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Buchanan Windmills On The Move

One man's passion will soon become one town's pride with the relocation of the windmill collection of J.B. Buchanan to the city of Spearman.

Buchanan, whose fascination with windmills at age 3 led him to climb the Currie windmill near his Oklahoma ranch home, began his first restoration project when he was only 14. Having found a dilapidated windmill half-buried in a creek bank,

Buchanan retrieved the windmill, restored the blades, and erected it atop a pole at the entrance of his family ranch.

The cattle at the range were the first to enjoy Buchanan's handiwork. "At fist, the cows would just wander up and stare at it and look around for the water trough that was supposed to be below it," Buchanan related.

Years later, Buchanan's fascination for the whirling wonders was rekindled when he surveyed the uncluttered plain of the Texas Panhandle and realized how he missed seeing the majestic windmills which had been a part of his youth vanished by modern submersible electric pumps. Even so, Buchanan's love may never have resulted in an actual collection and restoration had fate not stepped in.

In 1968, while browsing in a store in New Mexico, he discovered something he couldn't resist - an Eclipse Windmill still in its original shipping crate.

"The Eclipse was to windmills what a Stetson is to hats," Buchanan remarks.

After purchasing the windmill and erecting it in his back yard, the first of a collection that would become the largest in Texas was begun.

Searching for old windmills soon added other models such as the Star mill, the Dempster Umbrella mill (a unique variation that folds its 18' blades in on themselves to protect them when the wind is too strong), and Curries, similar to the ones known in his youth.

Two of Buchanan's treasures have been given to the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C., but the remainder have stood in the yard of his farm house through the years.

Restoration of his finds molded Buchanan into a competent carpenter and blacksmith. In his barn that doubles as a workshop, he has hammered bent metal blades flat on an anvil, shaped wheels from water-soaked oak, and cut precise grooves for the countless, wooden blades of the Dempster models.

After climbing one of his spinning beauties to make repairs last year at the age of 92, Buchanan promised his dismayed wife, Ila Mae, that he had scaled his last windmill tower. So earlier this year, Buchanan offered his priceless collection to the City of Spearman.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce, Buchanan's grandson and son Burl, mayor of the Spearman, formed the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association and dedicated a five-acre plot on the southern edge of the town to be used in the display of the collection.

Businesses of Spearman are adopting windmills and will assume the maintenance of them. "We're getting some other windmills from around the state, and we hope to have about 30 eventually, with my grandfather's in one spot and about 15 others scattered throughout the town," states Roger Buchanan, grandson of J.B.

Spearman's aspiration of becoming known as the "Windmill City" will be a step closer to reality with the move of the first of the Buchanan collection tentatively set for January 21, 1999. A ceremonial ground-breaking of the proposed site on that day will be following by the arrival of the first windmill on a horse-drawn wagon. The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet with the theme "Windmills and Beyond" will conclude the day's festivities.

News of Spearman's planned outdoor "museum" of windmills have been received with great anticipation in the Panhandle region. The Big Texan Steak Ranch of Amarillo, which greets thousands of tourists each year, will endorse the collection to its guests through a special exhibition in the restaurant's courtyard. One of the Buchanan windmills, a Samson Windmill, will be displayed in the scenic area with a large placard inviting tourists to visit the entire collection at the Spearman site.

With the relocation of the windmills, the Buchanan farm yard will soon be devoid of the prairie pumpers which have adorned it for thirty years. But in a larger sense, one man's love for the stately, majestic towers of the Plains will now be shared to fascinate and mesmerize generations.



J.B. Buchanan is pictured above with his grandson, Roger, and his son, Burl in front of the windmill that is on display at The Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo.



Shields Wins In Essay Contest

Tara Shields, eight-year-old daughter of Steve and LuAnn Shields of Pringle-Morse, was the runner-up in the fourth annual "Panhandle Family of the Year" contest.

Over 190 essays from area students ranging in age of 18 and down were judged in this year's competition. Essays were based on the question, "Why Should Your Family Be Named 'Panhandle Family of the Year'?" The contest was sponsored by the Potter County Extension Family and Consumer Education advisory committee.

John Stewart, a 12-year-old Austin Middle School student in Amarillo, submitted the winning essay. He received Southwest

Airline tickets for four to Dallas and a complimentary visit to Six Flags Over Texas and an engraved silver tea service.

Tara and the other finalists also received engraved silver Christmas tree ornaments.

Tara was the youngest of six finalists present for the awards program in Amarillo. Accompanying Tara on her big day were her parents, her sister (Tab), her grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Kiser and Mrs. Jim Shields), and her third grade teacher (Mrs.

Shannon Lane). As runner-up, Tara received an Amarillo Getaway Weekend, valued at \$500.

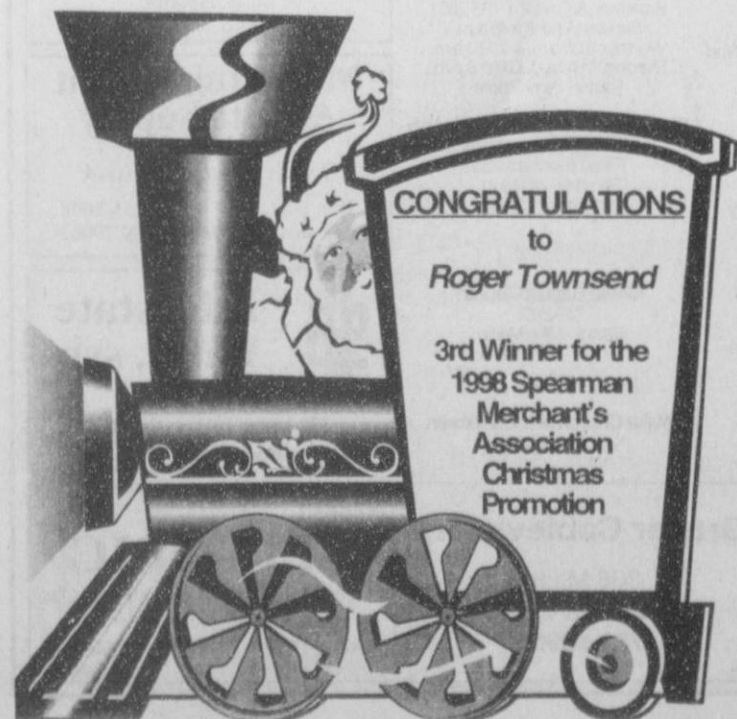
Listed below is the essay that Tara submitted.

I think my family should be picked because they let me go to school. I think my family should be picked because they let me have a lamb for 4-H. My family is the best because they let me do a lot of activities like playing the piano and sewing. Every other year we go to Missouri. Best of all, they let me

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Tara Shields



Operation Christmas Greeting

We wish all of our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Instead of sending greeting cards this year, we have donated to Operation Christmas Greeting for the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary

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Your donations can be mailed to Mary Fern Terry, 906 Bernice, Spearman, TX 79081, and your name will be published in the Reporter-Statesman each week.

Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine Smith.

December 17

Birthday - Patsy Beville, Sergio Favela, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Brandy Urban, Lupe Guero, Francis Floyd, Betty Lemons, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Bobby Novak, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam Cassidy, Jimmy Traylor, Stephanie Tyler

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Park, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Finley

December 18

Birthday - Jimmy Faren, Ronnie Schaefer, Cassie Butt, Malory Martin, Monalisa Garcia, Tyler Bounton

Anniversary - Tom & Rita Reed, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Hart, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Karlin

December 19

Birthday - Steve Beville, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaither, Nan Nicholson, Georgia Reed, Sara Dossett, Pat Dear, Mrs. Roscoe Nelson, Gwen McLain, Ford McIntyre, Cindy Rice, Billy Jo Miesner, Delphine Etling, Cindy Walton

Anniversary - Frank & Carol Lemons, Earl & June Spencer, Reagan & Beckee Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Diaz, Kyle & Jennifer Nollner

December 20

Birthday - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Cecil Ralston, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Brittini Beedy, Alicia Nikolas, Lexie Woodward, Bill Whitford, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Paul Henry Renteria, Brock Schroeder, Megan Evans

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. William Porter, Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Cathy Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Myatt, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Jones

December 21

Birthday - Lidwine Carpioux, Cammie Steele, Anita Ruiz, Linda Garrett, Dallasene Reynolds, Eddy

Rojas, Thomas Rodriguez, Johnny Kenny, Terry Womble, Chunky Blackburn, Betty Clifford, Clyde Conley, Michael James Renteria, Robert Dahl, Cheryl Evans

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Cummings, Mr. & Mrs. Billie Haden, Doris & Danny Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Tolleson, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Slough, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Kauffman, Toby & Sally Thomas

December 22

Birthday - Ted Evans, Richie Fletcher, Molly Blackman, Danna Kay Willis, Tammy Jackson, Andy Watley, Mary Moore, Steve Womble, Temp Shepard, Deanna Kenny, Diane DeLaCruz, Shirley Molden, Solomon Tarenjo, Becky Beedy, Frank Dominguez

Anniversary - R.L. & Kay McFarlin, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Tindell, Mr. & Mrs. Wes Maupin

December 23

Birthday - Odis Blount, Joel Lee Lackey, Joe Potts, Pat Morris, Sandy Brewer, Judith Jackson, Lloyd McWhirter, Nell Burke, Judy Tindell, Jimmy Duncan, Patti Evans, James Knoll, Rey Cook, Lavon Reid

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Marty Rasor, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Peddy, Mr. & Mrs. Loren Dahl, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Bevil

December 24

Birthday - Glendon Etling, Kay Hobbs, Benny Wilson, Ernie Vanderberg, Howard Heffey, Beth Coomer, Kenny Bratton, Melissa Thompson, Jocelyn Edwards, Sandee Smith

Anniversary - Oscar & Rhonda Valdez, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kruse, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sadler, Mr. & Mrs. Woody Fulkerson

December 25

Birthday - Joni Hart, Ellen Norton, Melanie Hutton, Bill Miller, Christy Freeman, Noreen Sutton, Jeff Graves, Sharon Hamilton, Gil Harnish, Jimmy Vanlandingham, Dean Womble, John Cass

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Red Byrd, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Shook

December 26

Birthday - Jennifer Dahl, Glinda Harvey, Rodney Schroder, Woody Fowler, Chris Perez

Thank You

The students involved in the recent production of Grease and I would like to pause and take this opportunity to thank the Spearman community and surrounding communities for the wonderful support and response to our first musical. What a thrill it was for us to look out into the audience and see so many eager and excited faces! A musical of this magnitude was challenging, but to have such a receptive audience really made it worthwhile for the kids. We truly appreciate living in a community where the fine arts are valued and encouraged to grow.

Spearman High School Caught In The Act Club & Frances Pipkin

Thank You

Bless you for your expressions of grief for the loss of our beloved husband, father, and grandpa, Richard. We are comforted by the love of your caring hearts. Richard loved his community and its people and took much pride in it.

We are grateful to God for his life, for your friendship, and for your kindness and prayers. Thank You. We will never forget any of you and your healing gestures.

Our loving gratitude,

Elizabeth, Jerry, Steve Holton & Families

Thank You

A special "thank you" to all who helped us celebrate our 40th Wedding Anniversary. Your visits, cards, calls, and best wishes mean so much.

Thanks again,

Bobby & Jolene Thompson

DEADLINE

The deadline to submit all news and advertising for the Hansford County Reporter Statesman is Monday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline may be published at a later date.

Catherine Smith, Editor

Snow Is Coming!

Freezing weather is just around the corner. Don't want your house destroyed? We have just the place for that rambunctious group of children or teenagers. Whether it's a birthday party for a little one, or basketball or volleyball for the junior high and high school. No party is too large or too small. The O'Loughlin Center Call Kathy at 659-3030 for rates.

Thank You

Do you believe in angels? We do. Angels are among us in the form of the staff and volunteers of Hansford Hospice. Words simply cannot express how wonderful Charla and her staff were to us during the great loss we suffered with the passing of Sue. We witnessed personal sacrifices made on our behalf. We could not have made it through our loss without the Hospice Angels. They were not only there for us, they helped us to understand everything that was happening and involved us on every matter. There is no way to thank you enough, but God will definitely bless your ministry. Thank you also to the doctors and nurses who helped care for Sue (and us) during the last days. Brother Taylor, what can we say? How often do you witness a minister weep at a funeral? He really cares and this means so much. Thank you Trinity and First Assembly ladies for the wonderful meals you brought in - bless you! Brother and Sister Gresser, thank you for always being there and listening. Thanks to all of you who brought meals, sent cards and flowers, or called to check on us - we will never forget it. Pat Cudd, thanks for all you did, we could not have done it without you. Certainly we cannot thank you enough, but we know without a doubt that you earned a star in your crown in heaven. Sue will always be with us and we miss her terribly, but you have helped to lessen the load. We are so grateful to live in a community such as Spearman where people really do care. Oftentimes, we forget this in our busy, daily lives, but God has made us stop and see that he uses people all around us to minister His love to us. We would urge anyone to give to the Hospice program - you will never know how special they are until you need them. They deserve our support for all the support they give, that money cannot buy. Thank you, Spearman, and forgive us for times when we have failed you.

The family of Sue Ann Balzar

Tom & Thelma Moshier, Wynona & L.C. Owens, Bobby Parker, Andy & Darrie Francis & Family

Join us as we celebrate

the birth of our Lord on Sunday, December 20th at 11:00 a.m. as the combined adult and children's choirs present "He's Still the King of Kings." A Christmas Communion Service will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, December 24th, followed by a Christmas Worship Service at 11:45 p.m. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.



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The Jesus Video

The Hansford County Jesus Video Project steering committee organized believing God would have us to move closer to fulfilling the great commission found in Matthew 28 by distributing the movie Jesus to every home in our county and school districts.

-After prayer, the date for handing out these videos was set for January 24, 1999. That meant that the training had to come on January 17, 1999. However, we had no funds with which to purchase the videos and other needed supplies in order to be effective. We then issued a plea for money. Trusting God to provide these funds by the proper date, so that we could proceed with the current plans, we laid our request for donations before you, the people of Hansford County. We knew that if, in fact, we were within God's timing, He would provide the contributions. If the contributions were to fail, we would accept that we were not within God's timing, commit the dates to prayer once again, and follow a new leading from God.

Well, God's people responded!! You have given of your money, for which we are truly grateful! Thanks to you, we are very close to reaching our minimum goal of \$12,000.00 Please remember us as you are making your Christmas memorials and honorariums, and year end contributions!

And so that brings us to a new aspect of our project. You have given of your money, now would you give of yourself and your time? We need volunteers who are willing to attend training and participate in a prayer walk on the 17th of January, distribute videos on the 24th, and follow up 3-4 weeks later. We are trusting God for a minimum of 100-150 volunteers participate with us. The more volunteers we have, the smaller the area you will have to cover, and follow-up will be accomplished more completely.

Each steering committee member has a sheet. Please contact one of us to put your name on the list quickly so that the committee can get an accurate count of volunteers and begin dividing up the county and school districts accordingly. We need your money--you continue to give. We now need you--please volunteer!

*Tax deductible donations are currently being accepted. Please make checks payable to: Jesus Video Project of Hansford County. Mail to: Dan Carter, 621 S. Endicott, Spearman, TX. 79081

**Volunteers are welcomed. Contact any steering committee member. Jim Deakin, Carla Conley, Dan Carter, Lois Shieldknight, Rev. Beverly Cook, Virginia Trindle, Danny Hendricks, Alton Ellsworth, Sonny Kell, Mary Brock, Nona Schell, Leann Gillaspie, or Mike Martin.

In Spearman...

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Worship & Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening/Youth Service: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Children's Choir: 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - James Brown

First Assembly of God
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kids Church: 10:35 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday
Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Bible Study
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Senior Minister - Joseph Weeks

First Baptist Church
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.
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Wed. Youth Meeting: 8 p.m. Wed.
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church
Worship: 11 a.m. (alters monthly between Lutheran and Presbyterian Church Buildings)
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Rainbow Kids Club: 3:00 Wednesday
Pastor - Ken Cole

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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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209 King • 733-2760
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30, Sunday
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by Gary C. Smith
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I have been writing a newspaper column for over ten years. I have always prided myself in the fact that I would not use my column for advertising. This week, I am making an exception.

This is a blatant advertisement for the PraiseRingers, the First Baptist Church's bell choir. I heard them today and they are absolutely marvelous. Their music touches the heart and warms the soul.

If you have not had an opportunity to hear this group, then you need to plan to do so.

I understand that they play only during the holiday season. But, if you are unable to hear them play at the Baptist Church, then try to catch them at one of their community performances.

I heard them when they played for the Lion's club and I would like to thank each of the members for sharing their talent with us.

The choir includes: Denise Bridges - director, Kara Harrell, Brenda Ferguson, Rick & Karen Patrick, Brian Foster, Susan Kitter, Judy Whitworth, Kathy Archer, Robyn Hargis, Carolyn James, and Becky Byers.

They plan to perform at Gus Birdwell Elementary sometime before the Christmas break. They will also perform on Sunday morning, December 20th during the 11:00 a.m. service and again on Sunday evening for a special Christmas service at 6:00 p.m.

Until Next Time,
May God Bless,
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P.S. I hope that the bell choir will forgive me for calling them the "Baptist Ding-A-Lings."

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Hospice News

by LoRee Booth

The Lights of Love Tree lighting was held at Hansford Manor on Tuesday, December 1, 1998. The Hansford Hospice members hosted the celebration with many manor residents and friends also attending.

Pastor Walter Greaser, First Assembly of God, expressed gratitude for the hospice volunteers and for the real spirit of love shared this Christmas season.

Becky Byers led her Spearman High School Choir in singing Christmas carols.

Following the fellowship and reception, the Hospice tree lights (located by the hospice gazebo) were turned on. The First United Methodist Church pastor, Ken Cole, gave the benediction. The service closed with singing "Joy to the World," led by the SHS Choir.

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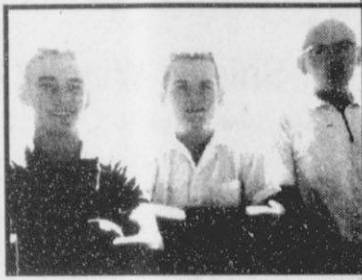
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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

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Holt Home Demonstration Club's Nut Sale

The Holt Home Demonstration Club has some pecans and cashews left from their annual nut sale. Pecans are \$5.00 per pound and cashews are \$4.50 per pound. To make a purchase, call Audene Beck at 659-2020 or June Jackson at 659-2384.

Christmas Card Fund

The Hansford County Hospital Auxiliary began their annual fund raiser on December 1st. The Christmas Card Fund is money that is donated instead of mailing Christmas Cards and is used for equipment and supplies that are not funded in the budget for the hospital and manor.

Holiday Hours For Golden Spread Senior Center

The Golden Spread Senior Center will be closed on December 24th and 25th for Christmas and December 31st and January 1st for the New Year's holidays.

Toys for Tots

The High Country Chevy Dealers Ad Association is working with the Marine Corps to gather Toys for Tots. They are in need of new unwrapped toys. Local donations may be made at Prairie Motors, Inc. All toys will be kept and distributed locally by the Spearman Lions Club.

Bethesda Outreach

Bethesda Outreach has now been in operation for one year and we are having good results from the program. We are endeavoring to expand our ministry. If you are having a hard time with your finances, are out of work and need temporary help with food, this distribution is at present being held at the Trinity Fellowship church on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. You must be there by this time to receive groceries. We as a community are here to help you and especially through this holiday season. Bethesda is now receiving coats for all ages to help others during the winter months. If you would like to be a part of this community outreach with your personal help or your finances, whether with a one time gift or a monthly pledge you may contact us at Bethesda 659-2671. We also have a prayer line that you may call at either of the following numbers: 659-2671 or 659-1743.

Post Office Announces Special Holiday Hours

The Spearman Post Office will be open on Saturday, December 19th from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Angel Tree

The Spearman Post Office has once again set up an Angel Tree. Gifts should be returned to the Post Office by December 18th so they can be distributed before Christmas.

Holt Community Afghans For Sale

The Holt Extension Club has 12 Holt Community Afghans for sale at \$35.00 each. For more information, or to purchase an Afghan, call Ruth Ann Jones at 659-3486.

Morse Post Office Open House/Customer Appreciation Day

The Morse Postal Employees cordially invite everyone to their Annual Open House and Customer Appreciation Day on Tuesday, December 22, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served. "My staff and I sincerely appreciate your patronage during 1998, and look forward to serving you in the coming year," stated Milana Reising, Postmaster.

Knights Of Columbus Taking Orders For Tenderloins

Need help cooking for the Christmas holidays? The Knights of Columbus Council #5552 can help you! We are cooking up some of our county-famous Beef Tenderloins. The cost is only \$65 per tenderloin. Please call one of the following persons before Sunday, December 20, 1998 to order: Don Allen - 659-2066, Dwain Weller-733-2007, or Richard Paschel - 659-5907.

Genealogy Class

If you would like to learn more about your roots, come learn the basics on how to begin tracing your family history. You will gain an overview of methods used, research techniques and recording of information. If you are in the process of tracing your history and have come to a block, this class will be useful to you. Members of the Spearman Genealogy Club and the Community Resource Program will sponsor the class. The class will be held on Monday, January 11, 1999 from 7-9 p.m. at Spearman High School. The cost for the class will be \$10.00. For more information, call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233 or Rita Bynum at 659-2842.

"Celebration of Carols"

Pampa Fine Arts Association is hosting a "Celebration of Carols" on Friday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, located at 525 North Gray Street. All are welcome to attend this evening of carol singing, where many favorite carols will be enjoyed. Soloists, instrumentalists, vocal ensembles and choirs will be featured as well. There is no admission charge. Please come and participate. Pampa Fine Arts Association invites everyone to enjoy this gift of the Christmas season.

Office hours for The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman are Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1-5 p.m. The deadline to submit items to be published is Monday at 5:00 p.m. for that week's publication.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Several items in the Sunday Amarillo News-Globe concerned local people.

Tara Shields, eight, was the runner-up in an essay contest entitled "Panhandle Family of the Year." It was sponsored by the Potter County Extension Service and there were 190 entries from area students.

Tara, the daughter of Steve and LuAnn Shields, is a student of the Pringle-Morse School. She received some prizes, including an Amarillo getaway weekend valued at \$500; engraved silver Christmas tree ornaments and a dinner for four at an Amarillo restaurant and complimentary tickets to Amarillo entertainment sites.

Congratulations to Tara.

One does not expect to be saddened by newspaper ads, but the announcement of the close-out sale of "Eva's store was poignant. Among other statements were included these" Things just aren't the same at Eva's without Betty Lou Mays, our founder and friend. So, we are closing her store. Betty Lou and Troy Mays opened Eva's 35 years ago--now it is time to say Good-bye!

Betty Lou, a popular Spearman lady, is the daughter of Mrs. Ethel Ellsworth, who passed away last summer.

There was a picture of the pretty eight year old Kristina, costumed, with her partner dancing at the Vidde Hjem Chapter of the Norwegian Society Julefest held at the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Amarillo on December 6th.

Selma Reneau, Kristina's grandmother, and Mrs. Ruth Knudson of Spearman attended all the festivities that day.

Burl Buchanan is pictured assisting (advising?) in guiding the windmill placed at the Big Texan Steak Ranch on Saturday. The windmill is from the J.B. Buchanan Collection.

It was moved from the farm of Ila Mae Buchanan's grandmother in Oklahoma years ago. She lived to be 101 years old. Since the water is shallow in that area, the tower is short compared to Panhandle windmills - only one sucker-rod is needed.

Channel 10 T.V. coverage

referred to the windmill as "world famous" which amused Ila Mae - saying that she had looked at that windmill all her life but that hardly qualified it being world famous.

Joe Copeland is back at home after a ten day Thanksgiving visit with her daughter Joe Lynn and Bob Leland in Broomfield, Colorado. She is looking forward to their visit here at Christmas. She also expects her son Kim and family.

Welcome guests in the home of Brenda and Verlan Winegarner are her parents, Mary and Mike O'Brien. They are from Boston and plan to be here until after New Years.

The O'Briens will also visit in the home of Gerry and C.A. Davis of Gruver. Gerry is a sister of Mr. O'Brien.

Mansel and Mandy Bryan of Ft. Stockton spent a short weekend here with his mother Ruth Bryan. Eight of their friends joined them for pheasant hunting. They were from various places in south Texas.

Contrary to other reports of poor hunting in this area, these hunters were well pleased with their results.

Scott and Diana Latham from Abilene, also Terry and Deanne Latham of Kingfisher were in Spearman over the week-end to be with Orville and Martha Latham. Another guest is Felma Evans, formerly of Spearman, now of El Indio, Texas.

Martha and Orville are much in thoughts and prayers of all the neighbors as she is now in Hansford Hospice.

Dwayne Smith reports that for the week ending December 14, the highest temperature was 62 degrees on December 13; the lowest was 22 on the 8th, total moisture for the week was .10.

So many foreigners think that Americans have no imagination--they haven't met government weather forecasters.

Such a joyful sound - that of the Christmas carolers on crisp twilight of Sunday evening--bringing the memories of Christmas past to the elderly and brightening the long evening. Thanks Carolers of the Methodist Church.

There have been considerable comments regarding the peculiar acquittal on all counts of bribery in the recent trial of Mike Espy. He was the Clinton appointee for Secretary of Agriculture who resigned when accusations of accepting bribes first surfaced.

All of the firms charged with giving him the bribes were found guilty or pled guilty and have paid huge fines. Espy, using legal

technicalities, finally went to trial recently and was found not guilty on all counts.

The question: How could he be not guilty of accepting the bribes from those guilty of bribing him?

Espy, by law, was entitled to a jury of his peers - and he sure had one - down to the color of his skin. (Does O.J. Simpson come to mind?)

Hospital Auxiliary

by Alva Garner

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary met on Monday, November 30th at the Palo Duro Cafe for a luncheon and business meeting.

Margarette Evans, president, officiated at the meeting. Minutes were read and approved.

Margarette announced that 30 members attended the Safety and Health Training Session at the Hospital.

Jo Larson, Virginia Head and Peggy Ellsworth were appointed to the nominating committee for the election of new officers.

Helen Etter was presented with a 25-year pin.

The Auxiliary purchased an X-ray table pad for the hospital this year.

The Auxiliary donated the

remaining monies from the Christmas Card Fund to the Empty Stocking Fund at Hansford Manor. We also gave a donation to the Lights of Love Hospice Tree.

The meeting adjourned to decorate the Hospital and Manor for Christmas.

Members present were: Edith Smith, Betty Davis, Ora Lee Blackburn, Rosa Lee Butt, Beth Phelps, Maria Avila, Jo Larson, Virginia Head, Helen Etter, Elsie Mathews, LoRee Booth, Frances Cudd, Adalyn Barnes, Patty Sheppard, Verna Brown, Mary Fern Terry, Eddie Largent, Margarette Evans, Virginia Trindle, Carol Sell, Muriel Boyd, and Alva Garner. Guests were Pete Alberty, Anne Snow and Debby Sanford.

Shields Wins In Essay Contest

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go to my cousins and have a sleep-over. My mom and dad help me be a Christian. They are helping me to grow up and be good. My dad came up and talked about Washington, D.C. My mom helps the school by driving the school bus. She also helps with the store that we have called Paw-mart, and she helps by being a substitute. My dad is a

farmer. He makes a lot of crops. My mom is on the P.T.A. at the school. That is why my family should be picked.

Tara couldn't have written her essay without the support and writing skills she has received from her teacher and her previous teachers at Pringle-Morse CISD. She would like to thank them all.

Out At The Lake



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--December 14, 1998--44 ft. 4.5 in. (down 5.5 in.)

Jim's picture is of the surviving three ducks of the six he raised and turned loose on the kid's pond. Jack Lane of Stinnett was the instigator of Jim going into the duck business. Jack felt that parents and grandparents with small children like to watch the little ones have so much fun feeding ducks. Jim started out with 6 small ducklings of a hybrid lineage somewhat like mallards. He raised all of them successfully, but when he turned them out, some animal enjoyed three of them.

The hens and drake have different personalities. The hens will come to Jim to be fed, but the drake hangs back. If Jim leaves, the drake gets in the middle of the grain and tries to hog it from the hens.

Last Friday to Sunday morning, Guymon Boy Scouts had their annual Christmas camp-out at the Park north of the dam. There were ten tents of them.

Fishing has been slow, but the regulars are still working at it. If

they caught anything, it was not while Jim was around. He helped with the Spearman Rotary Club Pheasant Hunt. He said most of the hunters had two birds, although the limit this year was three.

Have any of you readers seen the buck that has only a left antler? Jim saw it, but I don't think he got a picture. He said you see most of the bucks now.

The lone white pelican has gone on. The bald eagles are elusive. They are seen mostly in the evening when they come into the Gibner side to roost.

Last week, my husband gave me a chance to see something unusual. As he left for town, turned the corner of our block, and saw a big bird in a tree in the back yard. He came back to show me. I expected to see a great horned owl, but instead saw a big hawk. I think it was one of the Ferruginous Hawks that I see out in the country. I have never seen a hawk in our back yard before. Thanks, Don.

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Hansford County Community Calendar December 17-28

Thursday, December 17

9:30-11:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Open House, O'Loughlin Center
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts & Covered Dish Lunch
12:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Childhood Development Center Board Meets
7:00 p.m. - Spearman High School Choir Concert - SHS Auditorium
7:00-9:00 p.m. - Men's Night at Gruver Merchants

Friday, December 18

Gifts for Angel Tree due at Spearman Post Office
Hansford Manor Residents Christmas Party
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Bridge

Saturday, December 19

9:30-11:30 a.m. - Spearman Post Office Holiday Hours

Sunday, December 20

Last day to order Tenderloins from the Knights of Columbus
11:00 a.m. - Spearman FUMC Adult/Children's Choirs present Musical
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - First Assembly of God, Spearman
6:00 p.m. - Christmas Special at First Baptist Church
6:30 p.m. - First Baptist Church of Gruver presents Children's Christmas Musical
7:00 p.m. - First Baptist Church of Gruver presents Adult Christmas Musical
7:00 p.m. - First Christian Church of Spearman choir presents Christmas Cantata

Monday, December 21

8:30 a.m. - Moms In Touch - Gruver Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
10:00 a.m. - Hansford County Commissioner's Court Meets
12:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Covered Dish Lunch
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Uno
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor

Tuesday, December 22

Spearman ISD Early Dismissal
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Morse Post Office Open House
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's
2:00 p.m. - Hearing Aid Checkup - Golden Spread Citizens Center
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor

Wednesday, December 23

Spearman ISD, Gruver ISD, Pringle-Morse CISD School Holiday

Thursday, December 24

Spearman ISD, Gruver ISD, Pringle-Morse CISD School Holiday
Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Center Closed for Christmas Holiday

Friday, December 25

Spearman ISD, Gruver ISD, Pringle-Morse CISD School Holiday
Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Center Closed for Christmas Holiday

Sunday, December 27

3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - Spearman First Baptist Church

Monday, December 28

Spearman ISD, Gruver ISD, Pringle-Morse CISD School Holiday
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor

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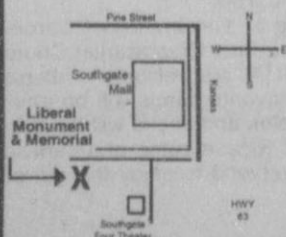
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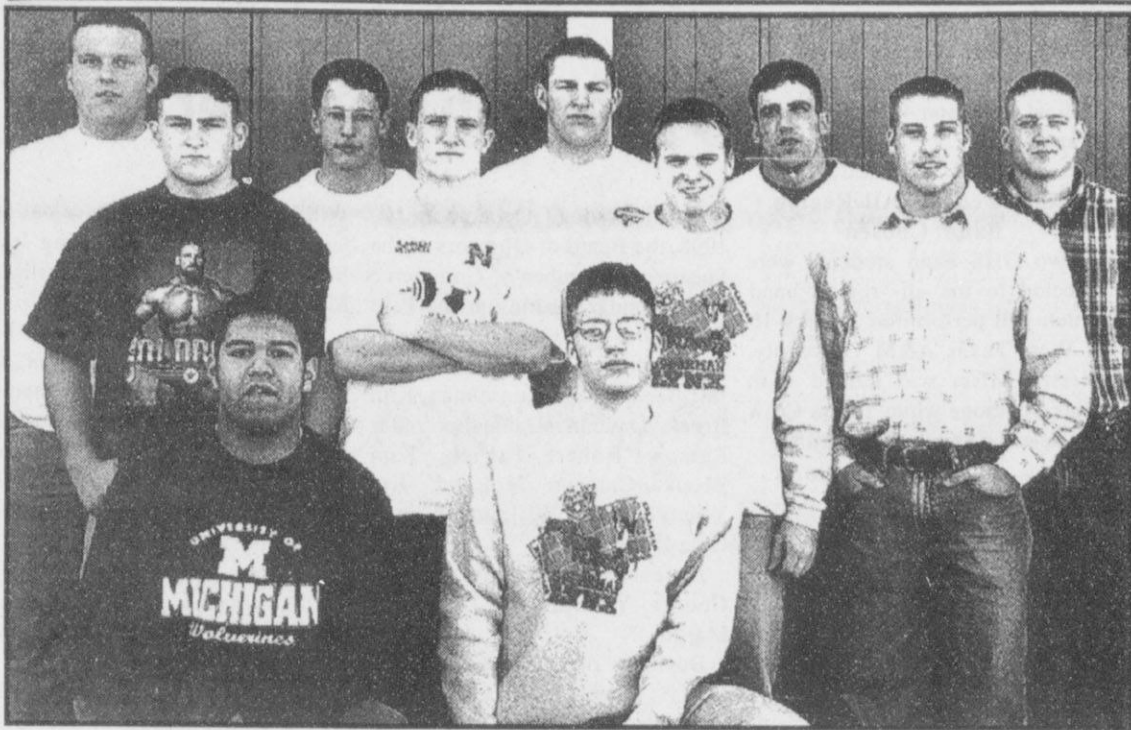
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1998 Spearman All-District Football Players: (Back Row, L-R) Doran Schoenhals, Brian Black, Clancy Vanderburg, Landon Miller and Dusty Barber; (Middle Row, L-R) Clayton Vanderburg, Quentin Shieldknight, Aaron Witten and Michael Lusby; (Front Row, L-R) Carlos Hernandez and Aaron Winegarner.

5-AA Names All-District Football

The Spearman Lynx finished a fantastic season this year at Lubbock. They went undefeated until the Stanton game. The loss, however, wasn't because of a lack of skill on the part of Spearman. Spearman's players have lots of heart and lots of determination as they proved repeatedly throughout their season.

The All-District results from 5-AA were announced last week. Many young men from Spearman were honored to be on the list. In offense, two of our running backs made first team: Michael Lusby and Aaron Witten. Carlos Hernandez

received honorable mention. Three linemen on offense also received this honor: Clancy Vanderburg, (1st team), Doran Schoenhals (2nd team), and Clayton Vanderburg (2nd team). Landon Miller also received honorable mention as a tight end. Brian Black received 2nd team Wide Receiver and Aaron Winegarner received 2nd team Quarterback.

As far as defense was concerned, the Spearman Lynx was equal in strength. Two linemen achieved the honor of all-district: Clancy Vanderburg (1st team) and Quentin Shieldknight (2nd team). Aaron

Winegarner received 2nd team as an end, and Landon Miller received honorable mention as an end as well. Linebackers Lusby (1st team) and Dusty Barber (2nd team) and secondary Aaron Witten (1st team), Carlos Hernandez (2nd team), and Brian Black (Honorable Mention) added to the strength of our defense. Carlos Hernandez received honorable mention for being a punter.

The Lynx were champions of their district and pride of their school. Spearman honors these young men and the community looks forward to a great season next year.

Dr. Wright Hired By Vet Hospital

Hansford County Veterinary Hospital is proud to announce that Jerilyn Kisabeth Wright is again a part of our staff.

Dr. Wright is a 1992 graduate of Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine and also holds a B.S. from Oklahoma State in Physiology. Dr. Wright (Dr. Kisabeth at the time) was associated with Hansford County Veterinary Hospital from 1992-1995. She left Spearman to practice with the Animal Hospital of Lubbock and The Small Animal Emergency Clinic, where she was employed from June 1995-June 1998, at which time she married Craig Wright. Craig works in Farnsworth for Wright Trucking. Craig and Jerilyn live in Perryton.

Dr. Wright's specialty is small animals. We are excited to have Dr. Wright back on staff and back in Hansford County and would invite everyone to drop by and get acquainted with her.



Dr. Jerilyn Kisabeth Wright is pictured above examining a dog at the Hansford County Vet Hospital, where she is employed.

It's A Boy!

Jerry and Julie Crowl of Pringle, TX wish to announce the birth of their son, Jonathon Ryan. Jonathon was born on Sunday, November 22, 1998. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jack and Rosie Crowl of Pringle, Sandra Esterino of Lubbock and Dean Johnson of New Deal.

Jonathon was welcomed home by his three-year-old big sister Jennifer Rose.

Got Someone On Your Christmas List That Is Hard To Buy For?

Remember the Gold Card, a one-year membership, at The O'Loughlin Fitness Center. Contact Kathy Bryant at 659-3030.

Holiday Open House

Wednesday, December 23, 1997

7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Don't miss the drawing for the "You First Bucks." You could win one of three \$200 cash prizes!

Drawing to be held at 10:00 a.m.
(Need not be present to win.)

Merry Christmas to All

Have your picture taken with Santa from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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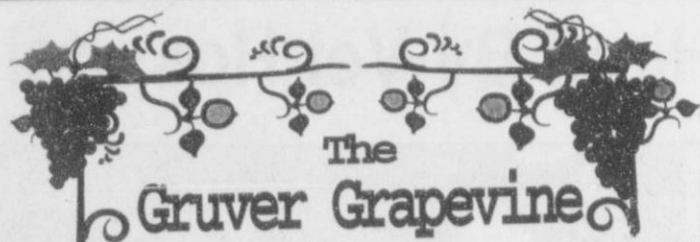
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by Harletta Carthel

House Sustains Damage

The home of Enriquez Pando at 706 Richardson sustained damage in a fire on Thursday morning. Although the damage was termed minor, the ceiling of one bedroom was destroyed in efforts to contain the fire.

Pheasant Season Begins

Pheasant season began on Saturday under near-perfect conditions for area hunters. Hunters reported fair to excellent hunting over the weekend with some hunters able to reach their bag limit early in the day. The GHS Band barbecue lunch was attended by over 175 people. There was no report on the early morning breakfast sponsored by Alpha Mu Psi sorority. The season will continue through Sunday, December 27.

Good News Received

Beverly (Dorman) Bennett, the daughter of James and Ann Dorman, received a good report on her recent checkup. Tests show that Mrs. Bennett's tumor has shrunk considerably since her last checkup.

Kye Austin, the 13-year-old niece of Sherry Johnson, is showing much improvement following her recent horse-related injury in which she suffered head injuries.

Norma Blount spent time last week in Ochiltrie General Hospital. She has improved and was able to return home.

City Commission Meets

The Gruver City Commission met last Wednesday. At the meeting, it was decided to accept bids on the sale of two pickup trucks and award the bids to the lowest bidder. The commission also met Wednesday, December 16, to discuss a property purchase.

GHS Semester Exam Schedule

Semester tests will begin on Thursday, December 17. Thursday's exam schedule will be:

- 8:15-10: first period class exam
- 10:05-11:55: second period class exam
- 12-12:30: lunch
- 12:35-2:05: third period class exam
- Friday, December 18
- 8:15-10: fourth period class exam
- 10:05-11:55: fifth period class exam
- 12-12:30: lunch
- 12:35-2:05: sixth period class exam
- Monday, December 21
- 8:15-10: seventh period class exam
- 10:05-12: eighth period class exam
- 12-12:30: lunch

School Dismissal Set

Gruver schools will dismiss for the holidays at 12:30 on Monday, December 21st. For students not

riding buses or eating lunch at school, dismissal is permitted at 12:00 p.m.

Basketball, Basketball, Basketball

Congratulations to Janae Watley and Jim Potts on their selection to the all-tournament team at Sunray over the weekend.

Varsity Girls**Sunray Tournament**

Gruver 49, Dalhart 53
Boyd 2, Watley 21, B. Salmans 4, Yanke 6, E. Salmans 1, Stavlo 12, and Beville 4.
Gruver 42, White Deer 50
Boyd 9, Watley 11, B. Salmans 4, Yanke 12, Stewart 1, E. Salmans 2, Stavlo 2, and Shults 2.
Gruver 72, Adrian 16
Watley 24, May 3, B. Salmans 2, Yanke 13, E. Salmans 2, Stavlo 19, Shults 7, and Beville 2.

Varsity Boys**Sunray Tournament**

Gruver 47, Dalhart 42
Stavlo 2, Watlington 4, Odom 3, Pool 7, Potts 17, Armes 4, TeBeest 4, T. McClure 4, and J. McClure 4.
Gruver 48, Stratford 56
Henson 13, Watlington 5, Pool 8, Potts 16, and Armes 6.
Gruver 71, Sunray 64
Henson 3, Odom 14, Potts 28, Armes 3, TeBeest 5, T. McClure 2, J. McClure 6, Pool 18, Grotegut 1

Fritch Tournament

Gruver 48, West Texas 59 (first boys game of season)
Stavlo 2, Henson 2, Grotegut 2, Watlington 4, Odom 2, Pool 12, Potts 10, Armes 9, TeBeest 5, T. McClure 2.
Gruver 35, Canadian 43
Stavlo 5, Henson 5, Watlington 3, Pool 4, Potts 6, Armes 6, TeBeest 2, and Johnson 4.

Gruver 47, Perryton 43
Stavlo 2, Henson 3, Grotegut 3, Watlington 2, Odom 4, Pool 11, Potts 11, Armes 7, T. McClure 4.

JV Boys Red

Gruver 40, Sunray 42 (overtime)
Harris 2, Howe 6, Reid 2, Salazar 3, Carthel 10, Duncan 6.

Thomas 5, and Stewart 6.

JV Boys Black**Gruver Tournament**

Gruver 52, West Texas 43
Hunt 2, Swink 2, Ehrenberg 3, Cone 6, Barkley 6, Schneider 3, Shoulders 16, Rodriguez 1, Johnson 6, Hernandez 2, and Hart 5.
Gruver 43, Sanford Fritch 42
Swink 2, Ehrenberg 2, Cone 1, Barkley 3, Weller 3, Shoulders 15, Villalobos 14,
Gruver 39, Perryton 30
Cone 2, Barkley 2, Weller 3, Shoulders 22, Villalobos 5, Johnson 3, and Hernandez 2.

Gruver JV Black

Gruver 32, Perryton 47
Ehrenberg 4, Cone 4, Barkley 6, Schneider 2, Shoulders 8, Villalobos 1, and Johnson 6.

Junior Varsity Girls

Gruver 17, Perryton 49
Hart 3, Luciano 1, Lowe 4, Moore 5, Bass 2, and Perez 2.

Junior High Basketball

Eighth Grade Boys
Gruver 30, Booker 24
Stewart 1, Beville 8, Boyd 3, Hernandez 10, Casdorph 1, Munoz 13, Lopez 3, and Perez 2.

Seventh Grade Boys

Gruver 28, Perryton 55
Miner 2, Weldon 2, Puebla 9, Rodriguez 10, Slough 4, and Hillenbrand 1.

Eighth Grade Girls

Gruver 47, West Texas 13
Watley 12, Christian 5, Griffin 20, L. Johnson 8, and S. Johnson 2.
Gruver 17, Booker 28
Vega 1, Clift 1, Sherrill 6, Swink 7, and Gift 2.

Seventh Grade Girls

Gruver 26, West Texas 20
Goad 4, Bryson 4, Hart 7, Armes 4, and Myatt 7.

High School All-Region Band Chosen

Two GHS band students were selected to the all-region band which will perform on January 16 at West Texas A&M University. Wesley Miser was named sixth chair trombone while Teresa Crow was selected eighth chair baritone.

Students Tapped for All-Region Band

Six junior high students have been selected to the all-region band. The students will be performing with the honor band on January 15 and 16 on the campus of West Texas A&M University.

Chosen were Cynthia Briones, grade 7, clarinet, 10th. chair; Ashleigh Sherrill, grade 8, bass clarinet, second chair; Katie Jones, grade 8, alto saxophone, third chair; Misael Rosales, grade 8, trombone, eighth chair; and Rachel Abernathy, baritone, sixth chair.

Five students were selected as all-region band alternates. They are Christie McDowell, grade 8, French horn, first alternate; Carley Bryson, grade 7, French horn, second alternate; David Puebla, grade 7, trombone, second alternate; Ryan Winger, grade 6, tuba first alternate; Ruth Arreola grade 7, bells, first alternate.

In the News**Ten Years Ago**

Gruver 54, Stratford 49
Troy Seagler 16, Theron Park 14, and Roberto Rodriguez 13.

Twenty Years Ago

Dear Santa Claus, I wish I could have a ticket to the Super Bowl and a monkey. I would also like a football and jets. Love, Tim Fletcher

HRSP Met

by Wilma Clark

The Hansford Retired School Personnel met at the First State Bank Hospitality Room for their annual Christmas dinner.

James Cunningham, president, conducted a short business meeting afterward.

Those present were Doris Wilde,

Bateman, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Birchfield, Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Freriks, Olga Gafford Georgianne Hutchinson, Pauline McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Mitchell, Fern Robinson, Dorothy Roden, Worley Smith, and Wilma Clark.

Spearman Chamber News

On Thursday, December 10, 1998, the Board of Directors of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce had a regular meeting at the Palo Duro Cafe.

Attending were: Bruce Stinson, Jeff Beedy, Tami Kunselman, Kim Brock, Davonna Daharsh, Tindle Ramon, Robert Patrick, Kim Brock, Carolyn McLeod, Jim Younger, Jan Williamson, and Gina Gillispie.

Absent were: Willard Murray, George Young, and Dr. Scott Martin.

Business of the Month: Kid's Stuff representatives were welcomed and recognized as the Chamber Business Spotlight of the Month.

Also welcomed were the new directors, Jim Younger and Jan

Williamson. Dr. Martin was out of town. They will be replacing Jeff Beedy, George Young, and Willard Murray.

The Chamber Banquet will be Thursday, January 21, at 7 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center. The theme will be "Windmills and Beyond," and we will begin with a silent auction. Tickets will be \$12 and \$15. Each director will be responsible for prizes.

Davonna reported that the WDSCC had a great Christmas Party. They will be responsible for the decorations at the Banquet.

Gina reported that a windmill was placed on loan at the Big Texan Steak Ranch on Saturday, December 12th at 2:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pierce Publishes Genealogy Book

L.D. Pierce of Dallas, TX (formerly of Spearman) has recently published a book on Pierce genealogy. He is the son of J.L. and the late Juanita Faus Pierce.

Juanita Faus Pierce was a member of the Hansford County Historical Society until her death in 1995. She was the inspiration for the book. She had worked on her Faus family tree for many years, and encouraged L.D. to research the Pierce family tree.

L.D. Pierce's great-great-grandfather, Lorenzo D. Pierce (aka

Peg Leg Pierce) was born in 1857 in Hall County, Georgia and moved to Johnson County (Cleburne, TX), in 1866 with his father, Captain Andrew Jackson Pierce. His sister, Rhoda Pierce, married Manney Wilbanks. In 1904, the Pierces and Wilbanks moved to Hansford County, where many of their descendants remain to this day.

A copy of the book has been donated to the Hansford County Library.

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The members of the Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Center wish to invite you to join them in a Christmas Celebration on December 17th between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Blodgett Room of The O'Loughlin Center.

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College News

Twenty-seven Texas students area among 558 students recently inducted into Golden Key National Honor Society at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Golden Key is one of the nation's most dynamic academic honors organizations. Membership is by invitation only, and no more than 15 percent of all students are eligible to join.

New inductees include: Joni Hart,

a journalism major from Gruver.

Approximately 271 students from Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford will complete requirements for either bachelor's or master's degrees after the current Fall 1998 semester.

These students had the opportunity to participate in the 1998 SWOSU graduation ceremonies or go through

convocation exercises in 1999 on Saturday, May 15, 1999, at 11 a.m. at Milam Stadium on the Southwestern campus.

Students who complete requirements for their degrees this December include: Crockett Tidwell, of Gruver, who will earn a B.S. in pharmacy.

The 1999 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 42 students from the University of Central Oklahoma who have been selected as outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory

P-M CISD Raises Money

Pringle-Morse C.I.S.D. presented a check to the Make-A-Wish Foundation* of the Texas Plains in the amount of \$1,130.58. Pringle-Morse school participated in the local Kids for Wish Kids program to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation* of the Texas Plains.

"The school did a 'change war' for two weeks with the class that raised the most money winning a bowling party," says Monica Schmidt, the teacher that coordinated the project. The three individual students who raised the most money received saving bonds.

Sharon Grandstaff, Wish Coordinator of Make-A-Wish* of the Texas Plains, said the Kids For Wish Kids program provides young

people with a valuable learning experience about life-threatening illness and how they can help make a difference to another child. This will help the students learn to work together for the common good while at the same time providing a valuable opportunity for students and teachers to get to know each other better.

Make-A-Wish* grants wishes to children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 18 years old with a life threatening illness. The Amarillo chapter, located at 2324 Lakeview, Amarillo, has granted 484 wishes since its beginning in 1984. At present, they are working on 20 wishes in the top 55 counties of the Panhandle.

since it was first published in 1934.

Recognized from Spearman was Sara Beth Paschel. She is a forensic science major at UCO and will graduate in May of 1999. She is the daughter of Richard and Arlene Paschel, and a graduate of Spearman High School.

The American Southwest Conference has announced the 1998 all-conference honorees for men's and women's cross country.

McMurry University was the ASC Conference Runner-Up. They placed 12 runners on both the all-ASC and all-academic teams, and eight runners on the academic all-ASC team, including KiKi Carthel of Gruver.

For the Lady Indians, Carthel headlines the list after receiving her fourth academic all-ASC award in her third different sport. A junior biology major, KiKi has also lettered in tennis and basketball at McMurry. She carries a 3.63 GPA. KiKi placed 14th at the conference meet, after recording a season-best 24:28.

Windmill Association Update

by Gina Gillispie

On Monday, December 7, the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association met at the Picnic Place.

Attending were: Roger Buchanan, Britt Jarvis, J. D. Wilbanks, J. L. Brock, and Gina Gillispie. Absent were: Joel Lee Lackey and Steve Benton.

Gina showed everyone the article that appeared in the Houston Chronicle this weekend. It was a nice feature article about J. B. and the history of the windmills.

Gina also let everyone know that Brad and Dodie donated \$5,263.00 to the association from proceeds from their auction. This money is greatly appreciated.



Roger announced that the windmill to be donated to The Big Texan Steak Ranch is nearly complete. This windmill will be erected in the courtyard of the complex. Spearman will have a 4x8 billboard promoting the collection and the location. The association is hopeful there will be

extensive publicity for this.

Roger also announced the surveyor, Roger Lamb, will be here sometime this week to begin marking off the location on Hwy. 207 S. Once this is done, and Monty Blackman and Pat Patterson agree to the specific dimensions, the association will be ready to begin moving some windmills, weather permitting.

Gina announced that the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, January 21 at the O'Loughlin Center. The theme of the banquet will be "Windmills and Beyond." It is hoped that this banquet will begin 1999 with community support for this Spearman treasure.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Gruver State Bank will close at noon on Christmas Eve, December 24th and will be closed on Christmas Day.

We will also close at noon on New Year's Eve, December 31st and will be closed on New Year's Day.

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FUMC Christmas Program

by Betty Womble

The First United Methodist Church will combine adult and children's choirs this year to present a musical worshipping the Christ of Christmas. The work is titled He's Still the King of Kings, and it will be the focal point of the morning worship service next Sunday, December 20, 1998 at 11:00 a.m.

The frantic pace of our world

often seems amplified at the Christmas season. Fortunately, we have good reason to pause, reflect, and rejoice. We've been given One who not only is the source of true peace but also is ultimately in control of it all. He's still the King of kings and Lord of lords!

Please come and join us as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

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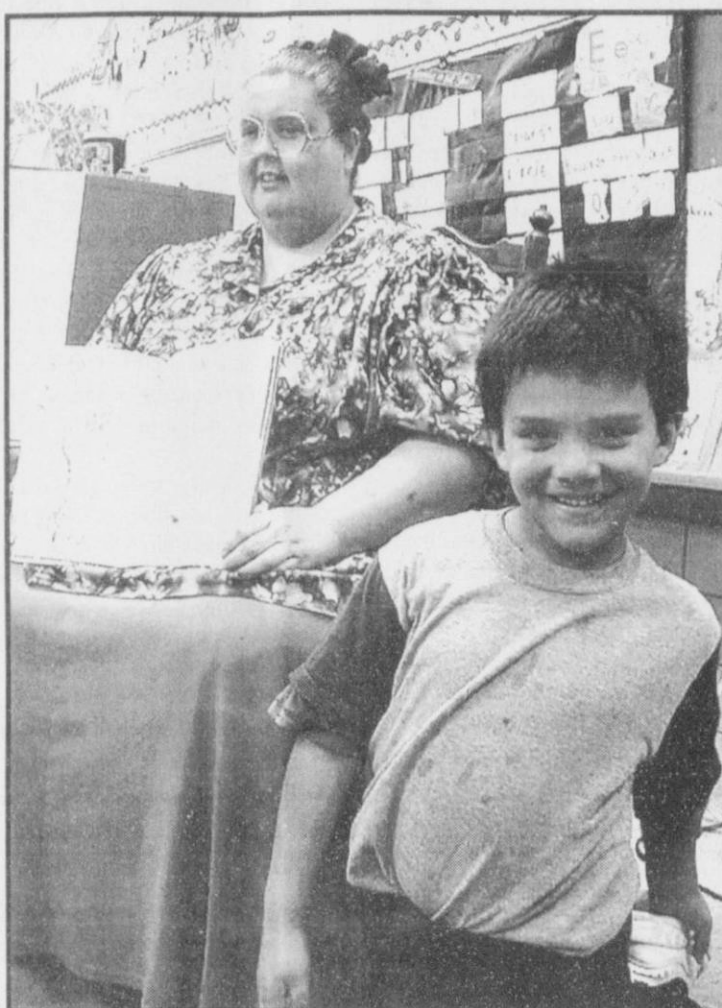


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Carol Sell is pictured above as she reads a book to Mrs. Stinson's and Mrs. Howard's kindergarten classes.



Miguel Chavez eagerly listens as Debbie Sanford reads "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" to Mrs. Harrell's and Mrs. Haney's classes.

by Cindy Blackman

Our hats are off to the 1998-99 Partner In Education team of Hansford Manor and the Gus Birdwell Kindergarten class. This is their second year together as Partners In Education, as well as partners in learning.

The partnership has grown from just helping out with special events to weekly volunteering as reading mentors. More important, is the familiarity that has grown between the Hansford Manor P.I.E. and the students.

Hansford Manor P.I.E. coordinator Lee Schubert and teachers Mrs. Harrell, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Haney and Mrs. Howard agree that their main focus

of this program is literacy. Activities that Hansford Manor sponsors emphasize literacy and include employees reading to Kindergarten students once a week.

Other new activities have included participating and sponsoring the Red Ribbon Week. Special events have also been held to make the students' days a little brighter, such as Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas with many more activities scheduled throughout the year. The classes also go to the manor once a month to sing songs for the residents.

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Catherine Smith, Editor

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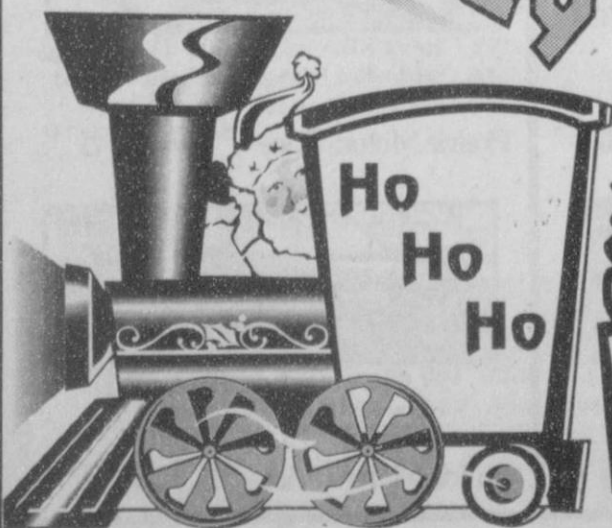
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Decorating For Christmas

Time is of the essence and according to the 1998 Christmas Report, holiday decorating is no exception. This new study, conducted by Department 56, a leading maker of holiday collectibles, trim and giftware, found that while nearly two-thirds of Americans enjoy decorating, most people (67 percent) devote less than one day to this time-honored tradition. In fact, 13 percent of people spend less than two hours decorating. The holiday experts at Department 56 offer 10 quick and easy decorating ideas to make the most of those precious hours.

1. Use cards and photographs. Holiday cards and old photographs make simple decorating accessories. Hang them with colorful ribbon around a doorway, window or on a mirror to add a personal touch to your holiday decorations. As new cards arrive, add them to the display.

2. Start a holiday collection. Collecting decorations saves time and helps establish a theme throughout the house. It also provides friends and family with great gift ideas! More than half of

Americans decorate with collectibles - the most popular collections are ornaments, ornaments in unexpected locations like door handles, backs of chairs and from curtain rods. Ornaments can also be used as napkin rings or be tied on packages with a gift bow.

4. Let it glow. Use candles to create a warm, magical atmosphere in any room. Try using scented candles to create a holiday aroma or place floating candles in glass dishes and accent with fresh greens, berries or pinecones. Luminaries lined in hallways or on staircases help set the holiday mood.

5. A touch of spice. Bundles of herbs and cinnamon sticks make charming centerpieces and hanging wall decorations. In addition, they fill the home with traditional Christmas scents.

6. Festive dress. Fill your house with love by dressing up the family during the holidays. Tie a ribbon around the dog's neck, wear a holiday apron or put bells on the baby's shoes.

7. A tisket. A tasket. Use brightly colored baskets to display

figurines, angels, Santas and lighted Villages.

3. Use ornaments anywhere. Add a festive touch by hanging your holiday treasures. Fill a basket with ornaments and use it as a centerpiece, keep a basket of wrapped holiday treats near the front door to welcome guests, or display a holiday Village collection in a basket and place it on the hearth.

8. Holiday greens. Wreaths and garland made from fresh greens, decorated with fruit and small ornaments are perfect for surfaces such as fireplace mantles and armoires.

9. Use what you have. Linens, silver, china and crystal used in interesting ways make stunning holiday tables. Stacks of plates, crystal goblets filled with ornaments and silverware tied with a bow are unique decorations and add charm to the holiday meal.

10. Light it up. Strings of white lights quickly add a festive touch just about anywhere. Wrap them around house plants, down the banister or even around the bathroom mirror.

Christmas Collections

As the holiday season approaches, Christmas collections are carefully unpacked and dusted off so they may fulfill their duty of warming the hearts and homes of those who have cherished them throughout the years...

The Art of Collecting

Angels, candles, linens, dinnerware, and even Santa Claus are just a few of the traditional holiday collectibles that are creatively displayed in homes across the country.

Surprisingly, holiday collecting is one of the fastest growing segments of the entire collection industry. Growth in the collectible industry as a whole is expected to nearly double in size by the year 2001. "Holiday collections have become so popular because of the personal creativity and style they express, along with the incredible warming effect they can have on a home," says Alan Boehmer, interior designer and stylist for Coming Home with Lands' End.

According to a Market Facts survey commissioned by Coming

Home, 60 percent of holiday decorators will add collectibles to their holiday decorations this year. Another 60 percent will display family heirlooms to warm their homes for the season.

Creating Timeless Holiday Collections

As with all collections, it is important to get the most out of all your holiday collectibles by selecting pieces carefully and following some other rules of the trade. According to Boehmer, there are several tips that can help collectors make the most of their hobby.

Make selections from the heart -- To get the most enjoyment from your collections, select pieces that express your individual style and creativity. Purchases based strictly on price can leave you stuck with pieces you don't truly appreciate.

Choose quality over quantity -- A smaller, complete collection in mint condition is more valuable than a larger collection that is in average condition or is incomplete.

Enduring the test of time -- To preserve a collection over time, store the collection away from excessive heat, cold, moisture, and direct sunlight.

Forecasting future value -- Look for pieces that will increase in value over time. The following factors indicate that a collectible has the potential to increase in value:

- Limited edition items
- Originals, as opposed to commemoratives - Short-term availability
- Collectibles designed with quality craftsmanship - The first of many versions

Holiday Cooking

Preserve the heritage of your family by mixing it up in the kitchen this holiday! Cooking with family members of all ages and stages is a wonderful way to pass on the tricks of the trade and your own traditional seasonal delicacies, notes Sue Zelikson, editor of the "Minnesota Heritage Cookbooks."

What is your heritage? Where did your favorite recipes originate? Now's the perfect time to call your relatives and learn the secret ingredients that make their

pumpkin pies so perfect and their watermelon pickles so crisp!

Zelikson offers the following recipe from the Minnesota Heritage Cookbook Volume I to add to your family repertoire:

ROAST TURKEY

- 1/4 pound melted butter
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/8 teaspoon paprika
- flour
- 10 pound turkey

Combine the first six ingredients, using enough flour to make paste. With hands, rub mixture inside and outside of turkey. Place in large pan and bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 2-1/2 hours or until brown, basting often. Cover with aluminum foil tent and cook for 2-1/2 hours more or until turkey is done and leg moves easily. May stuff with your favorite dressing.

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Dealing With Holiday Pressures

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While fighting the crowds at the malls, work deadlines and bickering families, the real meaning of Christmas is lost. But this Christmas, recapture the true meaning of Christmas by relieving the stress and renewing your faith.

Start within your own family, suggested Dr. Wade Wahl, clinical family psychologist and professor of psychology at Northwestern College in Saint Paul, Minn. "As a nuclear family, look for and focus on the healthy ingredients. Prioritize family needs and goals."

1) Don't expect too much of extended family gatherings. "Typical families are not a Norman Rockwell painting or a Waltons' family reunion," Wahl said. If you have a big family - siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins - the atmosphere can be chaotic, superficial, even competitive. "Meaningful conversations are hard to come by in big family gatherings, so set aside time for each other through walks, going out for coffee, chats on the front porch, etc."

2) Adopt a list exchange to ease the financial crunch and shopping strain. "Draw one name per family member and get to know that person, so the gift and the shopping experience is meaningful to both," Wahl said. Make plans to

shop during the fall, even summer, to free up valuable time for special holiday events with family and at church, school and other places.

3) Anticipate the stress of the holidays. "Talk with your children about the holidays and how things might get hectic. Let them know you are there to talk to or comfort if things get out of control," Wahl said. "Most importantly, make yourself available when they need to talk and be sure to listen."

4) Don't try to cram too much into the holidays. Both children and parents get tired and cranky if too much activity is jammed into too short a period of time. "Be selective. Go for quality, not quantity," Wahl advised.

Once the day-to-day pressures are under control, renewing your faith and relationship with God is the next logical step to a meaningful Christmas. Dr. J. E. Harvey Martin, professor of Christian education at Northwestern College, suggested this daring holiday idea. "Agree as a family to not exchange gifts, but use the money to benefit a less fortunate family," he proposed. "By giving something of yourself to someone else, the focus is taken off self. This helps children and adults experience the wonder of God and His ultimate gift -- His Son. He gave His best on Christmas; shouldn't we give our best at Christmas?"

Other ideas to help your family experience spiritual renewal this Christmas include:

1) Help your family enjoy who

God is, Martin suggested. "Ask your children why we shouldn't steal, lie or cheat. Those are not part of God's character. What is God's character? Patience, selflessness, compassion, forgiveness," Martin said. "Explore the Bible, going beyond the Christmas Story, to find out who God really is and how we can enjoy Him everyday, not just at Christmas."

2) Help children focus on their family instead of material things. Why do they enjoy being with their parents? What do they appreciate about being a family? "After they shift their focus onto family, they begin to appreciate what God has done for them, how He has blessed them," Martin said.

3) Develop a new Christmas tradition that is meaningful and echoes the personality of the

family. For example, the Martin family developed a family crest. "We talked about the interests of members in our family and came up with symbols that represent those interests," he explained. Interests can range from music, ballet and computers to sports, gardening and reading, etc. Be sure to include a cross or Bible to represent God in your crest!

4) To reach out to your extended family, set a time of sharing when you get together. "It's like going around the table at Thanksgiving and sharing what you are thankful for. But this time, tell someone in your family what you appreciate

about them; give positive reinforcement," Martin suggested.

Easing the holiday pressures and renewing your faith naturally go hand in hand. Wahl and Martin point out. Without stress weighing you down, you are free to look up to God. While looking towards God, the materialism and subsequent chaos of the holidays becomes smaller and more insignificant. Then the true meaning of Christmas emerges: "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NAS).

Holiday Packaging

Iced gingersnaps, frosted sugar cookies, melt-in-your-mouth chocolate coconut bars, fruit and nut breads -- you can almost smell the tantalizing aromas of holiday baking that are filling family kitchens this time of year. Homemade baked goods are a wonderful gift for family and friends, and you can make them even more personal with creative "wrapping" ideas.

- Have a favorite fisherman? Fill a new tackle box with your best cookies.

- Use a sewing or knitting basket to deliver fresh breads to the seamstresses on your list.

- For nieces and nephews, fill a toy dump truck or jewelry box with fancy gingerbread men.

- Co-workers will enjoy coffee mugs brimming with rum balls.

- Is someone you know is taking a mid-winter vacation in a warmer climate? Wrap baked goods in a colorful beach bag or small ice chest.

- If you lean toward practicality, fill a new serving bowl, plastic storage container or baking dish with a variety of your favorite holiday goodies.

The possibilities are endless! And, all of these items are inexpensive and readily available at your neighborhood department store. So, look around; brainstorm a little. Give your holiday baked goods a uniquely personal touch everyone will remember.

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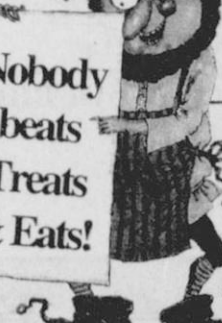
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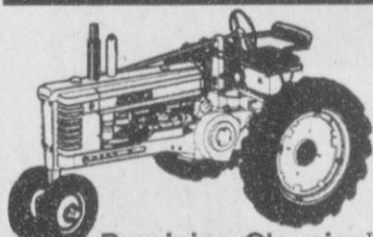
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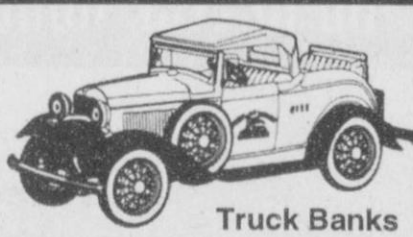
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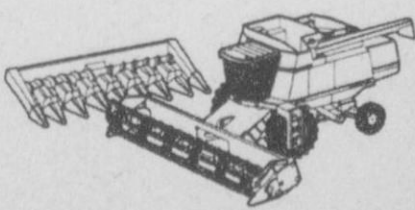
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The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the closing hour will be returned unopened.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the outer envelope of the type of bid being submitted.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CLARA H. WISE, Deceased, were issued on November 30, 1998, in Docket No. 2240, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, to: MONTY BLACKMAN.

The residence of the Executor is Hansford County, Texas; the posts office address is:

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 30th day of November, 1998.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

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Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Kenneth Petr, Area Engineer, Borger, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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