

# CHRISTMAS BUCKS 2009

The Chamber of Commerce is pleased to bring back CHRISTMAS BUCKS. The holidays are fast approaching and what better way to help out the community than by keeping the shopping right here in Eastland.

The following will explain how this program works:

1. Customers will take out a 0% loan at First Financial Bank. They can borrow up to \$2,500 which they will receive in CHRISTMAS BUCKS.
2. The Chamber will develop a list of businesses where the bucks can be used like money.
3. The First Financial Bank will stamp the back of the bucks. The customer will receive their bucks and a list of participating merchants from the bank.
4. Customers will spend their CHRISTMAS BUCKS at any of the participating merchants.
5. Both the merchant and the customer will sign each CHRISTMAS BUCKS at the time of purchase.
6. Customers must spend the bucks by Dec. 24.
7. Merchants must deliver their bucks to the Chamber by December 29; bucks can be brought in weekly.
8. The Chamber of Commerce will sign for each merchant's CHRISTMAS BUCKS and deliver them to the First Financial Bank.
9. The First Financial Bank will give the merchant a cashier's check for the amount owed, less 3%.
10. Customers will repay their loans by October 31, 2010. Any CHRISTMAS BUCKS not used will be applied to the repayment of the loan.

Local businesses, if you want to participate in this program or have questions, please call the chamber at 254.629.2332.