



Howe's That

by Monte Walker

It was quite the week for downtown Howe. I was able to meet the newest owner of the 107-111 E. Haning St. buildings and she's quite the mover and shaker. Her residence will remain in Denton, but it is nice to have someone in town with as much appreciation for and interest in the history of the city, even if she's only here part time.

The downtown building under construction is taking on a life of its own. A big thanks to John Suggs at Bethel Baptist Church for offering to help me out. We moved about 50 floor joist that were 2"x12"x25 feet and 114-years-old. I may never care to pick those things up ever again. They did see daylight for perhaps the first time since the building was constructed in 1900. Concrete is scheduled to be put in place as the new flooring this week. The original hardwood flooring was mostly either previously removed or eaten by termites. However, I did salvage as much as I could and could possible reconstruct about 1,000 square feet of the old stuff. The floor joists that were good will also be reused as baseboards.

Howe Area Chamber of Commerce is back



(L-R) Robert Cannaday, Tom Defrange and Jonathan Coleman discuss strategy

After several years without a functioning chamber of commerce, Howe now once again has officially revived the non-profit organization to strengthen the business community in Howe and surrounding communities.

The city chose to go with the name Howe Area Chamber of Commerce to appeal to members from local communities as well as businesses in Howe.

On the new website, which

can be found at www.howe-chamber.com, President Robert Cannaday has this message:

"On behalf of the Howe Area Chamber of commerce, we would like to welcome

you to our website and the great town of Howe, Texas. As a Chamber of Commerce, our mission is to promote local business growth through the implementation of events and gatherings which encourage both prosperity and community growth.

The city of Howe offers an unparalleled sense of community through our small town atmosphere and great residents. This is why the Howe Chamber of Commerce has made our primary goal to promote the growth of local business and community. As a member of our community, whether through business ownership or residency, you have not

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Three downtown units sold



107-111 E. Haning sold to Georgia Caraway on Friday

It became official on Friday afternoon that three units on the north side of E. Haning Street in downtown Howe were sold to Georgia Caraway by O.B. Powers for an undisclosed amount. The three units currently house Clinton's Home Furnishings, Salvage Junky and Caraway will

soon open an antique store in the unit most west which once housed Mrs. Chisum's dress shop.

The new owner, Caraway, is a community historian and comes by way of Pennsylvania, but has spent the majority of her adult life in Denton,


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Caraway

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Georgia Caraway in front of the the buildings she purchased on Friday

where she has not only built the reputation as an antique specialist, but also has written four books on the history of Denton. Caraway, a PHD, feels like Howe was a calling and it was by happenstance that she even came to Howe. She was traveling with her companion, Oscar Blankemeyer to an estate sale in Tom Bean. Blankemeyer likes to take different roads to travel and they ended up in Howe and stopped at the east end of downtown not realizing that they were apartments and nearly barged into someone's living room thinking it was a retail location. Once they finally figured out the situation, they found themselves at Salvage Junky and visiting with Debbie Wallis.

"I don't know why, but I asked her if there were

any places for lease here." said Caraway. "Don't ask me why because I wasn't thinking about buying or leasing a building. I thought her shop was really cute."

Caraway took a few steps down the block and standing with his back turned to her was O.B. Powers in front of 107 E. Haning, looking at a the unit that he had leased that was full of antiques. According to Caraway, he told her that someone just left him with all of that stuff and he was trying to figure out what to do with it all.

"I then asked him if the buildings were for sale and he said he wanted to sell all three of them." said Caraway. "And then Oscar started talking

to him about farm equipment and tractors. So I looked around and loved it."

Caraway has owned antique shops in Lewisville and Denton and her background is in museum preservation and has a lot of experience with remodeling old buildings.

"This one just touched me." said Caraway. "I looked at the ceilings and the floors. I don't know what it was, but it just kind of spoke to me."

While standing in the building, she looked at Blankemeyer and quietly mouthed to him "I want these." She began to negotiate with Powers and with her having owned buildings on the square in downtown Denton, she was used to the pricing structure and what was being asked in Howe didn't seem so awful compared to the lofty prices in the metroplex for downtown historic buildings.

On her ride back home, she explained that her heart was racing and she called her sister, Marilyn, who often spends the winter months in the San Antonio and the summer months in home state Pennsylvania, and talked about the opportunity to venture in to the small town antique business. It is now an opportunity for her sister to spend her time in Texas closer to her than San Antonio.

Caraway had some of her construction friends take a look at the building and her and Powers continued to negotiate and couldn't come to an agreement. After waiting three days, she called

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There are several hutches in the building that are original to Howe and will stay.

Powers back and wanted to restart the negotiations.

"We finally came to an agreement. From that point on, I was committed. Afraid, but committed." she said while chuckling.

Caraway will remain in Denton because she says that is her home and where her friends are. But she says that there is something about this community that draws her here.

"After I met people in the street, I just knew that this was the place." said Caraway.

"She went down one side of the street and before she could make it over to the other side, she'd met every Howe official in town." said Blankenmeyer.

Caraway has already committed to keeping the leases for Clinton's Upholstery and Salvage Junky. 107 E. Haning will feature a new antique and gift store which will also have vintage clothing for sale as Caraway's sister is in the vintage clothing business in Pennsylvania and will have some of the finest quality merchandise for sale in downtown Howe.

There will also be some renovations done to the outside of each building as the doors will be painted to match (with the exception of

Salvage Junky). The trim around the windows will be painted and the trim of the awning will also be painted. Caraway insists that the historic look and feel of the buildings should remain and will. On the inside of 107 E. Haning, the original hardwood floors will be reworked and refinished and the walls will be painted. The tin ceilings will also remain.

Caraway has a computer software background as a programmer. She went from Pennsylvania to New Jersey and then was brought to Dallas to run the computer operations for a company. She then worked for Docutel Corporations, who created the ATM's. She was a sales representative who covered a four-state area in her early twenties. She then started working for a company that designed the first point-of-sale machines for electronic credit card processing.

"They were so far ahead of their time that I was turned down by every bank in four states." said Caraway. "It was just two soon, but I look back and realize that I was on the ground floor of the ATM and point-of-sale industry."

When she called on her last bank, First National Bank of Dallas, they turned her down on the point-of-sale mission, but offered her a position to head up their program

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Circa 1960's - The north side of downtown Howe.

for their new Automated Clearing House (ACH). Now as a vice president of the bank, she had an opportunity for the first time to go and get her Business Finance and Banking degree at Louisiana State University. After approaching the bank to help her obtain her masters degree, they were not willing. So she quit her great job at the bank and enrolled at UNT (The University of North Texas) to obtain her masters degree in 1988.

"Fate checked in." said Caraway. "I went on a trip to Europe and came back with a love of history and switched my major to Texas Studies. You can't do anything with that except teach. So I went on and got my doctorate in Higher Education Administration.

She had an antique shop going and UNT asked her to teach courses on antiques. She then developed a company called the Texas Institute of Antiques and Collectibles. She wrote a book about antiques and how to preserve them and then got a call to go to the Denton County Museums and took a very active role with the museum in the old courthouse. Her and her team then built the Bayless-Selby Victorian House Museum just before creating the first African-American Museum in North Texas.

After spending 14 years working with the Denton County Museums, Caraway felt it was time to do something else. That's when she retired.

"I look back with a lot of pride with what we did." said Caraway. "We did a lot of fundraising and a lot of restoration. It brought those museums where they were looked upon by the State of Texas as a shining example.

"I'm hoping the community (Howe) will accept me and embrace me." said Caraway.

She said that the city was attractive to her because of civic actions that are taking place right now such as economic development, the Keep Howe Beautiful program and the reformation of the chamber of commerce.

Caraway has her eyes set upon helping the Howe Enterprise owner

with a book outlining the history of Howe. With her experience in writing four books that she's done for the history of Denton, she's willing to serve as a guide to get the same accomplished for Howe on obviously a smaller scale.

It seems that if everything is brewing for the small city that has always been labeled a bedroom community to Sherman. One year ago, there was almost no activity in downtown Howe. A coffee shop was closing and Abby's Restaurant had yet to open. In all, three downtown buildings were standing empty. And in one year's time, there is hardly a parking spot to be found in downtown on a weekday for lunch or an evening for dinner. Soon, the new chamber of

commerce will have their home on the corner building of 101 E. Haning St., and Advantage Business Machines now operates at 105 E. Haning St. Two restaurants, My Estrella and Abby's take up the entirety of the south side of downtown. With Designer Cuts, Clinton's Upholstery, Salvage Junky and Caraway's new antique store, that will make every downtown building occupied by Founders Day.

Caraway could be the first of many that come to Howe and leave impressed with the improvements that are taking place, not only downtown, but throughout the community. She could be the first of many that want to restore and revitalize Howe.

Lady Bulldogs lose to Pottsboro, 49-40



Alissa Smith walks off the court after a minor injury on Tuesday

it was tough going versus a tough Pottsboro lady Cardinals team last Tuesday as Howe seemed to never get on track. It was an almost unimaginable low scoring first period as Howe was clinging to a 5-3 lead going in to the second period. That's when things got ugly for the Lady Bullogs. Pottsboro outscored Howe 16-2 in the second and the girls could never quite recover, although winning the

second half, 28-27. The final was 49-40 and Howe dropped to 16-5 on the season, but most importantly, 3-1 in district play.

Smith and Riley Harvey each had 10 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs. Other scorers were Darci Foster with six, Peyton Streetman, five, Kayla Anderson, Holly Hawkins, and Madisyn Hargrove each had three. Harvey added 15 rebounds in the loss.

Howe regroups; destroys Callisburg, 60-31



The Lady Bulldogs (17-5, 4-1) didn't waste any time getting back in the win column in District 10-3A action. The girls traveled to Callisburg on Friday and showed no mercy and outscoring the Lady Wildcats, 17-8 in the first period. They were just as impressive in the second period by racking up 18 points to eight for the Lady Wildcats. Howe outscored Callisburg 25-15 in the second half to come away with the easy win.

Riley Harvey got back on her normal scoring track by totaling 20 points to lead all scorers in the game. Alissa Smith recorded 13. Holly Hawkins scored eight while Darci Foster added six. Other scorers were Emily Sanders with five, Hunter Brockelman with three, Kamryn Fulenchek, two, Madisyn Hargrove, two, and Kayla Anderson with one.



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Bulldogs beat Pottsboro, 68-51



Howe's Griffin Underwood preparing for a free throw.

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Howe junior Griffin Underwood racked up 20 points to pace Howe (14-5, 2-0) past Pottsboro at home on Tuesday night. The Bulldogs jumped on the Cardinals early and never looked back with a 15-6 first quarter lead. Pottsboro shaved three points off of the Howe lead going in to the half trailing 32-24, but a dominating third quarter saw the Howe defense hold Pottsboro to only two points for the entire period

period while Howe tacked on another 11. The teams tied 25-25 in the fourth quarter, but by then, the damage was done and Howe came away with a 68-51 win.

Other scorers were Levi Mrozinski and Easton Ross, each with 12. Michael Kehrer added 11, Nick Wilson had seven, Tyler Grisham chipped in four, and Sam Akins rounded out the scoring with his two points.

'Dogs continue to be the turnaround gang; beat Callisburg, 62-54

Michael Kehrer scored the same number on his jersey Friday night when he tallied 23 points to lead Howe (15-5, 3-0) to victory over Callisburg, 62-54.

Howe will find out if they are up for the challenge next week as they take on number two ranked Ponder.

Howe is undefeated in District 10-3A and have completely gone from a pretty good basketball team in 2013-14 to a really good basketball team in 2014-15. Last season, Howe finished 9-19 and was able to squeak into the playoffs. It seems, however, that this version of the Bulldogs seems to be preparing themselves for bigger and better things down the road.

Other leading scorers for Howe were Griffin Underwood with 14 and Easton Ross with 11.




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First United Methodist Church of Howe

Tuesday, January 13
9:30 am - Women's Bible Study (Beth Moore's Children of the Day)

Wednesday, January 14 9:00 am
- Wednesday Workers
6:30 pm - Discover Christ (Children)
6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study (Beth Moore's Children of the Day)
6:30 pm - Jr. High Youth
7:30 pm - Sr. High Youth

Thursday, January 15
6:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Sunday, January 18
9:00 am - Sunday School
10:00 am - Worship service
3:00 pm - Cub Scouts
7:30 pm - Men's Bible Study

First Baptist Church Howe

Tuesday, January 13
7:00 pm - Ladies Bible Study
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 14
6:30 pm - Fuel
6:45 pm - Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study
7:30 pm - Choir

Sunday, January 18
8:30 am - Traditional Worship service
9:45 am - Bible Fellowship
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship service

Community Bible Fellowship

Monday, January 12
7:00 pm - Luella home group Bible Study

Wednesday, January 14
6:30 pm - Food and Fellowship
7:00 pm - Children's Ministry
7:00 pm - Youth and Adult Bible Study

Sunday, January 18
10:15 am - Worship Service
7:00 pm - Howe home group Bible Study

Howe Church of Christ

Tuesday, January 13
10:00 am - Terrific Tuesday Bible Class

Wednesday, January 14
7:00 pm - Bible Classes (all ages)

Friday, January 16
7:00 pm - Friday Bible Study Group

Sunday, January 18
9:00 am - Bible Classes (all ages)
10:00 am - Worship Service
6:00 pm - Worship Service

First Baptist Church Dorchester

Wednesday, January 14
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, January 18
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

New Beginning Fellowship

Wednesday, January 14
7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm - Kids Church
7:00 pm - Radiate Youth

Sunday, January 18
10:00 am - Kids Church
10:00 am - Morning Service

A Christian Fellowship, Luella

Wednesday, January 14
6:30 pm - Potluck Meal
7:00 pm - Worship Service
7:00 pm - Jr & Sr High Youth

Sunday, January 18
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is.” Proverbs 23:7. A poor self-image can be the source for many complex inner problems such as depression, inferiority, lack of confidence, alienation, addictions, lack of self-control, gossiping, judgmental spirit, failure syndrome, perfectionism, controlling personality, fears and inability to develop and maintain healthy relationships.

If you speak negative about yourself it places a heavy burden on your spirit. If you speak negative about others it places a burden in your spirit and a burden on them, also. The problem is because God created humans in His image. You are created for righteousness, love, and acceptance. You can’t receive love and acceptance from God if you are against yourself or others. God continually pours out love, forgiveness and acceptance upon His children but so many don’t know how to receive it. You have to take action to overcome this negative behavior. Purposely think and say only good things. I’m not talking prideful, this is the opposite of pride, it’s agreeing with the Lord. “Because you are precious in My sight and honored, and because I love you...” Isaiah 43:4. Stop rejecting yourself and let the healing begin.

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are loved by your Father in Heaven, you will not be afraid of being punished by God. The fear referred to is the fear of judgment, the fear of lack, the fear of death. These fears bring torment and are inconsistent with trusting God. I wept with the loss of our house, but I knew God was for me and not against me.

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The man who saved downtown Howe



Jack Leavenworth in front of the front of the remodeled Chisum's building.

As the Christmas season came and downtown Howe was decorated to the hilt with lights, candy canes and even a downtown lighted Christmas tree, one man may have felt more pride than any other citizen in Howe. There was one man who invested his retired life to remake downtown to a place of community pride.

Jack Leavenworth came to the Texoma region in 1977 to teach electronics at Southeastern State University. Leavenworth's and his wife, and their three children lived in Durant, Oklahoma where the kids attended school. The oldest daughter, Ellen, met a young Luella boy named Richard Hawkins and after marriage, they stayed in the Howe area.

After teaching at Southeastern, Leavenworth took a job in Richardson in the telecom industry.

"I only worked there for two years and then went to Denver for two years." said Leavenworth. "Then I went down to Boca Raton, Florida and then I came back here. Since my son-in-law and daughter were living here in Luella, I started looking for a house and property around here that I could move in to."

While Leavenworth was looking for property, Hawkins decided to go to Tyler to college and that left their house open for Leavenworth to move in to.

It wasn't long afterwards, that he was off to California for a new position with a new company for few years. But he always came back to the Luella house. He and his wife also lived around Lake Lavon, but again came back to Howe.

"I bought a house over in Western Hills." said Leavenworth. "I completely remodeled that and then was looking to build a shop and then I found the place I have now. I made an offer and they took it."

1998 was the year that Leavenworth adopted Howe as his home 50 years after his birth in Northville, Michigan. In 2004 and already experienced the retired life, he became bored with traveling all over and started his mission.

"I looked at downtown and decided that I could clean up downtown." said Leavenworth over lunch at Abby's Restaurant. "I started looking for a project and I saw a for-sale sign at 106 E. Haning St. (former Howe Enterprise building) and it was in pretty bad shape. So I found out that O.B. Powers and Jimmy Don McMillion had it for sale, so I made that my first project."

The back of the building became his first project and he extended the building and put two bathrooms in it. Before he finished with the restoration, Ryan Snapp of Finn's said that in his lease with Powers that it was to be renovated and leased to him.

"One of my real estate friends told me to look

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at 105 E. Haning St. (formerly Chisum's One Stop)." said Leavenworth. "(The owner) was getting hassled by the city to fix the back wall because they were afraid it was going to cave in."

Leavenworth looked at it and loved it except for the back 20 feet of the building. He made an offer that was refused. Two others made an offer and then backed out. That left Leavenworth to make another offer in which was accepted.

"There was some interesting stuff in the old building." said Leavenworth. "The strangest thing I found was Mr. Chisum's card file that listed all of the people in Howe that still owed him money. That was fun and I could have had a lot of fun with it, but I went and burned it. I was new to town and I didn't want to stir that hornets nest."

Leavenworth's youngest daughter Laura came to visit and developed a line of cosmetics and needed a home for it. She looked at the building and became partner with all of Leavenworth's building projects downtown. That's when the old Chisum's building was decided to be the home of Oberon Cosmetics.

"So I got a big dumpster and started hauling things off and them came all of the people." said Leavenworth. "Can I have this; can I have that? I said, if you take

it right now, you can have it. So here they came."

He started working on the back part of the building in 2006 and was trying to figure out how to get the bricks down safely off of the back wall. That's when a local older guy came and made an offer for the bricks. The gentleman put a chain through the bottom of the wall and hooked it to his Plymouth Voyager and drove forward. All of the bricks collapsed nice and neat.

"He made himself a deal and that was fun." said Leavenworth. "That gave me the excuse to just tear out the entire back 20 feet that was rotted and put concrete back there."

Each of the three most western building's walls on the north side of downtown are three brick layers thick. But at the base of those walls are five layers of bricks. Leavenworth says that in 100 years, the buildings have moved three inches and that you cannot find better engineering this day than what was done back then.

Leavenworth reused the old 100 year-old floor joists and constructed a second floor in the back with the joists as the flooring of an upstairs apartment. He also learned to use the steel beams and braced the interior walls with steel reinforcements.

"I tried to keep the flavor of the old building and my daughter became emotionally attached to it." said



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Leavenworth. "She wouldn't let me rent it or sell it. She always had someone working for her living in the apartment."

Leavenworth took seven layers of paint off of the front of the old Chisum's building. He used soy bean paint removal to get the seven layers off of the wood, but the brick was a different animal and some of the paint is still on the brick.

After finishing on the Chisum building, Leavenworth was given a tip from M.E. Curtis that more buildings on the south side of downtown were up for sale after a young man was arrested with a meth lab inside one of the buildings.

"I looked at it and gave her an offer and she took it. I had to haul stuff out of here and haul stuff out of here." Leavenworth said while in the

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Area Chamber of Commerce

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only joined as a member, but have become part of our "family".

We invite you to explore the vast history and heritage of this wonderful town as you discover all of the possibilities of our community."

The new chamber's first member is Bethel Baptist Church of Howe, Texas. They contacted the board back during the earliest stages and wanted to become a member. El Patio Escondido was also one of the very first members.

The website that the chamber will be using is temporary as the new one will be more robust to be able to handle a ever-growing directory. Negotiations are underway with several web designers.

The chamber went off of the previous by-laws from the pre-existing Howe Chamber of Commerce, but made a few small edits. The Secretary of State still has the Howe Area Chamber of Commerce as an acting entity,

however, the IRS shows it as dissolved, so new forms were filed to gather the new EIN number. They are listed as a 501(c)(6). They also were able to secure the old P.O. Box 250 from the previous chamber.

The Howe Area Chamber of Commerce will office at 101 E. Haning St. when the remodeling is complete. That building will also house the economic development program as well as Keep Howe Beautiful.

The board also voted in 12 members into the first class of the City of Howe Hall of Honor. The list of members is not being made public until a later date. The chamber will hold a ceremony in April to commemorate the first inductees and invite the living members and family of the honored deceased. Drawings of each of the 12 members will hang on the wall in the new chamber office in time for the ceremony. The ceremony will be a fundraising event for the chamber and an admission will be charged.



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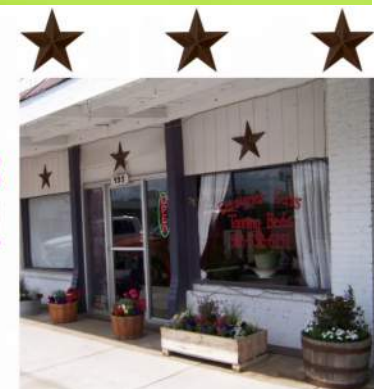



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Leavenworth

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Leavenworth in front of Abby's Restaurant on the south side of downtown.

same room that he was mentioning.

He came across a man who had a sandwich shop at Quick Check who wanted to have his own meat market and sandwich shop downtown so I made him a deal and he opened up for awhile.

"Then my daughter and her boyfriend Robert Morf (who was a chef) wanted a restaurant and I said, go for it." said Leavenworth.

Morf helped Leavenworth completely overhaul 106 and 108 E. Haning into a beautiful restaurant in which they used the original ceiling beadboard from Chisum's to trim out the entire building. The tables and the bar came from the old bowling alley in Denison that was hit by a tornado. The entire design in, what is now Abby's Restaurant came from the imagination of Robert Morf. For a while, Morf

and Laura Leavenworth had one of the most magnificent high-end restaurants in all of North Texas in "Wyomings." Laura Leavenworth was very successful while working in New York City and was coming to Howe every two weeks to help Robert with the restaurant. But when Laura became pregnant, they closed Wyomings and focused on the family.

Leavenworth's son John has since joined the partnership in the downtown buildings in Howe and he and Laura are co-owners with Jack taking care of any maintenance.

The final piece was the purchase of the two west buildings on the south side of downtown to give him the entire south side of the old 1930's buildings. The Mexican food restaurant My Estrella now resides in the building best known as Younce's or Huck's Cathish, depending on your era.

Leavenworth was asked to be on the city council back in 2006 back when no one would run for the position. He was recruited by Sam Haigis and served two terms and was crucial in bringing Joe Shephard to town as the city administrator. His vision of downtown is to see more restaurants but understands that the city's vision of the future of downtown to be closer to US 75. He would like to see a grocery store, as would every other citizen in Howe, it seems.

"We need some other businesses to up the revenue." said Leavenworth.

Taught construction by his grandfather, he found himself in the Army after high school. Ending up following his cousin in Las Vegas, New Mexico, he worked his way through college as a general contractor and electrician. He finished with a masters degree, but what he really mastered is a plan to rejuvenate downtown Howe and that was a dream that came full circle during the Christmas season of 2014 when the fruits of his efforts shined for everyone to see.

"Lets just say I had a big smile on my face." said Leavenworth. "There was some satisfaction there. I said to myself, hey, I did it. I did it."

The downtown of Howe is small, but it is still the front door of our community. If the front door looks inviting, the whole town has the opportunity to share in a certain pride of our home town. Jack Leavenworth restored downtown and helped restore city pride.

Progress on historic Haning Street corner building



Left: The corner building in August. Right: The corner building as of Thursday. The white front will be replaced with wood.



Left: The corner building in August. Right: The corner building as of Thursday.



Left: the building as a hardware store in August. Right: The floor removed last week.


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Girl Scouts help Keep Howe Beautiful



Howe Girl Scouts armed themselves with shovels and daffodils and helped keep Howe beautiful while also helping Keep Howe Beautiful (the organization).

The youngsters were seen at the Community Center and at the flashing light at Haning Street and the US 75 bridge by putting flowers out on each side.

The girls will have a sense of pride in the spring when they bloom.



City of Dorchester orders election for May 9

Dorchester City Council has ordered an election for Saturday, May 9, 2015 to elect two aldermen and a mayor. Terms expiring are those held by Aldermen Stanley Stewart, Jimmie Aaron and Mayor David Smith. Any qualified Dorchester resident may file for office between Jan 28, 2015 through Feb 27, 2015 at City Hall at 373 Maint St, Dorchester, Texas. Office hours for City Hall are 8 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Becky Vincent at 903-476-5862.

Howe Elementary Students of the Month



First Row: Chrysanthemum Simpson and Nathan Garibay.

Second Row: Will Ingram, Melia Gilmore, Kynlee Ray and Zeb Montgomery

Third Row: Colton Tinker, Kenzlee Jones, Kelly Caballero and Stone Trevino

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Howe Elementary/Middle School breakfast and lunch menu

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<p>Mon - 1/12/2015</p> <p>Hamburger Cheeseburger Frito Pie Lett-Tom-Pickle-Onion Steamed Corn Ranch Beans Strawberries Fruit Vanilla Pudding Milk, choc. Milk, Strawberry FF Milk, White 1% Burger Fixins Ketchup Salad Dressing-PC Mustard, pc</p>	<p>Tue - 1/13/2015</p> <p>Beef Fingers Oven Roast Chicken Country Gravy Wheat Roll Mashed Potatoes Spinach Fruit Orange Smiles Milk, choc. Milk, Strawberry FF Milk, White 1% Ketchup Bar B Q Sauce</p>	<p>Wed - 1/14/2015</p> <p>Orange Glazed Chix-Rice Chicken Crispeto Garden Salad Refried Beans Fresh Apple Fruit Spanish Rice Assorted Sherbet Milk, choc. Milk, Strawberry FF Milk, White 1% Picante</p>	<p>Thu - 1/15/2015</p> <p>Mini Corn Dog Fish Strips Broccoli Carrot Sticks Pineapple Fruit Macaroni & Cheese Gelatin Jewels Milk, choc. Milk, Strawberry FF Milk, White 1% Mustard, pc Ketchup Tarter Sauce, pc</p>	<p>Fri - 1/16/2015</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Fajita Quesadilla Garden Salad Peas & Carrots Fruit Fruit Fresh Fruit Slushie Milk, choc. Milk, Strawberry FF Milk, White 1% Picante Ranch Dressing</p>

Howe High School breakfast and lunch menu

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You may send your receipts to school with your child. If you don't have a child in school and would like to help, you can mail your receipts to Howe ISD, Box 187, Howe, TX 75059. For more information call the administration office, 532-5518.

MORE THAN 10,000 pennies have been collected in the Howe Chamber of Commerce "Million Pennies for Howe" campaign which began several months ago.

For the chamber to reach its goal, only 990,000 more pennies are needed. Jugs for the penny collection are placed in many Howe area businesses. If you have some spare change, please contribute to this campaign when you see a jug on a counter or on a desk or in the window of one of the following businesses: Allied Printing & Office Supply, Howe City Hall, Howe State Bank, Howe Enterprise, Krantz Floor Covering, Luttrell Agency, M&M's Place, Mitchell's Supermarket, Sandy's Dress Shop, Stacey's Restaurant, Southwest Auction, Tommy Mart and West Ridge Industrial Supply.

The chamber has set as one goal in the use of this money to people and business to Howe. Also the chamber hopes to help decorate Howe next Christmas with more lights and decorations.

The Howe Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization supported by membership dues, donations, and fund-raising projects. The purpose of the organization is to promote Howe as a good place to live, as a good place to do business.

New Phone Number

NEW PHONE NUMBER - The Howe Mini-Bus Program, operated by Texoma Area Paratransit System or TAPS, has a new phone number: 532-6053. This number is answered by a recording if the mini-bus driver is not in the office. Please wait for the beep to leave your message. The driver will call you back as soon as possible.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HOWE ISD BOARD MEETING will be held Monday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the board room.

HOWE CITY COUNCIL will meet Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

HOWE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will meet Monday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at Flesher's community room. Program to be announced.

HOWE COMMUNITY LIBRARY regular library hours are: Monday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon

SEE WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR located on page three for events at Howe ISD. Calendar is subject to change and is updated weekly.



K&N FEEDS is the new name of the feed store in Howe. New owners are, left to right, Jerry and Venita Kirby and Lela and Bill Nolen.

Feed Store Has New Name, New Owners

The feed store in Howe has new owners as of the first of January. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kirby and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nolen, all of Howe, are the new owners and operators of the feed store located at 113 E. Haning (formerly Wortham Feed Store).

The store, now named "K&N Feeds," is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Phone is 532-6473 (after hours call the Kirbys at 532-6749 or the Nolens at 532-5367).

The store carries Bluebonnet have insecticides and vaccines. Kirby said that if area residents need any type of feed that is not available at the store, he will be happy to order it for them.

It will soon be time to begin planting gardens, and K&N Feeds will be carrying garden seed and garden plants (such as

onion and tomato plants). Some garden supplies will also be available.

Mr. Kirby served as the mayor of Howe for several years. A longtime employee of IBM, he is active in the Howe Masonic Lodge and the Summit Circuit Riders. Mrs. Kirby (Venita) works at the school cafeteria.

Mr. Nolen was one of the founders of West Ridge Industrial Supply, Inc. in Howe in 1981. He is also in the Masonic Lodge and Summit Circuit Riders. Mrs. Nolen works in Howe for a short time. She and her husband have also worked with the Howe Chamber of Commerce, serving on committees and as officers.

K&N Feeds invites you to stop by for a visit, to see what feed and garden supplies they have, and to enjoy a cup of coffee if you wish.

Assistance Available For Heating Bills

On Jan. 15 the Texoma Council of Governments will begin administering the winter heating phase of the Energy Crisis Program on behalf of the low income population of Grayson County. Individuals or households who are faced with a health threatening situation due to an inability to pay for heating services for their home are urged to call the TCOG at 214-786-2955 for further information.

Applicants seeking assistance will be required to meet certain income qualification and must have some type of extraordinary circumstance or situation which has depleted their finances for paying heating bills. A utility termination notice alone will not guarantee assistance. Applicants must contact the TCOG to schedule an appointment for assistance through this program.

The program will be administered on a first-come/first-serve basis and will continue weekly until funding is depleted.

All information deemed necessary by the TCOG to determine a household's eligibility must be presented prior to a household receiving assistance. Only assistance related to the heating of the

home will be addressed. No security deposits or water bills will be paid.

The TCOG office is not authorized to contact the utility company regarding extensions of services for applicants.

9-1-1 To Be Funded Before Being Implemented

Just three simple numbers --- 9-1-1. Simple to remember, and simple to use. But not so simple to implement.

Going to the phone and dialing 9-1-1 is easy enough. It saves lives, limbs and property. Currently, more than 50 Texas communities representing more than 50 percent of the state's total population provide residents with 9-1-1 emergency telephone number access. These communities range in size from a few thousand to more than 2 million.

But what about smaller cities and the rural communities of Texas that still are unable to afford the hefty price tag of even basic 9-1-1 service? These situations were the basis for House Bill 911 in the 1987 legislative session, which allows for the planning, financing and implementing of Enhanced 911 service to communities all across the state.

To finance the implementation of 9-1-1 service in rural areas, telephone customers in 113 Texas counties will see a new charge on their bills as of Jan. 1, 1990. Customers will be assessed a 9-1-1 Equalization Surcharge amounting to two-tenths of one percent (.20%) each month on all long distance services billed within Texas. The surcharge also applies to intrastate WATS, private line and optional calling plans. In addition, customers will see a

Illegal Dumping Is Hazardous To Our Environment & Our Lives

Dozens of "No Dumping" signs stand sentinel in the backroads of Grayson County, but the threat of citations and fines hasn't deterred what officials say is a dramatic rise in the number of illegal roadside dumps on isolated stretches of rural roads and on private property. Grayson County trash marshal, Jim White, has put a dent in this activity on rural roads and the health department's Environmental Health Division staff has been issuing violation notices to off-the-road property owners daily.

Their duties involve a certain amount of sleuthing (including sifting through roadside trash), some stakeouts at popular dump sites, gaining cooperation of property owners and other citizens, and contacting and educating people about the law.

Citizens must learn to get involved and to report to the trash marshal regarding dumping on roads and/or the health department about off-the-road dumping. The Sheriff's Dept., being short staffed in their patrol division, has little time to track down suspected dumpers.

"It is an unlawful act for property owners to allow their land to be used for the disposal of solid waste, including garbage, trash, refuse, old appliances, furniture, tires, brush, construction or demolition debris, sheet rock and roofing material," according to Neal Young, Chief Sanitarian for the Grayson County Health the Texas Health Dept. Sites that are not legally permitted by the Texas Dept. of Health are being operated in violation of the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Act.

Landowners do not realize they are breaking the law by allowing people to dump on their land. More seriously, they do not realize what a danger to the environment they are creating by providing a method of taking pollutants to the underground waterways in Grayson County. These waterways and underground rivers provide water for drinking, recreation, and agriculture. The Woodbine and Trinity underground rivers provide drinking water to over 150 water systems throughout the county.

Landowners whose land is used for illegal dumping must, according to the law, prevent their land from becoming a public health nuisance by posting signs, creating entry obstructions and seeking assistance from enforcement officials or taking such actions necessary to prevent dumping on their land.

The health department's chief sanitarian said people are courting disaster when they have dump sites near water well or allow dumping in creeks, washes, and ditches on private or public property. The practice of burning and burying items one wishes to dispose of is a common but also illegal practice. Both those who generate the waste and those who allow it to be disposed of

on their property are held responsible.

Young said that at authorized landfills linings of plastic are used in areas where the water table comes within three or four feet of the surface and clay is used when the water tables are deep. The waste must then be compacted and covered with a final layer of clay and at least two feet of compacted earth. The compacted cover must be graded to drain and should be seeded to help minimize erosion.

Besides costing the thousands of dollars annually from county and state coffers, illegal dumps discourage development, create potential health hazards, and are a blight on the land.

Young added, "Don't Mess With Grayson County."

Walking

by Dale Rideout

Today I went walking along Hwy. 5 in the North end of town. I guess the walk was something new, my doctor suggested that I walk three times a week to help lower my blood pressure.

We see signs everywhere saying "Don't Mess With Texas" to warn visitors not to throw trash on our highways. Well we don't need to worry about "outsiders" littering our highways. We do it ourselves.

You might be surprised at what all can be seen along the highway. Fast food containers, scraps of paper etc.

Perhaps the beer cans were the biggest surprise, not that seeing them there was a surprise, but that there were no soft drink cans. During my entire 30-minute walk, past can after can, nothing but beer cans.

There was at least one empty Lays Potato Chip bag, one feed sack, one cardboard box suitable for packaging a small microwave oven, one long piece of toilet paper running along the highway.

There is a small creek going under Highway 5, and in the creek bed were a number of beer bottles - not cans. That was a little unusual.

Over near the fence was a large truck tire. It looked in pretty good shape. One truck was also among the litter, but the engine was still warm, and it looked like school books in the front seat. I guess someone going to school had motor trouble - they will come back to get what they left.

Oh yes, I did stop to pick up a couple of items. I'm really not supposed to stop on the walk or I won't get the full aerobic benefit, but a couple of items caught my eye enough that I had to pick them up.

I am now the proud owner of a 1 1/2 deep socket, suitable for changing sparkplugs. It even has a rubber inset to protect the ceramic. Now if only I can find a 1/2 drive to operate it - Hmm.

Also if I go to the McKinney Texas Instruments plant I now have "Carpool Parking Permit No. 24208." It is good until September 30, 1990 and covers four employees riding together. I guess I could park up closer to the plant entrance with that. Howe Middle School Resource Department has accepted the responsibility for cleaning this stretch of Highway 5, and they do a fine job of it. It is too bad so many people choose to use our roads as garbage dumps.

Four Howe Students To Perform In Honor Band

On Saturday, Jan. 6, four Howe High School Band students were selected to perform with the 4A All Region Band. Louise Mailloux, Christi Trotter, Patrick Lackey and Janet Middleton will be representing Howe Saturday, Jan. 13, when this select band performs a concert in Rockwall.

Howe High School band students and their directors

hosted the event which drew 650 of the area's finest musicians from schools 4A and smaller. Schools attending the tryouts included Allen, Rockwall, McKinney, Denison, West Mesquite, Van, Wylie, Princeton, Frisco, Kaufman, Quinlan, Commerce, Tom Bean, Van Alstyne, Wills Point, Brownsboro, and others.



MORE THAN 650 STUDENTS were on the campus of Howe High School last Saturday as Howe hosted the 4A Honor Band Tryouts. Shown here are some of the school buses in the background and some of the students in the foreground.