



## Howe's That

A couple of naughty Howe kids were reported to have benefited from the new presidential administration. In their stockings were "gorgeous beautiful clean coal."

There was lots of talk last week of Tiny Tim from a political party. But most millennials are not aware of who Tiny Tim even is. Well kids, he was a just a poor unfortunate kid who was saved by the charity of an insanely rich businessman; not the government.

If you are an event planner or even if you just play one on TV, the Howe Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers for the Founders Day Committee and the Hall of Honor Committee.

Speaking of this year's Hall of Honor Class, there are many well deserved to be inducted, but for some reason Harold Taylor and Linda Wall keep jumping to the top of my list. The chamber will start the voting process soon.

For the first time since 1988, I spent about seven hours with four 14-year-old young men as I took a group to the Gunter state championship football game at AT&T Stadium. Conversations of that age group has not varied much in 30 years. NBA, NFL, girls, and jokes. Not any particular order.

We announced on Friday on our Facebook feed that we will have our first Howe Enterprise "Man of the Year." Very limited large 11x17 printed copies will soon be available at Abby's Restaurant and Palio's Pizza Cafe.

## Howe Fire Department delivers presents and food to local family



Members of the Howe Fire Department pose with food, presents, and of course, Ol' Saint Nick.

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## Student versus teacher basketball games raises over \$750 for AHA



Howe Superintendent Kevin Wilson pulls up for a jumper in the fun game.

It was the third year for the Howe Middle School to hold the "Holiday Classic" teacher versus student basketball game. The game is an annual fundraiser for the American Heart Association in which the school raised over \$750 before and at the event.

For the past two years, middle school math teacher T.C. Nicholas has been the star of the show. Known by his peers as the "Pythagorean Pogo", Nicholas controlled the first half with some transition help from Mike "Air"

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## TxDOT speaks to multi-chambers about Anna traffic situation



Brenan Honey speaks to Howe, Van Alstyne, Anna, and Melissa chamber members at a luncheon Tuesday.

Those that live in Howe and commute to Collin County are well aware of the transportation problems through Melissa and Anna due to the rapid growth and the inability for TxDOT funding to

keep up with the expansion. On Tuesday, members of the Howe, Van Alstyne, Anna, and Melissa Chambers of Commerce gathered at Hurricane Creek Country Club in Anna to

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Vandals kicked in the front door of the Baker's Dozen Donut shop at 406 W. Haning St. on

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# TxDOT

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hear Brenan Honey of TxDOT explain some of the details of the situation.

Honey is the Collin County Area Engineer. He's a 2001 Texas Tech graduate with a B.S. in civil engineering. He began his TxDOT career in 2002 in Collin County. He has worked on the design and construction of projects throughout the area including the U.S. Highway 75 corridor project. He's also worked on the NTTA 121 corridor project.

Honey opened his speech with humor as he told the audience that he comes in peace. Most of the attendees of the luncheon had been in traffic for over an hour on US Highway 75 due to an accident and a re-routing process.

"When I started in 2002, I came to a public meeting at Anna High School that was for the (US Highway) 75 corridor and we're out there building it right now, 16 years later," said Honey. "Funding is always an issue and that's what's happening in Collin County. We're building these things segmentally."

Honey said that their office is one of the busiest TxDOT offices in the State of Texas which makes sense because Collin County is part of the Dallas district which is part of the North Texas Central Council of Governments.

Collin County has 19 different construction projects going on which is valued at \$409 million. But the one most people are interested in is the FM 455 intersection of US 75.

"This is the biggest project we have in our area right now," said Honey. "It's running about \$82 million because we're change ordering \$2 million in to extend FM 455 to the west to get it passed the Flying J."

Honey said that the project is 48 percent complete and is on time and on budget.

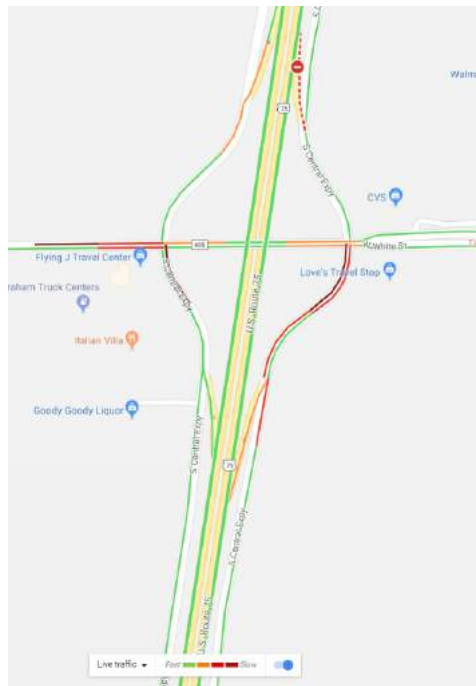
"They're actually doing a great job on the main lanes. They're flying through it which is good because it is tight, it's restrictive. We're trying to get the (northbound) main lane paving going as soon as the holidays are over.

He said the major culvert work is done and the plan is to move the permanent northbound FM 455 exit back 1,800 to 2,000 feet.

"That's going to give you a ton of stacking space to exit there," said Honey.

Honey said that he convinced the operations group to run a signal analysis during construction to try and eliminate the four-way stop on the service road of US 75 at FM 455.

"They went out and ran it and it only meets (criteria) on one side which makes sense. It's where the trucks and the Wal-mart are," said Honey. "But it met and it just happened and our district operations are designing the signal and we hope to put that signal in and you'll have a permanent signal at FM 455 which it needs to be. That truck stop on the corner is a tough location and they don't have a lot of room to turn and it really bogs down that intersection especially at peak hour of people coming in and out of Anna at morning and night. The signal should help control it better and it's going to run about \$200,000 but we're going to get it put in."



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— Philipians 2:3-4 (NLT)



# » Student Teacher Basketball

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The eldest statesman once again held his own as Superintendent Kevin Wilson "Gray-Lo" hit a fade away three-pointer from the top of the key as well as drove the lane, posted up, and dished a dazzling assist.

Middle School Principal Clay Wilson, "The Kansas Cobra", said that there was plenty of smack-talking before the game at his house as his son was one of the players in the game on the opposite side. Before the contest, Wilson stated that the the kids

and the teachers had been talking about this game for three weeks.

In the end, it was the students who walked away victorious, 76-74.



"The Pythagorean Pogo" T.C. Nicholas shoots and scores.



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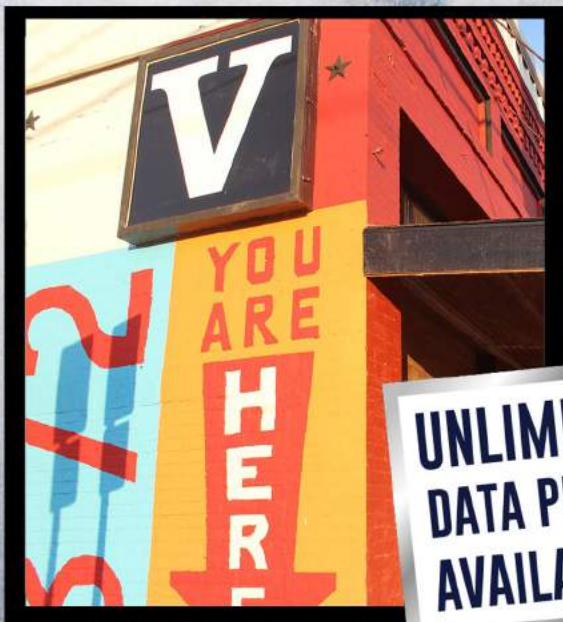
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# Mayor Stanley recaps 2017

For those that don't know me, I am Jeff Stanley and have been your mayor for the past nine years. When I first took office I had a long list of goals that I had set. Some I felt would take many years to complete. At the time I was thinking that I would only be in office for one or two terms, now I'm in the fifth term, most of these goals felt like they would never get accomplished.



Mayor Jeff Stanley

One of those goals was getting some building started in Summit Hill. In 2009 Summit Hill had been setting with just a few houses in it for a few years. That was the year I took office and in that year a recession hit and home building took a large tumble into the abyss. Very few new homes were being built anywhere, except maybe Anna.

In 2016 that goal of building in Summit Hill was started. 74 building permits were pulled for new homes in that year. Another 45 permits were pulled in 2017 completed the build out for Phase 1 of Summit Hill, and another goal had been accomplished.

2017 had great highs as well as hard hitting lows. Most definitely, Summit Hill was a high, but in May of this year the City of Howe had a low when Chief of Police Carl Hudman turned in his resignation and moved to Alaska. Chief Hudman is one the finest law enforcement officers I have ever had the privilege of meeting and working with. In the four-plus years he was with the city he made a very big impression, and left large shoes to fill.

While searching for a Chief to replace Carl, Matt Whitworth turned in an application. Matt Whitworth was raised, went to school in Howe and was working for the Howe Police Department when I first took office. He left the city and took a position at the Grayson County Sheriff's Office. I would say that it was easy hiring Matt, but that was not the case. We had several applicants that were very qualified, and when it went before the City Council, Matt had the job. Chief Whitworth is also a very fine peace officer and family man and has done a great job in this position.

After many years without a pizza place of our own, and after a long wait, Palio's Pizza opened in February of this year. In my family, pizza is a food group, we were thrilled when they opened, and have been regular customers ever since.

If you haven't noticed, we do not have many empty commercial buildings in the city. That has to do with the fantastic job that our Economic Director Monte Walker has done since coming to work for the city. Monte is another Howe person that wants nothing but the best for this city and has worked tirelessly to make it happen. Look back several years, downtown had several empty buildings, and others around town were the same. Now, at the end of 2017, we have a thriving downtown that at times does not have enough parking. I can't give all the credit

to Monte, and I don't think he would take it. The business owners broke the bank fixing up their buildings and made our downtown very appealing. They all can take a bow for making Howe look better and have a better hometown feel.

Twelve years ago, Tomlin Investments approached the City of Howe with a land development of 469 acres on the southern border of Howe's ETJ (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction). This property lies between Hwy 5 and 75 and has a southern border of Blyth Road. This year, this property was annexed into the city limits. It will be a while before you see houses on this property, but in the next two to three years I expect it to look a lot deferent than it does now.

The Howe ISD passed its school bond election and a new intermediate school will be built soon. The elementary school has been struggling for space for a while and this new school is well needed. No one likes to have to pay more taxes, but this is coming at a time that we are in a growth spurt. Thank you to everyone that voted for this.

In the next few months you will start to see the newest office of the Howe Police Department. This office will be a police dog, specializing in sniffing out drugs. This will be a trained, no bite dog. These dogs are very expensive and highly trained as is the handler. In this case, the dog is being purchased from a grant from a G.I. Bill that the dog's handler, Sergeant Keith Milks, applied for. No city funds will be used to train Sergeant Milks, or fund the dog, which is great for the city and the police department.

There are things that I missed, but this hits some of the high points for 2017. As we look to 2018 and further, we see a city that will experience growth. I want to let you know that you have a City Council and City staff that has been getting ready for this for several years. We have a plan in effect that will allow for this to be done in a way that we never lose our small town appeal. We don't want to be a Sherman or Frisco, we are Howe. I am speaking as a very proud Bulldog that grew up in Howe, and went to school here, my kids went to school here and now my grandkids go to school here, I don't want Howe to lose the small town appeal. However, growth is coming and we have to continue to work to control it.

Everyone have a very safe and merry Christmas and an Happy New Year.



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# Howe Fire Department delivers presents and food to a local family in need for Christmas



Food and gifts that were delivered to a local family.

Those that attended the annual Breakfast with Santa event on Dec. 9, the morning of the parade, helped provide a very Merry Christmas to a local family in need. In order to be able to eat the sausage, bacon, and pancake meal, patrons were asked to bring a toy or pay \$5 to enter. The result was an overwhelming amount of food and gifts that were delivered to the local Howe family on Tuesday evening.

"This year we have a family of four children and we send Santa over there to talk with every child and listens to them," said Mary Jones of the Howe Fire Department. "We then give them gifts and a meal for them to have

on Christmas Day."

The fire department had some money left over so they gave the mom a gift card for to be able to buy more food.

Jones says that the fire department has been doing this for a number of years and at least since 2005 when she joined the force. The delivery can sometimes get emotional for all involved.

"We have gone to see families that were so needy that they didn't have furniture much less Christmas decorations," said Jones. "We went back and bought a tree and bought decorations for the kids to hang up."



Mary Jones helps organize the delivery.



Howe Fire Department volunteers prepare Santa's bag.

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**Tuesday**  
9:30 am - Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
**Wednesday**  
9:00 am - Wednesday Workers  
6:30 pm - Jr.High and Sr. High Youth  
**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**  
**Wednesday**  
7:00 pm - Bible Classes (all ages)  
**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**  
**Wednesday**  
6:30 pm - Food and Fellowship  
7:00 pm - Community Kids (ages 3 - 6th grade, nursery available)  
7:00 pm - Youth and Adult Bible Study  
**Sunday**  
10:30 am - Worship Service

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Miss Mame Roberts, Texas school teacher who got her dander up and spurred her neighbors to make Howe a beauty spot. Rakes, hoes, and flowers did the trick.

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# Let every heart prepare Him room



**Dr. Billy Holland**

The author of this story is unknown and has been told by many people throughout the years. The gentleman to whom I'm going to introduce was not a scrooge, but a kind, decent man and generous to his family and upright in his dealings with other people. He just could not understand how or why Jesus came to earth to save us from our sin. It just did not make sense and he was too honest to pretend otherwise. "I'm truly sorry to distress you," he told his wife, "but I'm not going with you to church this Christmas Eve." He went on to say, he would feel like a hypocrite and this year he would much rather stay home. He would just read and wait up for them until they returned. And so, he stayed as the rest of his family went to the midnight service.

Shortly after the family drove away, snow began to fall. He went to the window and watched as the flurries were becoming heavier and then went back to his chair in front of the fire to finish reading his newspaper. A short while later he was startled by a thudding sound...then another, and then another. His first thought was that it sounded like someone throwing snowballs against his living room picture window. As he opened the front door to investigate, he found several birds huddled miserably in the snow. They'd been caught in the storm and in a desperate search for shelter, did not realize the glass barrier keeping them entering into the safety of his home. Well, he could not just let the poor creatures freeze, so he had an idea that the barn which housed his children's

pony would be a provide a perfect place from the storm if he could only figure out how to direct them into it.

Throwing on his coat and rubber boots, he headed out into the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on the light, but the birds did not move. Figuring that food would entice them to come in, he hurried back to the house, grabbed some bread, and started making a trail of crumbs to the lighted stable. But to his dismay, the birds paid no attention and continued to flap around helplessly in the snow. Trying to catch became comical as they were too fast and then his attempt to herd them by waving his arms only made things worse as they scattered in every direction except where he wanted them to go. Suddenly, he realized they were simply overwhelmed with fear. I'm sure I seem like a dangerous and terrifying giant he thought, if only I could think of a way to let them know they can trust me. If I could just convince them that I'm not going to hurt them and sincerely want to help them. But how? Whenever I move they go into a panic and seem to be confused and suspiciously determined to not let their guard down. Then it dawned on him, if only he could become a bird, he could mingle with them and speak their language. Then hopefully they could come to know me and learn there is no need to fear. I could show them the way to a safe and warm barn. But I would have to be one of them so they could see, hear and understand. At that moment the church bells began to ring through the crisp stillness and as he stood there listening to the melody of "O come all ye faithful" he thought about how most people, (including himself) are generally afraid of God and have a difficult time with faith. Hmm... so this is why Christ came to earth... to become like us. The man realized the only way Jesus could ever save anyone is when they completely trust Him. Christ had to somehow prove His love and the cross became that way. At that moment, the man humbly sank to his knees in the snow.

This year, even in the hustle and bustle of shopping and parties, let us rejoice in the real reason for the season. From my family to yours, may Christ be the center of your holiday and have a very Merry

Christmas!

Dr. Holland is a Christian author, outreach minister and community chaplain. Learn more at [billyhollandministries.com](http://billyhollandministries.com)



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Dr. Georgia Caraway

mostly food, work, and procrastination.

At that point, my mind went off track and I wondered if I could come up with antique-related items from A to Z—in 5 minutes. I challenged myself to list items for sale in Howe Mercantile. So here we go:

- A Artwork, auto-related items, aprons
- B Buttons, boxes, books
- C Coins, cats, clocks, china
- D Doorstops, dogs (happy new year from Skippy)
- E Elephants, Elvis
- F Fashions, furniture, FireKing
- G Garden and lawn décor, glassware
- H Hop-a-long Cassidy Items, holidays
- I Indian jewelry
- J Jewelry
- K Kitchen wares
- L Linens and lace, light fixtures
- M Milk glass, medicine bottles, militaria
- N Napkin rings, Nippon
- O Occupied Japan,
- P Perfume bottles, primitives, old photos and postcards
- Q Quilts
- R Rabbits, records
- S Stamps, silver items, salt & pepper shakers
- T Thimbles, tins, tools, toys
- U Umbrellas and parasols,
- V Vernon Kilns souvenir state plates
- W Watches, wedding cake toppers
- X nothing came to mind!!
- Y Yellow ware
- Z Zanesville Ohio pottery

Most of us want the New Year to bring with it renewed hope, good health, and fresh beginnings. That is what New Year's Resolutions are all about.

I recently read an article detailing New Year's resolutions from A to Z. I start off my year in the typical fashion of resolving to do things, like eat healthier, remember holidays and birthday of family and friends (thank heavens for Facebook reminders!), and exercise more, then something interferes,

It was not as easy as I thought. My stomach calling for food, the need to price some items for the shop, and the glorious turning leaves outside my window distracted me.

I wish for all of the readers of the Howe Enterprise a joyous, peaceful, and happy New Year, each and every day. And May God Bless Us All.

Dr. Georgia Caraway, former director of the Denton County

Museums for 14 years, and her friends opened the Howe Mercantile at 107 East Haning. Store hours are Thursday through Saturday noon until 8 p.m. She has written five Denton history books. Her latest, North Texas State Fair and Rodeo, is available at Howe Mercantile. She hopes her next book will be the history of Howe.

SHOP LOCAL. We can show you Howe!



# TEXOMA ROOFING



### Vandals break in to Howe's donut shop Saturday night



Vandals kicked in the front door of the Baker's Dozen Donut shop at 406 W. Haning St. on Saturday night, Dec. 23 or possibly in the earliest hours of Christmas Eve. The owners of the business said that some cash was taken from a drawer and that Monster energy

drinks were also taken.

The break-in was reported to the Howe Police Department and an investigation is underway. Photos were taken by the police of the shattered front door glass in which the perpetrators entered.

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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](mailto:drkenbridges@gmail.com).*

The voice of Roy Orbison is unmistakable. From a start in small-town West Texas as rock and roll was born, he worked with some of the biggest names in music and became national treasure himself.

Roy Kelton Orbison was born in Vernon in 1936. His mother was a nurse, and his father was a mechanic and oil field worker. The Great Depression, however, had hit the family hard. Unable to find work in the area, the family moved to Fort Worth.

Two events would steer his life toward music. As a youngster in Fort Worth, he saw country music legend Ernest Tubb give an outdoor concert from the back of a flatbed truck, beginning a love affair with music. For his sixth birthday, his father gave Orbison a guitar. Within months, he had become an expert guitarist and decided that music would be his career.

Shortly afterward, the family moved back to Vernon and then to the oil fields of the West Texas community of Wink. By 1944, Orbison was performing on a local radio program and soon began his own show. As a teenager, he formed the Wink Westerners, which became a popular local act. After briefly attending North Texas State College in Denton (the modern University of North Texas), he soon reunited the band and moved to Odessa. The popular band soon had a TV show in neighboring Midland.

In 1956, the group earned a contract with Sun Records, where they recorded their cover of "Ooby Dooby." The single was a hit. Orbison soon took to songwriting in the day and performing at night. One of his popular early songs was "Claudette," which he wrote for his future wife. In the late 1950s, he toured briefly with Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash.

In 1960 and 1961, Orbison recorded four Top Ten hits, two of which would define his career, "Only the Lonely" and "Crying."

Orbison built a steady following while in Britain where his early albums sold well. He toured for a time with The Beatles before they became a hit in America.

Contrary to popular misconception, Orbison was not blind. Like several other members of his family, he had very poor eyesight for which he wore thick glasses. The darkened glasses that became almost synonymous with him were prescription sunglasses. In the early 1960s, he wore the sunglasses on stage for one performance and decided to keep wearing them.

The peak of his early success came in 1964. "Oh, Pretty Woman," became his most popular hit ever, topping the charts for several weeks. Reportedly, he wrote the song in less than an hour after a humorous conversation with his wife.

In the late 1960s, he was devastated by a series of horrible tragedies. In 1966, his wife died. In 1968, while he was on tour in England, two of his three sons died in a fire. He later remarried, had two more sons, and tried to rebuild his life.

Orbison's popularity faded in the late 1960s and into the 1970s. New musical styles in rock and country both crowded out the style that he had mastered in the early 1960s. Orbison's albums sold very poorly during the 1970s, save for a 1975 greatest hits album that topped the charts in England. He was dogged by health problems and had bypass surgery in 1978.

His career started to recover in 1980 when he recorded "That Lovin' You Feelin' Again," with Emmylou Harris. He won his first Grammy Award for the duet. As his popularity climbed again, he formed the Traveling Wilburys with old friends Bob Dylan, George Harrison, and Tom Petty in 1987. Audiences began rediscovering Orbison's music and a new generation of fans emerged.

In 1987, Orbison was inducted into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. He cut an immensely successful album with the band called simply Traveling Wilburys Volume I. He completed one more solo album in late 1988, Mystery Girl. He had an active touring and recording schedule. The strain started to affect his health again. After a concert on December 4, 1988, he paused to spend time with his family. He died of a heart attack two days later at the age of 52.

His fame only grew in the years after his death. In 1989, studios released "You Got It." Recorded several months before his death, the upbeat tune mixed well with Orbison's soulful voice and became a Top Ten hit. He won

another Grammy in 1989 for his performances with the Traveling Wilburys. His most famous song, "Oh, Pretty Woman" won a new generation of fans with its

appearance in the popular 1990 film Pretty Woman. For a time after his passing, he had two Top Five albums on the charts, a feat worthy of a legend.

### Once a Tiger, always a Tiger



The Gunter Tigers had an alumnus in the audience at AT&T Stadium on Thursday night for the Tigers' state championship game versus Newton. 92-year-old Raymond Price, who played for the Gunter Tigers from 1938-1940, wore his letter sweater to cheer on his hometown team. Unfortunately, Gunter lost, 40-16. Submitted photo

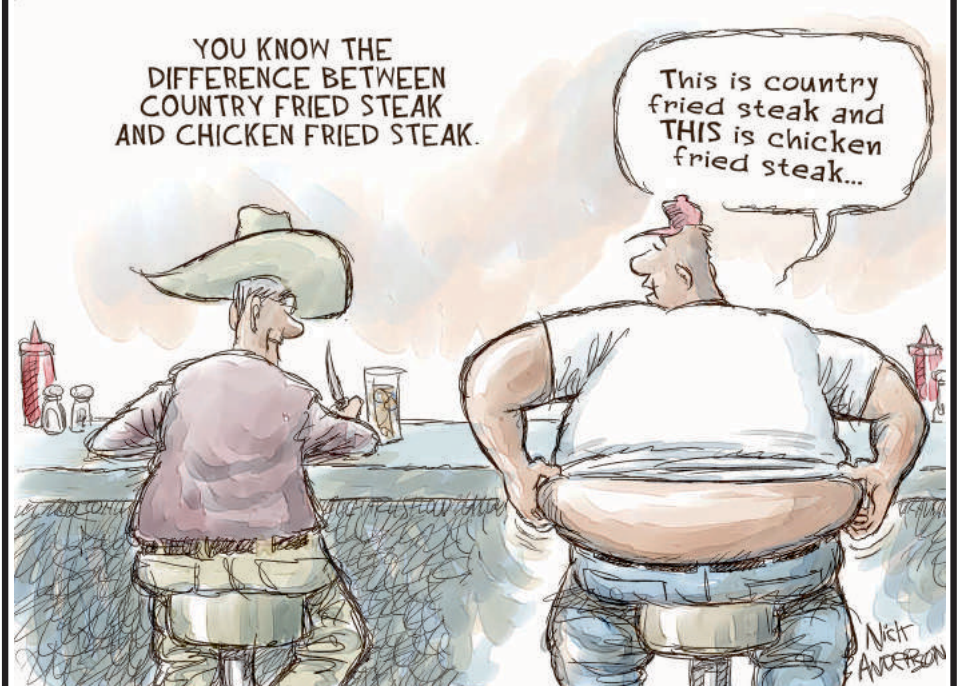
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## City sees six percent increase in sales tax revenue for 2017

The City of Howe finished 2017 with a sales tax revenue of \$336,623 which is six percent up from the 2016 total of \$317,719. The \$18,903 is not the large

increase, but is the third largest in the city's history. Back in 2015, Howe saw an increase of \$34,163 from 2014 and 2013 saw an increase of \$27,845 from 2012.

Area Totals	December	2017 Totals
Sherman	\$1,414,577.78	\$18,997,011.29
Denison	\$510,004.52	\$6,860,149.62
Gainesville	\$512,749.98	\$6,708,184.58
Melissa	\$205,268.98	\$2,353,164.09
Anna	\$187,042.97	\$2,162,775.09
Celina	\$157,919.65	\$1,928,114.09
Bonham	\$153,246.06	\$1,925,693.64
Van Alstyne	\$115,973.17	\$1,257,184.32
Whitesboro	\$78,043.38	\$1,100,526.76
Pottsboro	\$56,297.05	\$632,710.08
Southmayd	\$17,072.33	\$339,991.59
<b>Howe</b>	<b>\$26,598.77</b>	<b>\$336,623.08</b>
Whitewright	\$22,523.20	\$318,587.18
Leonard	\$21,036.51	\$303,740.43
Gunter	\$18,211.48	\$237,926.47
Collinsville	\$18,712.43	\$235,031.51
Bells	\$17,520.19	\$218,423.12
Tioga	\$15,113.95	\$130,123.69
Oak Ridge	\$7,163.53	\$98,252.50
Tom Bean	\$7,335.82	\$93,495.71
Savoy	\$2,928.98	\$42,820.47
Ector	\$2,571.49	\$27,083.97
Dorchester	\$359.74	\$4,603.43



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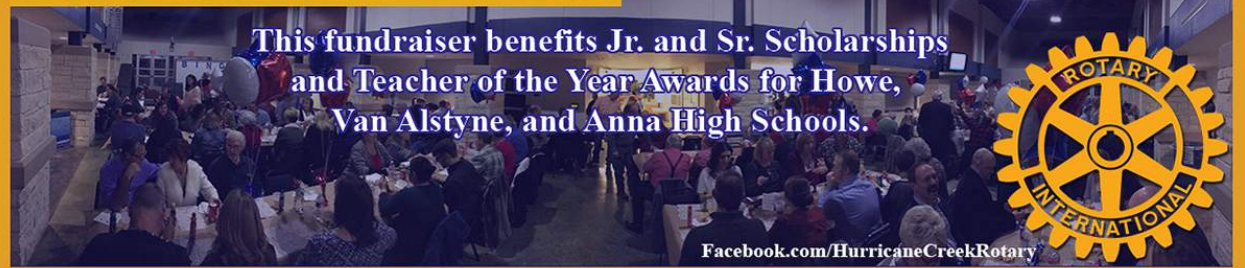
## Upcoming Events



Hurricane Creek Rotary Club  
presents  
**2nd Annual Bingo Night!**

Saturday, January 27, 2018 6:30 - 10 p.m.  
Grayson College South Campus

Tickets go on sale Dec. 1, cost is \$75 per couple or \$50 per single. Ticket includes bingo cards, beverages, and hors d'oeuvres.



This fundraiser benefits Jr. and Sr. Scholarships  
and Teacher of the Year Awards for Howe,  
Van Alstyne, and Anna High Schools.



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<b>A.M. FERGUSON</b> 2015	<b>ARTHUR BOYLE</b> 2015	<b>CARRIE WALLER</b> 2015
<b>CHARLES R. THOMPSON</b> 2015	<b>ELMER SCHENK</b> 2015	<b>JABEZ HANING</b> 2015
<b>L.B. KIRBY</b> 2015	<b>MAME ROBERTS</b> 2015	<b>NORMA WALLACE</b> 2015
<b>RAY BLEDSOE</b> 2015	<b>TONY BRINKLEY</b> 2015	<b>W.P. THOMPSON</b> 2015
<b>JIMMY BEARDEN</b> 2016	<b>NORMAN DICKEY</b> 2016	<b>STEVE SIMMONS</b> 2016
<b>BOB WALKER</b> 2017	<b>JAMES CHISUM</b> 2017	<b>JEAN NORMAN</b> 2017
<b>DONAL GILSTRAP</b> 2017		



**Howe Hall of Honor**  
and Chamber Awards Banquet



May 4, 2018, 6:30 pm  
Downtown Howe



# Mrs. Richardson's Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Garrett and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 fishing rod
- 1 robot
- 1 rock collection
- 1 w/rookie usman

Love, Garrett

Dear Santa,

My name is Bennie and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 FOOTBALL
- 2 ISLAND
- 2 STAR
- 4 SQUARE
- 50 CASH

Love, Bennie

Dear Santa,

My name is Dixie and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 CRACKER
- 1 HAT
- 1 BIRD

Love, Dixie

Dear Santa,

My name is Jessica and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 SANTA BARBIE
- 1 SANTA JADA
- 1 SANTA MOON
- 1 SANTA JESSICA
- 1 SANTA BARBIE

Love, Jessica

Dear Santa,

My name is McKinnel and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 SBBI
- 1 RP

Love, McKinnel

Dear Santa,

My name is Mike and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 HATS
- 1 SD
- 1 SHIRT
- 1 HAT
- 1 SHIRT

Love, Mike

Dear Santa,

My name is Devan and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 HAT
- 1 SHIRT
- 1 HAT
- 1 SHIRT

Love, Devan

Dear Santa,

My name is Hellen and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 HAT
- 1 SHIRT
- 1 HAT
- 1 SHIRT

Love, Hellen

Dear Santa,

My name is Vivian and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 TIME DISC
- 1 TIE DYE BOOK
- 1 TIE DYE TOYS
- 1 TIE DYE EARTH
- 1 TIE DYE FAN

Love, Vivian

Dear Santa,

My name is McKler and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 Barbie
- 2 Barbie BABY
- 3 Hulk toy
- 4 Jump Rope
- 5 BIRD

Love, McKler

Dear Santa,

My name is Xodya and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 HAT
- 2 EDOG
- 3 PA DOW
- 4 MAGNET
- 5 TEDDY

Love, Xodya

Dear Santa,

My name is Brandon and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 FOOTBALL
- 1 SHIRT
- 1 SHIRT
- 1 EDOG
- 1 SHIRT

Love, Brandon

Dear Santa,

My name is Alexa and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 SODA
- 2 LOL
- 3 POPPINS
- 4 APPLES
- 5 BARBIENS

Love, Alexa

Dear Santa,

My name is AIX and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 JUMP ROPE
- 2 NOWVA PLDOL V
- 3 FIF
- 4 APPLE UNICORN
- 5 BARBIE LITOV

Love, AIX

Dear Santa,

My name is Hailee Bell and I am 7 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 FIFTEEN BIRD
- 2 FIFTEEN BIRD
- 3 FIFTEEN BIRD
- 4 FIFTEEN BIRD
- 5 FIFTEEN BIRD

Love, Hailee Bell

Dear Santa,

My name is BRADLEY and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 COSMO
- 2 TOY DOG
- 3 TOY FAN
- 4 SODA
- 5 TOY BOX

Love, BRADLEY

Dear Santa,

My name is Nathan and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 HAT
- 2 TV
- 3 HAT
- 4 HAT
- 5 HAT

Love, Nathan

Dear Santa,

My name is Nate and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 HAT
- 2 TV
- 3 HAT
- 4 HAT
- 5 HAT

Love, Nate

Dear Santa,

My name is Nate and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 HAT
- 2 TV
- 3 HAT
- 4 HAT
- 5 HAT

Love, Nate

Dear Santa,

My name is Nate and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very  naughty  nice. For Christmas, please bring me:

- 1 HAT
- 2 TV
- 3 HAT
- 4 HAT
- 5 HAT

Love, Nate



# Lady Bulldogs Basketball 2017-18

28-Oct	@ Melissa	9-JV-V	2:00
7-Nov	Melissa	9-JV-V	5:00
Nr 9-11	Frisco Tournament	V	TBA
14-Nov	@ Anna	9-JV-V	5:00
Nov 16-18	Bells Tournament	VG	TBD
28-Nov	Muenster	JVG-JVB-VG-VB	5:00
Nov 30-Dec 2	Lindsay JV Tourn.	JV	TBA
5-Dec	Princeton	9-JVG-VG	5:00
8-Dec	@ Leonard	9-JV-V	5:00
12-Dec	Commerce	JV-V	5:00
15-Dec	@ Lone oak	9-JV-V	5:00
Dec 28-30	NCTC Tourn.	VG	TBD
2-Jan	Whitewright	9-JV-V	5:00
5-Jan	@ Farmersville	9-JV-V	5:00
9-Jan	Van Alstyne	JV-V	5:00
12-Jan	Gunter	JV-V	5:00
16-Jan	Leonard	9-JV-V	5:00
19-Jan	@ Commerce	JV-V	5:00
23-Jan	Lone Oak	9-JV-V	5:00
26-Jan	@ Whitewright	9-JV-V	5:00
30-Jan	Farmersville	JV-V	5:00
2-Feb	@ Van Alstyne	9-JV-V	5:00
6-Feb	Gunter	V	



# Howe Bulldogs Basketball 2017-18



### 2017-18 HOWE BULLDOGS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAMS	TIMES
Nov 28	Muenster	Home	JVA, VAR	6:15, 9:00
Nov 30-Dec 2	S&S Tournament	Away	VAR	TBA
Nov 30-Dec 2	North Texas Tourn.	Lindsay	JVA	TBA
Dec 7-9	Madill Tournament	Away	VAR	TBA
Dec 12	Bells	Away	JVB,JVA,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:30
Dec 15	LONE OAK	Away	JVA,JVB,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:45
Dec 28-30	NCTC Tournament	Away	VAR	TBA
Jan 2	WHITEWRIGHT	Home	JVA,JVB,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:45
Jan 5	FARMERSVILLE	Away	JVA,JVB,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:45
Jan 9	VAN ALSTYNE	Home	JVA,JVB,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:45
Jan 12	Gunter	Home	JVA,VAR	6:15,9:00
Jan 13	Celina Tournament	Away	JVB,JVA	TBA
Jan 16	LEONARD	Home	JVA,JVB,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:45
Jan 19	COMMERCE	Away	JVA,JVB,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:45
Jan 23	LONE OAK	Home	JVA,JVB,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:45
Jan 26	WHITEWRIGHT	Away	JVA,JVB,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:45
Jan 30	FARMERSVILLE	Home	JVA,JVB,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:45
Feb 2	VAN ALSTYNE	Away	JVA,JVB,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:45
Feb 6	Gunter	Away	TBA	TBA
Feb 9	LEONARD	Away	JVB,JVA,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:30
Feb 13	COMMERCE	Home	JVB,JVA,VAR	5:00,6:15,7:30

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## Texoma Hot Jobs

**Job Title** FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN  
**workintexas.com Posting ID** 5265311  
**Location** Sherman  
**Posting Close Date** 01/13/2018  
**Posting Link** <http://bit.ly/2CUol2d>

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**Job Title** PAINTER  
**workintexas.com Posting ID** 6587445  
**Location** Sherman  
**Posting Close Date** 01/19/2018  
**Posting Link** <http://bit.ly/2kBONXD>

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This Week In the News

PREPARED BY STAFF WRITER

STATE—

UNDER THE Dome at Austin

By GORDON K. SHEARER United Press Staff Correspondent

Austin—(UP) — Inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Texas will be returned to the state capital Jan. 21, 1941, with the exercises to be held on the south steps of the building.

The football stadium inauguration of Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel for his first term on Jan. 17, 1939, was the first to be held away from the capitol. The legislature held a session in the stadium for the occasion in order to comply with the constitutional requirement that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor be sworn in the presence of the Legislature.

While the second inauguration of O'Daniel and Lieut. Gov. Coke Stevenson will be more quiet than that which attracted a throng of 60,000 persons two years ago, some of the carnival spirit that marked that occasion will be retained.

An Austin citizens committee is planning to serve free buns and hot coffee at the mansion grounds for an expected 20,000 visitors. There will be the usual inaugural hall and perhaps street dance on Congress Avenue.

Arrangements for the inauguration proper cannot be made until the Legislature meets on Jan. 14. Committees named in the House and Senate will draw the program.

Seventy-three pages of figures with explanatory comments were turned out this week by State Auditor Tom C. King and will give the new legislators probably their first insight into the finance problem they will have to tackle next month when they try to fix Texas' income and its spending.

The report dealt with the state general revenue fund which is the one from which current expenses of operating the state government are paid.

King's statement predicts that the fund which was \$25,775,157 behind its debts at the end of the last state fiscal year will be more than \$30,000,000 behind when the current fiscal year ends on Aug. 31, 1941.

The new Legislature will provide funds and say what expenditures are to be made from them.

Using the past three years as a basis and considering present business conditions and trends, King estimated that by Aug. 31, 1942 the fund deficit will be down to \$4,579,737 and that in another year after that it will build up to \$27,693,327 on the credit side. That would be the case if the Legislature did not spend anything more out of the fund before Sept. 1, 1943.

King made no attempt to estimate what the expenditures will be for 1942 and 1943 for the reason that there is no way to guess accurately at what the legislative appropriations will be.

King's estimate gives the fund a 1941-42 deficit of \$4,273,321,619 reported by county tax assessors include homesteads which are exempt from state tax up to \$3,000 of assessed value. Last year these exemptions were nearly 16 per cent of the total assessment.

The State however, will not be able to tax that much more, for the total assessments of \$4,273,321,619 reported by county tax assessors include homesteads which are exempt from state tax up to \$3,000 of assessed value. Last year these exemptions were nearly 16 per cent of the total assessment.

Another \$691,414,786 of valuations must be knocked off as far as the state is concerned for the 1941 taxable year (collected in 1940-41) because that much of the valuation is in counties where the Legislature has turned over state taxes for local use. Harris County which had \$25,000,000 gain in taxable values for 1940 is one of those that will be allowed to

See DOME On Page Five

Editor of Farm News Dies

Just two weeks short of the date when his Semi-Weekly Farm News was scheduled to be abandoned, Editor Dewitt McMurray 74, of 5822 Victor, Dallas News worker, died Monday at the Medical Arts hospital after an illness of three weeks.

Known throughout the southwest as an agricultural authority, Mr. McMurray had edited the Farm News for 40 years. For the past three weeks his wife and son, Ray McMurray, have put out the Tuesday and Friday paper. Mrs. McMurray is the former Mrs. Minnette M. Huffor, owner of the Donna News, Donna, Tex.

Mr. McMurray was born on a Georgia farm. When he was very young he moved with his family to McKinney, Texas. Later he moved to Galveston, where he was a printer's devil, a pressman and a linotype operator on the Galveston News. He was offered a position with the Dallas Morning News and soon was placed at the head of the farm news department.

Surviving Mr. McMurray are his widow; a daughter, Mrs. John S. Murray of Detroit, Mich.; two sons, James D. McMurray of Los Angeles and Ray McMurray of Dallas; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Home Guard to Be Organized

Sherman—Authority for the organization of a rifle company of Texas defense guards to be stationed at Sherman has been received by Mayor H. G. Tuck from Brig. Gen. J. Watt Page, adjutant general of Texas.

By order of the governor, the defense unit of three officers and 74 enlisted men is to be formed under the supervision and sponsorship of a representative committee appointed by civic bodies of Sherman and headed by Mayor Tuck as chairman.

The group is to be subject to provisions of the military laws of Texas and any regulations issued under these laws, and any pertinent regulations issued by the United States war department. The men are to be subject to call for service in the state in event of emergencies such as riots, fires or sabotage, replacing national guard units which have been called to military service.

No expenditure of state funds is authorized. All service is to be voluntary and men in the unit are to receive no pay. Recruiting is to be started as soon as enlistment blanks are received. Uniforms and equipment are to be furnished as soon as available.

The three officers commissioned to head the unit are Dr. John T. Nall, captain, commander; R. M. Tucker Sr., first lieutenant and G. P. Gafford, second lieutenant.

Men between the ages of 18 and 64 may apply for enlistment. Men of military age entering the group will still be subject to call in the national armed forces. Dr. Nall has announced that he will receive at his office names of men wishing to join the unit.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. W. Harrison Baker, District Superintendent will hold the First Quarterly Conference at the Howe church Sunday at 3:30 p. m. He will preach at the night service at the Tom Bean church. Every one is cordially invited to attend the services.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Corbin and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hood and son, Bobby, of Claude, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Corbin and sons.

Murray Caudle, a former Howe resident, was reported seriously ill at his home in Dorchester Thursday morning. He was not expected to live through the day.

W. A. WILSON BUYS POOLE GROCERY

W. A. Wilson has purchased the Poole Grocery & Market, taking charge of the business Thursday morning. Mr. Wilson is well known in Howe business activities having been engaged in the ice, produce and filling station business here for about 15 years. He sold his business over a year ago since which time he has been in the employ of P. J. Waldrop, county commissioner.

Mr. Wilson has had previous experience in the grocery business and promises his patrons prompt and courteous service at live and let live prices.

Overton Jay, who has been clerking in the Poole store, will remain in the employ of Mr. Wilson.

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION TO START CLASSES

Albert L. Davis, director of recreation at the Howe school, is beginning a series of classes in dramatics, music, arts and crafts. He also plans to sponsor a rhythm band. His classes in wood carving, basket weaving, dramatics and music are open to the general public. He will direct soft ball clubs to play in competition with the surrounding communities.

Mr. Davis is a native of Grayson County. He is a graduate of the Whitesboro high school. He was formerly director of recreation of the Houston school, Denison.

SERVICES AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. Alex Mooty will preach at the Howe Christian church Sunday morning, using the topic "Thanks Be to God." A special Christmas program by children of the church will be given at the evening service, followed by a Christmas tree.

Mrs. Henry Taylor has been on the sick list this week.

SANTA FE SANTA CLAUS SET FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RUN

By ARNOLD DIBBLE United Press Staff Correspondent

Cleburne—(UP)—Engineer Joe Gerard, the Santa Fe Santa Claus, today had laid in a supply of presents for this 39th annual Christmas "run" from Cleburne to Purcell, Okla.

At 72, and the second oldest engineer employed in the Santa Fe system, Gerard plans to drop more than two-score of packages to "shack families" along the tracks to Purcell.

For almost 40 years he has been the only Santa Claus these people have known.

Gerard is a ruddy man with blue eyes. He started the trip to Purcell in 1901. He claims he knows every curve, every bump on the road—and every tie as well. He now makes eleven trips a month—a total run of 22 days.

Christmas morning he will don his Santa Claus suit, pile into the cab the toys, candy and the clothes he will distribute to the needy children and highball out with old No. 3450.

Without slowing his train, Gerard makes accurate shots into the yards of persons he has designed to give presents. Tiny children and grownups alike stand along the right of way to wave the 72 year old Santa Claus along to the next shack.

Christmas is the only day that Gerard wears a Santa Claus suit. But his benefactions spread during the entire year. On each run he distributes funny papers, magazines and frequently throws clothes to the children along the Santa Fe tracks.

He spends several hours every day gathering old magazines and newspapers from news stands and agencies. His wife complained that she couldn't keep a magazine in the house.

"I throw them to the poor people who live in tents and dugouts

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 49,292 bales of cotton were ginned in Grayson County from the crop of 1940 prior to Dec. 1 as compared with 38,611 bales for the crop of 1939.

Bowen Names Road Crew

Names of 15 men who will serve as the precinct 1 road crew for the term of Commissioner Reece Bowen, beginning Jan. 1, were announced by Mr. Bowen Monday.

Mr. Bowen is retaining the services of G. C. Strickland and Tandy Morris of P. J. Waldrop's crew. Other road workers are P. H. George, T. B. Greer, Carl McBeck, R. L. Green, A. T. Davenport, Hugh McCord, Cory Rutherford, Bill Doggett, Jimmie Arnold, Louie Wagner, Ray Morgan, Alvin Ayers and F. E. McNeely.

"THE NATIVITY" TO BE PRESENTED MONDAY

A pageant, "The Nativity" will be given at the Howe Baptist Church Monday night, December 23, at 7 o'clock. This play has 15 characters and depicts the preparation for and the birth of the Savior.

This is preceded by carols and instrumental numbers and a Christmas tree and a visit from Old Santa Claus in person with gifts for all. Everyone is invited to attend.

PREACHING AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. Nat Farley, pastor, will preach at the Howe Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, he announces. Subject of the morning sermon will be "Pivotal Points in Life." The evening topic will be "God Manifested to Man."

Christmas Fire Warning Issued

Austin—Faced with the danger of a mounting death toll brought on by the wide spread use of highly inflammable Christmas decorations, Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, Thursday urged Texans to request local firemen to make a preholiday check of fire hazards in the home.

"Where at all possible, firemen will welcome the opportunity to eliminate the hazards," Hall declared. "Firemen have a special responsibility to guard against fire hazards at Christmas, and the owners of homes and business establishments should call upon them to make inspections when in doubt as to the safety of their holiday decorations."

The commissioner warned about placing trees in such a way as to block exits, and admonished against their use near stoves and steam radiators.

They should be decorated only with asbestos, glass and metal he said.

AAA Committee Election Held

The Grayson county AAA committee, administrators of the government farm program in cooperation with W. W. Gunn, supervisor, Saturday morning was re-elected for 1941. Two new alternates were chosen.

The committee is composed of E. C. Wian of Ethel, chairman, J. T. Bryant of Pottsboro and J. L. Ladd of Sherman. G. G. Strickland of Van Alstyne and O. G. Bow of Whitewright route 1 are first and second alternates, respectively, replacing Irel Brown of Bell and Joe B. Thorne of Delaware Bend.

Community meetings Friday elected local committees and delegates to the county convention. Local committees were named as follows:

Fowe and Dorchester, R. H. Harrell, Louis Dolezalek and Ycary George; Max Walling and Charles Wilson, alternates.

Van Alstyne, J. D. Harris, Homer Tate and S. J. Cromer; G. G. Strickland and Arthur Grider, alternates.

Tom Bean and Pilot Grove, W. B. Francis, J. H. Hogue and T. B. Autrey; O. G. Bow and J. D. Smith, alternates.

SESAME CLUB HOLDS GIFT EXCHANGE

Mrs. Sam Ricketts, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Bill Mayo, was hostess at a Christmas party at her home Tuesday afternoon for the Sesame Club.

The Ricketts' home, with its decorative Christmas lightings, added to the holiday spirit of the occasion. A short program was presented by the club, consisting of a devotional by Mrs. J. L. Blackburn, followed by roll call which was answered with a Christmas custom.

Mrs. W. W. Collins presented, "A Sister of An Angel," with piano accompaniments by Mrs. Doyle Powell.

A Christmas tree, held a gift for each club member and guest. Mrs. Bob Harrell was Mrs. Santa Claus.

Table decorations and plate favors carried out the Christmas motif. Mrs. J. L. Blackburn and Mrs. Mayo presided at the silver service.

Guests were Mrs. R. L. McMillan, Miss Mattie Austin and Mrs. Dero Austin, all of Southmayd; Mrs. Will Bain, Miss Iva Medlin, Mrs. Wesley Cox, of Howe.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Presbyterian missionary society held the annual Christmas party at the church Wednesday afternoon. A Christmas tree and gift exchange was featured. There were 12 members present.

An epidemic of influenza has broken out in the southern part of the state, causing schools and colleges to close early for the Christmas holidays in the hope of preventing spread of the disease. Scattered cases are reported in other parts of the state. A score of workmen were injured, at least four of whom were expected to die, in an oil refinery fire at Texas City Friday. The blaze was started when lightning struck one of the huge storage tanks and as the burning oil boiled out was carried to other storage tanks on pools of water standing on the ground as the result of the recent rains.

Slowly falling rain soaked the greater part of Texas over the weekend causing already swollen streams to do still more damage. The wet weather was broken by a cold wave Sunday, night but clouds began gathering again Tuesday morning and additional precipitation is forecast by the weather bureau.

John Francis Hart, 38, veteran newspaper writer and professor of journalism at the East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce, died Sunday after an illness of a few hours.

Texas presidential electors met in Austin Monday and cast their votes for Franklin D. Roosevelt. They also adopted a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to abolish the electoral college.

A class of 76 armories for the Texas National Guard has been assured, it was reported Monday. President Roosevelt approved a \$7,540,874 WPA allotment for the construction. Sites for the armories must be furnished by the state.

A repercussion from the recent ruling of the United States Supreme Court that negroes must serve on grand juries where a member of that race is indicted was heard in Dallas Monday when a motion to quash an indictment for criminal assault against a Dallas negro was filed. The negro was recently released from the penitentiary and a day or two later attacked a couple near Dallas.

Walter C. Woodward, 58, state life insurance commissioner, former state senator and a candidate for attorney general against William McCraw in 1934, died in a Coleman hospital Tuesday after a long illness. He was appointed to the position of insurance commissioner by Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel in 1939.

NATIONAL—

William S. Kaudsen, chief of production in the national preparedness drive, Friday night warned that airplane production was 30 per cent behind schedule

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Know Your Neighbor

By Mame Roberts If I know you and you know me... If both could clearly see, And with an inner sight divine The meaning of your heart and mine I'm sure we would differ less, And clasp our hands in friendships

SHELLEY CAMP

THINKING well is wise; planning well, wiser; doing well, wisest and best of all.—Persian Proverb.

Shelley Camp is not only thinking well, and planning well, he is doing well. By his own efforts and determination he is building a solid foundation for future success.

Shelley was born in Howe nineteen years ago. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Camp. After graduating from the Howe high school, he enrolled at Austin college, where he is now a junior. He is paying his expenses by holding part-time jobs. He is prominent in student activities; he is a member of the college band, and advertising manager of the Kangaroo, student newspaper.

He is dependable, pleasing in manner, and shows love and respect for the aged. He never misses an opportunity to be of service to others. He wins friends by being a friend.

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Winners Named In Decorating Contest Here

Winners were named this week in an annual Christmas decorating contest here, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 are to be presented home-owners selected by the judging committee, President Ray Houston said.

Selected by judges were the Marshall Robertson home, first place, Grace Keck home, second, and Q. B. Maddox residence, third place.

Houston expressed appreciation for cooperation of citizens in decorations for the holiday season.

Services Held In New Mexico For Former Resident

Funeral services were conducted in Hobbs, New Mexico, recently for Floyd E. Smith, 42, a native of Howe.

He was the son of Mrs. R. A. Smith of Sherman.

A Cisco, Texas man has been charged with murder in the death of Smith, which occurred Tuesday, December 5.

Mr. Smith attended schools here and was a veteran of the Navy. He had lived in Hobbs about seven years.

Survivors besides the mother are the widow, Mrs. Dottie Smith; three sons, Forrest, a student at Eastern New Mexico University, and Steve and Alan Smith, both of Hobbs; four brothers, Porter Smith of Newark, Calif., Robert Smith of Garland, Frank Smith of Corsicana and Ray Smith of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. Joe Cunningham of Sherman and Mrs. Russell Sutton of Dallas.

Area relatives attended the funeral in Hobbs.



SANTA WAS HERE—This was the scene last Saturday just before parade time, when Santa visited Howe and talked to lots and lots of youngsters regarding this coming Sunday night. Santa handed out several pounds of candy, before, during, and after the annual parade. His visit was sponsored by Mack's Cash and the Chamber of Commerce.

CHRISTMAS, 1968

*In churches and homes in Howe and throughout the countryside, in city streets and stores—the spirit of Christmas spreads its joy and its contentment. Soon now, the last-minute hustle and bustle will give way to the highest moments of holiday celebration. It's time for fun and feasting, a time for light-hearted laughter and heartfelt prayer, a time when friendships are renewed and family ties are strengthened.*

*Throughout this community, and indeed throughout all the communities where Christmas is celebrated, the spirit of the season finds expression in innumerable ways—among them, the gladness of gift-giving, the merriment of parties, the happiness of hearth and home and, above all, the solemn hush of midnight, traditionally the symbolic time for heralding the Birth of Christ.*

*From the holly wreath on the door to the packages under the tree, from the gaily decorated windows of stores to the manger scenes in the churches, the customs of Christmas contribute to the meaning of the Day—just as early Christian leaders meant that holiday customs should.*

*When Christmas first began to be observed on December 25th, churchmen welcomed the idea of incorporating ceremonies and traditions from earlier beliefs into the celebration. They thought that people would feel closer to the new religion if former ways and rituals were not abolished, but instead united with the new rites to honor the birth of Christ.*

*Today, nearly everyone celebrates Christmas because Christmas belongs to everyone.*

*For the Christian believer, Christmas is cherished as a religious holiday of paramount importance, and as a time meant for joy and festivity, too.*

*For people of many different faiths, Christmas is beloved as a happy holiday, a secular celebration that gives meaningful expression to universal good will and good cheer.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sesame Club Party Held In Robertson Home

By Mame Roberts

In one of the most colorful and beautiful Christmas settings Mrs. Marshall Robertson was hostess for the annual Christmas party of the Howe Sesame Club, at 6 o'clock The Robertson home was brilliantly lighted, outside and inside.

The feature of interest was a large flock Christmas tree, around which were gifts.

Mrs. George Stockton opened the program with invocation.

Mrs. Cleon Hamilton presented the Christmas story, "If I Had Not Come," during which a vocal solo was included by Mrs. Hamilton. Christmas carols were sung by the group.

Mrs. Mary Hughett, in her typical "Old Santa," mirth, distributed the gifts.

A refreshment course was served to 18 members and guests, including Mrs. Coy Pool of Howe and Mrs. Costa Morrow of Sherman.

Next meeting of the club will be a luncheon January 2 at the Holiday Inn at 12 noon, at which time election of officers for the club year, 1968-'69, will be held.

Girls Take Third Consecutive Win

Howe girls' basketball team continued their winning ways during the past week, taking their third tournament and 14th consecutive game.

The girls, coached by Principal Arthur Boyle, defeated White-wright in the finals of White-wright's tournament last weekend, to cop the trophy.

The team met Blue Ridge in the opening round Friday, winning easily by a 49-18 score, with Mickey Dutton accounting for 24 and Betty Sue Scott, 18.

The team then defeated the Whitewright team, 43-15 on Saturday, with Dutton scoring 19, Scott, 12, and Jo Corzine, 9 points.

Boys' team won their tournament opener, 79-58 over Blue Ridge, with Ronnie Corzine accounting for 22 points, followed by Lynn Cavender, 15, and Bobby Hamilton, 15. The team was eliminated by the hosts Saturday night in a 59-38 contest. Corzine scored 17, Cavender 10 and Gary Gray, 9, in the loss.

The girls defeated Prosper on Tuesday night, 38-31, for their 14th consecutive win. Dutton dropped in 23 points, Scott, 14.



NEW HOME—Dwain's Paint and Body Shop is operating in this new building which was recently completed to house the Shop and Used Car office. The business is located behind Mack's Cash Grocery.

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N. D. Moses  
Box 27

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### Christmas Theme Prevails In Howe, Area; Programs Set

All the residential Christmas lights should be turned on at night until Christmas, if you're interested in having your home judged in the Chamber of Commerce decorations contest.

President of the Chamber, Ray Houston, said judging would be some time this week by out of town judges.

They will have a tough decision, or decisions. There are a number of outstanding scenes and lighting effects throughout the town, if you haven't "made the rounds," it's worthwhile to do so.

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The regular monthly PTA meeting last Thursday night, which happened to conflict with a basketball tournament being held at the high school gym, caused some confusion, and almost cut the attendance at the PTA meeting.

One couple, planning to attend the PTA program featuring elementary students, mistakenly drove over to the high school gym and started in the door, only to be stopped and asked to pay admission.

"You mean it costs a dollar to attend the PTA meeting?"

They were quickly referred to the middle school gym.

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The program presented by the youngsters might have been worth a buck. The kids were dressed in costumes for the presentation of a Christmas program, complete with a young Santa, elves, and a probable record attendance was registered--what with both bleacher sections packed, as well as the floor section.

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If you eliminate enough probable causes for losing, you will probably eventually come up with a winner.

O. V. Troxell was telling us Sunday, prior to the Cowboy football game, that he was going to listen to the game on the radio, because "Every time I watch them on television, they lose."

Didn't help either.

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Senior class play, usually held in April or May, will be presented Friday night at the middle school gym, under the direction of Mrs. Richard Reedy.

Date for the presentation was set this time of year due to so many activities close to graduation time, Mrs. Reedy said.

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This week's issue of The Enterprise contains annual season's greetings and best wishes from Howe and area service and retail businesses. They appreciate your business--if they didn't, they wouldn't bother to tell you about it.

We appreciate one and all customers, contributors, and others who have helped in any way to make Howe and the area a better place.

**Christmas Blessings**



Typical scene in Howe homes during the Christmas season. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hawkins pose with their children near the family Christmas tree. At left is Robin, observing Jeff, center, and Roderick, standing. The Hawkins will visit relatives in Oklahoma during the Christmas holidays.

The year's biggest holiday will arrive in Howe and the rest of the nation Monday--Christmas. Preparations that began more than a month ago will finalize when families and friends gather for traditional dinners and gift exchanges and worship services.

Many Howe residents will "take to the road for the holidays, to visit relatives and friends in other cities, while scores of relatives will likewise visit in Howe.

Retail stores, service businesses and manufacturing will observe the holiday, with some service stations and other essential establishments remaining open at least part of the day.

Schools were dismissed at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, and classes will resume January 2. School tax office will close for the holidays Friday, and will be open Friday, December 29, for those taxpayers who want to "get in under the wire" and pay the taxes this year. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the administration building.

First Baptist Church will have a special Program Sunday afternoon. The services will be held in the South Annex at 3:30 p.m. No services will be held Sunday night, so that members may spend the eve of Christmas with their families. The Sunday afternoon program will feature special music, the Christmas Story from the Bible, and a candlelight carol sing.

Special Christmas services were held at First United Methodist Church last week.

Although Howe has had its share of ice and snow already this season, long range forecasters are predicting clear weather for "the big day" Monday.

### Senior Class Play Friday Gun Accident Directors Vote Dividend

The Senior Class of Howe High School will present a play entitled "Dear Diary" on December 22, at the Junior High Gym. The time is 7:30 P.M. Admission will be 75¢ for adults and 50¢ for students.

The Cast is as follows: Janet Maxwell, Debbie Melton.

John Maxwell, Davis Finney, Connie, Carla Wortham, Betty Lou, Nyala Trotter.



Senior Class play practice gained momentum this week in preparation for the presentation of "Dear Diary," scheduled Friday night at the middle school gym. Part of the cast, above, left to right, Cindy Cloud, Nyala Trotter, Kathie Cate, Debbie Melton, Bonnie Armstrong and Cheryl Walker.

Wilbur Maxwell, Toby Soechting.

Hercules, Mark King, Bernadine, Cindy Cloud, Marvin, Rickey Hamilton, Aunt Mary, Kathie Cate, Miss Murray, Bonnie Armstrong.

J. C. Mallory, Roger Lankford.

Molly, Cheryl Walker, Miss Lewis, Ginger Lankford, Woman, Bobbie Ruffin.

### Victim Still In Intensive Care

Jimmy Freeman, 20, Howe, was reported to be showing signs of improvement today after being wounded in a hunting accident Sunday afternoon.

Young Freeman remains in the intensive care unit of Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman, where he is scheduled to remain until about Friday, relatives said.

The accident occurred Sunday afternoon during a hunting trip west of Sherman, investigators reported. Freeman and three companions were hunting, when his 20 gauge shotgun discharged, striking him in the abdomen. Rescuers carried the injured man about half a mile to a road where an ambulance transported him to the hospital.

Mr. Freeman underwent emergency surgery for several hours Sunday, and is scheduled for further surgery as soon as his condition permits.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Free.

### Directors Vote Dividend

The Directors of the Howe State Bank announced in a recent meeting, effective January 2, the bank would begin Master Charge service. With good earnings this year, the board voted a Christmas Bonus of one months pay for

officers and employees also a 10% Stock Dividend was approved, subject to the Stockholders and supervisory authorities approval.

The bank will soon begin a renovation project on the parking and Drive in window drives.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



Santa Claus (Donnie Fulton) sits fast asleep in his workshop, surrounded by elves, angels and the like. Scene is from PTA program presented by students of Mrs. Brewster and Mrs. Randolph's first graders last Thursday night. Surrounding Santa are Angels Shirley Sansom, Kathy Bunch, Chantel Oakley, Lori Dykes, Clowns Teddie Joe Galley and John Ritchie. Others, not facing camera are Ginger Senecal, Angie Cavender, David Walsh and Chance Laughlin.

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# Merry Christmas

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#### NO CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS?

If the critics are right in claiming that business enterprise has commercialized Christ out of Christmas, it's not too far to stretch the cause-and-effect principle to reason, for example, that commercialism of beverage alcohol has given the nation its No. 1 drug problem.

Or, that Christians have gone overboard by arbitrarily setting aside two days of the year for special emphasis on Christ, with little or no emphasis at other times.

If we follow the scriptural account of the wisdom and balance of how and when the first Christians worshipped God and paid homage to Christ, we follow a liturgy which Christ's apostles considered to be divinely inspired.

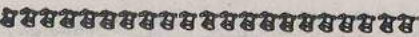
That liturgy chose as Christ's special day the first day of the week, every week. It was called the Lord's Day, all 52 of them; and, presumably, this was the day on which the Messiah, his life and teachings were to be remembered in a special kind of way at worship services.

Focusing attention on Christ and his message is the heart of Christian belief, which claims that this is the way for man to solve his problems and to save his soul. But to limit and narrow this attention by drawing it down to two brief seasons of the year, almost to the exclusion of all others, has led -- over the centuries -- to a kind of man-made liturgy which, due to its imbalance, has given impetus to the hoop-la of giving and getting.

The principle of man giving to glorify God, as demonstrated by the wise men from the East, is not the same as man giving to man to show himself peace on earth and goodwill to men.

Man's giving to God is a commandment considered to be holy by believers of the Bible. In all of the giving and getting of the season, is it not the proper response of man that he concentration first of all upon giving himself?

Editor's Note: The above editorial was written by Dana A. Blocker, former editor of the *Sherman Democrat*, and appeared in that newspaper on Monday, December 25, 1978. We feel the message contained in this editorial bears repeating and thank Mr. Blocker for giving his permission to print it in our "Christmas edition."



#### My Merry Christmas Day

by Donna Jarma, Howe High School teacher

As this Christmas tide draws smiling near  
And I look beneath my tinsel tree,  
At all the ribboned gifts, I wonder,  
What do other people see?

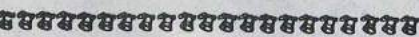
I ponder all the different places  
Filled with hunger, hate, and fear;  
And wish that I could send them  
Just a little of my cheer.

I dream of yams and turkey  
And the pies and cookies Mom will bake.  
Then, I wonder what the lonely find  
On Christmas when they wake.

I hear the ring of children's laughter,  
See my Grandma hugged and kissed;  
And think of all the sick and aged  
Who this season's joys must miss.

I feel the mellow warmth of candles,  
Watch them drip away like tears;  
And I cry at just how fortunate  
I have been all these years.

So, Lord, help me to be thankful  
And get on my knees and pray,  
For all the sad and poor in spirit  
On my Merry Christmas Day.



EAGLE SCOUT - Lanny Jay Rogers, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Rogers of Howe, was awarded the highest rank of Scouting in a ceremony held at the Bethel Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 20.



#### MISTLETOE & HOLLY

To most people, mistletoe means an excuse to steal a kiss at Christmas time. But that's just one of many traditions that have been associated with this curious, parasitic plant, according to National Wildlife magazine.

For centuries, people all over the world have considered mistletoe to be a charm against disease, witchcraft, and infertility. Such superstitions probably came about because of the unusual and rather eerie way in which the plant grows.

Mistletoe flourishes in clumps on the trunks and branches of various hardwood trees, where it robs its host tree of water and nutrients. Often, the host tree is so weakened that it dies. But since mistletoe can produce its own food when necessary, the parasite remains green and moist.

Because they were unable to explain how mistletoe grew, ancient civilizations believed the plant had supernatural powers. Peasants in both England and Japan believed that barren women would be able to conceive after eating mistletoe. The Walos of Africa attached mistletoe leaves to their bodies, confident that they would then be protected from injury. The Swedes carved sword handles from mistletoe branches to ward off witches, while other Europeans wore mistletoe corsages to guarantee a successful hunt.

Mistletoe is not a very tasty plant. In fact, although there are more than a thousand varieties throughout the world, only one animal -- the tiny Australian mistletoe bird -- relies solely on mistletoe for food. But medical history reveals that despite its taste, mistletoe was often fed to ailing patients by physicians who thought it had curative powers.

French physicians used mistletoe as an antidote for poisons. And one 17th century British physician observed that the plant is "good for the grief of itch, sores, toothache, and the biting of mad dogs and venomous beasts."

Even as late as the mid-1700's, many European medical authorities thought mistletoe attaches itself so firmly to a tree that it cannot be blown down, they reasoned, an epileptic could not fall down if he consumed the plant regularly.

As it was thought that mistletoe possessed magical powers, it's not surprising that the plant was long forbidden in Christian churches. It was thought to be tainted with heathenism. But the Druids -- the woody priests of the ancient Celts -- considered mistletoe to be a warm refuge for the woodland spirits during the cold weather. They gathered and hung the plant throughout their dwellings. This primeval practice may be the origin of the western tradition of decorating homes with greenery at Christmas time.

Centuries ago, on the sixth day of the new moon, a white-robed priest armed with a golden sickle could be seen harvesting mistletoe. The Druids believed the plant was too sacred to be collected by just anyone. Traditions change, of course, and today anyone willing to venture out into the woods can gather mistletoe with a pair of pruning shears.

But some traditions change very little. A kiss under the mistletoe dates all the way back to Norse mythology, which dedicated mistletoe to the Goddess of Love.

'Tis the season to deck the halls, but before you bring home boughs of holly you should know some of the history and superstitions surrounding that tough, prickly-leaved, berry-bearing plant.

Since the days of the ancient Celts, magical powers have been ascribed to holly. One legend holds that weather conditions at the time Christmas holly is brought in will determine who runs the household -- the husband or the wife.

Holly's use as a decoration dates back to the Druids, a religious order that thrived in pre-Christian England and France. These woody priests considered the plant's eternally green leaves proof that the sun would never desert them.

The early Romans extended this tradition by hating holly indoors during the feast of Saturnalia, a mid-winter festival celebrating the return of longer days.

Early Christian converts also adopted this ritual by designating Christmas Eve as *templum exornata* -- "Temples are adorned." It was forbidden to bring any greens into the home before that night. Because of this ban on early decorating, many Christians believed that bring holly into a house too soon would cause family quarrels and misfortune.

As Christianity spread, so did holly legends. In one tale, the plant was said to have had white berries until the Nativity. When a visitor broke off a branch of a holly tree

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### Happy Holiday

May your day be bright and sunny... from start to finish! Best wishes to all!

## City Council Discusses Ordinances

The Howe City Council met in regular session on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. with Mayor J.W. Reed presiding. Council present were Jack Floodas, Bill Mayo, O.B. Powers, and Sam Haigis. Absent was R.L. Cate.

The council voted to table the disposal of vehicles until more information on repair of the 1979 Chevy police car could be obtained.

The matter of the municipal judge was also tabled. Mayor Reed will continue to serve until a new judge can be appointed.

Council was given a sample ordinance on flood insurance. Since they had not had the ordinance long enough to study it, it was tabled until the next meeting.

The council voted to accept the contract with Texoma Regional Planning Commission on demolition of a house on Quinlan St. The fire department and Friends of the Library will work together on the project and will split the \$500 of the contract (funded through the Community Development Block Grant). City Administrator Joe Fenton reported that all materials in the fire department's yard are being salvaged. There is some salvagable lumber that can be used to build hose rack for the fire department and other things for the city.

Jo Ann Thompson of TP&L reported to council that Judge Herman Jones has ruled that all fuel costs that are passed on to the customer must have 70 day prior approval. Since other action on TP&L matters is pending, council voted to suspend action for 120 days.

Copies of the annual audit were given to council for them to study for the next regular meeting.

Council approved the following expenditures of the \$9,714 expected funds from revenue sharing: \$7572 on equipment for the street department (already purchased), \$350 for the library for equipment, and \$1,792 for communication equipment for the City Hall and Water Dept.

Due to new tax laws, the ordinance on ad valorem taxes needs to be changed. Council discussed the needed changes and an ordinance will be written up for their approval at the next meeting. Some of the changes involve participation in the Grayson Appraisal District, exemptions for elderly and disabled, and discounts for taxes paid before January.

On Feb. 19, 1981 the council passed an ordinance amending the building code. The changes were unclear and the council passed an ordinance amending the amendment. The ordinance deals with roof sheathing and subfloors and with sewer and water tubes and pipes.

Police Chief Ken Vickers reported: Disturbances - 12; burglaries - 6; alarms - 10; arrests - 4; accidents - 6; complaints - 3; house checks - 4; money escorts - 2; prowler calls - 4; motorist assist - 7; warnings - 5; tickets written - 4; cattle on highway - 4; theft - 2; vandalism - 2; and emergency message - 1. The average patrol miles were 102.68 per 24 hours.

The report was for Nov. 10 - Dec. 17. Chief Vickers also said that since his depart-

ment is now using 1979 Chryslers (Used DPS cars) gasoline mileage has improved from 5.6 to 11 mpg and less oil is being used. He stated all this is occurring with no reduction in patrol miles.

In the administrator's report Fenton recommended replacing the blue pickup now used by the Water Dept. He proposed fixing the Blue Chevrolet (police car) for his use and as a backup for the police department. The white pickup he now drives could be used by the Water Dept. until the city can get a better truck. The Council voted to sell at auction two old pickups and the Plymouth police car. The council also approved the repair of the blue Chevy at a reasonable price.

Fenton also told council the policy on sewer taps needs to be clarified to include maintenance of pipes on the customer's property as being the resident's own responsibility. The city will maintain the main line and will continue to do the taps at the fee previously set. Fenton will bring an ordinance to that effect to the council to approve at the next meeting.



### Santa Letter

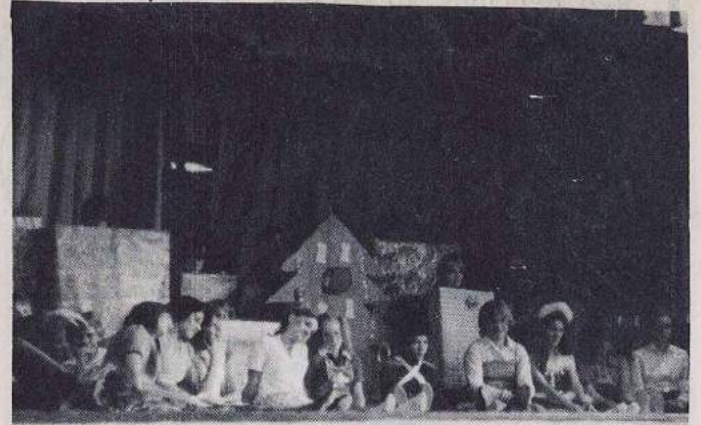
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## The Night Before Christmas -- In Howe

By Lana Rideout

'Twas the night before Christmas  
And all throughout Howe,  
Tiny children were scurrying,  
Asking, "Is it Christmas Day now?"  
Their parents then tucked them in bed,  
Pulled the blankets up high.  
Saying, "Have patience, children,  
I'm sure Santa is nigh."  
Soon a quiet hush fell  
O'er the country and town,  
The wind blew a little,  
A few snowflakes came down.  
Then a noise was heard  
In the faraway sky.  
I looked out my window,  
And said, "My, oh, my!"  
A single-engine airplane  
Was flying low,  
The pilot wore red,  
His beard, white as snow.  
He made a safe landing  
On a green grassy field.  
A large bag he carried with him,  
I wondered what goodies it would yield.  
He smiled and said,  
"Thanks for printing the letter."

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THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS - The Howe 8th Grade Class put on a Christmas play Friday, Dec. 18. The students dressed as dolls, toy soldiers, Christmas presents, and stockings. Santa Claus arrived and sprinkled some magic dust on the toys who then began to dance. All students of the middle school participated in the program which was held in the gym.

## Schools Hold Christmas Programs

The Howe High School program was successful on Friday, Dec. 18.

The program was dedicated to the working people of Poland. The third grade, directed by Mrs. Gary and accompanied by Mrs. Vickers, performed three favorite Christmas songs.

Then Speech I with Mr. Welborn staged their original play, complete with Santa coming down the chimney.

A Christmas medley was performed by the band, directed by Mr. Schenk. The Stage Band singers and choir harmonized on some religious carols. The Spanish classes and Ole Club then joined Miss Jarma in a few of the season's tunes with Spanish II doing a special in rounds.

Finally Freddy Holcomb and Miss Jarma did "That Christmasy Feeling" and a Christmas version of

"Where, Oh, Where." The band provided the finale with "Merry Christmas, Darling."

The students then reported to homerooms and then were released to the annual Christmas dinner.

The Howe Middle School held their annual Christmas program Friday, Dec. 18, in the gym.

Each class participated in the program with songs, skits, and musical numbers. The fifth grade played their flutophones and sang carols. The sixth grade sang "The Night Before Christmas - In Texas, You Know." The sixth grade band also played several songs.

Musical numbers were also presented by the seventh and eighth grade bands. The seventh grade class led the audience in a "participation" of "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

A play complete with Santa Claus on his sleigh pulled by the reindeer (including Rudolph) and dancing toys was presented by the eighth grade class. The student council representatives also gave a skit.

Following the program, each class held a Christmas party in their homeroom class.

## Band Calendars

The Howe Band Boosters announce that the Band Calendars have arrived.

They are available from any band member or at the Howe Insurance office during office hours. The cost of the calendar is \$2.00.

The calendars have many birthdays and anniversaries as well as room for notations. The award-winning Howe High School Band is pictured at the top of the calendar.

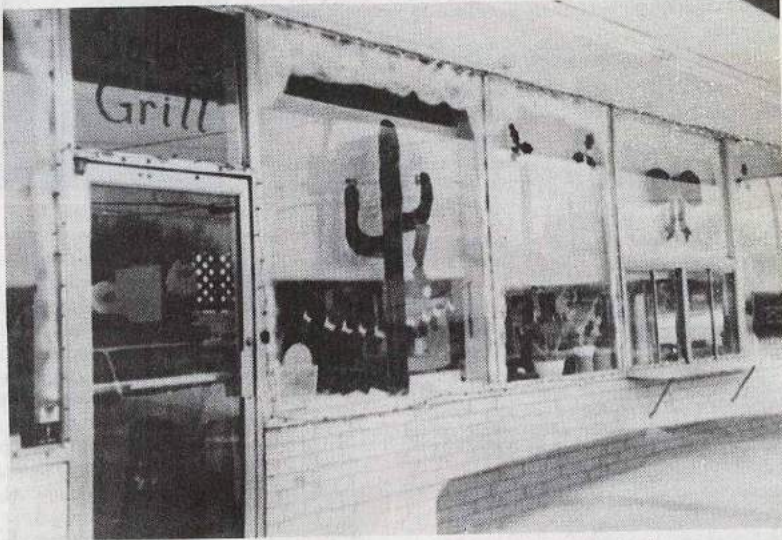
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## The Howe Enterprise

Thursday,  
December 24, 1992

## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a 12 speed bike, little miss roller blade, geuss who! Pretty crimp "n" curl. Santa I hope Roodph gides your slay. Now remember what I want for Christmas. Tell Mrs. Claus hi! I belive in you!

Love, Krystal Kirkland

Dear Santa,

I hope you have fun this year. I know I want a hole football suit.

Adam Davenport

Dear Santa,

I would like a lokomotive electric train. If you go to my Mom's house, can you give her my portable T.V.? My brother would like the game "Splat." My sister would a "Baby All Gone." Please give my mother would like a little bit of jelery. I belive in you.

Andrew Lewis Holmes

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a pair of skates, toys and cloths. For my mom will you give her some cloths. My sister wants some boots and jeans. And will you make this Christmas white and happy.

Love, Lyndsi

Dear Santa,

I won to now are you rell? pepl say Mom and Dady hep that do help a letl dot? Oh, let's get on with the list. I wan teddy her brdy, Bridey porchu, Rroludlaby, Pupey Pris, and Pepl all ofr the wrld a hape crssmus.

Your frad, A.J.

Dear Santa,

I want a trappkeper for christmas. I also want school splises for school. My brother want everything for Christmas.

Love, Lyndee

Dear Santa,

I was a good girl this year. I want a bike and a baer book, rado.

Love, Sarah Palacios

Dear Santa,

I can't wate in till Christmas day I want a champ a lean and car for my barbie doll for Chrismas O and by my mom a necklece and earings. I would like a neckle to. And I would like a new babie doll and criping curl doll and criping curl horse.

Love, Summer

Dear Santa,

I hope you come to my house and put some toys under my tree. How is Miss Santa doing? I want a doll that has a mikerofom and a doll that has a bottle and you can push buttens. If you push one it will cry, lagh, drink and even burp. I want to get my brother a molk control car. Then he can drive it all around the house. He would even drive the car in my legs. He would even like to have a new Nintendo so he could play new games. I would even like a cat that has babbys. I would like to get my dogs and a cat a bow tie for Christmas. They would like that. I would also like to get my cows a bell so if we lose them we could find them because they would walk and the bells would ring. And I would like to get my rudy bull a handsome suit so every day he would were it. I would also give him a bell just like the rest. At night I will give my dad a hear cut. And in the morning he will look in the miro and he will see that he is balled.

But I wouldn't do that to my dad. If you come to my house I will have cookies and milk for you.

Love, Kirsten Watson

Dear Santa,

I love horses so do the best you can. I like Starlight, Rosebud, and any other horse. I wish I had a real horse and a real ranch. I like mermaids too! There is Barbie Mermaid doll and Lil' Miss Mermaid. I like Ariel. Any kind Beautiful hair Ariel. Anykind. Anything. Just as long as you come to my house. Here's my address, 409 N. Denney, Howe, TX 75459. Please write back. Please give my mom a good present from me. And dad, brother and sister and nephew.

Love, Danielle Lynn Story

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I hope Mrs. Claus is doing fine. I want a Supernintendo for Christmas so please stop by my house. Tell Mrs. Clause that I said helo. I am going to come see you at the Mall. I'm going to put cookies and milk for you by the Christmas tree.

Your friend, Amber Foster

Dear Santa,

I want a traplen. and a Sipur nitdoe and some movies.

Love, Sarah C.

Dear Santa,

This christmas I would like for some nintendo games. One of them is Mario 3. The other one is barts world and the other one is wheres woldo. And I want a casstte player that you can hang on you poket. And earplugs with it that just can hear. And a tipewriter.

Love, Brittney Goldston

Dear Santa,

For christmas I would like a chrixcross tape and a Big foot crash arrecina and a BOW & ARROW PLEASE!!!

Love, Dusty King

Dear Santa,

I have only one thing I realy want it probably to much to ask for. I just want a minny motercycol. I want grama Ann Bowden a mixer with the handet conected. Also my gramp Spike or W.H. BOWden a new chair. And my mom a good apartment.

Love, Dawn Michelle Bowden

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## Basketball

The 7th grade girls beat Tom Bean, 23-17, on Dec. 17. Scoring: Jennifer Finney and Amanda Syler, 6 each; Lauren Hash, 5; Casey Vineyard, 3; Robin Davidson, 2; Karen Allen, 1. Record: 2-3.

The 8th grade boys beat Tom Bean "B" team, 46-14, on Dec. 18. Scoring: Jason Lewis, 13; Kevin Harris, 10; Jason Hodges, 8; Rodney Connor & Dusty King, 5 each; Cory Bray, 3; Jerred Mitchell, 1. Record: 3-2.

Up through Dec. 15 the Howe Varsity Boys Basketball team attained a record of 8-4.

On Dec. 10 they participated in the Whitewright tournament and won third place. In the first game, Howe beat Sam Rayburn, 66-57. Scoring: Jay Carson, 17; Kendall Carter, 16; Roy Layman, 12; Stephen Dedman, 8; Brian Freese, 8; Luke Martin, 2; Jeremy Francis, 2; Josh Farrington, 1.

In the second game Howe lost to Whitewright, 65-74. Freese, 21; Carson, 14; Layman, 14; Carter, 11; Francis, 5.

In the third game that won them third place, Howe beat Farmersville, 65-49. Freese, 14; Carson, 12; Layman, 10; Dedman, 8; Francis, 7; Carter, 5; Martin, 5; Farrinton, 4.

On Dec. 15 Howe beat Bells, 59-33. Freese, 26; Kent Bearden, 8; Layman, 8; Carter, 7; Farrington, 5; Dedman, 4; Carson, 1.

## The Greatest Gift

**THE GREATEST GIFT** - In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem, the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

---Luke 2:1-21 New International Version

## Snow! At HES!

Teachers had their hands full last week as it started snowing big fluffy flakes during class instruction time. As the more observant children (or sometimes the daydreamers) noticed them falling outside, the teacher's concentration on the lesson was interrupted with shrieks of excitement signs of delight and other statements such as:

"It's pouring down snow!"

"The snow is twirling!"

"It's blowing like a whirlwind."

"The cars are buried!"

"It's raining snow!"

"The tires on the tennis courts look like frosted donuts!"

And the children inside noticed those coming back from the gym were catching snowflakes on their tongue and wanted to know: "Can we go play outside in the snow?" and "Will we get out of school early?"

NOTE: A brief snowstorm hit the area on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 15, but the sun came out at noon and melted all the accumulated snow (and dashed hopes of early dismissal!).

## Mark Your Calendar

**HOWE COMMUNITY LIBRARY** regular hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturdays, 9 to noon.

During the Christmas holidays, hours will be: Dec. 21 & 22, open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Dec. 23, 24, 25, and 26. Open Dec. 28, 29, and 30, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Dec. 31, Jan. 1, and 2. Open Jan. 4 and 5, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Regular hours resume on Jan. 6.

## Council Awards Bid On Sewer Rehab

The Howe City Council awarded the sewer rehab project to Legend Construction in the amount of \$165,046.05, at their regular meeting held Thursday, Dec. 17. Jerry Chapman of GTUA and Reeves Hayter of Hayter Engineering recommended this bid to the council.

In other action, the council approved a request from Texas Waste Management to change pickup of trash to Tuesdays and Fridays effect Jan. 5, 1993.

Waynard Hyde of TWM stated this change is to help the company better serve the area and make sure the trash is picked up in a timely manner.

The council also approved second readings and adoption of ordinances dealing with Lone Star Gas Co. and Northland Cable TV franchises.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to lack of time and space, the rest of the story on the council meeting will appear in next week's issue)

**Howe's That . . .**

**TEXAS CHILI** - 2 T. Vegetable Oil, 2 pounds stewing beef (cubed), 1 cup chopped onion, 1 green pepper, 1 clove of garlic (minced), 1 - 12 oz. can tomato paste, 2 1/2 cups water, 2 pickled jalapeno peppers (rinsed, seeded, & chopped), 1 1/2 T. chili powder, 1/2 t. crushed red pepper, 1/2 t. salt, 1/2 t. dried oregano, 1/2 t. cumin, 1 - 15.5 oz. can pinto beans (drained). In large heavy pan, heat oil, and brown beef cubes on all sides. Add onions, bell pepper and garlic, and fry them with beef for about 5 minutes. Add all the remaining ingredients except beans and simmer for 1 1/2 hours or until the meat is tender. Add beans and simmer for 30 minutes longer (recipe from Lone Star Brewing Co., Inc.) (Submitted by a reader)



**KING AND QUEEN** - Howe Middle School students collected a total of 846 canned food items to donate to the Crisis Center in Sherman. Each grade had a king and queen, who collected the most for that grade. Left to right, 7th grade winners, Lanisha Collins (59) and Seth Bruce (44); 8th grade winners, Shannon Mitchusson (200) and Jason Grisham (15); and 6th grade winners, Crystal Hicks (41) and Jason Deaver (30).





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100 years ago  
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### Letters from the Mailbox

Dear Santa Claus,  
First this year I want to thank you for being Santa. It is almost Christmas. That means soon lots of kids will be very happy. I hope that makes you feel good. This year I want some toy cars. I also want a Need for Speed Carbon for PS2 I bet you probably are thinking I'm not old enough but my parents let me play that game. It's just my brother doesn't share his games. Then I want a laptop. That is all I want for Christmas. Pretty short list right.

Your believer,  
**Hayden Tiner**

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring a playhouse for me and my sisters, Emery and Kamry. Please bring some wipes for Aunt Camille's new babies. I want some new book. Maybe I would like a new pillow. And I think I want new red socks. Bring my little sister, Emery some books, please. I need a new manager with baby jesus for my room. Baby Kamry, would like a baby doll.  
I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk.  
**Love Avery Snapp**  
Age 3, Howe

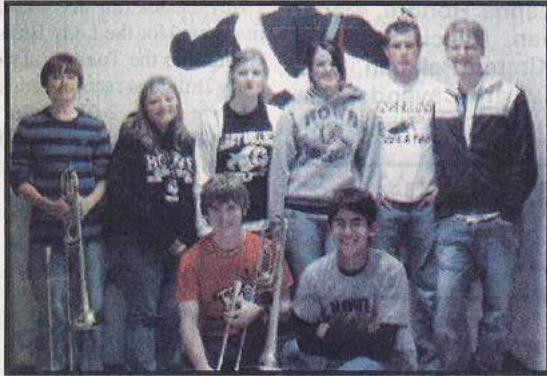
### Howe's That...

**By Lana Rideout**  
I spent several days last week typing letters to Santa from local area children, mostly Howe Elementary School students. Above are two letters received by email from other children.

I always enjoy reading these letters. They can be funny, sad, and often revealing.

I noticed that several school students are busy learning how to use question marks and exclamation points. Some of them liked these punctuation marks so much that every sentence ended with one or the other even if only a period was called for.

Enjoy the letters starting on page 3.



### HOWE HIGH SCHOOL Band members qualify for All-Region

Several members of the Howe High School Band competed at the All-Region Band Tryouts held in Aubrey on Monday, Dec. 3. Twelve students made the symphonic or concert bands and 7 of those students qualified for area.

Those students are:  
Area Qualifiers and Symphonic Band Members: (left in photo above)

Back Row: Travis Hunt - 4<sup>th</sup> chair trombone; Skylar Graves - 3<sup>rd</sup> chair clarinet;

Taylor Cook - 1<sup>st</sup> chair French horn; Kayla Cook - 1<sup>st</sup> chair bass clarinet; Eric Grisolia - 4<sup>th</sup> chair tuba; Catlan Fearon - 6<sup>th</sup> chair tuba / area alternate

Front Row: Jesse Richard - 3<sup>rd</sup> chair trombone; Gerzon Rodriguez - 8<sup>th</sup> chair clarinet  
Concert Band Members: (below)

Alex Caro - 15<sup>th</sup> chair trumpet; Sigrid Debner - 2nd chair flute; Emily Grisolia - 4<sup>th</sup> chair flute; Melvin Rodri-



### When you give this holiday season, don't get taken!

by **LeAndra Beckemeyer, Postmaster, Howe**

Holidays should be a time for giving. But for hustlers, they're a prime time for taking!

Among the many legitimate requests you may receive this season from worthy charities, you can expect to receive requests from some groups that are exaggerated, distorted, or complete fiction.

Here's how you can protect yourself and your donations from phony charities:

\*Be suspicious of requests for assistance that accept cash donations only.

\*Always make your check payable to the organization, not an individual.

\*If the charity is unfamiliar to you, ask for a copy of its annual report and financial statement. Or contact the Better Business Bureau (BBB) to check it out.

\*If you want more extensive information of a charitable organization, contact the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, 4200 Wilson Blvd. Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22203-1898. The web site is GIVE.org.

To learn more or to report fraud online, visit the U.S. Postal Inspection Service web site at [www.usps.com/postalinspectors](http://www.usps.com/postalinspectors).

### HOWE

## Citizens protest halfway house set to be located in rural residence

A flurry of emails last week called attention to a proposed halfway house to be located in a residential dwelling on Harrell Road in Howe.

Residents of Howe and Grayson County gathered Thursday night, Dec. 13, to discuss this proposal and to protest the plans of Mission Gate Prison Ministry to house 11 parolees in the house.

A newly set up web site [www.notingraysoncounty.com](http://www.notingraysoncounty.com) states "Stop Mission Gate Prison Ministry: Keeping our community, children and grandchildren safe is our only objective."

One email received by the *Texoma Enterprise* listed the following information:

\*The purchase is in a "no deed restriction area" so legal resistance is much lower.

\*Two Denison Baptist churches funded the house.

\*The Gunter woman championing the effort is a "Self Ordained Preacher" only. She has no counselor education, no conflict training or any other background that would seem necessary to work in that type of environment.

\*An offer for the \$266,000 purchase price to buy back the property has been made. Howe was selected over Gunter supposedly because land was cheaper. The intent is to build to house more parolees (using the entire 26 acres and or buying more neighboring houses).

\*In Cuba Missouri, a similar halfway house was established and went though. The police in the area said Crime went up 20%. The portrayed 85% success rate that they preach is based on criteria of returning to prison, no local crime rates or relative inci-

dents.

\*The parolees are expected to pay \$80 a week each to stay in the house.

\*Those are kicked out of the house for not complying to the rules (drunk, fighting, etc) are "dropped off" some where in town. Sex offenders are not supposed to be accepted as candidates for this program but violent offenders are considered on an as case basis.

\*A follow-up meeting was held Tuesday, Dec. 18 (after press deadline)

An article in the *Sherman Herald Democrat* newspaper stated that county officials at the Dec. 13 meeting included: State Rep. Larry Phillips, Grayson County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Ron Brown, and Grayson County Commissioner Johnny Waldrip.

Also according to the newspaper article, Mission Gate Prison Ministry is a Missouri-based non-profit organization. They purchased 26 acres of land with a three-bedroom house on Harrell Road, paying cash for the property.

At the Thursday meeting, both Commissioner Waldrip and State Rep. Phillips questioned the rural setting with a lot of children as well as less access to law enforcement. "This is not the proper place, among all these rural residents," Waldrip said.

Persons interested in learning more should go to the following website: [www.notingraysoncounty.com](http://www.notingraysoncounty.com) and/or go to the *Herald Democrat* website; [www.heralddemocrat.com](http://www.heralddemocrat.com) and read the article written by Mary Jane Farmer. You can search for "Howe half-way house."

A petition is also posted on the [notingraysoncounty.com](http://notingraysoncounty.com) web site.

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The Howe Community Library hosted a safety presentation by Trooper Uresti of the Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 5.

Trooper Uresti talked to the students of the After-School Kids (ASK) club about making wise decisions. She led the children into discussions on peer pressure and internet safety. Trooper Uresti also brought bicycle safety books, pencils, and trading cards for the children to take home.

The After-School Kids club meets on Wednesday afternoons from 3:10-4:00 during the school year. For more information, please call the Howe Community Library at 903-532-5519.



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## Howe's That

The Bible says my King is the King of the Jews. He's the King of Israel. He's the King of Righteousness. He's the King of the Ages. He's the King of Heaven. He's the King of Glory. He's the King of kings, and He's the Lord of lords. That's my King.

I wonder, do you know Him?

He's the greatest phenomenon that has ever crossed the horizon of this world. He's God's Son. He's the sinner's Saviour. He's the centrepiece of civilization. He's unparalleled. He's unprecedented. He is the loftiest idea in literature. He's the highest personality in philosophy. He's the fundamental doctrine of true theology. He's the only one qualified to be an all sufficient Saviour.

He's indescribable! He's incomprehensible. He's invincible. He's irresistible. You can't get Him out of your mind. You can't get Him off of your hand. You can't outlive Him, and you can't live without Him. Well, the Pharisees couldn't stand Him, but they found out they couldn't stop Him. Pilate couldn't find any fault in Him. Herod couldn't kill Him. Death couldn't handle Him, and the grave couldn't hold Him.

Yeah! That's my King, that's my King.

- S.M. Lockridge

## Lady Bulldogs could be unwrapping something special



Howe is now 13-2 overall and 2-0 in district play.

The girls will take the week off of games for Christmas break, but will start a tournament Dec. 29 in Sherman.

According to TABC (Texas Association of Basketball Coaches), Howe is not a top-25 team in 3A. However, no one in Howe believes that can be true.

This year's Lady Bulldog basketball team has the kind of talent that could send them to the elite in the history of the program.

The latest victim of the basketball sharp-shooters were Gunter on Friday

night. Howe traveled to blue territory and came away with a 62-38 win thanks to some hot three-point shooting by going 9 for 19 behind the line.

Riley Harvey and Alyssa Smith each had 14 points to

lead the Lady Bulldogs. Darci Foster, who was 2 of 6 from the three-point line added 10 points. Kayle Anderson had 7.

Harvey pulled down 10 rebounds while Smith totaled 7.

Shallowater is ranked #1 with a 10-0 record and that's tough to argue. But there are some others like Rogers (9-5) and Marion (9-6) that are getting more respect than Howe up to this point. It should be interesting to watch this team and the poll.

## City to lease softball fields from Howe ISD



With Howe I.S.D.'s new softball complex being constructed at the Howe Athletic Complex on Denny Street, the old softball fields located just east of the railroad tracks off of Davis Street have no use for the ISD and the ISD has offered to lease the fields to the city for \$1 per year on a renewing annual contract.

Howe ISD Superintendent Kevin Wilson contacted Howe City Administrator Joe Shephard several months ago about the

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