hope you are doing good. I love you and Mrs. Claus. I love you and Mrs. Claus. I love you and Mrs. Claus.
Love,
Tyler White

Dec 4, 2015
Dear Santa
How are you going, how is Mrs. Claus. I hope you had a good year. I need a new toy my leg is broken. I would love a Robo Bear I would love a hoverboard car all a motorized scooter. I can't wait until Christmas.
Love,
Eli

and gives please what kind of cookies do you like? Am I on the nice list?
Dear Santa
I love you Santa very much. Please send me a hoodie. I want a blue hoodie. I want a blue hoodie. I want a blue hoodie.
Love,
Eli

Dec 2, 2015
Dear Santa Claus
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? Are the elves working hard? Merry Christmas I want to be on the nice list. I want a hoverboard. I want my mom and dad to get my new toy. I also want a new phone. I will love it.
Love,
Eli

How are the reindeer? Are they hungry? I will put some food for you on a carrot for them.
Love,
Eli

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Band

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were the six that will be competing at the area level.

Area competition will be held at Argyle High School on January 9.

The Howe students competed against band members from other 3A, 2A, and 1A schools in the region as well as several 4A schools such as Princeton, Celina, Anna, Melissa, and Ranchview. Students were competing for a spot to participate in the ATSSB Region 5 All-Region clinic and concert Jan. 15-16 where the very best of all the competing schools will come together and rehearse on Friday evening and Saturday morning with a guest conductor and then present a concert on Saturday afternoon.

Students earning a position in that band are as follows:

Symphonic Band
 Kaylee Dwyer (Bb Clarinet), Kindle Catching (Bb Clarinet), Jessica Doty (Alto Clarinet), Airianna Smith (Trumpet), Greg Snider (Trumpet), Lindsey Krueger (French Horn), and Isaac Huerta (Tuba).

Concert Band
 Kate McCorkle (Flute), Kelsey Pierce (Bb Clarinet), Jordan Griffin (Alto Saxophone), and Jake Shaw (Trombone).

Also, Howe Middle School band

students recently competed at Barbara Bush Middle School in Irving for placement in the ATSSB Region 25 honor band. Out of 29 from Howe auditioning 17 made the band. The placements are as follows:

SYMPHONIC BAND

- Amanda Miller-Flute
- Holly Cavender-Bb Clarinet
- Sierra Copeland-Bb Clarinet
- Jamie Taylor-Bb Clarinet
- Valerie Langford-Bb Clarinet
- Erin Catching- Bb Clarinet
- Hally Bollier- Bass Clarinet
- Cassidy Anderson-Trumpet

CONCERT BAND

- Jenna Honore-Flute
 - Mikayla Hudek-Bb Clarinet
 - Korbyn Thompson-Bb Clarinet
 - David Huerta-Bass Clarinet
 - Kaden Bateman-Trumpet
 - Hannah Dwyer-French Horn
 - Brooke Robinson-Trombone
 - Matthew Robison-Tuba
 - Paetyn Ford-Percussion
- Congratulations to all these students and to the following HS students for coming and helping tutor these young musicians:
- Kate McCorkle-Flute
 - Kindle Catching-Bb Clarinet
 - Airianna Smith-Trumpet
 - Greg Snider-Trumpet
 - Lindsey Krueger- French Horn
 - Jake Shaw-Trombone
 - Isaac Huerta-Tuba and Low WW
 - Dustin Woody-Percussion

Shopping spree at library today

The Howe Community Library and Peggy's Porch are hosting a holiday shopping spree on today at the Howe Community Library. There will be a wide assortment of items available for students to shop through for Christmas/Hanukkah presents for

their families. The students will receive "Peggy's Porch" bucks that they can use for purchasing items (items will only cost one "buck" each). Then there will be a gift wrapping station for wrapping their presents.

Registered parade floats

- *Keep Howe Beautiful
- *Christian Motorcyclist Association
- *Howe Enterprise
- *Howe 3rd/4th Youth Football
- *Bobbie Peterson Cate for Grayson County District Attorney
- *Howe Cub Scouts
- *97.5 KLAK
- *93.1 KMKT
- *102.5 Mad Rock
- *Jeff Whitmire, Grayson County Commissioner
- *Girl Scouts of Howe
- *HHS Marching Band
- *Howe Fire Department
- *Bob Utter Ford
- *New Beginning Fellowship
- *Howard Day for Sheriff
- *Diannah Walke
- *Scott Renfro for County Commissioner
- *JD's Babbitt Bearings
- *Eva's All Season Glass
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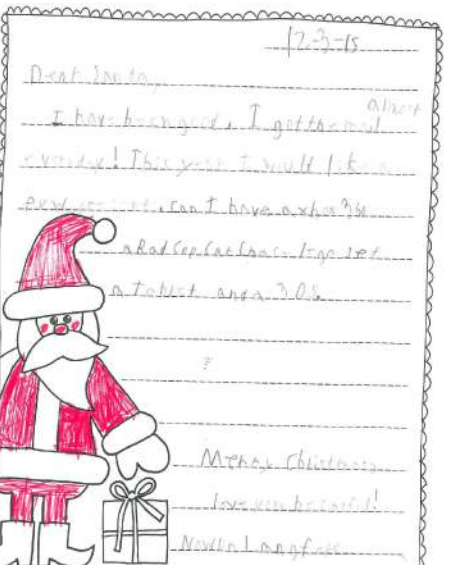
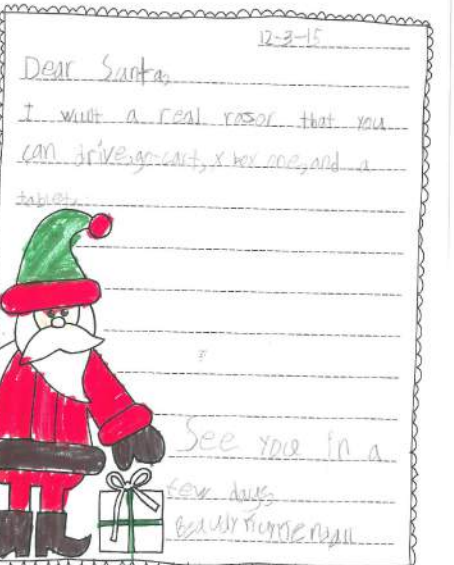
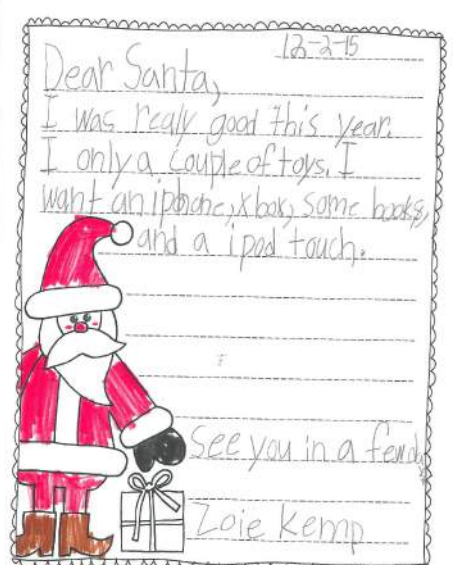
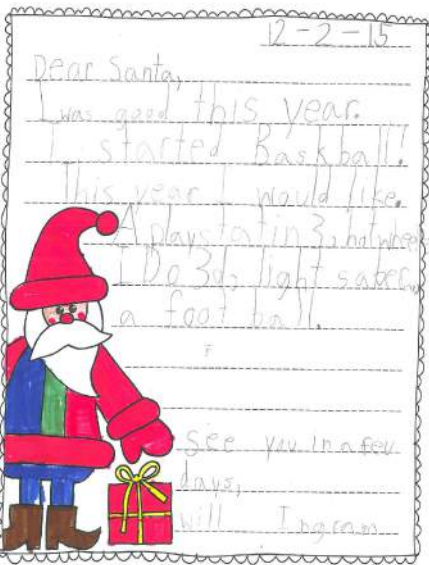
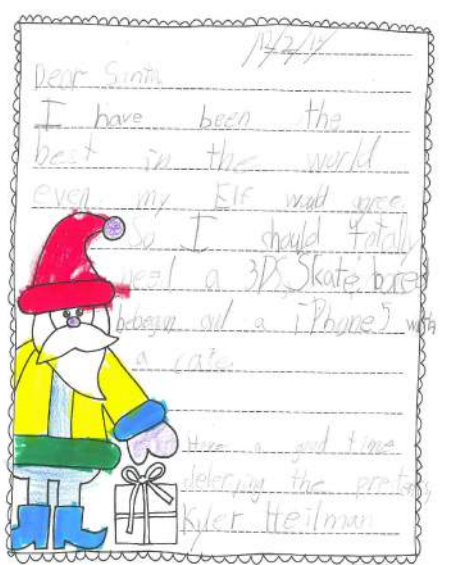
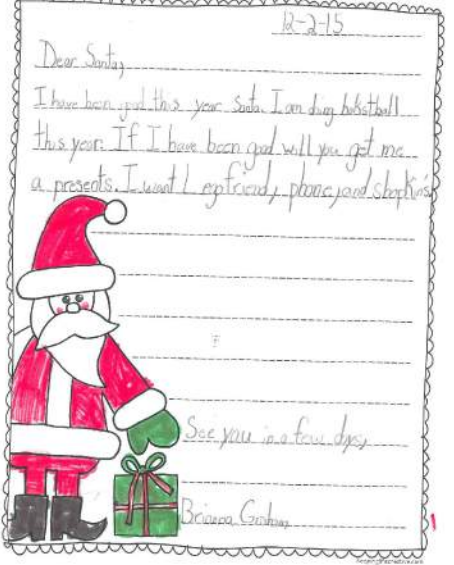
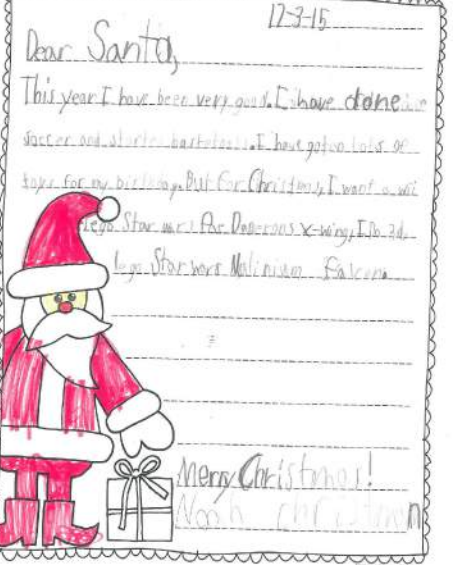
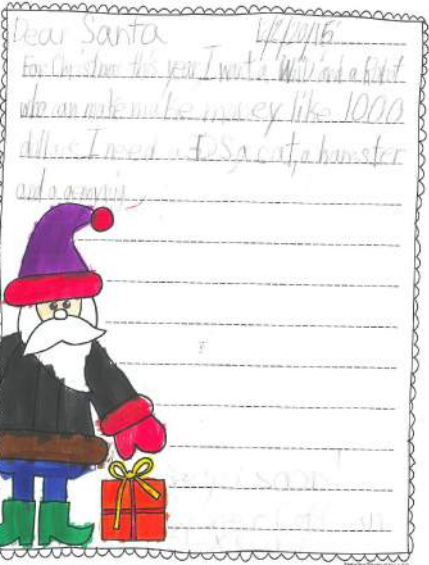
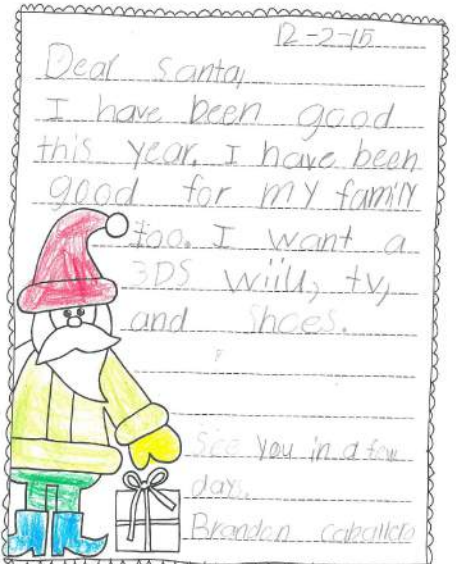
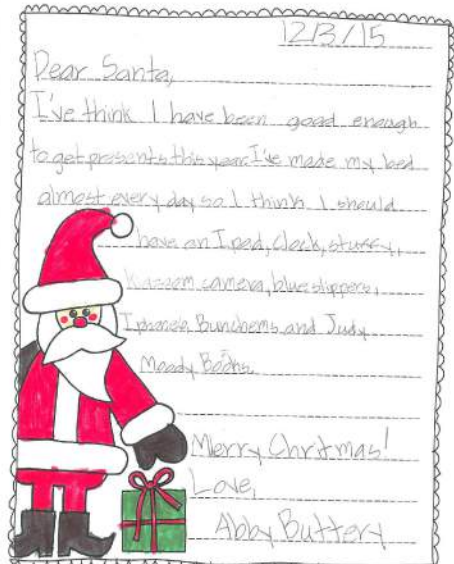
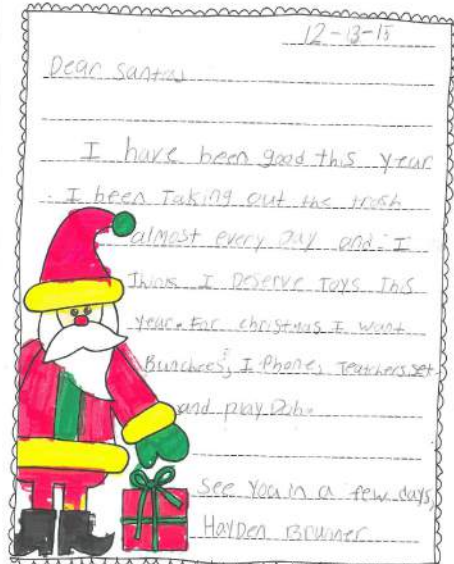
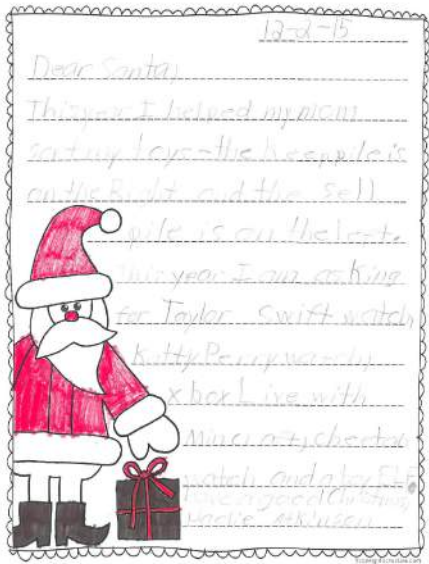
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12-2-15
Dear Santa,
I was really good this year. I did not touch our elf. Can you get me these presents? I would like an iPhone, iPad touch, tablet, iPad, book, Xbox 360, and clothes.
See you in a few days,
Addie Leakey




12-2-15
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl these year. I hope you have been okay and your reindeer too. For Christmas I want a iPad from you!
See you soon at the mall
Mackie McBride




12-2-15
Dear Santa,
I been a good girl, Santa. I am doing a soccer this year at my school. If I been a good girl will you give me a present? I want a puppy to play with. I don't have any dogs or puppies.
See you in a few days
Gracey Merry



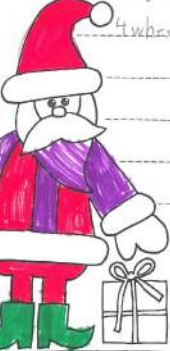
12-2-15
Dear Santa,
I have been really good at school all year for Christmas I want Star Wars Battlefront, I do 3D, and all the paper.
See you in a few days
Kiora Phillips




Dec 3 2015
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have been so good! What I want for Christmas is I do 3D art, iPhone, Xbox 360, fake scratches, Amazing Girl doll, photo bin, bag with a butter pillow.
Merry Christmas!
Aubri Marie Pittman




12-2-15
Dear Santa,
I have been good.
I want a phone and a 3DS.
There been suggest that I also need a tricycle, go cart and a bike.
I will see you in a few days.
Preston Keever



12-3-15
Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl because I said sorry to my friends. I would like for Christmas is: legos, Mary a Santa costume.
See you in few more days,
April




12-2-15
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have been to the ocean this year and I huged you too.
I want a Laptop, iPhone, iPad touch, Legos, Xbox and a gift card.
See you in a few days
Zoë Thompson



12-4-15
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I have helped my mom with the dishes. I would like Call of Duty Black Ops III. And I would like a new Skylanders.
See you in a few weeks,
Gracie Weinmann



12-4-15
Dear Santa,
I was good this year. Santa. I want shoes, pants, a toy car, a gun, and dogs. Merry Christmas!
See you next year!
Zaiden Woods




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Mrs. McDole's Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa:

Robot - A unicorn robot
A secret book - A diary
A toy lego car
A toy Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

Ipad Mini
Minecraft toys
Batman Legos
Ipad Mini Case

Dear Santa:

A stuffed animal, pig.
A reindeer book.
Some ornaments

Dear Santa:

A chocolate bunny.
Legos
A Star Wars Green Light Saber

From: Addison Donoho

Dear Santa:

A phone, a fake one.
A marble racer.
A unicorn.
A book of The 3 Little Pigs.

From: Jaden Strunc

Dear Santa:

Legos
A snake with a controller
Ipad with a candy cane case
A candy cane like Olyvias
An Elf on a Shelf.

From: Tatum Lindly

Dear Santa:

Power Ranger
A big ol' Monster Truck
A firetruck
A Ninja turtle + a house to go with it.

From: Casey Bowles

Dear Santa:

A power ranger
A robot that I can build
Star Wars Alien - Push a button it turns green.
Buzz Lightyear

From: Chloe Self

Dear Santa:

A Lego Choo-Choo train.
A racecar
A track master Thomas.
A drum.

From: Luke Jobes

Dear Santa:

A batman symbol for my door.
I want to visit Santa.
To have a sleigh to go up there
Another Christmas tree.
An art set.

From: Caden Crosson

Dear Santa:

A Playstation 3
Magna SP 2016
A new bike.

From: Mason Fields

Dear Santa:

A DDS
An xbox 1
Stuffed animals.
A real-live puppy dog.
An elf on a shelf.

From: Logan Robinson

Dear Santa:

A baby-alive doll.
A new bicycle with training wheels.
A little travel robot.
A little froggy, where you ping the flies into his mouth.

From: Sophia Eitelman

Dear Santa:

Art area at my house.
Light-up boots.
A crown.
A Pete the Cat.

From: Carson Duree

Dear Santa:

A phone
A puppy
Light-up shoes.
A kid size couch.
A dogbone for my new puppy to play with.

From: Quentin Cole

From: Isabel Henley

Dear Santa:

- Remote Control Hover Craft - that goes in all conditions

From: Samantha Fuhr

Dear Santa:

Toy gun.
A walking horse.
A walkie talkie for my sister & me.
A checkah

From: Carson Chandler

From: Vivian Davis

Dear Santa:

A B-B gun.
An apple launcher.
A smaler army jacket for my brother.
New shirts.
A toy box.

From: Olyvia Atkinson

From: Cooper Shadden



Howe Fire Department hosted Breakfast with Santa on Saturday



it's been a tradition of the Howe Fire Department since the 1980's to have invite Santa Claus to Howe, Texas to have breakfast with local kids. The event at one time was a fundraiser for the fire department, but changed to more of a toy drive several years ago when attendance fell.

this year's turnout was larger earlier than that of 2014. The admission was \$5 or a wrapped gift and it purchased a full breakfast plate and a chance to sit in Santa's lap.

Santa Claus said that the kids of Howe are always polite and he always circles this event first on his busy December calendar.

Mary Jones of the HFD said that



David Harvey, 1965-2015



David Harvey

wife Martha of Grand Prairie, TX; Mother, Bettye Fruen of Fort Smith, AR; Sister, Elizabeth Doubet and husband Paul of Ponder, TX; Sister, Susan Hooks and husband Mark of Fort Smith, AR; Sister, Cyndie Morgan and husband John Morgan of Citrus Springs, FL; Sister, Julianna Hayden and husband Mike of Grand Prairie, TX; Brother, Phillip Ward and wife Michelle of Grand Prairie, TX; Brother Dusty Ward and wife Siobhan of Grand Prairie, TX; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Memorial services were held at 4 PM Sunday Dec. 12 at Scoggins Funeral Home and Crematory in Van Alstyne for David Wayne Harvey, 50, passed away Dec. 10 in an accident. He was born May 8, 1965. He was a loving son, dad, brother, and uncle.

David was preceded in death by twin brother Dudley (Bud) Harvey of Sherman, TX. Services are under the direction of Scoggins Funeral Home, 637 W. Van Alstyne Parkway, Van Alstyne. 903-482-5225. You may sign the online guest book at

He spent most of his free time helping other people in any way he could, including his many jokes. He graduated from Grand Prairie High School and was currently enrolled in online college classes. He was currently employed by Tyson Foods in Sherman, TX, and was considered a dedicated employee.

www.scogginsfuneralhome.com David will be loved and missed by many.

David is survived by his daughter- Julie Harvey of Leonard, TX; Father, Dudley Harvey and

Harvey was involved in an accident with a semi-truck in which he was a pedestrian. The accident happened early Tuesday morning on northbound US 75. Harvey was walking to work at Tyson Foods after having vehicle problems.

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Howe's that...

I FORGOT - Last week was my 13th anniversary as the editor of the HOWE ENTERPRISE and I have made a tradition of writing an annual update on how I like my job.

Well, so much has happened in the recent months that I forgot. (Do you suppose I'm getting old? Some of my friends tell me that since I became a "granny" I keep talking about being old! I really don't feel old!!) Anyway, I guess my mind was on that little grandson and not on my anniversary of being editor of the ENTERPRISE.

The thing I enjoy most about this job is all the people I have met over the years. Howe has a lot of really nice folks - young and old. I enjoy going to the various school campuses to take pictures. The students are always friendly and courteous. I also enjoy talking to the adults of the community, learning their news - births, parties, trips, etc. I've said it before and I'll say it again, I'm proud to say I'm from Howe and I'm proud to be the editor of "your newspaper."

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"Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which appears in the columns of this newspaper will be corrected upon due notice being given to the publisher."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HOWE BAND BOOSTERS holds a Sunday Lunch on the third Sunday of each month in the high school cafeteria from noon to 2 p.m.

Prices are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12, and \$4.00 for senior citizens.

HOWE ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Monday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at the board room. Meeting 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.

Income Tax Refund Checks

This year more than 2,000 income tax refund checks were returned to the IRS by the US Postal Service and now IRS is trying to find their owners.

If you think one of these refund checks may be yours, contact 1-800-829-1040.

Local Resident Makes Complaint To City Council Concerning Palomino Horse

Howe Enterprise I gave a copy of this complaint (see article below) to Judge Engel on 6 November, 1990 to give to the proper City authorities.

I have not received any correspondence from anyone. Per my attorney's advice I waited one month. I sent the Mayor and the City Council each a copy by certified mail today. (Dec. 6, 1990)

I would like my questions answered and the horse returned to my barn by the Howe Police Dept.

I assure you of my intent to pursue this matter to its fullest.

Thank you for your time. Jack DeVero

Mr. DeVero's complaint concerns an incident on Oct. 30, 1990 in which Billy Ray Martin of Howe took a Palomino gelding from his (DeVero's) barn lot at Rt. 8 in Sherman with the assistance of Howe Police Chief Bob Zivec. The horse was taken to the Cross Bar D, owned by Doug Aumock, in Howe.

When DeVero discovered the horse missing, he called the Grayson County Sheriff's Dept. to report it stolen. Deputy Vernon Holland determined the horse was located at the Cross Bar D and was being kept there as directed by the owner of the horse, Pamela Sue DeVero.

Questions the authority of the Howe police in acting out of their jurisdiction. He also questions the right of the Howe PD in taking the horse and keeping it from him.

Chief Zivec showed the HOWE ENTERPRISE a copy of registration title for the horse.

in question. According to the American Quarter Horse Association, the horse, Freckles R. Golden, record number 2545555, a Palomino gelding, is owned by Pamela Sue DeVero, daughter of Billy Ray Martin and estranged wife of Jack DeVero.

Zivec stated that Martin told him that his son-in-law, Jack DeVero, had told Pamela Sue DeVero "to have her stuff out of the house by the time he got home." She had already removed her personal possessions but she could not move her horse at the time she moved her other belongings. She feared for the safety of the horse and asked her father to borrow a trailer and get her horse. Zivec said that Martin requested that Zivec accompany him to the home because he feared "possible violence" from his son-in-law.

Zivec said it is a common procedure for a police officer to accompany individuals in such cases. This is called a "civil standby" where the presence of a police officer deters violence on the part of estranged couples. Zivec stated he did not go onto DeVero's property and that DeVero was not at home at the time the horse was removed from the premises.

The Howe Police Dept. has on file copies of statements from several people involved in the incident including Grayson County Deputy Holland and Doug Aumock. These statements along with the copy of the title to the horse seem to indicate that the Howe PD acted in accordance with the law and proper procedure in all actions in assisting Mr. Martin and Mrs. DeVero in obtaining the horse.

Band Boosters Set Sunday Lunch

The Howe Band Boosters are raising funds to pay for the new uniforms that the band obtained this year. For a good lunch and a good cause, come join the Band Boosters for lunch. Prices are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12, and \$4.00 for senior citizens.

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5th Graders Gain New Outlook On Snakes

Howe 5th grade was invaded by creepy crawlies recently. At least, that's what they were expecting. But within an hour, they had gained a new outlook on the world of snakes.

Many people think of snakes as scary "monsters" that are just waiting to attack anyone unlucky enough to wander nearby. The movies and TV shows portray them in that manner. Instead, Howe 5th graders learned how important snakes are in keeping the balance of nature.

With the help of the Grayson County 4-H program, John Partin, biology professor at Grayson County College, brought two rat snakes, Newt (a bull snake), Bob (a boa) and Pete (a Burmese python) to visit the students.

After watching the snakes hold Mr. Partin, 5th graders learned some "etiquette" rules for snakes:

1. Never try to force a snake into doing something he doesn't want to do. That is why Mr. Partin allows the snakes to hold him and not vice versa.
2. Stay out of situations where a snake would confuse you for its prey. They have very poor eyesight and can mistake a hand for a small rodent.

3. Learn who the dangerous snakes are and stay away from them. Although there are 27 different snakes in Grayson County, only 3 are poisonous:

the copperhead (abundant here), the cottonmouth (very hard to find) and the timber rattler (also hard to find).

4. When watching a snake, do so from a safe distance so as not to disturb his environment.

Mr. Partin explained to the students the importance of reading. It is the way to keep abreast of our world, he told them. Reading about snakes helps people understand the facts about snakes dispelling the TV myths we tend to believe and be scared by. We need to know the snakes living in our area and give them a healthy respect, not harming their environment, he added.



LEARNING ABOUT SNAKES

Howe 5th graders learned about snakes recently when John Partin, biology professor at GCC, brought several snakes to their class.

Howe ISD Honors 'Desert Shield' Personnel With Help Of Sen. Gramm

Howe ISD, assisted by U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, on Tuesday, Dec. 4, honored military personnel serving in Operation Desert Shield and paid special tribute to the families of Grayson County service men and women.

The program, held in the high school gym, included patriotic music played by the Howe High Band, the performance of an elementary school choir, the reading of essays by Howe students, and a special presentation made by Sen. Gramm.

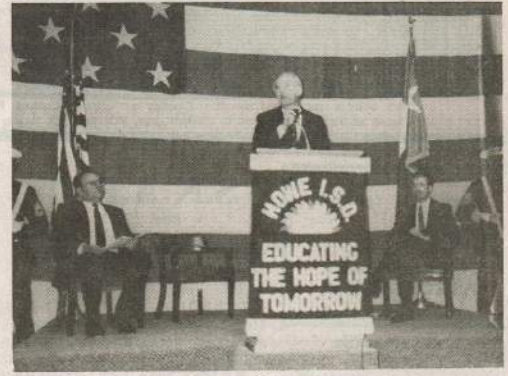
One side of the gym held approximately 400 students from nearby high schools: Bells, Gunter, Whitewright, Van Alstyne, Calisburg, S&S, Tom Bean, Pottsboro, and Sherman. The other side of the gym was filled with area residents who joined in the patriotic salute. All Howe ISD students and their teachers sat on the floor between the two sides of the gym.

The U.S. Marine Color Guard of Dallas presented the colors for the singing of national anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. Phil Miller of the First Baptist Church of Denison led the singing of the national anthem. (Later in the program Miller sang the songs of all four military services: Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.)

The Howe 3rd and 4th grade choir sang several songs accompanied by their director, Jim Hall, on the guitar.

Sen. Gramm presented certificates to a family member of all known Grayson County service personnel - these included family members representing Ronnie Cochran, David Drake, Sean Engle, Mike Hall, Jon Hayes, Danny McQueen and Thomas Mrozinski Jr., all from Howe or with relatives living or working in Howe.

Sen. Gramm said, "We are here today to celebrate the



Sen. Gramm

fact that we have brave young Americans that love this country and love freedom enough that they are willing to volunteer and wear the uniform and answer the nation's call."

He told the audience how he watched the development of the crisis and how the government of Saudi Arabia asked the U.S. for assistance. Gramm said, "I have no doubt that, had not America intervened, Saudi Arabia would have been invaded and then over half of the world's oil supply would be under the control of a mad man."

He added, "We're dealing with dangerous people who have to be stopped."

Four Howe students - Heather Orr, Garrett Ryan, Angela Taylor and Tandra Word - read essays they had written titled, "I'm Proud America Is A Defender of Freedom."

Then Sen. Gramm went out to the floor and allowed students to ask questions. He explained that being a senator is like being a student - as long as you do your homework and get good grades, everyone is happy... "if you don't, sooner or later everyone's unhappy with you."

When asked what he did before going to Congress, Gramm said he taught for 12 years at Texas A&M and added, "I've taught in the Congress for the past 12 years, and I can tell you now, Aggies are smarter than Members of Congress." This comment was greeted by a hearty laugh.

Another question which brought a laugh from the audience was "Do you like Ann Richards?"

Gramm answered, "I did not vote for Ann Richards" but he explained that in the democratic process the candidates say what they think and the people choose. After an election when someone loses, he must sit down. Gramm added that he would work with Ms. Richards for the good of the state.

Referring to an earlier statement made by Gramm, one first grader asked, "Why are they (the Iraqis) killing babies?" Gramm's answer was "because they're mean; that's why they have to be stopped."

The program was concluded when Howe Supt. Pete Simmons led the audience in the singing of "God Bless America."

Howe Misses Out On Grant Money

The City of Howe has received preliminary notification that Howe will not receive any grant funds from the TCDP Community Development grant process under the direction of the Texas Dept. of Commerce, according to Mayor Ray Bledsoe. Howe has applied three years in a row for a Community Development to improve the city's sewer and three years in a row has not received any funding.

Howe ranked first at the regional review, but finished ninth in the final state ranking. Bledsoe said Howe loses out at the state level due to a lack of points for low to moderate income and over 60 residents.

Bledsoe said the city will continue with plans for a low interest loan to upgrade the sewer system. He expects that a community wide meeting to discuss this project will be held early next year.

Middle School Basketball

On Dec. 3 the Howe Middle School basketball teams played Aubrey.

The 7th grade girls beat Aubrey, 35-17. Scoring: Sarah Schaak, 14; Sheryl Anderson, 9; Tamara Lowe, 6; Kelly Tomberlin, Michelle Hefner and Joni Word, 2 each. Record, 3-0.

The 7th grade boys lost to Aubrey, 22-34. Scoring: J. Bridges, 8; J. Stracener, 5; K. Smith, 4; J. Blackwell, 2; and J. Finney, D. Ledbetter and T. Cain, 1 each. Record, 0-2.

The 8th grade girls lost to Aubrey, 29-31. Scoring: Stephanie Anderson, 9; Terry Carson, 8; Elizabeth Schaak, 5; Laura Franklin, 4; Carrie Mullins, 2; and Meg Keene, 1. Record, 1-2.

The 8th grade boys lost to Aubrey, 31-51. Scoring: C. Oswalt, 7; N. Gray and S. Rushing, 5 each; W. Holloway and W. Potter, 4 each; J. Williams, 3; R. Layman, 2; and L. McCarthy, 1. Record, 0-2.

GCC Minimester

GCC will hold a holiday minimester to allow students to earn up to three hours of college credit in 12 days with holidays for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Registration is Friday, Dec. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Registrar's Office. Finals will

be Jan. 7. Courses being offered are Principles of Economics-Macro, Studies in Literature I, U.S. History Since 1877, Basic Programming and general activities physical education classes.

For more information, call 903-463-8796.