



Howe's That

With Mineola's 46-3 crushing of Pottsboro on Friday night, it says a lot about your Howe Bulldogs who lost to them 21-7 in the regional championship round. A measure of coaching can be determined by whether the team improves as the season goes along. Howe lost a district opening game to Pottsboro, but since then it appears now that there's really no question that Howe finished as the number one toughest 3A-I North Texas football team. But the best team in North Texas is Gunter (14-0) in either 3A division, and it's not even close. Gunter defeated both Howe and Pottsboro by good margins and advanced to the semifinal round Friday night with a 45-22 win over Winona. They will take on Canadian in the state semifinal round on Friday at 7pm at Memorial Stadium (aka the "Voodoo Palace") in Wichita Falls.

If you can't wrap Christmas presents well, at least make it look like they put up a good fight.

Keep your friends close, your enemies closer, and receipts for all major purchases. - Bridger Winegar

Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 50 feet tall.

There are 20 more shopping days until Christmas. So that means I start shopping in 19 more days.

Abner wins state for second time at FFA competitions

Seven girls from Howe High School competed on Saturday at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas in four competitions. One of them was Howe senior Mati Abner, who had already finished as State Champion in Jr. Prepared Public Speaking as a freshman in 2013. She had another state championship in her scopes - this time in Creed Speaking.

Unlike athletic competition, there are no grouped classes, such as 2A and 3A. The state of Texas has 10 overall "areas" and the top two area winners advance and compete in a prelim heat of 10 teams. The top give winners of the two heats advance to finals on Saturday.

A three freshmen team of Molly Wilson, Kacie Morgan and Jenna Honore competed at the state



Mati Abner with her two first place in state flags in her freshman and senior years.

competition for the first time. They had previously placed first at area competition in Agricultural Advocacy. They finished in the top 20 against 295 teams in Texas.

Mikayla Doty, Allie Morgan and Kindle Catching competed in Public Relations. After placing second at area, they were a top 10 finalist of 350 teams in state.

Abner, who is a seasoned veteran to state FFA competition, competed in two events, Senior FFA Creed and Job Interview. Abner previously placed first in both at area. She initially advanced to the top 10 out of 792 competitors in Creed Speaking and also advanced to top 10 of 537 competitors in the Job Interview category. The overall result was a sixth place finish for Job

Interview, but a first-in-state finish for Creed Speaking.

Abner joins Brad Turner as the only two Howe High School students to claim two state championships. Turner's was in high-jump in 1991 and 1992.

Abner said that this could not have been accomplished without the leadership of Ag teachers, Tracy Blum and

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Annual Christmas parade set for Saturday

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

Saturday morning, the Howe Fire Department will hold their annual "Breakfast with Santa" at the Howe Elementary/Middle School

cafetorium located on Beatrice Street between the two campuses.

The parade will start with a lineup of floats alongside Beatrice Street by the Howe Middle School parking lot. Due to Howe Youth Basketball games, the route will be from Beatrice Street to Duke Street to Denny Street to Hughes Street to Haning Street down to King Street and back to the Howe Middle School campus.

The Howe Area Chamber of



Boy Scouts in the 2014 parade.

Commerce is preparing the parade and organizing the floats. So far, floats that have registered include 93.1 KMKT, 97.5 KLAK, 102.5 Mad Rock, Grayson County

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Lady Bulldogs finish third in S&S tourney



Lady Bulldogs after finishing third in the tourney.
Photo by Loretta Anderson

The Lady Bulldogs season is officially in full swing after a weekend tournament in S&S and bringing home the third place trophy.

The Howe girls, coached by Derek Lands, took a 48-36 loss at Muenster. Howe lost the first and fourth quarters, 16-8 and 16-11, but won the low-scoring second quarter, 4-3 and tied 13-13 in the third. Landry Rhoten led Howe with 13 points while Peyton Streetman added 12.

Howe then entered the S&S "For the Love of the Game" tournament and faced the Lady Rams of S&S

to start. Howe won easily, 62-24 behind Streetman's 13 points. Madisyn Hargrove tallied nine while Rhoten, Kayla Anderson and Vick each added eight, Allie Harvey dropped in seven.

The Lady Bulldogs then played Texoma Christian for third place in the tournament. Howe squeaked by, 39-38 to take home the trophy. Streetman led Howe with nine points followed by Anderson's seven. Hargrove and Rhoten each had six points.

The Lady Bulldogs will play at Princeton tomorrow (Tuesday) night.



Peyton Streetman goes for the score.
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Women Rock drive their float in the Howe Christmas parade in 2015. *Enterprise photo*

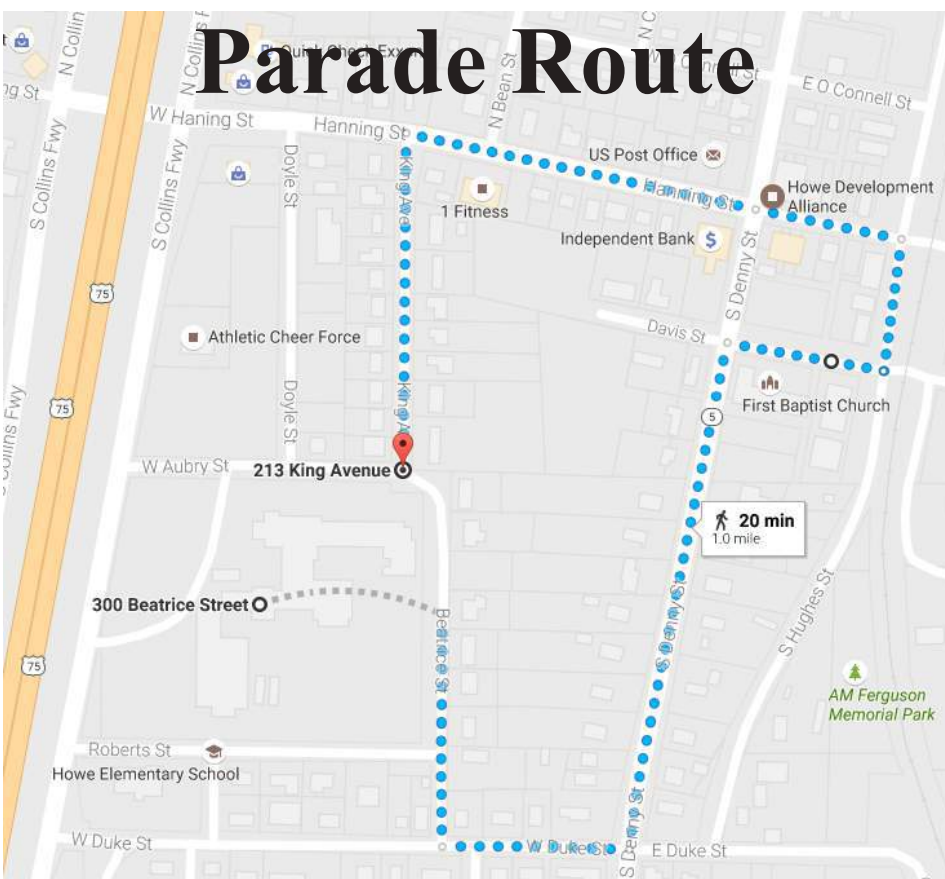
Troop 45, Community Bible Fellowship, Kings Trail Cowboy Church, Howe Police Department and Howe Fire Department.

Paris Palacios will serve as emcee of the parade and she will be located in downtown by the chamber office.

There is no charge to enter a float in the parade and those interested in signing up can do so by visiting <https://goo.gl/zgJlrX>.


Green Acre Garden Center of Van Alstyne has also contributed towards the Howe Community

Christmas tree for the third straight year. The tree will be erected in downtown today (Monday) and will be located between City Hall and Abby's Restaurant. The tree is available for the community to decorate.



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Let there be light; old church seeing progress in renovation efforts



Can lights have been placed throughout the interior of the old First Christian Church.

The committee called "Save the Church" has received help from local contractor Rick Owens for the placement of new electrical work throughout the building. Ownens' crew placed can lighting, switches and made room for what will be three chandeliers in the main auditorium.

Former Howe graduate Darrah Dunn is completing the vestibule area and it is taking shape very nicely. His father Boyd Dunn is framing new areas in the former Sunday School section. The building will now have four restrooms in total upon completion. This is due to function of the building to serve as a wedding venue. One restroom will be designated for the bride and bridesmaids while one is dedicated solely for the groom and groomsmen. The other two restrooms are for the public.

The committee has announced another fundraiser to be held on April 1 and will again be a BBQ dinner, live auction and silent auction. The Howe Enterprise will again list all auction items in each edition leading up to the event.

There is currently raffle drawing for bicycles to raise money. They are 20" boys and 16" girls bicycles. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5 and are available at the Howe Mercantile and the Howe Post Office. Proceeds go to restoring the old church.

The committee is also giving the community an opportunity to name the venue. To submit your name, please email to rhogenson@yahoo.com by Jan. 1. The winning entry will receive a prize of \$100.



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Bulldogs start season third place finish in tourney



Bulldogs start the season 2-1 with a third place finish in the S&S Tournament.

In Head Coach Tim Short's third year with Howe, his Bulldogs (2-1) opened the 2016-17 season in the S&S "For the Love of the Game" Tournament over the weekend. Howe lost the opener to Texoma Christian, 56-41, but came back to beat Alvord, 73-35 and Era, 41-24.

The opening game saw Texoma Christian jump out early with a huge 22-7 lead in Howe's first quarter of basketball for the 2016-17 season. The lead was too much for Howe overcome, however the 'Dogs improved with each quarter of the game. Howe lost the second quarter, 17-12, but won the third and fourth quarters, 10-7 and 12-10, respectively. Elijah Campbell led Howe in scoring with 16, including four three-pointers. Ty Harvey scored 15 of which 10 came in the final quarter. Brandon Wall scored three while Brent Masters, Ty Hawkins and Clay Marshall each

had two points.

In game two versus Alvord, Howe controlled the game from the outset as the Dogs outscored Alvord, 28-13 in the first, 17-11 in the second, 16-5 in the third, and 10-9 in the fourth. Wall led Howe with 23 points, while Harvey added 22 and Campbell tacked on 17. Hawkins scored six and Marshall added three.

Howe played for third place against Era and came away with the win by playing great defense and not allowing Era double-digits in any quarter. Howe won each quarter, 13-9, 13-4, 11-9 and 4-2. Campbell led Howe with 18 points while Harvey added 13. Seth Seibold had four while Masters tallied three and Hawkins two.

Howe will play in the Madill Tournament starting Dec. 8.



Howe junior Ty Harvey slams it home to open the season.
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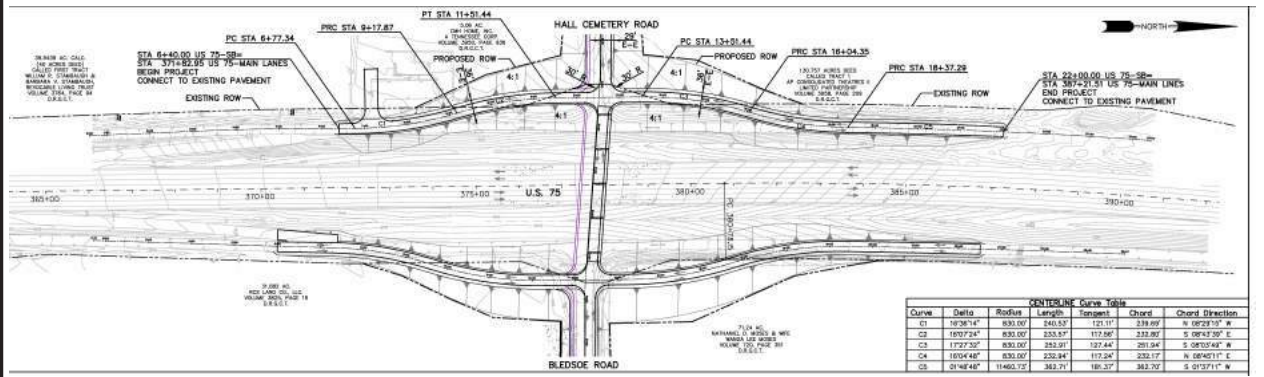
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Expansions of US Highway 75 being planned; Howe has hopes of bridge



TxDOT drawing of an interchange connecting L.B. Kirby Ave to Hall Cemetery Road.

The Sherman-Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization's TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) met with IEA (an engineering consulting firm) on Wednesday at the TxDOT office in Sherman to discuss the plans of expansion of US Highway 75 in Grayson County from County Line Bridge in Van Alstyne to the Red River. The biggest effect this would have on Howe would be an additional interchange connecting L.B. Kirby Ave. by the Dollar General to Hall Cemetery Road by Abbington Meadows apartments. According to initial grading scales as well as public input, it appears that the interchange will score high enough to be able to be included in the expansion process, but final decisions have yet to be made. Howe was represented in the meeting by City Administrator Joe Shephard and Economic Development Director Monte Walker.

The categories of projects are weighted on a percentage scale according to importance. Safety is the number one concern and was given 33.75 percent. Maintenance and System Efficiency was granted 23.75 percent and Congestion and Freight Reliability at 21.25 percent. The three least important areas of grading were Economic Vitality (11.25 percent), Transportation Choices (6.25 percent) and Environmental Sustainability (3.75 percent).

Howe's interchange would score well in the Maintenance and System Efficiency category due to its consistency with Howe's thoroughfare plans and comments made in prior TAC committee discussions.

Grayson County citizens had the opportunity to voice their opinion on future expansion projects through a survey issued throughout September. As expected, the public saw the

highest rated project needed for improvements is the interchange of US Highway 75 and US Highway 82. Much discussion has taken place over the last year regarding options to create an easier flow from one highway to the other and bypassing the multiple red lights that currently hampers traffic flow.

Denison citizens spoke the loudest on the survey as a ramp reversal from US Highway 69 to Texas Highway 91 surveyed a close second of public importance. Denison also scored number three and four on the survey list of projects with a six-lane expansion project and main lane maintenance from US 69 to Texas Highway 91.

Grayson County's public indicated that Howe's Hall Cemetery interchange ranked 15 of the 48 projects listed in the improvement projects. Howe also has a ramp reversal on the project list that would alleviate a safety concern from US Highway 75 exiting southbound into the Bicentennial Park ballfield entrance. That ranked 20 of the 48 projects. There was one vote for an expansion of the Farmington Road interchange at the south entrance to Howe and no public votes for an additional interchange at Cavender Road to Dicken Road.

While Howe is in the beginning stages of single-family housing growth, the need for an additional artery crossing Highway 75 will be more prominent due to schools having to bus students from one side of town to the other. Howe ISD has plans for future campuses to be located on the west side of the highway. Currently, the only accesses to the west side of Howe from the east is through Haning Street, FM 902 and Farmington/Blythe Road. Easy mobility throughout a city is also a large factor on attracting commercial businesses such as Howe's much needed grocer.

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Lady Bulldog Basketball @ Princeton - 9/JV/V
 December 6 @ 5:00 pm

HMS-Girls Basketball- Bells Tournament@ Bells-7A,8A
 December 8

Kindergarten Christmas Program @HHS
 December 8 @ 7:00 pm

ASL Club Christmas Program @ Sherman High School
 December 9 @ 8:30 am

Lady Bulldog Basketball vs Leonard - 9/JV/V
 December 9 @ 5:00 pm

HMS Girls Basketball- Bells Tournament@ Bells
 December 10

HFD's Breakfast with Santa
 December 10 @ 8:00 am - 10:30 am
 Howe Elementary/Middle School Cafetorium, 315 Roberts St., Howe, TX

Peggy's Porch
 December 10 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am
 Peggy's Porch, behind City

Hall, Howe, TX

Storytime with Santa at the Howe Community Library
 December 10 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Howe Community Library, 315 S. Collins Frwy, Howe, TX

Howe Christmas Parade
 December 10 @ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Downtown Howe, Texas, 100 E. Haning, St., Howe, TX

Howe FFA Booster Club Dinner & Auction
 December 10 @ 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm
 Howe High School Cafetorium, 200 Ponderosa Rd., Howe, TX

HMS- Girls Basketball- vs Leonard-7B, 7A,8B,8A
 December 12

HMS-Boys Basketball@ Leonard-7B,7A,8B,8A
 December 12 @ 4:30 pm

Keep Howe Beautiful Meeting
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 December 13 @ 6:30 am - 8:00 pm
 Abby's Restaurant, 108 E. Haning, Howe, TX

Lady Bulldog Basketball @ Commerce - 9/JV/V
 December 13 @ 5:00 pm

Local Church Calendar

First United Methodist Church of Howe
Tuesday
 8:15-1:00 pm - Wee Care Learning Center
 9:30 am - Women's Bible Study
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts
Wednesday
 8:15-1:00 pm - Wee Care Learning Center
 9:00 am - Wednesday Workers
 6:00 pm - Wednesday Night Family Night
 6:30 pm - K4J Children's Program
 6:30 pm - Jr.High and Sr. High Youth
Thursday
 8:15-1:00 pm - Wee Care Learning Center
Saturday
 9:00 am - Feed My Sheep (1st and 3rd Sat each month)
Sunday
 8:40 am - Fellowship and Donuts
 9:00 am - Sunday School
 10:00 am - Worship service
 3:00 pm - Cub Scouts

First Baptist Church Howe
Tuesday
 7:00 pm - Bible Study
Wednesday
 6:30 pm - Kids Ministry
 6:45 pm - Adult Bible Study
 7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study
 7:30 pm - Choir
Sunday
 8:30 am - Traditional Worship service
 9:45 am - Bible Fellowship
 11:00 am - Modern Worship service

First Baptist Church Dorchester
Wednesday
 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
 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
 10:00 am - Terrific Tuesday Bible Class
Wednesday
 7:00 pm - Bible Classes (all ages)
Friday
 7:00 pm - Friday Bible Study Group
Sunday
 9:00 am - Bible Classes (all ages)
 10:00 am - Worship Service
 5:00 pm - Worship Service

New Beginning Fellowship
Wednesday
 7:00 pm - Radiate Youth
 7:00 pm - Sanctuary of for prayer
Sunday
 9:30 am - Sunday School (kids, youth, women, men)
 10:30 am - Worship Service
 10:30 am - Kids Church

A Christian Fellowship, Luella
Wednesday
 6:30 pm - Potluck Meal
 7:00 pm - Worship Service
 7:00 pm - Jr & Sr High Youth
Sunday
 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
 7:00 pm - Luella home group Bible Study
Wednesday
 6:30 pm - Food and Fellowship
 7:00 pm - Children's Ministry
 7:00 pm - Youth and Adult Bible Study
Sunday
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 7:00 pm - Howe home group Bible Study

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“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38.

In Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol, Ebenezer Scrooge hoarded everything his whole life. In his later years he learned how to give from his heart. In the end of the story he was dancing and bouncing around with true joy, “Can this much joy be safe for one individual?” he asked. God’s blessings include two halves: giving and receiving. When you give there will be a natural circulation that comes back to you. It’s the law of sowing and reaping. I like the TV shows about hoarding...it’s because I have a hoarder in my life that I love. Not to that extreme but it is still so damaging to relationships, to finances, to the physically and psychology health of the hoarder and those who try to help. Hoarding creates a life of lies and guilt. It is a tool of the devil to separate and isolate. Hoarders may still be social...but it’s pretending and never at their own homes. Freedom comes when they give away what they hold tight to. When things are

tight in your own life, find a way to give to that area. Sow what you need. Give whatever you can give. Give of yourself and you will see flow of blessings. Give as if you were giving to God. I’m not referring to giving with a motive to get; that’s not a gift that is bartering. Give totally and completely of yourselves to others without any question of return. Give without a reason and with no strings attached. Give when there is a need and give to those who don’t need. Give up front and give without the receiver knowing. We give as we give to Lord...our very best! What is given grudgingly blesses neither the giver nor the receiver. Generosity comes from remembering that all of life is a gift and all of it belongs to God. It comes from realizing the ways God is extravagantly generous with us and then responding to others as best we can.

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive,’” Acts 20:35. The Old Testament has way more commands about financial giving than the New Testament. I think the New Testament writers assumed that because God had giving Himself to death for us that our giving should follow fairly logically and easily. All of God’s commands are given to enhance our live and obeying this command of giving will increase our happiness. Every act of obedience recognizes that there is a Lord over us Who is entitled to honor and respect. Our individual temperament, personality, or circumstances, may find some commands relatively easy to obey

but others harder. Our submission is really tested in the areas where our own nature and situation make obedience more difficult. For most of us, money is one of those areas. Our wallet is often the last stronghold to give up to God. Divine Lordship is the place of greatest safety but we tend to act like its torture to give over our will for His will. The biggest deterrent to giving is the fear we won’t have enough left. When we give above what is comfortable we exercise our faith that God will provide our needs. Give of your time, your money, your gifts and talents and from what you already have or from what you wish you had. Give what is needed and then some. Give with your heart because God loves a cheerful giver.

Several years ago we had a house fire and lost everything but a few photo albums. Between our church, family and friends, people started giving to us. It was extremely humbling to be on the receiving side because of our great need. I’ve always loved to give...it actually brings me great joy! Don’t get me wrong, I love getting

presents but needing gifts wasn’t fun at all. The Lord used that experience to let me truly see the heart of the giver from the heart of the receiver. Some people gave begrudgingly and with excuses of what all they needed themselves. Some said they didn’t have anything to give. Some gave what should have been thrown away. Some gave as if they were giving to the Lord and more than they had themselves! With each scenario of giver, I saw and felt what the receiving end was like. I promise you God knew what He was talking about. It is much sweeter to be able to give than to need to receive. We are blessed to be a blessing.

“Consider this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not out of regret or compulsion. For God loves a cheerful,” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.

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1 PETER 2:25



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Learn about antiques and collectibles with Dr. Georgia Caraway



The custom of the undecorated Christmas tree is supposed to have begun in Germany in the early 700s. The earliest story relates how British monk and missionary, St. Boniface (born AD 680) was preaching a sermon on the Nativity to a tribe of Germanic Druids outside the town of Geismar. To convince the idolaters that the oak tree was not sacred, the Apostle of Germany felled one on the spot. Toppling it crushed every shrub in its path except for a small fir sapling. Boniface interpreted the fir's survival as a miracle, saying, "Let this tree be called the tree of the Christ Child."

We do know that fir trees, indoors and out, were decorated to commemorate Christmas in Germany by the 16th century. It is widely believed that Martin Luther first added lighted candles to a tree. It is said that the stars twinkling amidst the evergreens on his walk home one evening inspired him.

By the 1700s, the Christbaum, or Christ tree, was a firmly established tradition in Germany. This custom spread to other parts of Western Europe. It was popularized in England by Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's German consort. The claim of the Pennsylvania Germans to have initiated the Christmas tree in America is undisputed today.

Most people collect Christmas ornaments and lights. A little sought-after Christmas collectible is the Christmas tree stand (after all who needs more than one?) Christmas trees have been held up by structures that were as simple as home-carpen-tered tripods and buckets of coal. But during the 19th century a number of ingenious inventions were patented for

supporting the tree in style. The first American patents for Christmas tree stands were issued in 1876 to two Philadelphians. Abram C. Mott and Hermann Albrecht. Albrecht later patented an improved design, which used a cylindrical socket to receive the tree and an encircling ring to steady it; when the ring was turned, it moved three clamps against the trunk. Like its predecessors, the stand had three feet and looked not unlike the cast iron stands then used for flagpoles—a use that both Mott and Albrecht mentioned in their patents.

Other devices for anchoring included a double-pronged arrangement patented in 1891 by Martin Merk, which bracketed the tree trunk and was fastened against it by a screw nut under the trivet-like base. For collectors, one virtue of Merk's design is that his name and the date of his patent are inscribed on the rim of the base, making it very easy for the stand to be identified.

But not all Christmas tree stands were strictly functional. Among the 20 or more that received patents before the close of the century was one, patented in 1878 by Johannes Eckardt, which featured a spring wound mechanism for revolving the tree, and a music box that played a Christmas tune. And in 1899 an inventor named Alfred Wagner came up with a stand that not only made a tree revolve with an electric motor but also preserved its freshness by keeping its base submerged in water. Shocking!

Wishing you all the joy of the season and much love and happiness in the New Year.

SHOP LOCAL. We can show you Howe! I encourage you to shop locally at various Howe merchants—especially during the holiday season. Think outside the box when buying gifts for your favorite folks. Why not purchase gift certificates at Abby's, Gabrielas, Quick Chek, Palios, Bakers Dozen Donuts, or Sonic for your working friends who will likely eat lunch out? Or give a gift certificate to a friend's favorite hair salon. And

consider fresh baked goods or dinner prepared by Mama Suzy. Senior citizens would appreciate gift certificates for Dollar General, gasoline, oil changes or other auto repairs. And of course, HOWE MERCANTILE has dozens of gift items from china to books, teacups and saucers to man cave items for your favorite men, as well as spectacular jewelry, pillows, and holiday decorations.



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Texas History Minute:



Dr. Ken Bridges

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

The year was 1854, and the nation was bitterly divided once again over slavery. Sam Houston, now a U. S. Senator for Texas, was in the middle of the debate, faced with a choice between his political career and the future of the nation.

The vote was on the politically explosive Kansas- Nebraska Act. For years, Congress had walked the delicate tightrope trying to balance the interests between North and South. Increasingly, the slavery question dominated every political argument, and Congress tried to avoid discussing it just as much. But this new legislation reopened the festering wound. The act, introduced in January 1854, was a cynical political ploy by Sen. Stephen Douglas of Illinois to try to make Chicago the hub of the transcontinental railroad. This meant that all railroads going to the West Coast would be routed through Chicago, meaning a fortune for the city and the state. Other potential hubs included Memphis, Tennessee, and New Orleans, Louisiana, which would include more southerly routes through more populated areas, including Texas.

Douglas initially proposed organizing the entire area from the border of the Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma) to the border with British Canada into the Nebraska and Kansas Territories. This area was the last unorganized remnant of the Louisiana Purchase, and the 1820 Compromise had forbidden slavery in the area. Douglas called for the compromise's repeal by allowing slavery into the new territories while territorial voters decided the final status of slavery.

The nation had 16 free states and 15 slaves states in 1854 plus five territories that would come in as free states in the future. Texas was the slave state admitted. With no more pro-slavery territories, southerners were increasingly worried about being outnumbered and surrounded. Immediately,

sharp opposition to the bill arose. Southern politicians rallied around it as their last chance to bring a slave state into the union, except Houston. Houston had been a protégé of President Andrew Jackson and was an ardent Unionist. He had fought for the nation in the War of 1812 as a young man, bled for Texas to free it from Mexico and to bring it into the United States, and served Texas proudly as its U. S. Senator and former president.

Houston demanded the 1820 Compromise be upheld and the act rejected. As Houston characterized the choice, "Our children are either to live in after time in enjoyment of peace . . . or the alternative remains for them of anarchy, discord, and civil broil." Houston voted against the demands of Texas and southern politicians – the only southerner to vote against the legislation – and faced bitter criticisms in letters and newspapers across the region.

Houston's conscience was clear, regardless of the consequences. He told his wife that the criticism "falls off me like water off a duck's back."

While Houston was popular with the people of Texas, this was a time before the Seventeenth Amendment and U. S. Senators were still chosen by the state legislatures. Though Houston's term would not expire until 1858, legislators immediately voted not to return Houston to a third term. In 1858, Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hemphill was elected by legislators to replace him.

The Kansas-Nebraska Act passed, it was a disaster. It completely destabilized the sense of compromise that existed between North and South. Kansas would erupt into its own civil war with hundreds dead as pro-slavery and anti-slavery forces fought for control of the territory. As it was, 86 members of the House of Representatives in both of the major parties lost their seats because of their support for the Kansas-Nebraska Act. America now headed headlong into the coming civil war. Houston, however, would not be stopped. In 1859, the people elected him as the state's seventh governor with a landslide 57% of the vote.

The story became another example of Houston's patriotism and legendary integrity. The story was later featured in John F. Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize-winning work Profiles in Courage in 1956. Sometimes integrity is more important than ambition or popularity.

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 Foreword by James Baker III

YOU'VE WORN COWBOY BOOTS AS SLIPPERS.

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Ronald Blum. They spend countless hours preparing and practicing for these events.

"What I have had the opportunity to accomplish throughout my time in the FFA is one of the greatest feelings I've ever experienced." said Abner. "Ever since I was a freshman attending my first Creed speaking contest, I have poured my heart into what I do. The FFA has become my passion and the amount of hours of hard work I put into it is endless. My freshman year I had a great year of success, with a state finalist in Jr FFA Creed and a state champion title in public speaking. However my sophomore and junior year were not as successful as I hoped. As I started this journey in November, I put the pressure on myself and started taking it one day at a time. After getting past the district and area contest, I was just excited to be able to deliver the FFA Creed at the state level one last time. I've just told myself at every contest to not let this be the last time I give the Creed. When I walked into the finals on Saturday, I gave it everything I had. The FFA Creed is 5 paragraphs that discusses the beliefs and values of the FFA organization and the Agriculture industry. The contest is everyone delivers the creed just as it is wrote and then answers a series of questions from judges on various things from the creed. It is a very tough contest and you have one

chance to get it just perfect. I knew Saturday that I had just closed another chapter in my life and I was so humbled for the experience. Never did I expect to add another state championship. Now that I have I am so grateful and give all the glory to God! I knew it would be tough, I was up against some good speakers from all across the state. It was just my day! This success is something I've set my mind to since day 1, I've had the support from my parents and Ag teachers every step of the way. This is an honor that very few get the opportunity to have, and I'm so proud to say that I've accomplished my goals."

Abner will be attending Texas A&M University in the fall and majoring in either Animal Science or Agriculture Communications and Journalism. When asked where she sees herself in ten years, she said hopefully starting a family and having a job in Agricultural Marketing or Public Relations

Leadership Development Events focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. Team and individual events are used to reinforce what is taught in agricultural science classrooms.



Mikayla Doty, Allie Morgan and Kindle Catching with their 10th place finish banner.



Howe FFA students with their banners.



Mati Abner with her two banners.



Mollie Wilson, Jenna Honore and Kacie Morgan with their honor.

HHS Robotics Team advancing to UIL State Competition



The robotics team at Howe High School is proudly advancing. A total of 72 teams from three different states (Arizona, Texas, and New Mexico) will compete against each other in the 2016 Texas BEST and UIL State Robotics Championship. The Howe Team's teacher sponsor, Betsy Friedman, is just as excited about advancing as the students. She is proud of the students' hard work and dedication to the team.

Friday, December 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., teams will be judged on their exhibits that display information about their robot and team; "seeding rounds" will begin also. Saturday, December 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The team's robot will be competing against each other on the game field. Both will take place at the Dr. Pepper Arena in Frisco. HHS Robotics invites everyone to come take a look around and cheer on the Howe Robotics Team.

Cold weather heading this way, cover outside water faucets

Bitter Cold Thursday and Friday
National Weather Service Fort Worth

An Arctic cold front will arrive on Wednesday bringing very cold weather Thursday and Friday.

Thursday Morning:

- Lows in the 20s & low 30s
- Winds 20-30 mph
- Wind chills in the teens

Thursday Afternoon:

- Highs in the 30s & low 40s
- Winds 10-20 mph

Friday Morning:

- Lows in the teens & 20s
- Coldest day since winter '15?

6:50 AM CST Sun Dec 4 2016
National Weather Service Fort Worth, TX

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Howe FFA Booster Club DINNER & AUCTION
December 10, 2016
@The Howe High School Cafeteria
Brisket Dinner @ 6:00 pm Auction @ 7:30 pm
Ticket Price: \$25.00 (Dinner for 2 & 1 raffle entry)
Reverse Drawing: 1st Prize \$1000 2nd Prize \$500
Winner does not need to be present to win

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Ms. Garner's first grade "Letters to Santa"

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
 How are you? How are the elves? I would like a big red puppy. I promise to take good care of it. I would also like a kitten. I would be a witch and make for magic.

Santa Creative Writing

I will love you a big I made for you.
 Love
 Estee

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
 Hi I am Caden Croson. How are you and the elves? I would like a power ranger. I would really.

Santa Creative Writing

I will leave you milk and cookies.
 Love
 Eden

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
 How are you? How are the elves, the reindeer and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like books for my rain. I would appreciate a Monster High Purple and pink Dracy thanks. I would also.

Santa Creative Writing

I like potatoes and rings. I will leave you a card.
 Love
 Chloe

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
 How are the elves? I will be like you. I would like a reindeer. I would love a horse. I would love a horse saddle and a horse necklace.

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
 I like a lot of your Reindeer. I would like a stuffed animal preferably a horse. I would love a horse saddle and a horse necklace.

Santa Creative Writing

I love
 Alex

Santa Creative Writing

Alexis
 Dear Santa,
 How are you? I would love to have a puppy and a kitten. I would like a puppy and a kitten. I would like a puppy and a kitten. I would like a puppy and a kitten.

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? I would like a xylophone, a maraca, and a tambourine. I would really like a X-Box. I will leave you cards and cards for the reindeer.
 Love
 Ayon

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
 How do you make all of the presents? I would love a trampoline. I would like an Orbeez. I would like a massager and a hairbrush. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk.
 Love
 Jaylen



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Ms. Garner's first grade "Letters to Santa"

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
Can I please have milk, dolls, dresses and an American girl doll? I like all of those toys. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Isabelle

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
I want presents. I would like a minion toy, a transformer, a dinosaur, I would like you cookies and milk.
Love,
Santiago

Santa Creative Writing

I appreciate 2 light sabers, a teddy bear and I would like a bird. I would also like a dinosaur.
Love,
Aun

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. I would really like a Barbie Dreamhouse and a Barbie. I would like the game cards and the new ones. Thank you very much.
Love,
Chloe

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
How does Mrs. Claus make gingerbread cookies? I would like a puppy, a Barbie doll, an American Girl doll with clothes, and a Barbie house. To top it off, I would like a candy cane. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Layla

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer doing? I would really like a sewing machine, a dress, a shirt with your picture on it. I would love a top hat that repeats you. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Nadine

Santa Creative Writing

and milk.
Love,
Henry

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a Barbie house, a Barbie doll, a Barbie dress, a Barbie watch, a Barbie bracelet, a Barbie necklace, a Barbie bracelet, a Barbie necklace, a Barbie bracelet, a Barbie necklace.
Love,
Fry

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
This is my Christmas wish list. I would like a Chaos Skylander, Imaginator, Pokemon Sun and Pokemon Moon Watch. I hope that you have a great Christmas and a good year!
Love,
Jaden



Santa Creative Writing

I will save you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Rylee

Santa Creative Writing

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I would like a Lego and an Ironman Arm. I would also like a remote controlled Grave Digger and a sword. I will leave you cookies.
Love,
Rylee



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Brussow recognized at Court of Honor for achieving the rank of Eagle



Cody Brussow at the Court of Honor recognition.

Cody Brussow's project last spring of constructing feeding troughs for Divine Equine Therapeutic Riding Center earned completed his mission of rank of Eagle in Troop 45 Boy Scouts. He was recognized recently for his leadership in

heading up the project. Brussow is a sophomore at HHS and started in scouting in the first grade. He remains active in Troop 45 through the Order of the Arrow, which is the scouting honor society.



LADY BULLDOG BASKETBALL

2016-2017 Schedule

October 29	Melissa	9-JV-V	9:00 am
November 5	@ Kingston, Ok	JV-V	10:00
November 7	@ Melissa	JV-V	6:45
November 11	OPEN		
November 15	Anna	9-JV-V	5:00
November 17-19	Bells Tournament	V	TBD
November 29	@ Muenster	JV-V	5:00
December 1-3	S-S Tournament	V	TBD
December 1-3	NCTC Tournament	JV	TBD
December 6	@ Princeton	9-JV-V	5:00
December 9	Leonard	9-JV-V	5:00
December 13	@ Commerce	9-JV-V	5:00
December 16	Lone Oak	JV-V	5:00
December 28-30	NCTC Tournament	V	TBD
January 3	@ Whitewright	JV-V	5:00
January 6	Farmersville	9-JV-V	5:00
January 10	@ Van Alstyne	9-JV-V	5:00
January 13	@Gunter	V	4:30
January 17	@ Leonard	9-JV-V	5:00
January 20	Commerce	9-JV-V	5:00
January 24	@ Lone Oak	JV-V	5:00
January 27	Whitewright	JV-V	5:00
January 31	@ Farmersville	9-JV-V	5:00
February 3	Van Alstyne	9-JV-V	5:00
February 7	Gunter	V	4:30

Coaches: Derek Lands, Macy Wright, Jeff Martin, Jordan Dusek
Superintendent: Kevin Wilson Principal: James Teafatiller



HOWE BULLDOG BASKETBALL

2016-2017 SCHEDULE

Updated: 2016-11-15

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	TEAM
December 1-3	S&S Tourney	Away	TBA	V
December 1-3	NCTC Tourney	Away	TBA	JV
December 8-10	Madill Tourney	Away	TBA	V
December 13	Bells	Home	5:00	9, JV, V
December 16	*Lone Oak	Home	5:00	9, JV, V
December 28-30	NCTC Tourney	Away	TBA	V
January 3	*Whitewright	Away	5:00	9, JV, V
January 6	*Farmersville	Home	5:00	9, JV, V
January 7	Celina Tourney	Away	TBA	9, JV
January 10	*Van Alstyne	Away	5:00	9, JV, V
January 13	Gunter	Away	4:30	JV, V
January 17	*Leonard	Away	5:00	9, JV, V
January 20	*Commerce	Home	5:00	9, JV, V
January 24	*Lone Oak	Away	5:00	9, JV, V
January 27	*Whitewright	Home	5:00	9, JV, V
January 31	*Farmersville	Away	5:00	9, JV, V
February 3	*Van Alstyne	Home	5:00	9, JV, V
February 7	Gunter	Home	4:30	JV, V
February 10	*Leonard	Home	5:00	9, JV, V
February 14	*Commerce	Away	5:00	9, JV, V

* District Games

Photos of the week



A send-off was held at HHS on Friday for the state bound FFA girls.



Madisyn Hargrove with the jumper. Photo by Michelle Carney



Cody Brussow has Court of Honor ceremony for Eagle.



Boyd Dunn explains renovation inside the old church building.



Texoma Hot Jobs



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Posting Close Date 12/29/2016
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workintexas.com Posting ID 6512252
Location Collinsville
Posting Close Date 12/22/2016
Posting Link <http://bit.ly/2fKDKew>

Description A local company is looking for a LOBBY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE who will provide superior and quality service to customers through efficient and accurate financial transaction processing.

This position requires a High School Diploma or Equivalent, and a minimum of 6 months of related experience.



Fundraising Event for
Sherman Police Officer Vince Castellanos
 fighting stage four colon cancer

WHEN: Saturday, December 10th, 9:00-12:00pm
WHERE: CrossFit Solus, 2001 Skyline Dr. Sherman, TX

DETAILS: Crossfit Solus in Sherman will be hosting a Team Burpee Marathon. Team members will take turn doing Burpees together for one solid hour. Event is FREE for competitors. Teams of 4-6 people are responsible for collecting personal or business sponsors that are asked to pledge \$ per burpee. We estimate teams will get between 600-1000 total.

Two ways YOU can help:

- * Create a 4-6 person Team to participate OR
 - * Personally Sponsor or Find a Sponsor for an already existing Team.
- Thank You for your support!

CONTACT INFO: kaylee@crossfitsolus.com, 903-267-1122

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SCHOOL NOTES

By Jane Cooper,
School Reporter

HOWE vs. WOLFE CITY
Howe traveled to Wolfe City Monday night for an unsuccessful night for both boys and girls.

The girls (A team) lost 32 to 56. High scorer for Howe was Elaine Schneider with 13 points. High for Wolfe City was Linda Davis with 23 points.

In the boys' game the final score was 19 to 68. High scorer for Howe was Steve Cordell.

High for Wolfe City was Bower with 37 points.

B TEAM VICTORIOUS

The B team traveled to Van Alstyne Tuesday night for a 56-16 win over Van Alstyne. High scorer for Howe was Betty Scott with 17 points. Mickey Dutton was next with 16 and Judy Cooper had 14. High for Van Alstyne was Means with 11.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

On Sunday, December 13, the Howe Choral Club will participate in a Community Christmas Service at the Methodist Church. Everyone is invited.

NEW BASKETBALL ADMISSION PRICES

The members of Basketball District 41-B voted to try new admission rates this year in hopes of generating more interest in basketball. The individual rates will be the same: 25c for students and 50c for adults. However, a new family plan will be in effect in which all members of one family will be admitted for one dollar, provided (1) They all must come through the gate at the same time, and (2) They must be accompanied by at least one parent. If any member of the family arrives early or comes in late he must pay the regular admission price.

Mr. and Mrs. Jude Smith had as their guests over the holidays their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Delton Bumgardner from Carthage, Texas and a son Jewell Wayne Smith from West Palm Beach, Florida.

COMMISSIONERS COURT PROCEEDINGS

The Grayson County Commissioners' Court met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 1964.

The Court approved the official bond of Bob Bardon of Howe, newly elected constable for Precinct No. 4. Also approved was the contract for 10,000 cubic yards of gravel for Precinct No. 4.

Resignations and appointments for the Grayson County Child Welfare Board as follows:

1. Mr. O. M. Akers, Denison to replace Mrs. W. L. Steaklew, Denison.
2. Mrs. O. N. Thompson, Denison, to replace Mrs. John H. Anderson, Denison.
3. Mr. Warner Evans, Sherman to replace Mr. Rayburn Nall, Sherman.

Certification was made to the State Highway Department that Mr. M. D. Widtfelt retained possession of the fence along right of way.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Watson had as their Sunday guests their son, R. J. Watson and his family of Dallas.

Clark Bowden, J. W. Hamilton, Elton Watson and Owen Watson and Grady Langford are attending the Masonic Grand Lodge in Waco this week, December 1-2.

Miss Jewell Clayton had as her house guest for the Thanksgiving holidays, Mr. I. D. Bruce of Pueblo, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Elton Watson of Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. Rex McCrary of Longview and Miss Earline Clayton of Grafford.

BORN

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cox, III are the proud parents of a son, Thomas David Cox, born November 10th. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cox, Jr. of Sherman and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schoville of Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cox of Sherman are great-grandparents.

The next basketball game is at Bells, Friday night.

GOLDEN WEDDING DAY



A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Erskine of Woodlake Road, Sherman, on their fiftieth wedding anniversary will be held Sunday, December 13th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Grand Avenue Presbyterian Fellowship Hall in Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Erskine were married December 16, 1914 by Rev. F. E. Leach at his home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Erskine were born and reared at Howe. She was the former Miss Ora Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnett. Mr. Erskine's parents were

TRADE IN HOWE

CLASS MEET

The Friendship Class of the Elmont Baptist Church met Friday, November 20th in the Community Room of the Howe State Bank for their annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Ted Austin had charge of the table arrangement.

Marvin Parmer brought the Thanksgiving devotional.

Mrs. Royce W. Austin is the teacher of the class and Mrs. Luther Umphress is the assistant teacher.

There were twenty-three present. Mr. and Mrs. Mylie Matthews of Van Alstyne were guests of the class.

The Christmas season class activities were discussed.

Mr. David Wallace has been hunting deer with his brother, Sammy Wallace on Sammy's farm near Grand Saline this past week.

NOTICE

We have a lot of new subscribers and if your name is misspelled, or your address is wrong; or if you fail to get your paper; or anything else is wrong—PLEASE let us know. WE MAKE MISTAKES,

WELCOME NEW CITIZENS

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Sims and the their three children, Linda 15; Bill, 10, and Pam, 8. They are natives of Arkansas and moved to 921 S. Maple from Sherman. They are both employed at Johnson and Johnson. They are Baptists.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Williams who reside at 121 East Davis Street. They both call Caddo Mills home but they moved to Howe from Garland. They have an eighteen month old son, Aaron Dwayne. Mr. Williams is employed at Kaiser Alumium. They are Baptists.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Belden moved here from Dorchester. Mr. Belden is engaged in farming. They have nine children, four of whom are in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jenson comes to us from South Dakota and reside at 313 South Young Street. He is employed by Williams Furniture Co., Sherman. They have three children and are Baptists.

Mr. F. M. Lumbard, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, brother of Mrs. A. P. Sloan, was a Howe visitor Wednesday.

CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST CHURCH

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship
7:30 p.m. Evening Worship.
WEDNESDAY:
7:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting.
Everyone is invited to attend.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY:
Bible Classes 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Teenage Classes 6:00 P.M.
Evening Worship 6:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY:
Mid-Week Bible Classes
..... 7:30 P. M.
Where Visitors are Welcomed
And Members Expected

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Training Union 6:00 P.M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday:
Mid-week Service 7:00 P.M.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dean Speece, Minister.
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

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The Howe Enterprise

THE HOWE ENTERPRISE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1971, VOL. VIII--No. 20

Dear Santa —
It's that time of year again, kids, if you want to put your wishes for Christmas down in writing for of St. Nick.

Just write it all down on paper, address it this newspaper, and we'll forward them on to Santa — but hurry, and we'll print all we receive between now and publication date of our Christmas edition just before the big day.

And, to give you a few hints and ideas, below is a sampling of the first ones received this year:

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a coke machine. Rhonda is 7.
an I want Busy Busy. Rhonda 7
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a car.
I want a game of ants in the pants.
I want a gum machine Paula 3
Paula is 3

Now ol' Santa should know the ages of these two youngsters, and to make it all complete, they gave explicit instructions on finding their house, when they place the return on the envelope thusly:

Rhonda and Paula Powell
Route 1 (2 1-2 miles east,
Howe, Texas
(Watch those Zip Codes, kids.)

A few local deer hunters have returned to Howe with a winter's supply of venison, some weren't such good shots — or as lucky, or whatever it takes to bring 'em back.

For those who plan to go at a later date, the following is a set of simple rules offered by Congressman Omar Burleson of West Texas:

1. First you need a fast car— so you can get there early on the first day of the season — get the best place and save a chance of getting shot at before you get in the brush. As a side benefit it saves the other some ammunition.

2. Be sure to shoot at anything that moves. If it's not a deer, it might be your best friend.

3. When you finally get your deer (maybe at 50 yards) be sure to pump a few more shots into the hams, back strap and stomach.

4. Be certain not to bleed the critter. The locker plant man would be disappointed if you brought in a clean deer with lungs removed.

5. If you skin your deer, roll him around in the dirt real good and then wrap him in a newspaper, (Sunday funnies are best because they stick well and the ink gives a delicate flavor of burnt rubber).

6. Next— drag your carcass to the car, place it over the hood— in the hottest place. This way it will dry out after a while, catch all the dust and people can see you got one.

7. On the way home, stop at a beer joint and, after warming up, tell all about it. "He was at least 250 yards and running full speed....."

8. By being delayed, you won't be home until well after midnight. Wake the locker plant man and tell him the way you want every piece cut. While he's doing this tell him how you dropped your trophy with one shot at 450 yards.

The congressman concludes with: "Well, the ideal hunter is a fellow like Burleson who couldn't hit that well-known bull with a big fiddle, but likes to be outdoors to smell powder and hear the crack of the shot. And, too, there are the colors of fall, the wind in your face and coffee around a campfire and the game still safe."

Authorities Investigate local burglary

City police and Sheriff's deputies this week continued an investigation into a burglary at the Robertson Texaco station on West Hanning Street.

Missing in the burglary was a can of pennies and nickels, totaling around \$50. Burglary tools and about \$3.00 in pennies were recovered near the station.

The break-in was discovered about 1:00 a.m. last Friday by Jake Trammell.



A MAN'S GAME--Not any more. Mrs. E. E. Clark, left, and Mrs. Jo Etta Penn, demonstrate their skill at the art of pool. Photo by Joey Elliott, photographer for the high school annual.

Football review reveals team record

The Howe Bulldogs finished their football season recently with a 5-5 record. They were 3-1 in district play.

Coached by Norman Dickey, the Bulldogs can boast that they have not had a losing season for the last 6 years. Coach Dickey led them to district, bi-district, and regional championships and looking at the record for the last six years, the Bulldogs have won 38 games, lost 23 games and tied 1.

Winning more games than losing them is not the only important thing to Coach Dickey, though. Since many times the outcome of a game depends on "how bad they want to win or how ready they are to play" Coach stresses such goals as: developing a positive outlook

a respectful attitude, a competitive spirit, a sense of teamwork, a pride in doing well and a desire to win. He also demands a lot of plain old hard work and self-discipline from his players. Hopefully, some of these characteristics help the athlete after graduation.

Coach Dickey enjoys having his ex-players return to visit him and appreciates their expressing gratitude or "chewing me out" or "making me work" or "telling me to get in there and compete".

Next year the Bulldogs go Class A and the competition will be even tougher. But who knows, maybe Coach Dickey has another regional championship planned.

Scout campout held Friday

Eight Boy Scouts and their adult leaders braved the cold last Friday night and camped out on the Robert Cooper farm east of Howe. According to the leaders, the temperature dropped several degrees below freezing Friday night.

Morning came early for Sr. Patrol Leader, Jerry Taylor; Hawk Patrol Leader, Clark Sutton and Eagle Patrol Leader, Tony Wall. The scouts built a roaring fire and the Hawk patrol fixed a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs. After breakfast some of the scouts worked on requirements for their second class badges.

Hamburgers were cooked for lunch by the Eagle Patrol. The scouts then broke camp and hiked five miles back home.

Everyone had a good time but it seems they want to wait for warmer weather before the next campout.

Next scout meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 14 at the Methodist Church Boys 11 years-old and older are welcome.

Scouts participating in the

campout were: Eagle Patrol, Wall, Charlie Smith, Terry Brookshire, Dennis Willis. Hawk Patrol: Sutton, Taylor, Scott Mutchler, Bret Montgomery. Leaders: Scoutmaster, Jim Sutton; Asst. Scoutmaster Harold Taylor.

Basketball action continues; enter tourney this week

Basketball teams will begin tournament play Thursday afternoon in the first round of the Whitesboro tournament.

Girls are scheduled to play their opener at 1:30, with the boys meeting Muenster at 3:00 p.m. If both teams win, the girls will play again at 8:00 p.m. Friday and the boys at 9:30. Losing column games will move the times to 12 noon for the boys and 10:30 a.m. for the girls. Both teams will play either Whitesboro or Pilot Point in second round action.

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Bill Sullivant announces for Representative

Bill Sullivant, candidate for State Representative, 23rd district, this week issued the following statement:

"I want to take this opportunity and method to formally announce my candidacy for representative of the 23rd legislative district. I would rather discuss my reasons for seeking the office with each of you personally, but I realize that will be impossible if I am to fulfill my duty as District Attorney during this campaign.

For those of you with whom I am not personally acquainted, I give the following brief



resume: I was born the son of Carroll and Eloise Sullivant on a farm east of Gainesville, where I lived during my early childhood. My family moved into Gainesville where I attended school until I entered the University of Texas. During high school, my summers were spent working on various farm in the area. Summer work during college consisted mostly of roughneck and roustabout work in the oil field. Upon graduation from law school, I enlisted in the army as a private. I was honorably discharged from active duty and returned to Gainesville where I entered the private practice of law. The former Betty Harrison and I were married in 1964, and now have two children, aged 2 and 4. Betty was a school teacher prior to the birth of our first child, and is now teaching part-time at the Cooke County Junior College.

In 1965, I was appointed to fill an unexpired term as County Attorney of Cooke County, when Mr. L.V. Henry resigned the office. I was twice re-elected and served in that capacity until I accepted my present office as District Attorney of Cooke, Wise and Jack Counties. I have been and am active in church work and have served as Superintendent of the Married Young Peoples Sunday School Department of the First Baptist Church. My civic work has included serving as President of the Gainesville Boys' Club,

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Scout paper drive Tuesday

Cub Scout paper drive will be held next Tuesday, December 7, leaders announced this

week. The drive will begin at 3:30 in the afternoon. The Scouts requested that papers be tied in a bundle if possible.

Debbie Melton presented degrees in homemaking at Nov. 17 meeting

Debbie Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Melton was presented her Junior Homemaker Degree and Chapter Homemaker Degree at the Future Homemakers of America meeting which featured the Simplicity Fashion Show on November 17, 1971. Debbie is the first one of Mrs Jo Etta Penn's homemaking students to accomplish this goal.

The Degrees of Achievement Program is one way in which the Future Homemakers of America gives recognition to its members who: (1) Have worked effectively toward the purposes of the organization, (2) Have contributed to the improvement of their chapters, homes, schools and communities, (3) have made a plan for their own growth as individuals chapter members, family members and school and community members and (4) have checked their progress as they carried out their plans.

The first two degrees of achievement, the Junior Homemaker degree and the Chapter Homemaker degree are planned so that members as they work toward the degrees will have a chance to grow step by step in ways that are important to them and to the organization.

Each individual member can decide for herself whether or not she wishes to work toward a degree.

When a member has declared her intention to work toward a degree, has made her plans and carried them out in a way that is helpful to her and to other people, the chapter may give her recognition by conferring on her the degree toward which she has worked.

Vaccination for smallpox not requirement

Compulsory vaccination for entering school in Texas has been lifted by the State Board of Health, Board Chairman Dr. Hampton C. Robinson announced Tuesday.

In its official action, the Board stated: "The Texas State Board of Health has modified the compulsory school immunization law which is to become effective January 1, 1972, where the immunization against smallpox will not be a requirement for school admission."

Under authority granted by the Legislature (an amendment to Senate Bill 27 which amended the Texas Education Code), the State Health Department is allowed to modify, delete or add any of the required immunizations.

The smallpox vaccination was one of up to six immunizations set out in the school immunization program. Students have until January 1, 1972 to begin immunizations against the prescribed diseases. Immunizations then must be completed as soon as medically feasible. The required immunizations now for grade school level youngsters are diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, rubella and measles. Measles immunization is not required if there is a history of measles illness.

Interested in Chamber Commerce?

As far as can be determined Howe will not have a public program, such as a parade, or an appearance by Santa Claus this year, unless such an event is sponsored by an individual or business.

An attempt was made several months ago to reorganize the local chamber of commerce, without success. At present, another effort is un-

derway to re-establish the organization. If you, as a citizen or as a representative of a business firm, are interested in a chamber of commerce, fill in the blank below and mail to James L. Davis, Postmaster, or The Howe Enterprise, P. O. Box 488.

If enough interest is shown, a meeting will be called as soon as possible.

Yes, I am interested in re-organizing the Howe Chamber of Commerce.
Name _____
Business or Profession _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone No. _____

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Howe's that...

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES - The Howe Bulldogs have ended another memorable football season. As I said last week, this team will be the topic of conversations in Howe and the surrounding area for years to come. (If you don't believe it, you have only to get with some folks who have lived here a while. They'll tell you about the 1985 football year or they may even go back to years long past, but glorious years for Howe football.)

I enjoyed all the games we won and even enjoyed some parts of the ones we lost. I thought we played very well against Pilot Point - a team that is still in the state playoffs. But my personal favorite game was the one against Celina. Thank you to the football team, coaches, cheerleaders, band, drill team, sponsors and others who helped make this season GREAT!

Win or lose, the Howe Bulldogs are the GREATEST!

MY GRANDSON has been "adopted" by his babysitter's 2-year-old. Last week, on the first day the babysitter had Jordan (aka P.J.), the her son, Nathan, decided that Jordan was his mom's new baby. Nathan got very upset when Jordan's dad came to pick him up. So, two days a week, Jordan has a big "brother" to watch over him and make sure he's okay!

Nana Lana also gets to babysit with Jordan two days a week - on Thursdays and Friday mornings. If you drop by the office during that time, you will probably see him - either in my arms or in the playpen. Those are two days when I'm not very busy at the office and can get some work done while the baby's sleeping.

PATRIOTIC RALLY - honoring the soldiers in Operation Desert Shield and their families was held at Howe ISD Tuesday, Dec. 4. Special guest was U.S. Senator Phil Gramm of Texas. Due to press deadline, story and pictures of this event will appear in next issue.

WANTED: Addresses of Howe area residents who are stationed in Saudi Arabia. Several groups in Howe would like to write to these local people who are in the service in Operation Desert Shield. Please call 532-6012, write to Box 488, Howe or drop by office at 106 E. Haning. The addresses will be printed in the paper so that all who wish to do so will be able to write to these young men and ladies who are serving our country.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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.

Middle School Honor Roll

Howe Middle School honor rolls for the second six weeks:

FIFTH GRADE, 90 & above: Ginni Evans, Lauren Hash, Amanda Puckett, Jeremy Roebuck, Lanna Rogers, Miles Ryan, Dustin Soechting, Brian Thompson, Casandra Troxtell, Krystal Wilkerson, Tracey Wilson

80 & above: Karen Allen, Alex Banda, Micah Belden, Jamie Bishop, Angela Brooks, Justin Carter, Ricky Chapman, Heather Clark, Holly Clark, Jennifer Cook, Rebecca Cox, Carlana Crocker, Lindy Davenport, Dwayne Emmons, Tim Fulton, Melissa Garcia, Jennifer Griffith, Summer Hackney, Janna McDonough, Jennifer McDow, Lisa McLaughlin, Nicholal Noel, Beth Parkman, Kyle Roberts, Charlie Stegal, Alicia Troxtell, Casey Vineyard, Tandra Word, Ryan Young

SIXTH GRADE, 90 & above: Leann Brown, Rodney Connor, Whitney Farrington, Audra Feldman, Lisa Gaston, Mindy Hall, Misty Harmon, Alicia High, Karmen Ireland, Kristi McDow, Ashley Nichols, Noel Orr, Tiffany Orr, Sarah Reinhard, Timothy Rushing, Lisa Schneider, Renee Selwyn, Marie Stephens, April Taylor, Tela Troxtell

80 & above: Corey Bray, Melissa Chavarria, Brandy Cheeks, Patty Crocker, Leslee Dodd, Kelly Frank, Marty Fulenchek, Heather Guy, Jason Hodges, Matt Hop, Wendi

Lankford, Jennifer Lawson, Christina Layman, Jason Lewis, Jerred Mitchell, Shannon Mitchusson, Kennon Morris, Angela Parks, Erica Riley, Tony Schenk, Becky Slawson, Susan Smith, Debra Watson

SEVENTH GRADE, 90 & above: Rhea Burk, Matt Crain, Angela Farrer, Jacob Hawkins, Michelle Hefner, Meiha Moreno, Michael Tilley, Amy Ulmer

80 & above: Tony Cain, Dana Conrad, Bradley Mayo, Mandy Messick, Corie Palya, Kara Royston, Chris Savage, Sarah Schaack, Amy Scoggins, Kelly Smith, Laura Stanley, Stacey Taylor, Kristi Tolbert, Kelly Tomberlin, Courtney Williams, Joni Word

EIGHTH GRADE, 90 & above: Stephanie Anderson, Julie Arnold, Terry Carson, Britney Conner, Sarah Earls, Laura Franklin, Jimmy Hancock, Heather Haynes, Ashley Kizer, Jamie Middleton, Carrie Mullins, Jesse Reinhard, Marcus Taylor, Tonya Troxtell

80 & above: Amber Belden, Jason Carney, Lori Carney, Roxie Conner, Erin Freese, Chuck Gleaves, Brandi Harbin, Willie Holloway, Tasha Johnson, Cari Jones, Meg Keene, Kerry Killough, Laura Lyons, Brian Markovic, Larry McCarthy, Keecia Miller, Susan Mongonia, Wes Potter, Lisa Rose, Shaun Rushing, Elizabeth Schaack, David Thiel, David Tribble, Leslie Trotter, Curtis Webb, Courtney Young

Bulldogs End Amazing Season

The Mart Panthers had the speed and all the right moves Friday, Nov. 30, as they eliminated the Howe Bulldogs from the playoffs with a score of 28-0. The Dogs ended their season with a record of six wins, five losses, and two ties plus trophies for the bi-district and area wins.

Head coach Joey McQueen said, "We knew coming in this game would be a challenge...but we can't look at this loss and judge our season on it. We have to remember the consecutive victories over Bells, Celina and Olney that got us this far in the first place."

McQueen added, "I'm proud of every one of the players on this team."

Things turned bad for the Dogs early in the game. Howe took the opening kickoff and managed a first down before having to punt on downs. On their first play from scrimmage, the Panthers scored on a "flea flicker" 67-yard pass play. The PAT kick made the score 7-0 with 9:42 left in the first quarter.

The Dogs managed a couple of first downs on their next possession, but had to punt on the fourth down. The defense held the Panthers to a gain of only 4 yards on this possession, but the Dogs were also unable to move the ball on 4 tries. Once again Mart took control at their 35 yard line and on the first play from scrimmage scored on a 65-yard TD pass with 1:26 left in the first quarter. The PAT kick failed for a 13-0 score.

With 5:07 left in the first half, Mart scored again on a 44-yard pass. The try for 2 points failed and the score was 19-0.

On Howe's next series, Mart intercepted the ball at the 50 and several plays later attempted a field goal which fell short. On the first play from scrimmage, senior quarterback Wade Carson was injured (a strained knee) and was out for the remainder of the game. Junior Scott Grogan took control only to have his first pass intercepted. Two plays later Damien Horton intercepted a Panther pass at the 15, but the Dogs were unable to gain any yardage before the half ended.

As the third quarter began, Mart marched downfield to the 16, but a penalty and the Bulldog defense held off their attack. A try for a field goal fell short with 8:36 remaining in the third quarter. Then with 3:26 left in the third period, Mart scored again on a 19-yard run and a PAT kick for a 26-0 score.



THEIR EYES ARE ON YOU

At the recent pep rally, Supt. Pete Simmons read a poem describing how the younger students are watching their "heroes" - in football, band, drill team, cheerleading, etc. He has several kindergarten students beside him to dramatize this concept.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, Mart pinned the Dogs in the end zone for a safety to make the final score 28-0.

STATISTICS

	Howe	Mart
1st downs	8	13
Yds rushing	37/54	32/95
Passing	4-18-3	10-18-1
Yds passing	29	290
Total off.	83	385
Fumbles	6-2	3-0
Penalties	5-35	10-95
Punts	8-41	6-35

McQueen said, "I would like to thank the city of Howe and

Howe ISD for their great support during this past football season. Our band is the best in the land. Our drill team, under the direction of Bettye Mullins, is great. Our cheerleaders, directed by Tina Yates, have worked so hard to make signs, run-throughs and promoting spirit. Also our Bulldog moms and dads have worked hard cooking and making signs. We, the coaching staff of Howe ISD, would like to thank everyone for their great support throughout the season. It was memorable!"

High School Honor Roll

Howe High School honor rolls for the second six weeks:

NINTH GRADE, 90 & above: Steven Bannister, Lori Brown, Wendy Poindexter

80 & above: Melissa Boles, Stacy Bronnenberg, Nycol Calhoun, David Chumbley, Chantel Crocker, Stephen Dedman, Brian Freese, Carter High, Jason Jester, Jeremy Johns, Glenna Kelso, Christie Koonce, Jeremy McDonough, Elisha Tomberlin, Laynie Williams

TENTH GRADE, 90 & above: Kent Bearden, Chris Burk, Jeremy Francis, Amanda McDonald.

80 & above: Lee Arnold, Jay Carson, Kendall Carter, Chad Catching, Meranda Dobbs, Dana Gray, Brandi Hash, Darren Horrell, Corey Jones, Heidi Keene, Sandra Key, Drew Kizer, John Lewis, Anna Messick, Maria Vasquez, Amy Walker, Rebecca Wester, Crystal Windham, Julie Wormsbaker

ELEVENTH GRADE, 90 & above: Jennifer Bearden, Diane Bement, Tammy Davidson, Pam Lankford, Sharla Powell, Jennifer Troxtell

80 & above: Robert Ariz-mendi, Jennifer Bronnenberg, Roger Brown, Amy Campbell, Tom Catching, Henri Ann Crocker, Trey Dedman, Chris Garner, Tracy Hill, Wayne Kelso, Cindy Koonce, Janet Middleton, Jason Peak, Joanna Stevens, Spencer Strawn, Michael Thornton, Brad Turner, Tina Watson, Todd White

TWELFTH GRADE, 80 & above: Matt Cavender, Kim Chumbley, Candy Estep, Sandra Goodman, Kevin Gray, Melinda Hixson, Michelle Hixson, Casey Keene, Chris Mullins, Jon Norwood, Jared Powell, Julie Roberts, Troy Sims, Chandler Strawn, Christi Trotter, Monty Ulmer

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PTA To Meet

The Howe PTA will meet Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The Middle School Band will

perform and a guest speaker from Arbor Creek will present a program. Everyone is welcome.



Letters To Santa

KIDS! Send your letters to Santa in care of the Howe Enterprise, PO Box 488, Howe, TX 75059. They will be printed in the annual Christmas edition, Dec. 20. All letters will then be forwarded to Santa for him to fill the orders.

Letters to be printed in the paper must be in the office no later than Monday, Dec. 17, at 9 a.m. Letters may also be dropped off in person at the office located at 106 E. Haning St.

Christmas Lighting Contest Sponsored by Chamber

The Howe Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring a Christmas Decoration Contest for residents and business owners in the Howe ISD school district. Prizes will be offered for

first, second and third places of \$50, \$25, and \$10 to winners in both residential and business categories.

Please fill out an entry blank (shown below) or call Karen Krantz at 532-6042 or Lana

Rideout at 532-6012 to register or for more information. Deadline for entry is Friday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. Judging will be on Monday, Dec. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. by judges from out of town.

Howe Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decoration Contest Entry Form

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS & DETAILED LOCATION and DESCRIPTION OF HOME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Howe Chamber of Commerce held a tree lighting ceremony Saturday, Dec. 1. Decorations on the tree were made by students at Howe Elementary School. The tree is located on the vacant lot just south of Krantz Floor Covering.

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Howe's that

by Lana Rideout

I started a tradition 28 years ago when I celebrated by first year anniversary as editor of the *Howe/Texoma Enterprise*. The week after Thanksgiving in 1978 I used my weekly "Howe's That" column to tell readers how much I enjoy my job as editor of the *Enterprise*.

Every year since then I have used this column to let you know that I continue to enjoy this job. I hope that over the years I have let my readers know about the important things in Howe. I try very hard to get all the news that I can, but sometimes events slip past me. I have always relied heavily on my readers to let me know about the things they want to know.

I remember my very first issue of the *Howe Enterprise* - only four pages. The first story I wrote was about the upcoming Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Other news came from local weddings, engagements, births, club news, etc. Some items were "canned" news that came already printed from a national news group that included some kind of advertisement in each article or recipe.

These items were adequate space fillers, but I worked hard to limit the number of those articles. I attended city council and school board meetings. I solicited articles and photos from the school and community. And as time when I had much more local news than the canned stuff.

I still love the job; don't plan to retire yet. Sometimes, when the computer goes out as I am putting together the final pages or when it seems I can't find a photo or story or ad someone gave me I get frustrated and want to quit. But probably, as long as I can, I will be sitting at my computer every year, a few days after Thanksgiving, writing another article just like this one.

Howe ISD Partners with Atomic Learning

This school year Howe ISD has taken steps to become increasingly efficient at integrating technology in the classroom.

Terisa O'Dowd, technology director at HISD announced recently that the district has joined forces with Atomic Learning, a nationally respected provider of web-based software training.

Atomic Learning (www.atomiclearning.com) provides web-based software training for applications that students and teachers use every day. It's supplemental learning that's available 24/7, delivered through short, easy to understand tutorial movies.

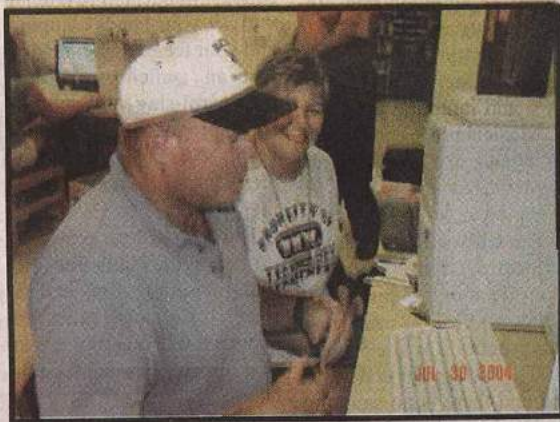
Howe ISD's timing is good. A National Center for Education Statistics brief shows that while virtually 98% of public schools nationwide had access to the Internet, only 52% of public school teachers used computers or the Internet for instruction.

(www.nces.ed.gov.)

"Putting computers into classrooms isn't enough," said Dan Meyer, a former classroom teacher, and a founder of Atomic Learning. "That's not really providing education. That's like giving a child a book and not teaching her to read. Atomic Learning provides supplemental software training in an economical fashion, so schools still have money to invest in hardware. Technology is so important in education today. Corporate America has to deliver it affordably and efficiently to schools" Meyer said.

By teaming with Atomic Learning, Howe ISD has the opportunity to train every student and every educator on more than 40 of the most commonly used software applications.

The service will be implemented as a staff development and curriculum supplement.



Donna Wormsbaker trains Coach Steve Simmons in the HISD computer lab on the use of Atomic Learning

HISD photo

DALLAS IRS has refund for 7,634 Texas taxpayers whose refund checks could not be delivered

An average refund of \$963 is waiting for 95,746 taxpayers across America whose refund checks were returned to the Internal Revenue Service this year as undeliverable. More than 7,600 Texans are part of that total. The checks, worth about \$6.4 million in Texas and \$92.2 million nationwide, can be claimed as soon as their owners update their addresses with the IRS. In some cases, a taxpayer has more than one check waiting.

"Every year, many taxpayers miss their refunds because they move without notifying the IRS or Postal Service of a change of address," IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said. "For those missing their check, the IRS is making it easier than ever for taxpayers to update their information and claim their refunds."

"If you filed your tax re-

turn last spring and never received your expected refund, check the 'Where's My Refund?' feature on IRS.gov to find out if the IRS received your return and whether your refund was processed and sent to you," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesperson. To use it, a taxpayer must enter a Social Security number, filing status (such as single or married filing jointly) and the refund amount shown on the taxpayer's 2005 tax return. When the information is submitted, "Where's My Refund?" will display the status of a refund and, in some cases, provide instructions on how to resolve potential account issues.

"You can begin a refund trace online if you did not receive your check within 28 days from the original IRS mailing date. If you don't have internet access, call

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4th Place Team - Left to right. Representative from National (unknown), Justin Rogers - Coach, Abigail Childress, Jenna Day, Jeff Ridenour, Kathleen Robinson, Jessica Robinson-Coach, Mark Arnold - Coach.

GRAYSON COUNTY 4-H

Livestock Judging Team takes 4th Place at Nationals

Jenna Day, Kathleen Robinson also bring home plaques

4-H Members from the team were Mark Arnold, Justin Rogers and Jessica Robinson.

Individually, Kathleen Robinson was recognized as 6th Overall Individual in the Nation. Jenna Day was high individual in the Sheep Division and Abigail Childress was 2nd high individual also in the Sheep Division and 10th in Performance Cattle.

The Contest was held Nov. 14 at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. Awards for the nationally-known contest were announced at the contest awards breakfast on Nov. 15.

The National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest has become one of the nation's most challenging competitions for livestock industry youth, attracting top young people from throughout the United States each year. A highly competitive event for young people ages 14-18, the contest provides participants with an opportunity to develop skills in evaluation, decision-making, communication, self-discipline and responsibility.

Teams consist of four individuals who vie for top honors. Representing Texas and Grayson County were: Abigail Childress (Sherman), Jenna Day (Howe), Jeff Ridenour (Denison), Kathleen Robinson (Gunter). Coaches for

the team were Mark Arnold, Justin Rogers and Jessica Robinson.

Individually, Kathleen Robinson was recognized as 6th Overall Individual in the Nation. Jenna Day was high individual in the Sheep Division and Abigail Childress was 2nd high individual also in the Sheep Division and 10th in Performance Cattle. Kathleen Robinson was 3rd high individual in the Beef Division and 4th in the Reasons Division and 5th in the Performance Cattle division.

The North American International Livestock Exposition is the largest all-breed, purebred livestock event in the world. Over 21,000 entries competed in show rings during the 2006 exposition.

Youth events such as the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest are prestigious activities that livestock industry organizations sponsor to develop future leaders. Several individuals and area businesses helped to sponsor the Texas team's trip to National.

For more information about the 4-H program in Grayson County, contact Texas Cooperative Extension's 4-H and Youth Development Agent, Joyce White at 903-813-4201 or the website at <http://grayson-tx.tamu.edu>.



High Individual Sheep- Jenna Day of Howe - member of the 4-H Livestock Club.



Kathleen Robinson of Gunter 4-H shown with plaque as 3rd high individual in Beef Division.

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