



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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The new HHS Softball Field as of July, 2014

plan to sell or lease. Wilson told Shephard that the school would help, but the city would be responsible for mowing and maintaining the fields. Wilson estimated that the cost to maintain the fields were \$1,100 per month during peak season of February through May.

"It's one of those deals where if we don't take it over, they're not going to maintain it and so it won't be used. That's the bottom line." said Shephard.

The Howe Youth Softball league will still use the facility annually from late February until June.

"All of the girls that normally play there except the high school girls will still be there." said Mayor Jeff Stanley.

"We've shared that field in the past." said Wilson. "We've had to work around schedules primarily in March and April and with our new field, we prefer to separate the two. We certainly don't want to be the primary

maintenance, but we will help out in a pinch. When you need help, we will help out. The maintenance is an expense we can't justify because we're not going to be playing on that field."

Councilwoman Debbie Lowery suggested that the light poles were leaning and needed to be fixed. Wilson said that they were all now straight with the exception of one and it would be repaired before the lease.

Councilman Sam Haigis asked Shephard about how this would affect the city budget.

"We've talked about this in the past and we can always find a little money to support stuff like this." said Shephard. "It's not going to devastate our budget."

Haigis and Councilman Dennis Bozeman agreed that the city needed those facilities for our youth and that it would be a waste to have the fields in place, but not used.

The water that is supplied to the facility will still be paid by the school because it is tied in with the pig barn that is on that property. The city will be responsible for the cost of the lights.

"I don't see a lot of expense." said Wilson. "You'll have some when you bring in turf. It's about \$1,000 every other year."

"These kids need some place to play." said Councilwoman Georgia Richardson. "Mine started playing when they were five years old."

Councilman Bill French questioned Wilson about the road that runs from Davis Street to the facility and whether ownership was by the city or the school.

"It's our and we're going to fix it." said Wilson. "It's awful."

French made the motion to lease the property for \$1. Debbie Lowery seconded the motion.

Peggy Joyce Whitfield



adventures. Another passion of hers was singing gospel music with her husband Kenneth at various nursing homes and church events. They sang traditional gospel songs, as well as, original songs she had written. From 1998 to 2003, Peggy entered her written works in Austin College's "Telling Our Stories" Festival of Autobiography where she was the recipient of numerous awards.

Services for PEGGY JOYCE ERWIN WHITFIELD, age 72 of Howe, TX who passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2014 were held at 2:00PM, Saturday, December 20, 2014, at Scoggins Funeral Home in Van Alstyne, TX. Pastor David Morgan officiated.

Since 1985 she has written over 200 poems, stories, and songs which have inspired, encouraged and uplifted many. Her creative and often humorous description of the various facets of life and growing up has left readers with the feeling they can identify with her hardships and share in her joy.

Peggy was born on May 30, 1942 at Eleven-Mile Corner, AZ. to Cleve Ferret and Susie Arvella Samples Erwin. On December 21, 1957 she married Kenneth Alvin Whitfield. They were married almost 57 years and had four children together. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and faithful friend.

Surviving her are three sons and one daughter; Dennis Whitfield and wife Cynthia of Rogers, AR, Darryl Whitfield and wife Martha of Van Alstyne, TX, David Whitfield and wife Lisa of Van Alstyne, Valerie Cox and husband Rick of Becker, MN; twelve grand children, Layne Whitfield, William Whitfield, Amanda Brumit, Bethany Cox, Raymond Whitfield, Caleb Cox, Kelsie Whitfield, Stephanie Cox, Bailey Cox, Angela Whitfield, Abbi Whitfield and Lexi Whitfield; brothers Clovis Erwin, Joe Erwin, Charlie Erwin and Tom Erwin all of Bells, TX and a multitude of other family and friends.

Peggy, the daughter of a sharecropper, spent her early years traveling and living in various states from Texas to California. After marriage, she worked as a seamstress sewing for the public. She also worked for Double B Manufacturing in Van Alstyne, TX and in the school cafeterias in Howe, TX. As a homemaker she gardened, quilted and sewed for her family. Later, as grandchildren came, she greatly enjoyed keeping them overnight, documenting many of the times with pictures, poems and diary entries. The grandkids also began to look forward to the yearly vacation trips with Maw-maw and Paw-paw. Many of her poems were straight from theseus.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents.

The family was at Scoggins Funeral Home on Saturday, December 20, 2014 at 1:00 PM Online guest register can be signed at www.scogginsfuneralhome.com

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Christmas Is _____ ?



**Roger Tidwell - Pastor
FBC Howe**

Christmas is becoming like the modern day "wise men" that are found in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 2. One of the things that made them "wise" was that they came seeking a king. Having to travel many miles, it took a great deal of time and effort to find King Jesus. When they found Him, they gave Him gifts worthy of a king. But now, Christmas 2015, King Jesus is so much easier to find. Think of it, He's only a prayer away! Christmas is not so merry for everyone. Many are lonely, friendless and in need. But for those

who are lonely, the one who "will never leave you nor forsake you" is just a prayer away. To those who think they have no real friends, King Jesus, the one we sing about when we sing, "what a friend we have in Jesus" is just a prayer away. To those in great need, King Jesus, the one who promises to "meet our every need" is just a prayer away.

To me, Christmas is a time of seeking King Jesus. Psalm 9:10 says, "For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You." According to a modern myth when a person becomes blind his hearing ability increases. The fact is that the person has no more ability to hear than before. That person simply develops their hearing ability. Their sense of hearing becomes more sensitive because their mind is less distracted. I know Christmas is very busy for all of us. But this Christmas season, let's concentrate on the real meaning of Christmas. Don't leave Jesus out of Christmas, seek him as the wise men sought Him. They simply wanted to be in the presence of King Jesus!



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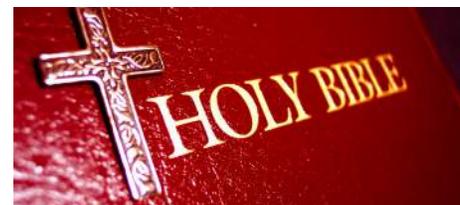
Christmas Is _____ ?



**Wallace Rains - Pastor
New Beginning Fellowship**

Christmas is different than any other holiday in which we may honor a person or an event in history. Christmas is so much more than buying gifts for those we love, decorating our trees and enjoying time with family and friends. Yes, those things may be part of how we all celebrate Christmas... but Christmas is a very special day in which we honor and celebrate Emmanuel - God with us! It's the day in which we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God didn't send an angel or some other created being... He sent Himself... He sent Emmanuel... He sent Jesus! He is the God who knows, the God who sees and the God who provides. Since creation, as soon as mankind became in need, God started providing a way back... and I'm so very glad He did!

Christmas is this... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- John 3:16-17



**Monty Moore - Pastor
FUMC Howe**

Christmas is a love story. It is a love story between God and the people whom he created. God loves us so much that he was willing to pour his essence into human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ in order to show us this love. Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' embodiment of God's unconditional, sacrificial, steadfast, and everlasting love. This kind of love is difficult for many people to comprehend. Some may question how the Almighty God, the King of the Universe, would be willing to be born in a stable, surrounded by farm animals, in a backwater town in an obscure part of the Roman Empire. The simple answer is that God did this because he loves you. Because God loves you, he created you and formed you as a precious child of God. Because God loves you, he came to show you that deep love in the form of a baby in a manger. Because God loves you, this baby grew to be a man, who healed, and taught, and opened his arms wide for you as he was nailed to a cross. Because God loves you, he raised Jesus from the grave to show us that death and destruction will not win. All of this is because God loves you. My prayer is that this Christmas season, you will fully understand the breadth and depth of God's love for you. Christmas is God's love story.

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TCOG presents to City Council



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Public Safety Program Manager, CJ Durbin Higgins for Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG), along with Michael Schmitz, who is the Program Manager for TCOG's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) gave a presentation to the Howe City Council on Tuesday night. GIS was started in May 2011 to help fulfill the needs of the Texoma Region. The GIS Program works to coordinate and collaborate with local governments, universities, and private companies to consolidate efforts as well as provide innovative solutions. These solutions help to inform citizens and allow local governments to make critical decisions that can sometimes be life-saving.

The GIS Program was formed from a partnership with local governments and the TCOG Public Safety Program to provide rural addressing initially formed the GIS Program. This collaboration has been very successful and allowed

forr TCOG to build increasingly important datasets that help make important decisions for a fast growing region.

The GIS is also able to work with the appraisal district to see the changes in property. Law offices use the mapping program to see a 360 degree view of certain locations.

Councilwoman Debbie Lowery inquired about grants for such use of programs to help the city for these technology infrastructure programs.

"We're trying to reach out to the smaller cities and provide workshops." said Durbin-Higgins. We're here to bring good information to you so that you can go out and find these grants."

Durbin-Higgins then gave a presentation on the public safety aspect of TCOG.



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The 9-1-1 program, criminal justice program and homeland security program.

The criminal justice program will have a meeting on January 7 for non-profits to apply for criminal justice funding. Law enforcement agencies can apply under certain restrictions.

Homeland Security grants come through the state and there are seven members of the committee long with elected officials from Bonham, Gainesville, Sherman, Denison,

Grayson and Fannin Counties.

The 9-1-1 program includes the Bonham P.D., Gainesville P.D., Whitesboro P.D Cook, Fannin and Grayson County Sheriff's Offices. It doesn't include Sherman and Denison P.D. because of home-rule districts.

"We pay for all of that infrastructure to get those calls there." said Durbi-Higgins. "We help with training dispatchers and education on when to call 9-1-1."

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First United Methodist Church of Howe

Tuesday, December 23
9:30 am - Women's Bible Study (Beth Moore's Children of the Day)
Wednesday, December 24
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, December 25
6:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Sunday, December 28
9:00 am - Sunday School
10:00 am - Worship service
3:00 pm - Cub Scouts
7:30 pm - Men's Bible Study

First Baptist Church Howe

Tuesday, December 23
7:00 pm - Ladies Bible Study
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, December 24
6:30 pm - Fuel
6:45 pm - Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study
7:30 pm - Choir

Sunday, December 28
8:30 am - Traditional Worship service
9:45 am - Bible Fellowship
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship service

Community Bible Fellowship

Monday, December 22
7:00 pm - Luella home group Bible Study
Wednesday, December 24
6:30 pm - Food and Fellowship
7:00 pm - Children's Ministry
7:00 pm - Youth and Adult Bible Study
Sunday, December 28
10:15 am - Worship Service
7:00 pm - Howe home group Bible Study

Howe Church of Christ

Tuesday, December 23
10:00 am - Terrific Tuesday Bible Class
Wednesday, December 24
7:00 pm - Bible Classes (all ages)
Friday, December 26
7:00 pm - Friday Bible Study Group
Sunday, December 28
9:00 am - Bible Classes (all ages)
10:00 am - Worship Service
6:00 pm - Worship Service

First Baptist Church Dorchester

Wednesday, December 24
6:00 pm - Meal (Donations for adults and kids eat free)
6:30 pm - Praise service
7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm - RA's/GA's/children's group
Sunday, December 28
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, December 24
7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm - Kids Church
7:00 pm - Radiate Youth
Sunday, December 28
10:00 am - Kids Church
10:00 am - Morning Service

A Christian Fellowship, Luella

Wednesday, December 24
6:30 pm - Potluck Meal
7:00 pm - Worship Service
7:00 pm - Jr & Sr High Youth
Sunday, December 28
9:30 am - Sunday School (all ages)
10:30 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - KidZone Children's Service (5yr - 12 yr)



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Faith

by Debbie Wallis

“A virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they will call Him Emmanuel, which means “God with us,” Matthew 1:23. Over 100 names and titles are given to Jesus and they each speak significantly about who Jesus is. However, there is no name more significant than Immanuel. This name which Matthew refers to was first given to Jesus some 700 years before His birth in Isaiah 7:14, “But the Lord will give you proof. A virgin is pregnant; she will have a son and will name Him Immanuel.”

God has always been with us and in Acts 14 He reminds us that He is everywhere as the Creator. But the birth of Jesus Christ gives us God in human form. The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay is God with us because Jesus is God. The shepherds went back into the fields rejoicing and the wise men fell down in wonder because they were in the presence of their Creator made man. All scripture is written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and John sums up Christmas perfectly. “In the beginning was the One who is called the Word. The Word was with God and truly was God. From the beginning the Word was with God. With this Word God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. ... And the Word became a human being and lived here with us and we see His true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth,” John 1:1-3, 14.

Christmas is a celebration like none other and is one hard to imagine. Our Father God, the eternal Word, our Creator clothes Himself in our nature and becomes man, our brother, one of us and our friend. God Himself came, completely human and yet

completely God. We need God with us. We are His creation; beautiful, complicated and intricate but we rebelled and sinned against Him. We need God with us because we are incomplete without Him.

God loves us so much that He sent His Son to be born in a manger and live as man. Through His perfect conception, birth, life and death on the cross, He broke down the walls of separation that our sin had built and reconciled us to Himself. “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their sins against them,” 2 Corinthians. Christmas is the cross wrapped up with a big red bow. Nothing but the blood of Jesus can pay the price for your salvation. “God loved the people of this world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who has faith and believes in Him will have eternal life and never really die but have everlasting life,” John 3:16.

Jesus loves you. If you do not have a Bible please contact me at sfadebbie@yahoo.com and I will provide you one.



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Jenny Carter named HHS Teacher of the Month



HHS Principal Michael Smiley with Mrs. Carter

Jenny Carter is a graduate of Howe High School. She teaches Algebra II and also serves as a coach. Mrs. Carter was praised for her efforts of posting all of her lessons on YouTube from her I-Pad.

Ashlyn Ellis proposes student leadership to school board



Howe High School has started some student leadership programs and Ashlyn Ellis gave her account for the Herff Jones Believe in U Leadership Conference that she and others was able to attend recently.

"They didn't give us examples saying this is how you should be."

said Ellis. "They just told us, this odds who you are. They broke the shell and showed us that we can do anything that we set our mind forth."

Other HHS attendees were Logan Seagroves, Leslie Rodriguez, & Caleb Hough.

Ellis thinks that other leadership programs should be more available to the school. She proposed a new organization called The Interact Club at HHS. The Interact Club would plan events in the community and organize it by gathering leaders. She came back from the trip with an event in mind called The 12 Days of Giving. Her idea is to have boys athletics, girls

athletics, student council, cheerleaders and all other school clubs and organizations blend together in different groups. For 12 days, a group would work on a certain project while another group is working on a separate project.

"Whether it be helping clean up the campus, or rake leaves in peoples yards or planting flowers." said Ellis. "I know we have Toys For Tots and Angel Trees, but what if we were the people that gave them to them. It's really emotional and heartwarming."

Keep Howe Beautiful has since reached out to Ellis for conjoining leadership efforts between Howe High School and the city.

Letters to Santa

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want him to be
trained. I would like
a soccer. I would love
a horse. I would also
love a PS4.



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I will love a German Shepard
and Saints Row IV.



Love Seth Lea

Dear Santa
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what is your favorite christmas
what is your favorite color or
favorite game? can I have a soccer
ball? Thank you



Love Marcus

Dear, Santa
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at the North Pole?
And thank you the
elf. How are the elves
doing at the North
pole. I would like
for Christmas a nurb
blast, an a minecraft,
and lego Bat
man for my
form zachary



Love zachary

Dear Santa
How are you doing?
I would love to have a
Zebra chair, frozen snow
and scarf/sand snow! Merry
Christmas! How do you
make it to every house in
the world?



Love, Sarah

Dear Santa
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Christmas. Santa can I please
have kid Santa clothes, I
eggs and a zombie alarm.



From, Kason

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bread house? Can you please
give me new flip flops. Can you please
give me a new game for my
xbox. I would also like a Microsoft
game.



Love
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Santa how are you and
the elves? Santa will you please
get me Lego Batman 3 for
my Xbox 360, sniper that
is a nurb gun, shotgun
that has a strap and that
makes sound.



Love,
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Christmas Is _____ ?



**Stephen Dedman - Pastor
FBC Dorchester**

Christmas Is A Celebration!

Christmas is the day that we set aside to remember the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. For many it takes weeks and even months to prepare for the arrival of this big celebration. The air is filled with excitement and joy while people shop and think about what to buy for the person who has everything. Finally, as Christmas day peaks, family and friends join around the decorated tree to enjoy the celebration together with great anticipation and excitement. Laughter and smiles continue on the faces of everyone.

Then as Christmas fades into the starry night, the big mess of torn wrapping paper is picked up and the kitchen is cleaned of all our favorite dishes, does this mean that Christmas is finished and complete? Is this how God intends for us to celebrate the birth of His only begotten? What a great question to ask ourselves as we take time to listen to the voice of God this Christmas season.

Christmas is to be celebrated and enjoyed from all ages of all people. Joyful singing and glorious harmony are to be heard as the announcement rings that our Lord and Savior has been born. All of Heaven and earth rejoice continually because the Child we call Emanuel is here. This is the true meaning of Christmas. So this Christmas, as we share in the best celebration of all, with the people we love the most, let God be glorified. It is because God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son to bring us forgiveness of sins and life eternal. Celebrate Jesus!



**Kevin Bouse - Pastor
Summit Church**

Christmas is eating and drinking and enjoying life with one another because the Creator of life chose to send His Son to be with us and to pay an awful price in order to give us the life He intended all along. Enjoying the holidays remembering that all we have has come from Him, God with us.

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City Council reports



Howe City Administrator Joe Shephard addresses the council

Police Chief Carl Hudman reported to the city council that the month of November was similar to previous months. They answered 113 calls for service, six felony arrests, 17 misdemeanor arrests. They filed 31 reports, investigated five crashes and issued 83 citations. Hudman reported that they don't see many burglaries, but they did have one in the area of Quinlan and Denton Streets. They were able to get a good enough lead to issue a search warrant and recover a stolen television which came from the house across the street.

"Apparently, they had been breaking in to it repeatedly for several weeks and finally realized things were missing," said Hudman.

David Wortham of Public Works reported 33 work orders, three leaks, one dog sheltered and one bobcat killed.

Wortham presented photos to each council member showing the water leak from a few weeks back. Wortham said that he talked to Steve White, Public Works Director in Van Alstyne

and they helped out by sending three guys, Terry Lawrence Justin Walker and Jess Tillett.

Economic Development Director Monte Walker reported that Walmart has had a change in Real Estate Managers and have stated that they are going to now wait and see how the other tests markets do in Whitewright and Leonard before making a clear direction. Walker has since talked with grocery store owners from those towns in hopes of a possible relocation to Howe from their cities. He also reported that he's talked to an insurance agent about a location in Howe.

Walker is receiving a proposal from a retail marketing company that could help the city in marketing demographics.

Fire Chief Robert Maniet reported 14 medical calls, two P.D. assists, 14 motor vehicle assists, two illegal burns, one grass fire, five structure fires, and five mutual aid requests from other cities.

City Administrator Joe Shephard said the city has \$446,000 cash on-hand. The municipal court generated \$28,000 in November.

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
 I know your time is here
 now spread the gifts and
 spread the joy and I love
 you very much santa, but
 I have ben a little noty here
 and there and I will chang,
 I want a X Box 360 and
 grandthothota5 and Mondkrat
 I need a globe, and
 close, fone, from
 Noah



Dear Santa,
 I know your time is here.
 These are my needs
 for this year a
 computr and magnts
 so I can study
 them. Here are
 my wants an X-
 box and spy gear.
 Love,
 presley



Dear Santa,
 I have been
 a little naughty but I
 will fix it. Time is here - ti
 me for joy and time for
 cheer. I would like a
 elf on the shelf that can
 cook cookies, crasers like
 I have now, and a horse.
 I need new shoes,
 new pants, and a
 new hat. Love Grace



Dear Santa,
 I know your time is
 here-time for joy
 time for cheer. I'd
 like a X box 360,
 I Phone and bike.
 I need a campis,
 laptop, er buds...
 that's what I need
 and like this
 Christmas. I
 love Mia



Dear Santa,
 I know your time is here-
 time for joy and time
 for cheer. I want KeyBoard
 and Tv and Art Set.
 I need Shoes and socks.
 I have ben good this
 year and I have bentak
 care of Sandy.
 Love
 Sophie



Dear Santa,
 I know your time here for joy
 and cheer. This christmas
 I need you, shoes, handclaw
 This christmas I want a
 Schoolset, I pad, I
 phone, lets I have. I
 have been good this year. I have
 miss you Santa as tyer mu.
 I can't write to see you.
 Love
 Marilee



Dear Santa,
 I know your time is
 here so this is want I want
 you, you are so nice. I'm boy
 and I love. These numbers a
 I want, I would like a and I love
 shoes. I have been kind of nice
 but I'm not sure I can
 fix that!
 Love Logan Dush



Dear Santa,
 I know your time is here-
 time for cheer. This year
 for Christmas I want
 an xbox one 2 def ghuo spy
 gear) a neclis, I am sorry you
 were so hard. I really need
 a whipper) a lab. I really
 a box of shoes, a jacket
 I have bennice
 This year
 Love, David



Dear Santa,
 I know your time
 is here and rehole
 This is my christmas
 list! I want a lote
 of mens r high dolls,
 a mensr high car, Frece
 Frachons. I Need New
 jens, a hat, monstr
 highy shrts,
 fon, tablet,
 Socr ball, and
 good Annalys



Dear Santa,
 I don't care with my kind me. You
 now want all I want. But I need
 you. I have ben good this
 year becus I have ben good all
 the past christmas
 Love
 IRIS



Dear Santa,
 I know your coming
 to town on christmas time
 to give kids present for
 christmas and to give them
 joy. Every kids in the town
 Loves christmas because you
 give us joy all the times.
 This is what I need. It is a present of shoes.
 this is what I want
 a bike, and a watch.
 Love travis



Dear Santa I know
 its your time of
 the year now
 I would like the
 present of Journal,
 A new shoe
 a hat, A mindeen, and
 All the spy gear. I need
 new shoes, A new dress,
 new clothes, a
 bike over.
 I've been a
 nice boy!
 Love, Vantia



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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a toy helicopter and a bike and a walky talker also a scooter and a toy car and shoes!

Love
Ozzie



Dear Santa,

I know your time is here spend the joy on all the gifts. For this Christmas I want spider man vertifoulis and x box with minecraft and a computer. my neesare jeans and socks.

Love
LUKE



December 14, 2014

Dear Santa,

I wish for 1,000 Dollars a kitten a punching bag a pet of gold a bunk bed, a sled, a horse, a reindeer, an air plane, a hot car, Lego city Legos, a sweater, a shot gun, and a new real monster truck.

Your Friend,
Caitan Tinker



12/12/2014

Dear Santa,

I had a great year I have been helping my family do stuff and I have been a good child. I hope you and your friends are doing good. For Christmas I would like things like the train and a 36 and a snow machine.

Your Friend,
Hunter Roberson



December 11/14/16 Friday

Dear Santa,

I have been helping my little brother and mommy, daddy and sister. I love my family. I have not been on yellow this school year. I would like a dirt bike and a Elf-on-a-shelf, and just Dance 2014 and a iPhone, and a Xbox one, and a Remote control toothless, and a Flippy Dats, and a Frozen Bed.

Your Friend,
Caitan Tinker



Dear Santa,

How are you? 9 more days until Christmas. I want Halo Legos and Es Xbox 360 and Halo Xbox 360 and tractors and a kitten.

Your Friend,
Wyat



HaydenA

Dear Santa,

I want perfume, Flippy Dats, Barbie House, Play and Army a Prop, a Pet, a car, a bike, a laptop, a laptop, a Barbie house, a Barbie clothes, and a dog.

I have been helping at home. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. There been a good girl!

Your Friend,
Hayden Atkins



December 11, 2014

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I want an American girl doll, trampolines, slating, high heels, dresses, ipod, girl leggings, board games, a new backpack, a laptop, a supply, a hair dryer, a dog, a dog, a million dollars, a house, shoes, nutcracker, a teddy bear, a sweater, and that's all. I hope all are happy good in the North Pole.

Your Friend,
Suzanne Kucinski



12-11-2014

Dear Santa,

I have listened to my mom and daddy. Can I please have legos an ipad a phone, Minecraft, a seart perfume, Super Smash Bros games, a Pokemon game, an Xbox, racing game, and a bike jump rope.

Your Friend,
Christopher Cruz



December 11, 2014
Thursday

Dear Santa,

I have had a great year. I have not been on yellow this year. I have been doing my chores. I have been doing my homework before watching the TV. I want an Xbox one, video games, snow cone maker, phone and a laptop.

Your Friend,
Parker Ranson



Dec 11, 2014, Thursday

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I have seen good things. I want like an Xbox 360, ipod, a house, a laptop, a Barbie house, a Barbie clothes, and a dog.

Your Friend,
BED Garibay



12-11-2014

Dear Santa,

I have been helping my mom do the dishes when she has been doing it by herself. I have been doing dishes and folding clothes. I hope Elfie likes her presents. I am giving a lot of presents this year. May I please have a new year. I am supposed to get 3 presents. And a kitten.

Your Friend,
Kaitlyn Hudson



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Letters to Santa

mckinzg

Dear Santa,

I have had a great year I have been helping my dog at home, I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. For Christmas I would like to please get a puppy.

Your Friend,
mckinzg
Alies



December 12, 2014
Friday

Dear Santa,

I wish for a bowler Arrow, Flippy Golf, A small Iced American hat, A game of Candyland, & box of a Frozen blanket

Your Friend,
Bailey McDevitt



December 12, 2014

Dear Santa,

I want a pool and shoes and xbox one and perfume and I want kylie shoes, Flippy Golf. I want a TV, I have been good. I did my dishes and I have been cleaning my room every day.

Your Friend,
Brevey #8



December 11, 2014
Thursday

Dear Santa,

I have had a great year. I have been helping my sister and Brother. I have been a good sister. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well for Christmas. I would like to please get a jersey, a new cozy blanket, a shirt

Your Friend,
Henry Camp



Kacon

Dear Santa,

I have been good for December. I want a controller robot and a controller cap.

Your Friend,
Kacon



Dear Santa,

I have had a great year. I have been a great kid. For Christmas I would like a Xbox 360 and games on the Xbox 360 and Legos.

Your Friend,
Ariel P



December 11, 2014

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I have been good and I want a halloween pumpkin a pokemon toy with Pokemon game.

Your Friend,
charla



Justin williams

Dear Santa,

I have been helping my mom and dad. I want a remote control helicopter, X box 360, remote control monster truck and an xbox. PlayStation 4 and any thing that you are made for me.

Your Friend,
Justin williams



Dear Santa,

How are you doing? And by the way thanks for eating my milk and my cookies. Can you tell Mrs. Claus that I said hi. Santa can you please bring me shoes and long socks please. And a football that's because I want to learn how to be a football player and tell the elfs I said hi. And the reindeer.

 From, Eduardo

Dear Santa,

What is your favorite cookie? How many elves do you have? How is your job? How are you? What is your real name? How old are you? How old is Mrs. Clause? Do you have children? Thanks for the present last year. Did you like the cookies last year? How is Mrs. Clause?

 Love, William E. Jr.

Dear Santa,

How are you?
I would love to have Xbox 360, Rebel X-Cray, minnie mice for the Xbox 360 Merry Christmas Santa

 From, Alina

Dear Santa,

How are you? How do you do your job? Will you please get me a pug? I will leave a note. I would love cash, candy, and a bike.

 From, Alina

Dear Santa,

How are you doing Santa and the elf and the deer and Comet? I want a green machine, i pads, littlest pet shop, i and Lil' Amare Kendall ps. I like last year's presents

 Thank You, Love, Ryan

This year I would love an elf on a shelf. I would love a civil war video game. I would love some legos.

 Love, Eduardo

Dear Santa,

How are you? How are you doing? What cookie do you like? How is Mrs. Clause? How do you go down the chimney? I would like a dirt bike, an iPad, and Madden 13 for Xbox one. Thank you love, Braden

 Love, Braden

Dear Santa,

How are you doing at your job? I like your reindeers. I like your Christmas tree. Your list is long. I would like a elf on the shelf, green machine, a toy, and a hat. Thank you

 Love, Ryan

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents last year. How is Mrs. Clause. How do you go down the chimney? What is your favorite cookie. For Christmas I want lego friends. I also want a elf on the shelf. I also want stuffed animals.

 Love, Braden

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents last year. How is Mrs. Clause. How do you go down the chimney? What is your favorite cookie. For Christmas I want lego friends. I also want a elf on the shelf. I also want stuffed animals.

 Love, Braden

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

what I would like for christmas is for all of the kids to get a better chance, I want all of the adults in the military to get home safely, I want everyone that has cancer to get well soon, I would like to see my aunt gale again, I would like for everyone to have a good safe christmas, I would like for god to have a good birthday, I would like to see all of my friends to get what they want, I want more people to worship god, I want my arm to heal safely and quickly, I wish that all the parents in other countries and in the great United States of America will be able to get enough money to afford their kid a great education, I wish that all of the kids that have good stuff like games and that screen TV's would experience what kids are like when they barely even have a place to call home. I wish that all of my friends, family, and even the people I don't know will understand that christmas isn't about getting presents, it's about what people surround and love you, if you could make this happen I would be grateful.

Sincerely,
Ethan Sanders

Dear Santa,



This year for Christmas, I don't want anything for myself. I don't need things as much as the rest of the World. Instead of bringing toys for toddlers, let's feed all the hungry children and make sure they have a place with liveable conditions to stay. I want to see all the soldiers come home safely from the pointless war we are waging. I want you to bring the gift of Justice, whatever it may be, to the towns staging riots. Equality would be nice too, since we are more racially divided than ever. I have been on my best behavior this year, but the world around me has basically been fighting itself, maybe these gifts would help it get back on track before we self-destruct.

- Annonymously Concerned

Bulldogs improve to 10-3

The Howe Bulldogs had a streaky week with two losses to start the Aubrey tournament. However they rebounded with wins over Gainesville and the Australian Travelers.

win over Era on Tuesday night in Cooke County. Levi Mrozinski led the 'Dogs with 17 points while Griffin Underwood tallied 14. Nick Wilson had 12 and Easton Ross added his season-high 10 points.

North Hopkins and Michael Kehrer scored a season-high 33 points to lead the Dogs to a 79-51 win. Ross had yet another season-high 11 points.

Saturday when they take on Whitewright who is ranked #5 in TABC. Game time is 5:40 pm in Leonard to open the Leonard Holiday Tournament.

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Janet Suzanne Middleton Kohavi, 1974-2014

When you are born, you cry, and the whole world rejoices. When you die, you rejoice, and the whole world cries. Grief is the price we pay for love. When words are most empty, tears are most apt. Death is like a covered bridge on an old dusty road, leading from light to light; only a moment of darkness impedes it. Janet was like a stained-glass window that sparkles and shines when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in; the true beauty is revealed by the light from within.

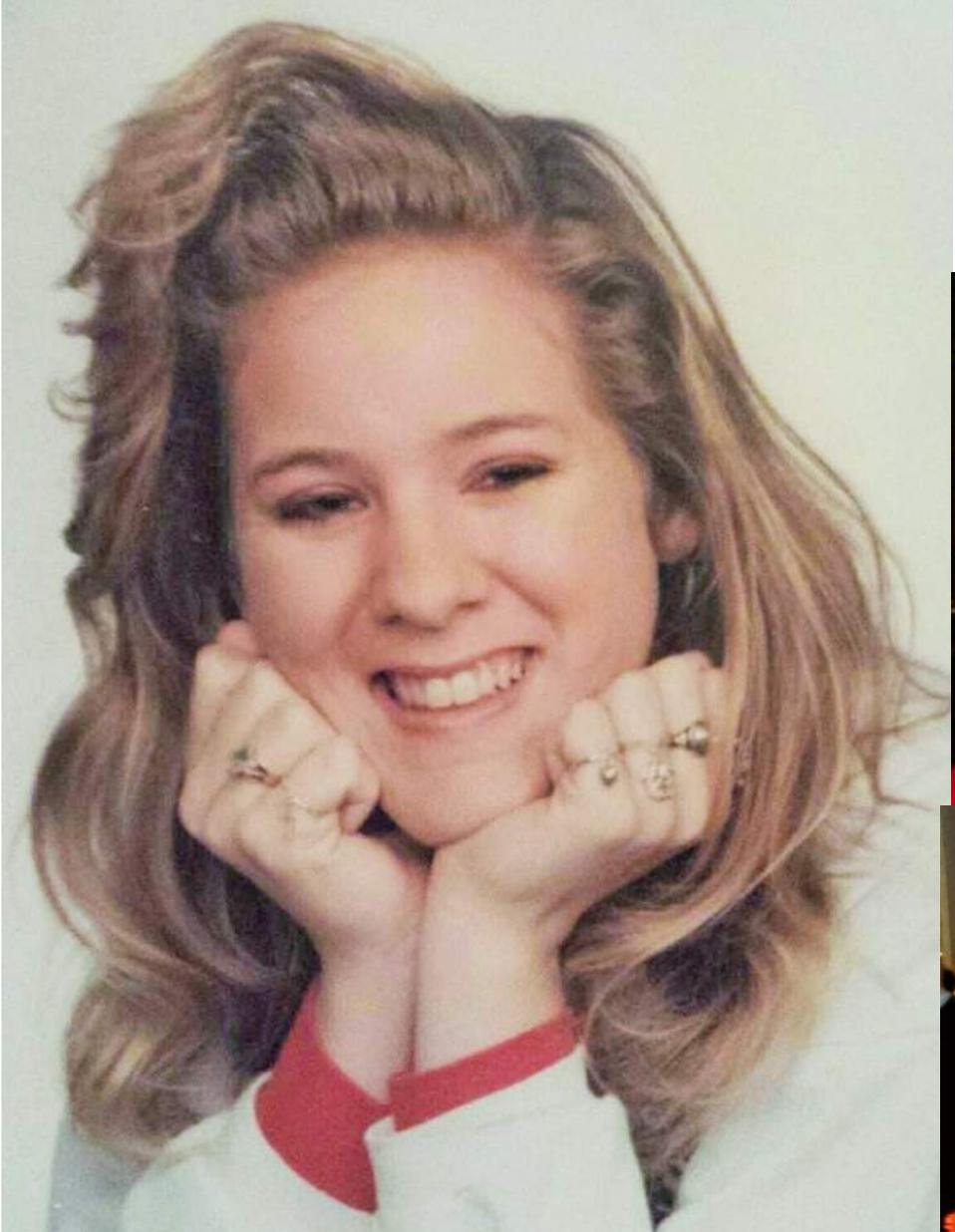
Janet was a friend of everyone. Unlike most of us, one never had to wonder where she stood. She never made apologies for her stances and she never let it affect a friendship. She was a peacemaker who wanted everyone to get along. She was part hippie, part brainiac, part matchmaker, and part psychiatrist. She leaned left in her ideals, but was right with God.

She needed a lot of medicine in her life, but she WAS medicine in her life. God bless Paz and the family. We love you Janet Middleton Kohavi - The HHS Class of 1992.

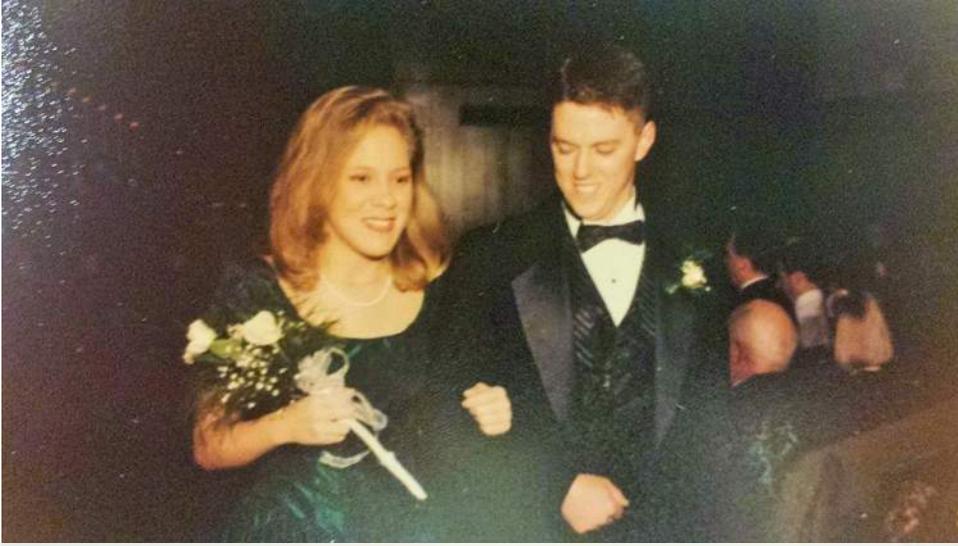
Sometimes, when one person is absent, the whole world seems depopulated. - Allphonse de Lamartin



Janet Suzanne Middleton Kohavi, 1974-2014



Janet Suzanne Middleton Kohavi, 1974-2014



Janet Suzanne Middleton Kohavi, 1974-2014



THE STRENGTH
TO
MOVE FORWARD

As my life runs its course,
And the years slip by,
I'll find myself looking back
And remembering my high
school years with a sigh.

There will be one important
thing
To bring back laughter –
as well as tears,
To bring back the memories
of my high school years.

My yearbook will be priceless,
It will always provide,
Memories of the good times
When friends and fun were
side by side.

– Rostyne –



JANET SUZANNE MIDDLETON

Over the past two years you have been
through more trials and tribulations than
we could ever imagine. Therefore, we
dedicate this page to you and wish you
luck and full recovery in the coming years.

Love,
Seniors '92



Mike Bailey
Branden Barnett
Jennifer Bearden
Brandon Belden
Diane Bement
Mariano Benzaluce
Jennifer Bronnenberg
Roger Brown
Amy Campbell
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Letters To Santa

SANTA LETTERS begin on page three of this issue of the Enterprise. It is always fun to read the wants and wishes of our area youngsters. You can find out what toys are popular. And as I have typed these letters year after year, I find that some fad items will be popular a year or two, but dolls and bicycles and cars seem to always be on the list.

Thanks to the teachers of kindergarten, first and second grades for having their students submit letters. Also we received a couple of letters through the mail. I hope the Howe youngsters have a nice Christmas and that Santa leaves them all something special.

YES, VIRGINIA - In 1897 an 8 year old girl wrote a letter to the New York Sun newspaper asking if there is a Santa Claus. Editor, Frank Church wrote the following famous reply:

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist,

erosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy.

"Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."



GREENS & BEANS - Debbie Brinkley sits in the newly remodeled dining room of the Greens & Beans Restaurant, opening soon in Sherman, located next to Ramada Inn just off of Hwy. 75.

New Restaurant To Open In Sherman Soon

"Greens and Beans," a new restaurant in Sherman is scheduled to open soon, possibly this weekend, next to the Ramada Inn.

Debbie Brinkley, daughter of Jim Graves of Howe, is manager of the restaurant which is owned by the two. Graves and his wife Jeri own and operate the Howe Old Fashioned Bakery and Mrs. Graves will be supplying the new restaurant with pies and baked goods.

Featuring home-style cooking,

Greens and Beans will be open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The menu will include low fat, low calorie, and low cholesterol foods at moderate prices. Greens and Beans also offers to do banquets, wedding cakes, private parties, catering, and ice carvings.

Debbie and Jim have been busy with re-modeling and getting ready to open the restaurant and expect to be able to open Friday.

Howe Police Investigate Reported Kidnapping

The Howe Police Department is investigating the an alleged aggravated kidnapping and sexual assault of a 25-year-old Denison woman on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at about 5:35 p.m.

The woman, who works in Howe, was on her way home when the incident occurred near the intersection of Hwy. 5 and FM 902 near the north city limits of Howe.

The victim was driving a 1984 blue Honda 3 door car. The suspect's car was described as being a full size passenger car silver gray in color. This car was parked near the intersection of the two highways while the suspect held the victim captive in her car about

3/4 of a mile away. The victim was released after a period of time.

The suspect is described as a white male approximately 25 year of age with shoulder length dirty blond hair, 5'6" to 5'8", 130-140 lbs. He was last seen wearing a light colored windbreaker, new jeans, white tennis shoes and a light colored ball cap.

The Grayson County Sheriff's Dept. is assisting in the investigation. Persons with information are requested to contact the Howe Police Dept. at 532-5571. All information will remain confidential.



BASKETBALL CHRISTMAS - Marcus Taylor and Jesse Reinhard drew the basketball Christmas cartoon.

Merry Christmas

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Winners Announced In Chamber's Christmas Decoration Contest

The Howe Chamber of Commerce held their annual Christmas Decoration Contest with the judging done Monday, Dec. 18.

First place in residential was awarded to Peggy Wiggins at 905 Ricketts. Second place went to N.D. and Wanda Moses on Farmington Rd. and third place was won by James and Patsty Burrow at 117 W. Haning. Honorable mention went to Virgil and Judy Kight at 915 N. Denney.

In the business decoration contest, first place was won by Howe State Bank, second place went to the Howe Enterprise, and third place was won by West Ridge Industrial.

The judges were surprised at the number of beautifully decorated homes that were not entered in the contest. They said the competition would have

been stiffer if several of the homes they saw had been entered. The contest, held annually, is open to all residents of the Howe school district. Karen Krantz, chamber director and chairman of the Christmas events, encourages more Howe residents to

consider entering the contest next year.

Prizes for the contest are \$50 for first place, \$25 for

second place, and \$10 for third place. The prizes will be awarded at the January chamber meeting to be held Monday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. at the community room at Flesher Funeral Home in Howe. This meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

Photos of the residential contest winners will appear in the Dec. 28 issue of the Howe Enterprise.

School Board Meets

The Howe School Board met on Thursday, Dec. 14, with all members present.

The board:
*Approved the audit report.
*Set drivers education fee at \$150 (same as last year).

*Approved policy updates as required by recent law passed by the state legislature during spring and summer, 1989.

The board also voted to exempt "raw material in transit" (this was approved by voters in November as proposition 5). According to Supt. Pete Simmons this exemption does not affect any Howe ISD property taxes on manufacturing, but by taking this action the board retains the right to change the exemption at a later date.

An issue that prompted some discussion was the consideration of election to the board "by place" which requires candidates to run for a particular seat on the board. All voters would still vote for all seats, but a candidate would have to choose a seat to run for.

From the audience, Carol Cox stated that she objects to the by place election because it

"pits people against one another" and can cause hard feelings. Sam Lawson also objected saying it would "take out one of my votes."

The board has discussed the possibility of having a "by place" board election in the past, but have tabled it because if board elections are changed to this type of system, they cannot change it back. Board members Thursday night said they would like to get responses from the voters of the district to see how they feel on the issue.

Supt. Simmons will be mailing out a survey to district residents and also a survey will be placed in the Howe Enterprise for voters to let the board know their feelings on this.

Simmons told the board he does not have any strong feelings either way, but he gave the board the main for and against reasons. In favor of the by place election is that it allows candidates to run on issues and allows voters to vote on those particular issues. However, a disadvantage is that in a small community such as Howe there could be hard feelings if a candidate ran against another. Simmons added that in this area, Sherman, Denison, S&S, and Van Alstyne have the by place system for their board elections.

Glenn Fulton states that he favors the by place system because when three people run for two positions, sometimes people will vote for only one candidate, throwing away a vote in order to stack the election in favor of their one candidate. Lanettie Barrett noted that she agreed that this system of "bullet" votes as described by Fulton is not a good system for electing board members. Bill Estep and Carolyn Cavender both expressed a desire for getting opinions from the voters as to how they feel on the issue. Kathie Allen noted that she had talked to people on the S&S board who "hate" the system of by place election. She said that when she ran for the board it was not because of any issues but in order to offer her services, particularly as the mother of young children in the school system.

In his report, Simmons noted that enrollment is at 835 which is 8 over the beginning of school. He also told the board that a Vocational Advisory Committee has been appointed: Jack Holcomb, Nancy Nass, Lana Rideout, Carolyn Carson, Jimmy Bearden, and Sharon Garner.

Howe Fire

Department News

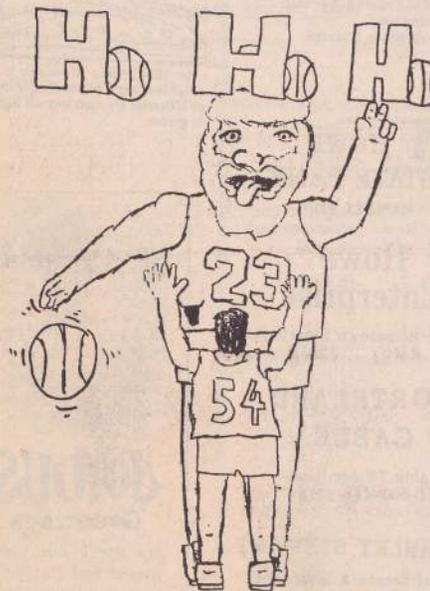
Emergency responses:

Dec. 3 - 11:10 a.m. Firefighters responded to a fire in the 200 block of Western Hills where a grass fire had been ignited by a vine-covered utility pole.

Dec. 6 - 4:50 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grass fire in Dorchester.

Dec. 12 - 6 p.m. Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire.

Dec. 12 - 8:45 p.m. False alarm response on Collins Freeway



Marcus T. + Jesse

The cartoon was submitted to the paper for the Christmas edition by Coach Tracy Beaty.