



Howe's That

by Monte Walker

"Don't call it a comeback, I've been here for years" is a lyric from L.L. Cool J and it could represent the mood of our fair burg. A good parade is a good way to gauge the heart of a community. If that is true, then Howe's heart is far from life support that many had claimed only a few short years ago.

The city's letter that was sent out about the failure to test for lead and copper does not mean that the water contains copper and lead. It just simply means that the test wasn't done. Howe's Mayor Jeff Stanley gave a statement which is on page 22.

You might notice all of the wishes of a Merry Christmas from a lot of businesses. They are from some advertisers of the Howe Enterprise in 2015 and a few new chamber members.

Next week's edition will be a recap of 2015 from January - December. Each week, we have a flashback on the back page of every edition. Next week's front page will be in the 1985 *Howe Enterprise* format.

"Victory Town" Christmas Parade had 30 floats

The 2015 Howe Christmas Parade was themed "Victory Town" because of the success the town has had this year in Howe sports and Howe development. The Howe Area Chamber of Commerce officially held their first parade since reorganizing at the beginning of 2015. It turned out to be a joint effort with Keep Howe Beautiful, who organized the parade last year as members of each organization rallied together to form one of the longest parades in the town's history with 30 floats.

Winning the "Best Overall



Keep Howe Beautiful float. Photo by Carlene Walker

Float" was the Howe 3rd/4th grade Super Bowl Champion Howe Bulldogs with their dog house. Best Themed Float went to Keep Howe Beautiful with their

"Victory Garden" and christmas trees on the trailer. Lee and Paris Palacios emceed the parade by City Hall and the Church of Christ handed out cookies

by the Howe Development Alliance office. Three late entries pushed the number to 30 for the 12 minute route.

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Beckemeyer new president of Keep Howe Beautiful



Curt Beckemeyer has accepted the position of president of Keep Howe Beautiful after past president Monte Walker resigned the post in November.

Curt Beckemeyer is a native of New Orleans. He graduated from Holy Cross High School and served in the Louisiana Army National Guard for six years. He began his career with the United States Postal Service in Chalmette, Louisiana in 1973, soon after high school graduation and the year his oldest son Chris was born. Chris works at Pontchartrain Mechanical as a lead mechanical designer. His youngest son, Cory, was born in 1978. He recently received his Masters in

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KHB

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KHB Meeting on Monday night

Engineering from Mississippi State University. He has been employed at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi for several years.

In 1983, Curt transferred to the Plano Post Office, where he met his future wife LeAndra Beckemeyer a few years later. LeAndra became the Postmaster of Howe in 2001; they both loved the small town atmosphere of Howe. They decided to make the move to Howe in 2003, and found a wonderful home in a great neighborhood. He has been active in the community, especially after he retired in 2008 after 35 years with the Postal Service. He has assisted with Chamber of

Commerce and Keep Howe Beautiful events.

As President of Keep Howe Beautiful, Curt stated, "I'd like to continue with the efforts to show off the pride and appeal of small town Howe." He added that it is a collaborative effort and he is fortunate that most of the board and members have lived here a long time and are knowledgeable about our town past... as well as our future, the children of Howe.

Curt has three grandchildren, Russell, Gabriel and Autumn, as well as a grandson due in February.

Fourth graders "CAN" make a difference




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Micah Belden

This holiday season the Howe Elementary 4th graders decided to have a canned food drive to help the local food bank at First United Methodist Church. The students donated close to 400 canned goods. The teachers discussed

how instead of a \$5 gift exchange, they would have students bring canned goods. \$5 goes a long way in feeding people and this time of year we'd like for the students to see the true gift is giving.

Bulldogs lose to #1 ranked Van Alstyne, 66-44



Nick Wilson drives the lane in traffic on Tuesday night vs. Van Alstyne. Photos by Michelle Carney

team. But the separation of the game took place in the second with a 20-6 rout of the Bulldogs by the Panthers. The third period was basically the same before Howe finally won the fourth period, 18-14 to bring the final total to 67-44.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Michael Kehrer with 14, Griffin Underwood (12), Nick Wilson (9), Sam Akins (7) and Brandon Wall (2).

Howe's game with Celina on Dec. 18 was postponed due to Celina's football run to the state championship game. The Bulldogs will start district play tonight by hosting S&S.

The Van Alstyne Panthers (7-5) hosted the Howe Bulldogs (6-5) in what used to be a heated North Texas rivalry. The two towns for many years were nearly identical in size which put them in district competition with each other for a half a century. However, the two towns are experiencing growing pains and Van Alstyne has experienced that southern tidal wave faster than Howe which makes a difference in rivalries and especially the number of kids to choose from on the court and fields.

The Panthers are the number one ranked team in Class 3A according to Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Howe has a very talented starting core that seem to be interchangeable parts. All of Howe's starting five could play various roles, all can shoot the three and all have great vertical board ability.

Howe hung close to the Panthers in the first period trailing only by 15-12 to the state's highly-touted



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Lady Bulldogs crash Pilot Point, 72-27; gun down Gunter, 65-41



Photo by Michelle Carney

It wasn't even close. The Lady Bulldogs stormed out to a 16-4 first period lead and never looked back. By the half, the girls had extended their lead to 32-14. Howe finished out the win with complete and total domination by outscoring the Lady Bearcats of Pilot Point, 17-2 in route to the 72-27 win on the road and it moves the Lady Bulldogs record to 11-2 on the season and 1-0 in district play.

Leading Howe in scoring was Riley Harvey, who shot 83 percent from the field on her way to 21 points. She also grabbed 11 rebounds and six steals which also led the team. Alissa Smith hit three 3-pointers and shot 66 percent from the field to tally 16 points. Kayla Anderson had her best night of the season with 12 points and five rebounds.

Other scorers were Holly Hawkins (5), Darci Foster (4), Peyton Streetman (4), Kamryn Fulenchek (3), Landry Rhoten (3), Hunter Brockelman (3), and Payton Griffin (1).

traveled to Gunter where they once again stormed out of the gate and put the game out of reach in the first few minutes of the game by way of a 25-6 opening period. Gunter fought back and closed the gap with a 19-10 second period exchange which had Howe leading 36-24 at the half.

Howe once again had a commanding third period with a 18-8 advantage and closed out the win with a 11-9 fourth period win giving the girls win number 12 on the season and a 65-41 win.

Harvey scored 20 to lead the Lady Bulldogs. She also recorded eight rebounds, three steals and three blocked shots. Foster was right behind her with 11 points of her own mostly by way of three 3-pointers. Foster also had two rebounds and a steal. Other scorers were Streetman (7), Smith (7), Hawkins (6), Anderson (6), Madisyn Hargrove (5), Fulenchek (2), Jaylyn Mosse (2).

The Lady Bulldogs will host S&S tonight at Howe High School. On Friday night, the Lady Bulldogs

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Mrs. Arnold's kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

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Merry Christmas!

Lane

Dear Santa,

I would like a car that has a tablet on it. Also, remote control car and Legos. Can you bring mom a real horse? Dad likes race cars. Payton might want a doll or something. I will leave the light on for you to see.

Merry Christmas,

Grant

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like a brown play horse, Frozen Doll, and a Barbie house. My brother needs an Xbox with games and he might like a new lunchbox. Dad really needs a computer and mom likes perfume. I will leave cookies and milk on the table for you. Merry Christmas and I will leave a present for you under the tree. Don't forget it!!

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like an Elsa car, toys, and easy bake oven. Mom likes a girl Power Ranger shirt. Dad likes race cars to paint. Can you bring my brother a train? My sister would an oven like me.

Merry Christmas and I will give you cookies.

Brianna

Dear Santa,

I would like a tablet for Christmas, some Legos, and blue cars. Mom would like a new phone and dad needs a car. Can you bring my sisters Elf on the Shelf? I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Merry Christmas

Dylan

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeers?? This Christmas I would like a Barbie set, and play house for the Barbie. Brother would like a monster truck. Necklace for mom and dad needs a new hat. I will leave cookies for you.

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Alexis

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December 28 @ 8:00 am
- December 30 @ 9:00 am

Howe Chamber of Commerce board meeting
January 4, 2016 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Howe Community Center, 700 W. Haning St. , Howe, TX

Howe Bulldogs at Pottsboro Cardinals
January 5, 2016
Pottsboro High School, 901 Hwy 120 , Pottsboro, TX

Lady Bulldog Basketball @ Pottsboro – JV/V
January 5, 2016 @ 4:30 pm
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Lady Bulldog Basketball vs Callisburg – JV/V/JV2
January 8, 2016 @ 4:30 pm - 11:00 pm, Howe High School Gymnasium, 200 E. Ponderosa Rd. Howe, TX

Callisburg Wildcats at Howe Bulldogs
January 8, 2016 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Howe High School Gymnasium, 200 E. Ponderosa Rd. Howe, TX

S&S Rams at Howe Bulldogs
December 21
Howe High School Gymnasium, 200 E. Ponderosa Rd. , Howe, TX

Lady Bulldog vs S&S – JV/V
December 21 @ 4:30 pm
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Howe Community Library Closed
December 24 - December 27

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, First Baptist Church Howe, 100 W. Davis , Howe, TX

Peggy's Porch
December 26 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Peggy's Porch, behind City Hall , Howe, TX

Bulldogs basketball: Leonard Tournament
December 28 - December 30
Leonard High School, #1 Tiger Alley , Leonard, TX

Local Church Calendar

First United Methodist Church of Howe

Tuesday, December 22
8:15 - 1:15 Wee Care Preschool
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 23
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 24
8:15 - 1:15 Wee Care Preschool

Sunday, December 27
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 22
7:00 pm - Bible Study

Wednesday, December 23
6:30 pm - Fuel
6:45 pm - Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study
7:30 pm - Choir

Sunday, December 27
8:30 am - Traditional Worship service
9:45 am - Bible Fellowship
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship service

First Baptist Church Dorchester

Wednesday, December 23
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 27
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 22
10:00 am - Terrific Tuesday Bible Class

Wednesday, December 23
7:00 pm - Bible Classes (all ages)

Friday, December 25
7:00 pm - Friday Bible Study Group

Sunday, December 27
9:00 am - Bible Classes (all ages)
10:00 am - Worship Service
5:00 pm - Worship Service

New Beginning Fellowship

Wednesday, December 23
7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm - Kids Church
7:00 pm - Radiate Youth

Sunday, December 27
10:00 am - Kids Church
10:00 am - Morning Service

A Christian Fellowship, Luella

Wednesday, December 23
6:30 pm – Potluck Meal
7:00 pm – Worship Service
7:00 pm – Jr & Sr High Youth

Sunday, December 27
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 21
7:00 pm - Luella home group Bible Study

Wednesday, December 23
6:30 pm - Food and Fellowship
7:00 pm - Children's Ministry
7:00 pm - Youth and Adult Bible Study

Sunday, December 27
10:15 am - Worship Service
7:00 pm - Howe home group Bible Study


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Faith

by Debbie Wallis



“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me’, John 4:16.

As we celebrate Christmas I want to remember that it is about the love of God who gave us baby Jesus. He is our only hope. Why has our deceived world decided that it is more politically correct to leave Jesus out of Christmas, take Him out of our school programs, remove the Nativity scene from government properties and change the wording of our greeting from Merry Christmas to Happy Holiday?

There are many religions and many who claim to have knowledge of what it takes to enter Heaven when a person dies. Some misinformed statements from these religious groups make statements of believe as in, “Surely all of these different religions cannot be wrong and only Christianity be right.” “The God I read about is merciful and loving and He would never condemn a person to hell.” “All roads lead to heaven if a person is just sincere and honest...” “If you are a good person then you will go to Heaven.” These thoughts and views are not correct according to the inspired Word of God. A person will not make it to heaven by believing those statements to be true.

From the Book of Genesis through Revelation, the Bible reveals that there is only one God and only one

way to be with Him in Heaven for eternity. That gate is narrow and the older I get the more I realize why. The Bible is the Word of the Living God, without error, totally reliable and incontrovertible in its authority. For more than two thousand years, men have poured over the pages of the Bible trying find inconsistencies and inaccuracies. Upon deep and extensive scrutiny and examination, the Bible has never been found to have a single error or inconsistency.

One proof of the accuracy of Bible is its amazing ability to predict future events with one hundred percent accuracy. There are 3,500 prophecies contained in the Bible and nearly 2,500 have already been fulfilled with perfect accuracy in every detail. The first prophecy in the Bible is in Genesis chapter 3. Immediately after man sinned and fell, God promises a Savior who will crush the head of Satan and reign victorious over life. “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel,” Genesis 3:15. "Her seed", is Jesus who came to save all those who believe in His sacrifice. A woman's body doesn't have seed. This verse speaks of the fact that Jesus will be born of a miraculous virgin birth, without the seed of a man. "He" who shall bruise your head", is Jesus and by His sacrifice on the Cross He destroyed the devil and his work. "He shall bruise your heel", is Satan's attempt to stop Jesus by carrying out His death on the Cross. Satan didn't understand that Jesus won the victory and would rise from the grave. More than 600 years before Jesus was born Isaiah wrote that when He came, He would be dying for our sins, bearing the burden of our failures upon Himself so that anyone who believed in His Sacrifice would be given eternal life.

Jesus Himself claimed that He was the only way to Heaven throughout the New Testament. “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins,” John 8:24. “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved,” Acts 4:12. “There is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,” 1 Timothy 2:5.

Every one of us was born into this

world with a tendency to sin. We sin because that's our nature; we're a fallen race of beings that don't have the capacity to be flawless. Jesus took our place at the judgment of those sins. In His compassion for you, Jesus offered to pay the price that you owed by dying for you as a sacrifice, the innocent for the guilty. He died for your sins and conquered the grave and rose three days later again. If you ask Him to forgive you of your sins and be your Lord and Savior, and are willing to repent and turn away from your old life of sin then in an instant He will.

Jesus was born as a perfect sacrifice for all who will believe and call upon His name to be saved. That's what Christmas is all about. Don't let deceived people remove the true meaning of this month in your life. Sure, it's the Holiday season and it starts from Thanksgiving through out the New Year. It's appropriate to refer to it as so. But, this culture has not made it political incorrect to say “Happy Thanksgiving” or “Happy

New Year.” But we are to remove Christ from Christmas and say “Happy Holiday” so that we don't offend anyone who doesn't believe He exists. To me, that's like taking a paid day off to go to...let's say your birthday party. I want the party favors, the special food and fun but I refuse to acknowledge that you were really ever born. Therefore, I want to call your BIRTHday party a CAKEday party. But, wait, I want everyone else to call it CAKEday party as well so I won't feel like I'm wrong. As you celebrate Christmas, please keep Christ in your party. It's His birth that we acknowledge and celebrate. Have a Merry CHRISTmas.

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 Art shoe and a book.
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 Love, Kayla

Dear Santa
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 elves? Santa's class
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 a cat and dog and
 some of the kids
 I will get your
 cookies and milk
 Love Kenzi

Dear Santa
 How are you
 to day. How is
 Mrs. Claus?
 How are the
 kids? I would like some
 of the globe
 I will love you
 Love Abby

Dear Santa,
 How are your reindeer?
 I would like an
 American doll and a new
 lava lamp. I would like a
 elf pet. I will leave
 milk and cookies.
 Love, Jenna

Dear Santa,
 How are you?
 How are the elves?
 How is Mrs. Claus?
 How are the reindeer?
 can please have a rabbit
 and a phone. I will put
 out milk and cookies.
 love Chrysta

Dear Santa
 How are the elves and
 the reindeer? How is
 Mrs. Claus? Can I
 please have some
 shoes? Can I please
 have a cat? Can I
 have a new
 scooter? Can I please
 have a pet?
 I will leave milk
 and cookies.
 Love, Mia

Dear Santa
 How are your
 reindeer and Mrs.
 Claus? I would like
 some of the things that
 you have made, that
 is how you make,
 not a kid that
 you have made,
 and a big one
 I will love you
 Love, Alana

Berenice Gonzalez
 Dear Santa,
 How are the
 reindeer? for Christmas
 I want Pap the pig, a toy
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 Love, Berenice

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Legend has it that a Victorian newlywed bride would be given a set of ornaments for the family Christmas tree that would symbolize happiness and well being in their marriage. Ornaments were a variety of common items usually hand blown by German glassblowers.

Bird. Birds are considered a universal symbol of happiness and joy and are regarded by many to be a necessity on the Christmas tree. Birds represent messengers of love and are the harbingers of good things to come.

Cottage. Cottages represent the heritage and culture of German glassblowers. The unique architecture of each village was a source of pride as cottage styles often varied greatly. Cottage ornaments were often based on the humble homes in which the artisans lived and worked as well as after the gingerbread houses families made during the Christmas season.

Devil. Devil heads were an important part of early Christian celebrations of Christmas to remind revelers of the consequences of living an unholy life. In some parts of Germany and Austria, St. Nicholas characters were accompanied by a figure called Krampus. Krampus looked very much like the devil and his purpose was to punish girls and boys who had misbehaved during the year.

Apple. Apples were the traditional German symbol of temptation. Trees laden with apple ornaments were used during the re-enactment of the story of Adam and Eve on Christmas Eve, to reinforce the meaning of Christ's birth. Also an early legend held that if an apple was cut during the holidays and there was a perfect star inside and the seeds were plump, good health and fortune would

be assured during the coming year.

Orange. Oranges were a costly and scarce during the winter months many years ago, and thus were highly appreciated and were quite a delicacy. Oranges were among the first figural glass ornaments produced.

Glass Walnut. Tiny candles stuck in walnut shells were set afloat in a pan of water during Christmas celebrations and evenings of games and merrymaking. The little boy's candle which burned to the end without capsizing was promised a long life, the little girl's candle which stood upright the longest would have the best husband. These traditions were memorialized through the years by the walnut ornament.

Grape. Grape ornaments were symbols of friendship.

Acorn. Acorns were good luck symbols. Acorns are also believed to represent the rebirth of life as witnessed by the coming of the Christ child.

Pine cones were also representative of rebirth and new life.

Carrot. The glass carrot was believed to bring the bride good luck in the kitchen. (I need one of these!)

Pickle. Pickle ornaments are a symbol of good luck. It is always the last ornament to be hung on the tree with the parents hiding it in the green boughs among the other ornaments. When the children were allowed to view the tree they would begin gleefully searching for the pickle ornament. Whoever found the pickle first would receive a special present.

Fish. The fish is an early Christian symbol for Christ.

Rose. The rose is an old German symbol for Christ. There is also an old Arabian tale that tells of all the rose bushes in the world blooming the night Christ was born.

Musical instruments, especially horns, are prevalent since they herald the celebration of Christmas music and were sounded to welcome Christ into the world.

Icicles. Icicles have an interesting old superstition associated with them. It is said that one can predict the depth of the winter's snows by measuring the

length of icicles between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Reflectors. The ornaments with geometric concave indentations are sometimes referred to as "witches eyes." In the Victorian era at least one reflector ornament was placed on the tree to fend off evil spirits present in the home during the holiday season.

Victorian ornaments can cost hundreds of dollars and are not easily attained. The most commonly found vintage ornaments were produced in the 1940s and 1950s. They are called "Shiny Brights." Howe Mercantile has dozens of examples of this type of ornament. If you want to decorate your tree this year with vintage ornaments, come see us. A Very Merry Christmas to all and a Happy Healthy New Year.

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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you run Dear Mrs
How are yr elfs?
How is Mrs. Gar?
I will like a far
with a and a lots fo
stuff and a
Thank you I will pay
some cookies and
Milk. Love Jo
Jo

Dear Santa
how are you
today? how are the
reindeers? how are
the elves I love you
Santa I want a ball
I want a bike
I want a bench it
will have cookies.
you Santa
love Shayne

Dear Santa
How are the elfs? Can
I please have a dirt bike
that is my sis. I will give
you cookies
love,
Brylon

Dear Santa
How are you and the
I want a gift.
I want a bike
I want leaves.
I want a trampoline.
Thank you I will give
you cookies.
Love,
Kaiden

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H. L. Hunt had rose from a small farm in Illinois to making a fortune in the South Arkansas oil boom of the 1920s. His ventures in Texas would propel the eccentric millionaire to become one of the richest men in the world.

Hunt made Tyler the headquarters for Hunt Oil in 1936 as the East Texas Oil Fields boomed, using his fortune and connections made in Arkansas oil to finance it. He soon transferred his company to Dallas. In 1938, he moved to the White Rock Lake area of Dallas, paying \$69,000 for a spread of ten acres and a home that was expanded into a Dallas landmark. When the newest owners put the home on the market in 2013, the estate was priced at \$24 million. Here, he fed deer on the property, raised his family, traveled the world, and carefully tended his empire.

During World War II, he supplied the government with oil needed for victory. As the largest producer in the country by the 1940s, his company sold most of the oil used by the Allies during the war. In fact, he personally sold more oil to the U. S. and the Allies than all of Germany produced on its own during the

entire war.

By war's end, Hunt was also supplying about 85% of the natural gas used in the eastern United States. In 1948, he was named the richest man in the world by the media, with a fortune estimated at \$263 million (about \$2.6 billion in 2015 dollars). But he was not content. He continued nurturing his oil business and soon expanded into consumer products, selling such items as cosmetics, vitamins, and health food through a spinoff company called HLH Products. By the late 1950s, journalists estimated his fortune at more than \$500 million (or about \$4.2 billion in 2015 dollars).

In 1955, his first wife, Lyda Bunker Hunt, died. Two years later, Hunt married Ruth Ray, who had been involved in an affair with him for years and already had four children with him. In spite of this scandalous relationship, H. L. Hunt became a prominent member and contributor to First Baptist Church in Dallas.

He became increasingly involved in conservative political causes as he grew older. Throughout the 1950s, he bankrolled a conservative radio program called Facts Forum, whose commentators condemned the New Deal and Jews while supporting the anti-communist activities of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, who was later disgraced for those same antics. In the 1960 election, he openly condemned John F. Kennedy for his Roman Catholic faith and for what Hunt saw as weak anti-communist credentials.

Hunt's prominence in Dallas and in conservative causes coupled with his loud criticisms of

Kennedy led some conspiracy theorists openly attempt to link Hunt to Kennedy's assassination in 1963. No serious evidence of such a link ever emerged, but the FBI provided bodyguards for Hunt in the chaotic aftermath of Kennedy's death.

Hunt began writing extensively in the 1960s, writing newspaper and magazine columns condemning communism and commenting on the oil business. He wrote several books, including Why Not Speak? (1964) and Hunt for Truth (1965). In 1967, he wrote a novel titled Alpaca in which he described his ideal world. The unequal system he envisioned had young adults receiving one vote, elderly citizens receiving two votes, and the wealthiest having four votes.

Hunt died quietly in Dallas in November 1974. In the years after his death, his life was the subject of numerous books as well as endless speculation in Dallas social circles.

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



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Dear Santa, I
 have your reindeer
 and his chair. I put a
 4 wreter and a
 dirt bike. I will bring
 you covers
 Love
 Ryan

Dear Santa,
 how are you?
 I want the 1 year
 can't please have a
 good 10 jkt, 10
 socks 10 bk,
 10 book and more?
 I will give you some
 milk and cookies
 Love,
 Victoria

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kaye
 with the reindeer
 can I have a doll for
 car choy, Choc mo
 and a mummy for my
 I will give you my kof
 love
 Danyra

Dear Santa
 how the reindeer?
 I want my ma tal
 I want a eye
 box. I will give you
 an xbox. I will
 give you milk and
 key Love
 Brooklyn

Mrs. Perez' first grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa
 how are you?
 I want a doll
 or a car. I will
 give you my
 love
 Love,
 Danyra

Dear Santa Claus
 My name is Hadlee
 and I have been
 nice. I love you
 Santa and I want a
 m arec 9 ft doll
 and a baby doll
 st for with a
 baby doll in its
 love
 Hadlee

Dear Santa Claus
 My name is Loryn
 Ray. I am a girl. I
 have been honest at
 school. How have you
 been? I have been
 good. How are you
 reindeer? I will leave
 cookies and milk and
 I will leave carrots
 for the reindeer. I
 want a reindeer
 Love,
 Loryn

Dear Santa Claus
 I have been
 good. I have
 been working
 hard at school.
 I have been
 nice. I have
 been taking
 care of my
 family. I want
 a doll.
 Love,
 Danyra

Thank you Santa for
 all of the presents
 I want a swich and go
 down. Love to M
 Claus and P

Dear Santa Claus
 My name is Dana
 Vera. I have been
 nice. I will give
 you my love
 and I will give
 you my love
 and I will give
 you my love
 Love,
 Dana

Dear Santa Claus
 My name is Dana
 Vera. I have been
 nice. I will give
 you my love
 and I will give
 you my love
 and I will give
 you my love
 Love,
 Dana

Dear Santa Claus
 I have been good. I
 work at school so
 hard every morning
 I help my family.
 You are so special
 I love you Santa Claus
 and I will bring cookies
 and milk.
 I like you Santa
 Love,
 Lilly Finchel



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Faridy Gonzalez

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Kindergarten: Alexis Horner, Kalyne Wilson, Vivian Davis, Ella Ownes

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First grade: Kimberlee Arteaga, Riken Tilley

Second grade: Addison Bond

AJ Johnson

Third grade: Kai Hudson, Nathan Hernandez

Fourth grade: Kynlee Ray, Marshal Larsen

Mrs. Arnold's kindergarten Letters to Santa *continued from Page 6*

Santa Letters from Mrs. Arnold's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like to get a necklace for my Dad and Grandpa. I want a fire truck with tiny wheels, sleigh that goes in the snow, and a tug of war for my dog. I already got Mom a presents for Christmas.

Have a Merry Christmas, Santa!!

Jack

Dear Santa,

My brother wants a Carolos and it's a shark. I would like to get a toy unicorn that has purple wings. Also, a Zimmer Kitty and it looks like a real kitty that follows a ball. It really moves like a real kitty and purrs. My sister has enough things already. We will leave cookies out for u and I will help make them and put them out.

Merry Christmas,

Bela

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa... How are you and your reindeers doing? I would like a bat cave and a ruler that rolls around and shoots missile. Also, I would like a new Sponge Bob set. Grandma already bought my dad something. I will make cookies for you.

Collin

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like a remote control car that goes fast, bow and arrow, elf that is in a box, and a yo-yo. My little brother and me does not have a T.V. and we would like one. My mom needs a bracelet and dad would like a drill. Somebody took dads drill and he needs another one. Hope Santa has a very good Christmas.

Triston

Dear Santa,

I would like a gingerbread house you can decorate, paint, and glitter glue with cupcake sprinkles. A red car that has wheels and paddles, tough trucks, and a cat that plays with a string. Dad and mom needs a tire wheel for the car. It's a surprise and mom wants a play puppy.

I hope my elf Bell will be magical every week.

Emilee

Dear Santa,

How are you doing Santa? This Christmas I have been good. Can you bring me a princess dress with high heels, Ipad, horse shirt, and Barbie house. A new stuff animal. Baby brother would like a kid car, color book, and a baby stuff animal.

Merry Christmas,

Chloe

Dear Santa,

I would like a blue power wheels truck and it moves when I push the pedal. I might love it very much. Also, a tablet so I can play games and a race car track that goes round and round to the finish line. I will give my parents a card, so they can come to the Christmas play at the high school. That will be their present for Christmas. I would like to give Bailey another American Girl Doll. I will leave Santa some chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Love,

Levi

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like a Power Ranger Car that goes fast, Ninja Turtle Car, and remote control car. Mom would like perfume and dad would like a new shovel. Dad needs to dig holes. My sisters might want baby dolls for them. I'm going to leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you. I will leave the light on for you. Hope to see you on Christmas Eve.

Love,

Gavin

Dear Santa,

I would like a fake Rudolph that is a stuff animal deer, a Bateman game, and a computer. Mom would like a stuff animal dog and dad a stuff animal bear. Not a real one!! David would like Legos to build with. I will leave Santa some milk and cookies. I will leave reindeer some oats.

Merry Christmas

Hunter

Mrs. Arnold's Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa,

This Christmas I have been good. I would like a teddy bear and a Barbie. Mom and dad would like perfume. My sister needs a toy to play outside. Brother needs a ball to play with. I will leave out cookies and milk for you.

Merry Christmas

Salome

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is the reindeer collar? This Christmas I would like a sled that goes fast, stuff dinosaur, stuff reindeer, and Legos. My brother would like paper to color on. Kimberly would like a stuff bear and my other sister likes earrings. Mom likes a ring and dad needs a watch. I will leave cookies and milk for you and oats for the reindeer. Merry Christmas!

Michael

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like a tablet and computer. I have been good and would like a stuff animal. Mom needs a necklace and dad would like a watch. Can Julie have a tablet and green case? Vincent needs a phone with a black case. And something my new baby sister Lilly. Don't forget about my dog, he needs a bone chew toy. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Apples for Rudolph, and oats for the reindeers.

Sophie

Calm, Cool, and Collected Teacher of the Month



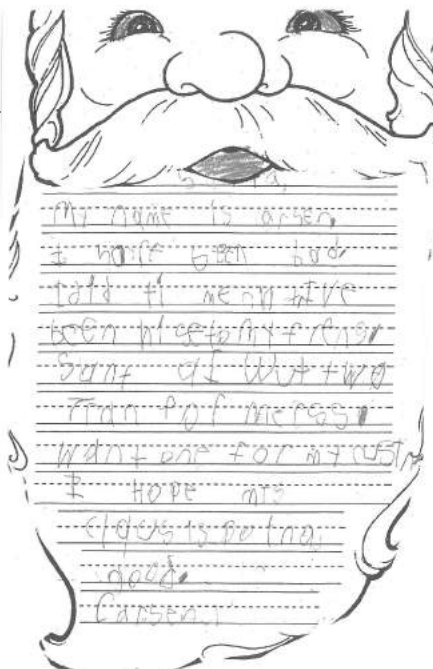
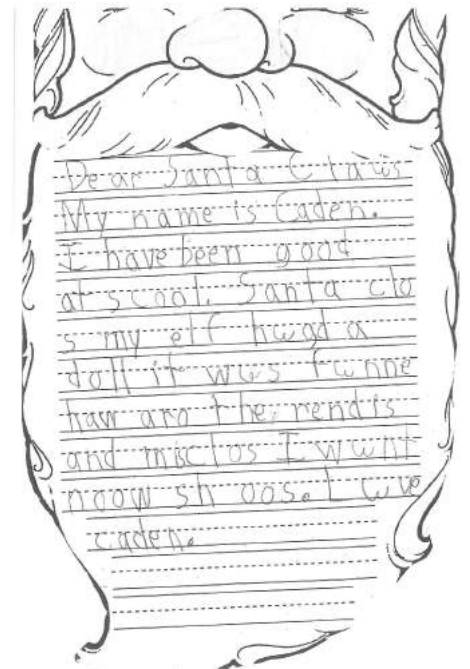
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She is an OSU graduate who loves the outdoors.

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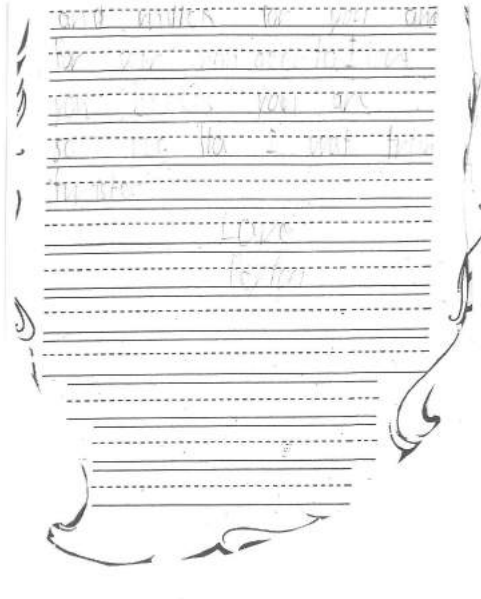
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Dear Santa Claus
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 and milk. Thank you for
 presents I want but
 it looks like at the
 north pole. I think I have
 been good. I promise
 that I will leave
 carrots for the
 reindeer. I want
 to have a my little
 for a m
 love

Dear Santa Claus
 My name is / oey
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 and milk. Thank you for
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 love

Dear Santa Claus
 My name is Brooklyn
 Farmer. I have been
 got a good girl and bad like
 the time I was bad in
 school. I didn't mean it.
 I was got in the store.
 How are you and your
 reindeer. I will leave
 cookie and milk. I
 will leave carrots
 for the reindeer.

Dear Santa Claus,
 My name is Jason.
 I have been good and bad.
 I been good by help.
 I will leave cookies and
 milk. I hope to see you at
 Christmas. Please bring me a
 foot warmer.
 Love,
 Jason.

Dear Santa Claus
 My name is Cate White.
 How are you doing?
 How is Mrs. Claus?
 I Love you Santa.
 Be Careful for our
 miss top. I want a
 coat.
 Love,
 Cate.

Dear Santa Claus
 My name is Cate White.
 How are you doing?
 How is Mrs. Claus?
 I Love you Santa.
 Be Careful for our
 miss top. I want a
 coat.
 Love,
 Cate.

Dear Santa Claus
 My name is Lucas.
 I've never paid my card at school.
 Thank you for the ipod touch.
 I've bin good like klemen dishes.
 I will love you and Missis do
 your cues and write. I've bin
 good like good.
 Love,
 Lucas Murphy

Dear Santa Claus
 My name is Jaireg Murray
 How are you doing?
 You are the best at
 giving me present ever since.
 I don't know if I've been
 good or bad.
 I will give you chocolate
 with the milk.
 I will make feed for
 the reindeer.
 My elves is not

ring bak for me and
 such other are rooms.
 I wish I had the pie
 free game.
 Love,
 Jaireg Murray

Dear Santa
 If I am on
 the good
 list, can I please
 have a real puppy
 and a zoomer
 kitty and some
 chopkins. Some
 times I am good
 some times
 I am not that
 bad can

you get my
 brother a some
 Dine?
 Love,
 Myca

Mrs. Armstrong's first grade Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa,
I miss you so
much. Merry
Christmas. I hope you
are busy at the north
pole. I hope you
are taking care of
all the children. And
I hope you are
happy. I love to
write.

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good
at the North Pole. I
hope you see all the lights.
How are you doing? I
hope you have been seen
coney. I hope you like to go
but I hope you are doing good.
I hope your elf are
doing well. I love
writing.

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing
good at the North
pole. Are you taking
over the world? My
little sister? My
elf hid in my
sister's toy box
where she could
not find. He was
so funny.
Love Ava

Dear Santa,
I hope you have
a great Christmas.
I hope you don't
miss me. If you
can get me a
dog I would
love it. I hope you
don't crash.
I hope your elf
reports back to you.
I'm trying to be good.
Love Lector
Murphy

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas
because my birthday is
two days after Christmas.
I hope you don't crash
delivering the presents to
all the boys and girls. Is
Rudolph really really? Lots
of people say he's not real. Are
you writing? I hope
you can visit me on
the day before Christmas.
Love Lector
Murphy

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing
good at the North
Pole. If you are planning
on resting after Christmas
that is very good.
Because after all that
traveling you need as
much rest as you
can get. Can you get
my elf to get in
my toy bag for
me? I hope that
would be so fun.
Love Lector
Murphy

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
I hope you
are having a
great time at the
North Pole. You
are probably making
presents for all the
boys and girls. I
hope you are having
a great time.
I hope you
are happy.
Love
Bryce

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
I hope you are
having a great
time at the North
Pole. I hope you
are happy. I hope
you are taking care
of all the children.
I hope you are
happy. I hope you
are taking care of
all the children.
I hope you are
happy. I hope you
are taking care of
all the children.
Love
Caitlyn

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
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Love
Caitlyn

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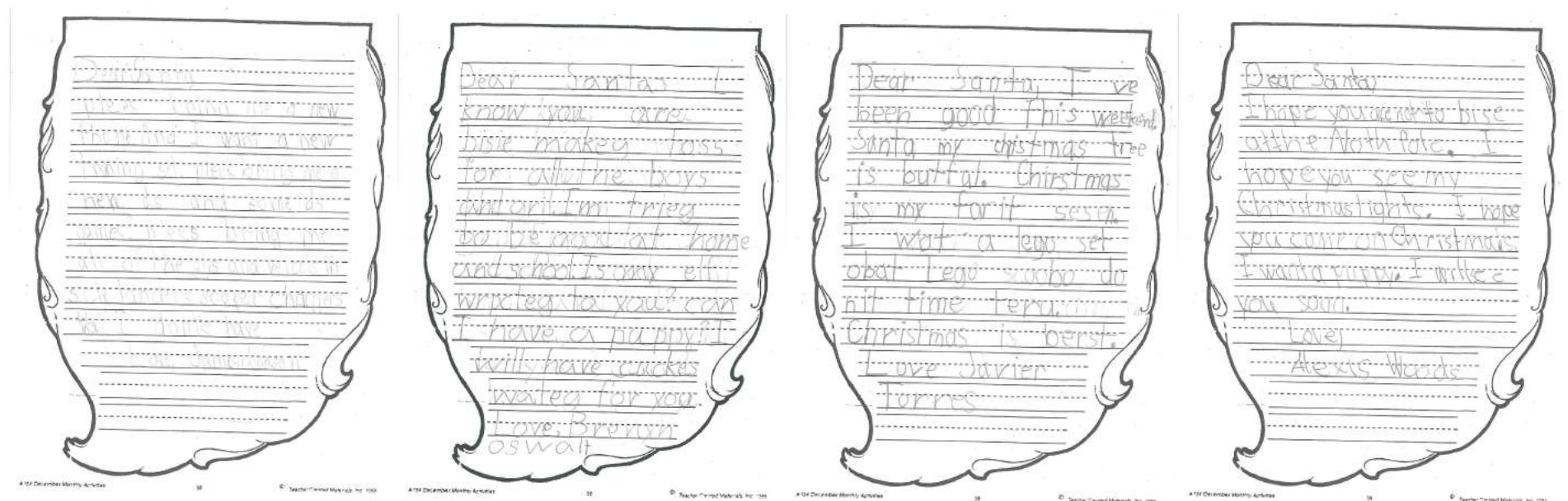
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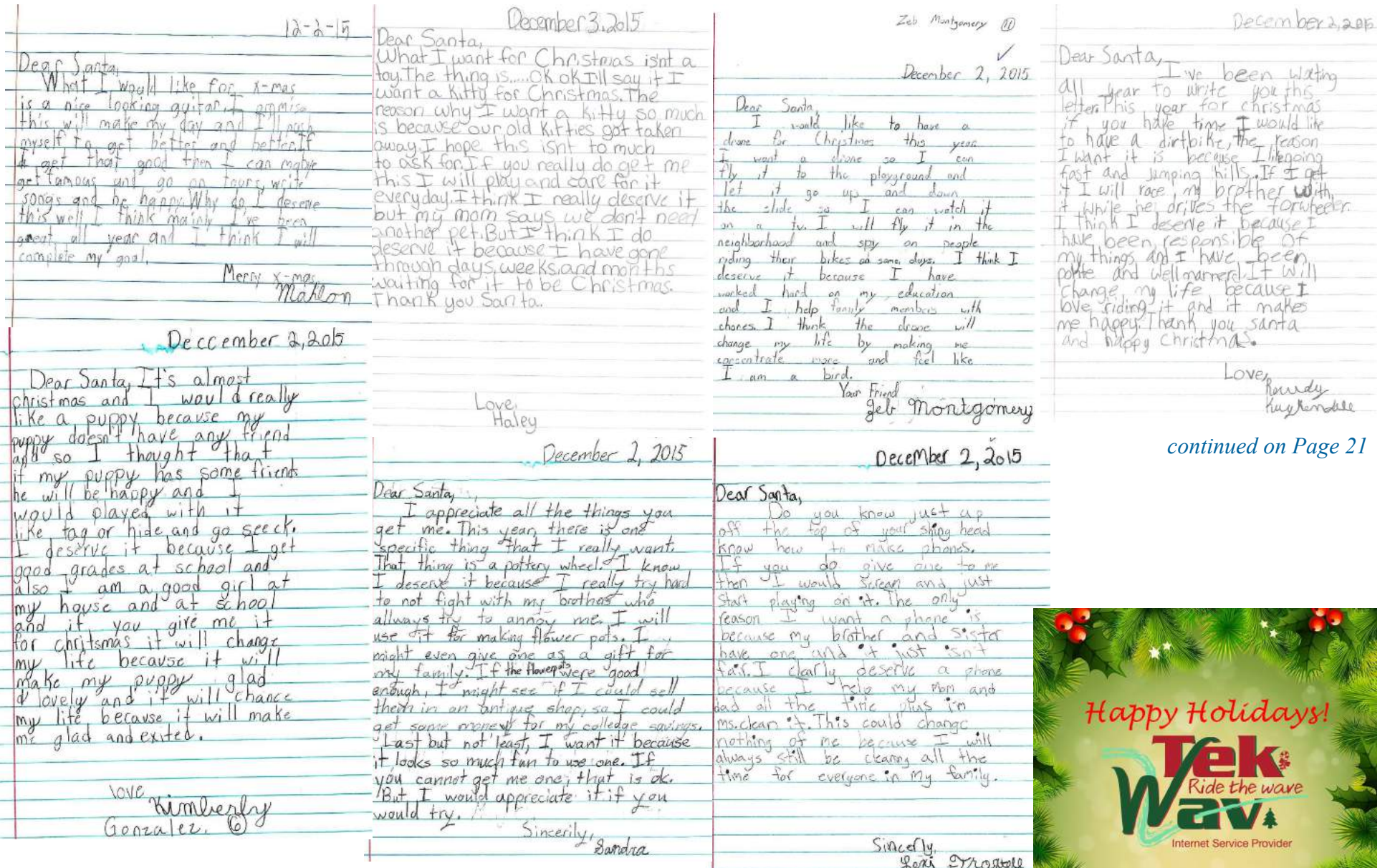
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Fourth grade Letters to Santa



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Fourth grade Letters to Santa

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12-2-15
 Dear Santa,
 How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are the elves and Reindeer?
 All I want for Christmas is a To Hawk it is this thing that you stand on and drive around, I will share it with my friends and family. A To Hawk can go 10mph, I will ride with my friends and at the school, I think I deserve it because I clean the church and that's a lot of work. I will all was help some one that needs help. A To Hawk will change my life because, I won't have to walk slow or run slow. It will make me look
COOL!!!!!!
 P.S. I want it in black and white.
 Merry Christmas
 Dax

12-2-15
 Dear Santa,
 Do you know a 10 year old girl who has been good this year? Me! all I want for Christmas is a puppy for all of us and me. The reason why I don't have one is because my dog died. And I will be very happy to have one. And why I want one is because I have been a good girl this year. The puppy will change my life and make it very happy. And can you make that puppy's mama puppies. And I don't care what puppy I get. It doesn't really matter. That is the one thing I want for Christmas
 love,
 Courtney

12-2-15
 Dear Santa,
 It's me Caden, again. I would like a MacBook Pro for Christmas. It just seems like a brilliant product. I will play games, watch Youtube, and edit my Youtube videos on the Mac. I have worked hard in football this year and I've wanted on for a long time. Since I can edit my Youtube videos, it could make me famous.
 I hope you can give it some thought.
 Greetings,
 Caden

December 2, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 My name is Nita, and I want a elf on the shelf. I want it because I want to see if it moves at all. I will play with it, shake it, and watch it. I deserve it because I have been really good. It will change my life because it will move. And that's why I want a Elf on a Shelf
 love,
 Nita
 Courtney

12-2-15
 Dear Santa,
 Do you like hoverboards? I do because you can hover around the house on it. If I get a hoverboard for Christmas I would do tricks on it with my friends. Do you want to know something really cool? I want to see Mrs. Foster on one! By the way, a hoverboard is going to be like one for Christmas please. I have been a very, very good girl this year!
 Love,
 Stanley
 Laulahan

12-2-15
 Dear Santa,
 what I want for Christmas is a basketball hoop that can attach to a door. Did you know that I want to learn how to play basketball? If I get a basketball hoop I can learn and play at the same time! It will be really fun if I could play whenever I wanted and my mom wouldn't get mad at me for being lazy. So if you could get a hoop for me that will be nice
 your girl,
 Jenna Roper

12-2-15
 Dear Santa,
 Since I have definitely not been naughty, I am going to tell you my home address just to get it over with. My home address is 1815 Westside Dr. The thing I want for Christmas is a Fitbit.
 I want a Fitbit because every day I want to see if I have increased on my fitness or have I decreased. Now what I would do with it is when I see how fit I am, I will brag about it to my family. But they will put me on the naughty side. So I will say "at least you tried."
 The reason I think I deserve it is because it will help me in life. It will change my life because it will help me stay more fit.
 Merry Christmas,
 Noah Kilroy

12/2/15
 Dear Santa,
 would you like to here from your favorite person from the Grisham family? What I want for Christmas is a shot gun, so that I can go hunting and shoot at the target. What animals do you think I'm going to shoot? Birds and deer that's right. But not your reindeer.
 I deserve it because I have been good well better this year and also because I don't have one yet. All I have is a legume and a tie. And it will change my life because I will get my own free food. Please Santa get me one of an new iPad for my house. Thank you
 love,
 Jacye
 Madeline
 Grisham

12-2-15
 Dear Santa,
 I would like to have a robot for Christmas. I want it because I love science, technology and education. When I get it I will drive it across the living room floor chasing my cats. I think I deserve this robot because I've been good this year. If I get it I could figure out how it works and feels.
 Love,
 Evan Leakey



Merry Christmas Merry Christmas

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15th Annual Holiday Lights Show is behind from last year's donation pace

Former Howe Mayor Ray Bledsoe indicated that the Grayson County Holiday Lights Show at Loy Lake Park is behind schedule on donations that they accrue. The organization just made a significant investment to upgrade a large proportion of lights to LED bulbs.



Jeff Schneider, Grayson County's purchasing agent and chief elf, said on the Grayson County website that this is the display's 15th year and it looks to be bigger and brighter than ever.

The display includes a number of new lighted sculptures this year in the LED section. It will also include a number of returning favorites in the incandescent section.

Volunteers will keep the display open to the public and donations taken at the end of the drive will help to keep the lights shining bright.

To get to the display, exit Crawford Street off of U.S. Highway 75 and take the south access road to the lighted entrance. While there is no charge for the display, donations are accepted at the end of the drive by volunteers who offer a sweet treat for those who drive through. Some of the volunteers have even been known to hand out treats to the four-legged furry friends of the display.

The donations are what the committee behind the lights uses to pay the electric bill and refurbish old sculptures and buy new one.

The idea that became Grayson County Holiday Lights came from

then Grayson County Judge Horace Groff. Money to start the display came from the Clara Blackford Smith and W. Aubrey Smith Foundations and from the Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation. The foundations have also given money over the years to expenses related to updating the display.

Over the years, other organizations and businesses have supported the Lights display with donations.

However, the majority of the money for the display has come from the people who drive through each season.

City sends letters to citizens regarding water testing

The City of Howe had a failure to test for copper and lead require by TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality).

Howe's Mayor Jeff Stanley gave the official statement on Friday evening:

"To the citizens of Howe:

Most of you received a letter form the Public Works Director, David Wortham, that the city violated the monitoring and reporting requirements set by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality(TCEQ).

The test that were missed were for Lead & Copper, and have been missed for the past two years. When this happens a notice has to go out to the water users. It does not mean that your water is not drinkable, it is just a notice that has to go out by law. A test has been scheduled for January 1st.

At this time the city does not

LEAD & COPPER RULE MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The City of Howe has violated the monitoring and reporting requirements set by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in Chapter 30, Section 290, Subchapter F. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers you have the right to know what happened and what we are doing (or did) to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015, we failed to test for Lead & Copper and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water at that time.

The table below lists the contaminants(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed sample for Lead & Copper, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which the follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Lead & Copper tap water sampling	10 samples every three years	0	January 1, 2013- December 31, 2015	June 1, 2016- September 30, 2016

We are working to correct the problem. For more information, please contact:
David Wortham at (903) 532-5571

Our corrective action is to comply with the TCEQ to obtain the samples in the designated time.

This notice is being sent to you by The City of Howe.
Public Water System Number: 0910013
December 18, 2015

expect any fines from TCEQ or any abnormal results from the scheduled test.

Lead & Copper are just one of many tests that are routinely done on the water system each year. Once a year a report goes out on the water and can be viewed from the city website, www.cityofhowe.org, or by requesting a copy from City Hall.

If you have any questions about this please call City Hall Monday."

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Mrs. Onstott's Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor, a car with a truck, a game Minecraft for my ds, frosty the snowman movie. I will leave you carrots and apples because when Santa was here he said his reindeer like apples and carrots.
Love,
Aydan Chantaca

Dear Santa,
I am five years old. What I want for Christmas is a remote control boat, two fish, a stuffed animal ducky, a monster truck, an iPhone 4, an I pad and two real fish. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies to eat and milk to drink.
Love,
James Henry Delavan

Dear Santa,
I want an I pod touch, an I pad, computer, a Kindle, a Leapfrog and that is all. There will be a gingerbread house at my house for you. What do you like to drink?
Love,
Noah Ryan Fox

Dear Santa,
I want a princess and a little Monster High and a big Monster High and I want... hum, a Santa sleigh and a movie that is called the Three Musketeers. I love you.
Lilliane Raley Freeman

Dear Santa,
I want a Super Mario game, a game for my DS, and a movie about Super Mario Luige movie. I am going to leave you cookies to eat.
Love,
Javier Guterrez

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a princess, a frosty the snowman movie, and a key chain. I am going to leave you shape cookies and milk. They will be on my table in my living room.
Love,
Hannah Ingram

Dear Santa,
I want a Ipad, a truck, and magnets. Chocolate chip cookies will be on my table for you to eat.
Love,
Dylan Mayhue

Dear Santa,
I want an iPhone 4 to call my dad and play games, a lot of games on them. I would also like a white cat named Fluffy. I want Frosty the Snowman movie. I will leave you some vanilla ice cream to eat.
Love,
Ethan Potter

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear, a monster truck toy, a tractor toy, and a horse toy. I will be leaving you chocolate cookies.
Love,
Yahir Rangel

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is Junie B. Jones books, a toy fish, a toy dog, and Lego friends and sockins. I will leave you cookies on my living room table.
Love,
Alex Reed

Dear Santa,
I want a PSP, a 3 DS and a game called Smash. I am leaving you probably chocolate chip cookies and carrots and apples for the reindeer.
Love,
Malachi Simpson

Dear Santa,
I want a Monster truck with a controller, a Santa sleigh, a reindeer, snowman, and a person who has a fishing pole and a fish. I am going to leave you pepperoni and carrots and candy canes and carrots.
Love,
Bob Wilson

Dear Santa,
I want two elves and a trampoline and an iPhone 4 and a cookie maker and an ice cream maker and that is it. A gingerbread cookie will be left on the bricks on the chimney on the front of it.
Love,
Kalyne Wilson

Dear Santa,
I want high heels, a Barbie house, Barbie, and a Monster High Barbie. I am going to leave you Chinese and Mexican food to eat.
Love,
Brinley Zolfaghari

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Letters To Santa

SANTA LETTERS begin on page three of this issue of the ENTERPRISE. It is always fun to read the wants and wishes of our area youngsters (and to try to decipher some of their letters - I'm glad Santa knows what they want!). For 13 years now I have typed these letters for the annual Christmas issue. I find that each time there are fad items which are popular for a season or two and then disappear. Dolls, bicycles, cars and trucks, however, seem to always be popular on the wish lists.

Thanks to the teachers at Howe Elementary who had their students submit letters. I hope all Howe youngsters and oldsters and in-betweeners have a nice Christmas. Here's hoping Santa leaves you something special.

GIFTS - Persons are gifts which are sent to us wrapped. Some are wrapped very beautifully. They are very attractive when we first see them. Some come in ordinary wrapping paper. Once in a while, there is a special delivery. Some persons are gifts which come very loosely wrapped, others very tightly. But the wrapping is not the gift. It is so easy to make this mistake. Sometimes the gift is very easy to open. Sometimes we need others to help. Is it

Maybe they have been opened before and thrown away.

You are a person. So you are a gift too. A gift to yourself, first of all you have been given to yourself. Have you ever really looked inside the wrapping? Maybe you've never really seen the wonderful gift that you are. Could such a gift be anything but beautiful?

And you are a gift to other persons. Are you willing to give yourself to others? Or do others have to be contented with the wrapping? Never permitted to enjoy you - the gift!

Author unknown

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S CHOIR of the Bethel Baptist Church of Howe will present a program on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Everyone is invited.

DEADLINE for the Dec. 27th issue of the Enterprise is Monday, Dec. 24, at 9 a.m.

PLUMMER FAMILY Country Music Show sponsored by the Grayson County Sheriff's Reserve will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Eisenhower Auditorium in Denison. Tickets available at Mitchell's Supermarket in Howe. For more information call 892-3362.

HOWE ISD ATHLETIC DIRECTOR Joey McQueen will be the guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce meeting set for Monday, Jan. 7, 1991 at Flesher Community Room in Howe. Topic will center around the athletic programs of Howe ISD and in particular on the exciting 1990 football season. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.



ESSAY PARTICIPANTS
Howe Middle School students pictured above entered the DAR essay contest.

Students Enter DAR Essay Contest

Sixteen students at Howe Middle School have entered an essay contest sponsored by the Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The students are Casandra Leigh Troxtell (5th grade), Angela Joy Farrer, Laura Renee Hanley, Michelle Lynn Hefner, Sarah B. Schaack, John Michael Tilley, Courtney Lyn Williams, and Ryan Neal Winkle (7th grade); and Britney Allesondra Conner, Laura Gayle Franklin, Charles Edward Gleaves, Brandi Lynn Harbin, Keecia Miller, Jessica Ann Mitchell, Lisa Marie Rose, and Tonya Elaine Troxtell (8th grade). Kathy Franklin served as coordinator for Howe Middle School. Linda Keene, 7th and 8th grade teacher, and Diane Richardson, 5th grade teacher, also assisted. Sylvia Lovelace assisted with the computer work.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented Monday, Dec. 10, by Carolyn Squires, Chair-

man of the American History Month Activities Committee for the local DAR Chapter.

All schools in Grayson County have been invited to enter the contest for their students in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The essays are now being read by members of the Judging Committee appointed by the local DAR Chapter. The winners throughout the county at each grade level will be invited to read their essays at the Feb. 21 DAR meeting. Also, the winning essays will be sent to the State Chairman of the American History Month Activities Committee for possible entry in the national contest.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a national organization with a membership of over 200,000 women whose ancestors served in the American Revolution. The objects of the society are historical preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavor.

Council Makes All School Zone Speed Limits 20 MPH

The Howe City Council authorized an ordinance making the speed limit in all school zones in the city 20 mph at a meeting held Tuesday, Dec. 11. The ordinance will take effect when the signs at Howe Middle School are changed to reflect the lower speed during school hours.

In other business the council approved several changes to the personnel handbook. These changes reflect changes for lunch break and omits police comp time. Also discussed was the adding of policies concerning drug screening and a prohibition for city employees to discuss the city's dealings with customers except where matters are public record.

The council also authorized a payment to Hayter Engineers, designating the funds to come from the general fund account.

Police report for November, 1990: 4 arrests, 67 traffic citations, 19 warnings, 5 complaints, 20 motorist assists, 17 police dept. assists, 17 open doors/alarms, 2 disturbances, 4 burglaries, 4 accidents, 9 thefts, 11 stolen items recovered, 1 vandalism, 206 vacation house checks, 1 terroristic threat/assault, 3 dog calls, and 23 misc. calls. Miles driven per 24 hour patrol averaged 181.5. Average miles per gallon, 11.1.

Municipal court report for November included the following: 66 traffic and 1 state law (non-traffic) cases. Payments of fine-17, cases dismissed prior to trial- 9 traffic and 1 state law. Cases dismissed after defensive driving, 21; after deferred disposition, 4; and after proof of financial responsibility, 2. Cases appealed, 5. Arrest warrants issued, 36. Revenue: city= \$2,379.00; state= \$57.50; warrant= \$365.00. Total= \$3,601.50.

Five members of the Planning & Zoning Board also met with council to discuss problems with definitions in the city's zoning ordinance and legalities of the

P&Z serving as the Board of Adjustment. Cities the size of Howe may have only a P&Z Board or both a P&Z Board and a Board of Adjustments. However, if the city has two boards, they must be separate because of the number of members required and the length of terms. P&Z has 9 members appointed for 3-year staggering terms. Board of Adjustment is to have 5 members appointed to 2-year staggering terms.

Council and P&Z members decided that they need to have better communication between these two groups to find out what the law says they must do.

CLARIFICATION: In the Dec. 13 edition of the HOWE ENTERPRISE, in the story concerning Howe losing out on the Community Development grant money, one sentence contained a confusing statement. It should have read: "Bledsoe said that Howe loses out at the state level due to zero points in the category for low to moderate income residents and residents over 60." (In other words, Howe's low ratio of those two types of residents keeps the city from qualifying for the grant.)

Library Hours

The Howe Community Library will be closed on the following days during the holiday season: Dec. 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31, and Jan. 1. Regular library hours will resume on Jan. 2.

The library will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Dec. 20, 27, 28 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 29.

Notice

NOTICE: See next week's paper for results of recent high school basketball games.



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Library Requests More Space

On Monday, Dec. 17, the Howe School Board heard a request from the Howe Community Library Board for additional space for the continued growth of the library.

Jean Norman, president of the HCL Board, introduced members of the board who were in attendance (Lana Rideout, Freddy Holcomb, Linda Wall, Ray Houston, and Pete Simmons. Lynda Shannon was unable to attend.) Then she turned the presentation over to Librarian Peggy Bradley who made the following request: "additional space for improvement and expansion of existing library facilities" which would include taking in the present board room and the hall way area between the board room and the restrooms located at the north end of the area. She explained that the Friends of the HCL have offered to help pay for the renovation. The City of Howe has also offered labor to help complete the

Supt. Pete Simmons recommended that the school board take this request into consideration along with other possible needs for the space. He suggested that a planning committee needs to be formed for this purpose. Board President Alton Norman advised Mrs. Bradley and the HCL Board that the school board will take the request into consideration.

The board also approved an audit report (a summary of this report appears on page 10 of this issue). Board member Glenn Fulton noted that the auditors

had made a successful audit. It was also stated that the auditors complimented the school on the excellent condition of all the records audited.

In other business, the board: *Approved drivers' ed fee of \$150 (same as last three years). *Moved to seek bids on a 72-passenger diesel bus.

*Following executive session, voted to hire Jim Hall as elementary music director and assistant band director and voted to accept the recommendations of the career ladder committee.

Winners Announced In Decoration Contest

The home of Virgil Kight at 915 N. Denney received first place in the annual Howe Chamber of Commerce Decoration Contest held Monday, Dec. 17.

the town and see these beautiful and interesting displays of the Christmas spirit. In the business decoration contest, Special Occasions (located in Mitchell's Shopping

figures which show a steady increase of usage since it opened in Sept. 1986: library card holders has increased from 1,281 in 1986 to 2,409 at present; number of people entering the library per year has increased from 12,925 to 26,508; and circulation of books has increased from 13,002 to 28,239. She also noted a dramatic increase in recent months in usage by high school students and a recent week in which 762 patrons used the library taxing the capacity of the library. In the proposed expansion the elementary area would be located in the east part of the library while the high school and adult sections would be in the western part.

The expansion would increase the size of the library by 25% and would be adequate for expected library needs for the next 5-10 years.

Other residences receiving honorable mention are those of Gene Bridges (east on Duke St., across the railroad tracks, 3/4 mile), Peggy Wiggins at 905 Ricketts, Leonard Paul (first house on left going south on Western Hills past the Westwood Apts.), Doyce Whitworth at 502 Castlegate and Gary Frank at 824 N. Hughes St. Many other homes in Howe have decorations and area residents are invited to tour

other prizes were given in this category.

The contest, held annually, is open to all residents of the Howe school district. The chamber sponsors the contest to encourage Howe residents to "light up" Howe for Christmas and help make a good impression on people passing through the community.

Photos of the residential winners will appear in the next issue of the ENTERPRISE.

Also, once again the chamber has prepared candy canes to decorate Haning Street from Denney to Hwy. 75. Special thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare these decorations and put them up.

Clinic

The Grayson County Health Dept. has announced that the Immunization Clinic will be closed on Dec. 20. Persons needing services of the clinic are asked to come by the clinic

in Sherman on Dec. 21, from 1-4 p.m. Regular Immunization Clinics are Monday and Friday from 1-4 p.m. at 515 N. Walnut, Sherman and Tuesday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. at 205 N. Houston, Denison.

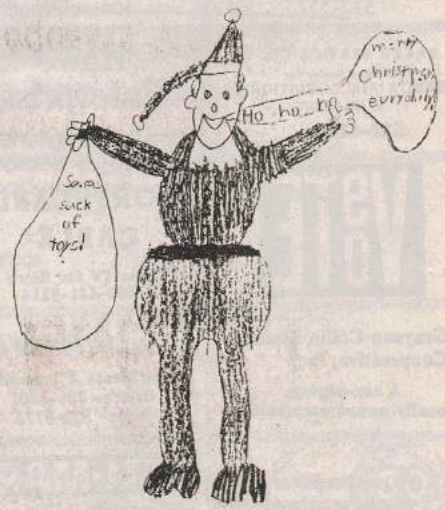
Sheriff's Reserve Sponsors Plummer Family Show In January

The Grayson County Sheriff's Reserve is proud to announce their 2nd annual benefit show featuring The Plummer Family Country Music Show, direct from Branson, Missouri. The show will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, 1991 at the Eisenhower Auditorium in Denison starting at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$6.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door for adults. Tickets for all children under 12 are \$3.00. Tickets are available at all Hayes Video stores (Denison, Bells, and Bonham), Mitchell's Supermarkets in Howe, Pottsboro, and Gordonville; Mini-Mitch in Sherman and Security Bank in Whitesboro.

The Grayson Co. Sheriff's Reserve is an all-volunteer unit assisting the Sheriff's Dept. in all phases of law enforcement with up to 60 hours of volunteer manpower each month.

Proceeds will help the unit obtain much needed equipment along with uniforms, schooling, and gear topping the list. For more information, call 903-892-3362.



Above drawing of Santa was done by a student at Howe Elementary School.