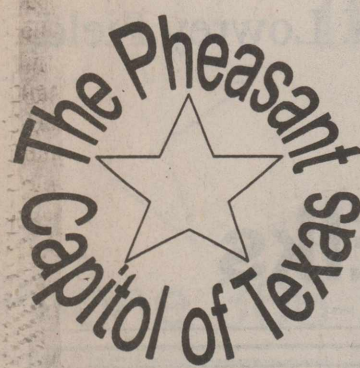




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CLASS 1A AREA CHAMPS

The Stratford Elks captured the Class 1A Area win and trophy on Friday, November 19th after beating Nazareth 33-21. The Elks will advance to the regional play-offs this Friday, November 26th at Lowrey Field in Lubbock, TX where the Elks will take on McCamey. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!!!!

The Stratford Elks captured the Area trophy by beating Nazareth 33-21 on Friday, November 19th. The Elks will now advance to regional play-offs on Friday, November 26th where they will face McCamey at 7:30 p.m. at Lowrey Field in Lubbock, TX.

Josh King completed 8 of 19 passes for 181 yards and one touchdown. Tony Ruiz led the Elks in rushing yards with 125

yards on 31 carries and one touchdown followed by Josh Lanning with 59 yards on 3 carries and one touchdown. Josh King also added two touchdowns for the Elks. Tyler Haynes led in receptions with 45 yards on 3 catches followed by Chris Ortega with 58 yards on 2 catches and Travis Soto with 39 yards on 2 receptions and one touchdown. Martin Beltran scored one PAT and Tyler Haynes scored on a two point conversion pass.

The Elks defense was led by Ryan McDaniel with 8 tackles followed by Josh Lanning with 7 and Brady Bell and Mark Miller with 5 tackles each. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Asbel Gomez, Cory Rendon, Martin Beltran, Travis Soto, Adam Gomez, Case

Crabtree, Rudy Portillo, Tyler Haynes, Chris Ortega, Jared Ewers, Kelby Smith, Tony Ruiz, Andrew Correll, and Jeffrey Frizzell. Travis Soto also had two interceptions for the night and Brady Bell had one quarterback sack. GO ELKS BEAT McCAMEY!!!!



Shown above at First State Banks Open house Sherry Phelps, Cindy Larance, Nohemi Ruedas, winner of cake and platter and Joan Palmer (who made the cake). Congratulations to the winners on Friday, November 19th.

Stratford Education Foundation Board Holds Meeting

Education Foundation board members met Thursday, November 18, 2004 at the Imagination Station. Board members present: BA Donelson, Lugenia Carter, Diana Hays, Margaret Reed, Ricky Reed, Jim Taliaferro, Joyce McBryde, Galen Vandiver, Marihoward Engelbrecht and secretary, Dinah Horsford.

Mr. Donelson presented the President's report and Mr. Taliaferro gave the Superintendent's report followed by committee reports. As of November 18, 2004 the balance of donations is \$136,234.08. Approximately \$28,000 in pledges will be collected in the next few weeks. Funds are now in a managed account for maximum return.

Grant requests were presented by Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Hays. Two grants were funded and the committee will notify the recipients.

Fund raising ideas were discussed for the upcoming year. Remember to honor special people with memoriam or honorariums to the foundation.

Special mention was made of the Stratford Star and the extra steps they take in donating their time and covering special events for the foundation. Thank you Marty and Shari.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Imagination Station Stew and Cornbread supper Wednesday, December 1 5:00-7:00 p.m. Christmas Parade Day,

Due to the Stratford Star camera being stolen-we do not have some pictures that we took last week for this weeks edition. We apologize to the ones that this involved. A special thank you to the First State Bank, Allen Insurance, Subway and Acquisitions.

Santa Claus on Display at Museum

Mr. Santa Claus has arrived at the Sherman County Depot Museum. He is the featured attraction for the coming Christmas Season. In fact, there are many in our display.

They are large and small, many from different countries, hand-made, and commercial. Plan to make the Museum a part of your December 1st activities. Open House will begin at 5:30 p.m. in connection with the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. Refreshments will be served.

Project Christmas Card

Elida Gonzalez has been recognized by the Texas Migrant Education Program at the Texas Migrant Education Conference in South Padre Island, Texas November 12, 2004. Elida was recognized by this organization for her work as a home-based educator, recruiter, NGS Specialist, parent/teacher liaison, and community liaison. Elida has worked at Stratford ISD in the Migrant program for five years. She consistently demonstrates her devotion to migrant children by going above and beyond in providing services to our migrant children. Elida is always available to translate for the school district and the community. Elida is a full-time mother of one high school student and two junior high students. Stratford ISD would like to congratulate Elida on this award.

It's Project Christmas Card time once again. For the 42nd year, the GFWC/Prospectus Study Club and the Stratford Star are asking the residents of Sherman County for help to support the Sherman County Public Library at Christmas time.

How does the project work? Instead of sending Christmas cards locally, you are asked to make a donation to the library. Figure up how much it costs for the cards, stamps and your time, add a little something to it and bring your donation by the SHERMAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. Your name will be placed on a Christmas card printed in the Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing all your friends "Merry Christmas".

Our library is one of the best of its size in this area if not the state, so let's help continue to keep it that way. Remember bring your checks to the library this year. Deadline for donations is twelve o'clock noon on Monday, December 20th.

Pantry Meeting Date Changed to Dec. 2nd

The Pantry board will not be meeting this Thursday, because of Thanksgiving. Next Pantry Board meeting will be Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 7 p.m. at XIT Building.

Assisted Living Facility for Elderly to be Addressed

"Assisted Living Facility for Elderly" will be addressed by Shannon Taliaferro, President Stratford Hospital District and Lorie Vincent of High Grounds at the Sherman County Extension Program Council Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, December 7, 2004 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Stratford at 11:45 a.m.

Hosted by the Sherman County Extension Program Council, accomplishments of Extension programming efforts for the 2004 year will also be

highlighted. Volunteers who have contributed service to the council and program committees will be recognized also. In addition, those in attendance will get a sneak peek at educational programs planned for 2005.

All interested residents are invited to attend this informative meeting. Lunch will be served for a free will donation. Residents who are interested in attending are asked to call the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122 by Monday, December 6 so that adequate arrangements can be made.

Christmas Parade December 1st

Stratford Main Street will be filled with the "Sounds of Christmas" Wednesday, December 1, Christmas Parade. Floats and Cars with Lights and Christmas Music are encouraged to gather between 7th and 8th Main Street for the beginning of the Holiday Season. Santa will be riding the Fire Truck and will be at the Chamber of Commerce Office after the parade for visits.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend

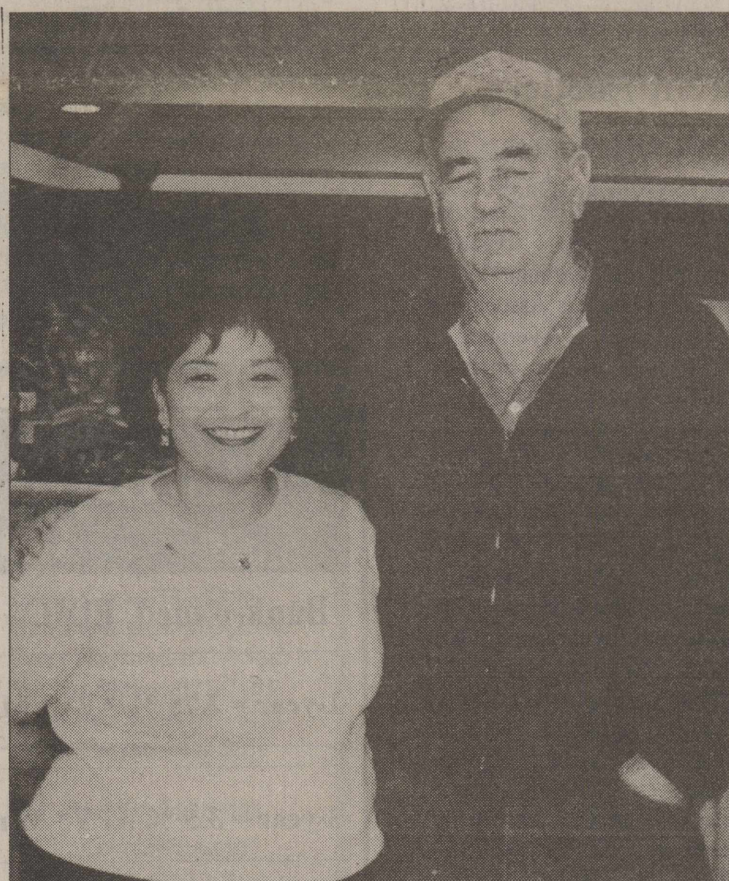
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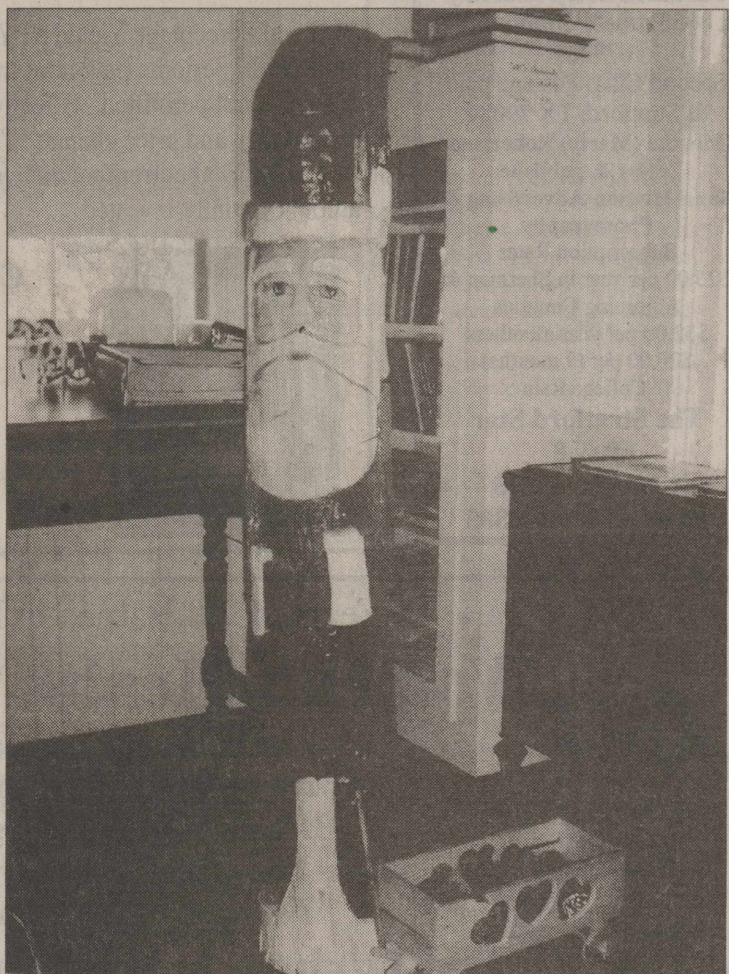
Sherman County Crimestoppers

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help with five felony crimes. In the early morning hours on Wednesday, November 17th five churches in Stratford were burglarized. The Assembly of God, Baptist, Christian, Church of Christ, and Methodist Churches were all victims.

Crimestoppers pays up to \$1,000.00 in cash for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved. If you have any information on these or any other crimes contact the Crimestoppers answering machine at 366-TIPS (8477) and leave a code name and return phone number or call the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Stratford Police Dept. at 366-3051.



The First State Bank of Stratford held their Open House on Friday, November 19th. Wayne Cummings shown with Mayrene Aduddell, was the winner of the turkey.



Mr. Santa Claus is the artistic creation of Steve Pemberton. He made from a telephone pole. We have three for you to admire when you come to the Sherman County Museum. Hours are 8-12 each morning and 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Stratford First State Bank holds open house on Friday, November 19th. Shown above with Jim Alexander are Doris Dyess and Karen Pulliam.

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

STRATFORD FIRST STATE BANK'S OPEN HOUSE

Stratford First State Bank had an Open House Friday, November 19th. Shown in the picture is Jim Alexander, Chamber Treasurer and Chief loan officer at the bank. I hope everyone attended and placed their name in the drawing basket. Stratford First State Bank is a hometown bank, owned and operated by local people, working for our community.

SUBWAY

Brad Williams is now open for business. Please stop in and enjoy the newest business in Stratford. The food is good and good for you. I have enjoyed a back chicken wrap from Subway and it was great. Congratulations Brad!

PHEASANT HUNT

We still have 60 openings for the pheasant hunt. If you know of anyone who is interested in hunting this year, call them and invite them to come to Stratford. Local farmers are saying that there have been 3 hatchings of Pheasant this year. So, this means hunting should be good. Also, if there are any farmers out there who would like to donate some land for the hunt, please do so. Come by the office or call 366-2260. As always, remember to support our local businesses.

4-H Parent/Leaders Meeting November 29th

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Monday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Extension Office.

Items of business to be discussed will include updates on fall activities, livestock show and concession, announcement of spring projects, and discuss 4-H scholarship opportunities.

The organization is the booster club for the county 4-H program and all parents of 4-H members and volunteer leaders are invited to attend. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman county Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

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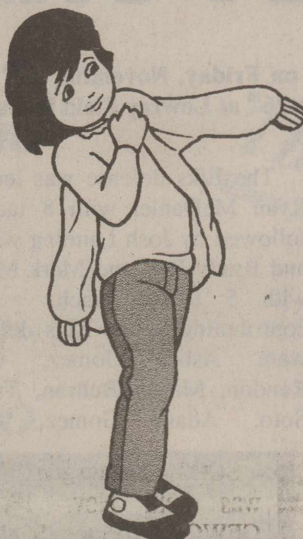
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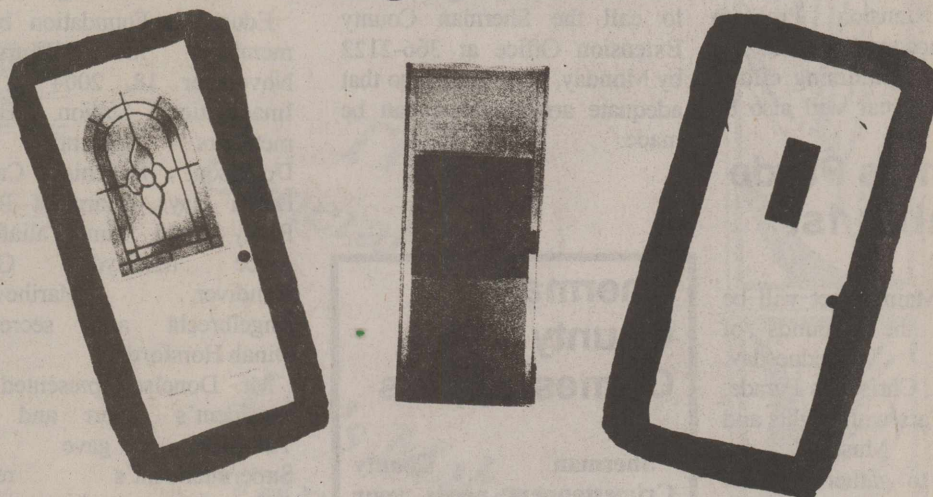
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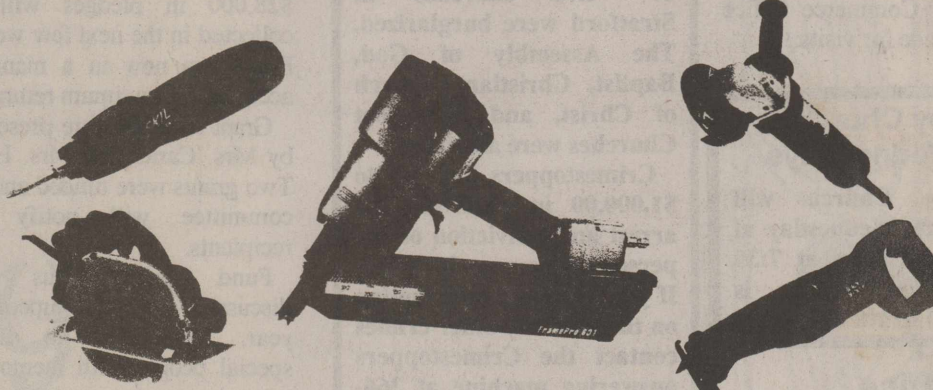
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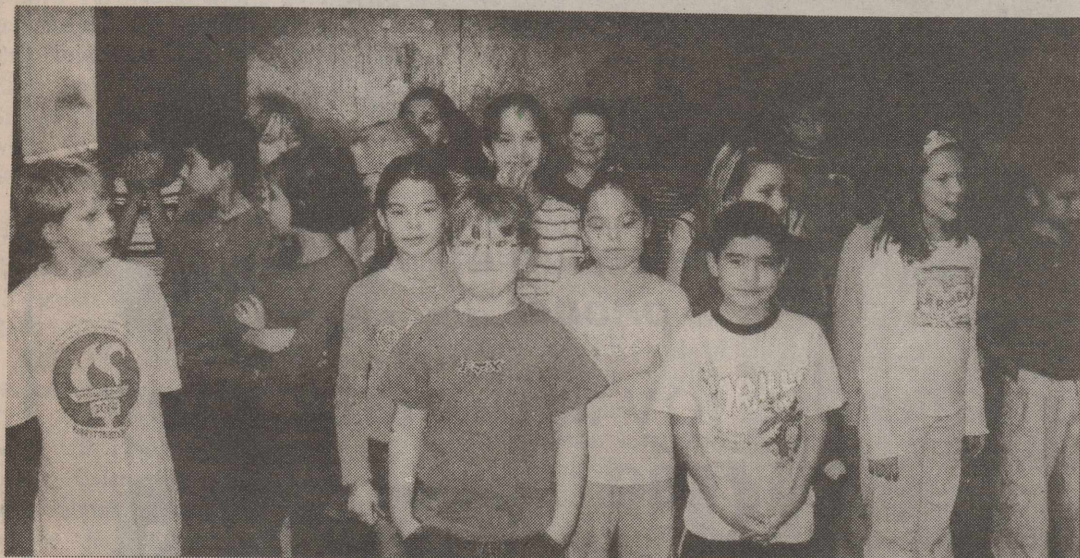
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Baby Shower Held Sunday

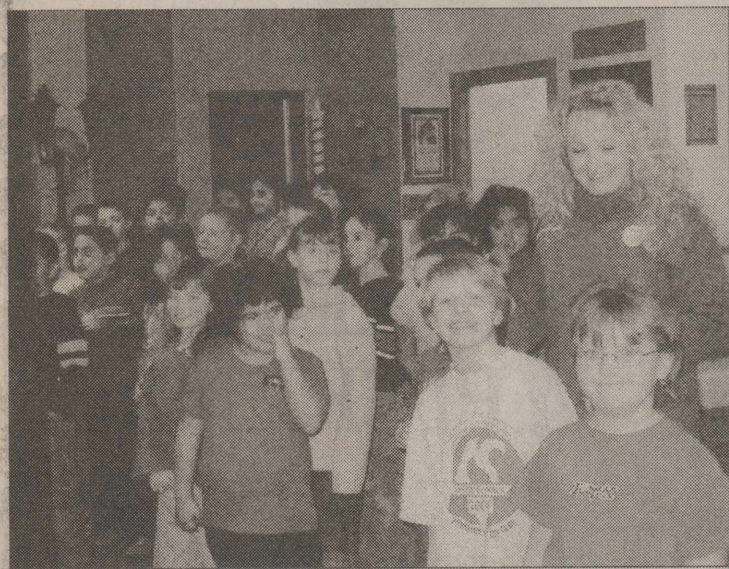
A baby shower was held for Brandi Weinette Sunday, November 21, 2004 at First United Methodist Fellowship Hall. Shown above left to right are Dianna Schwab, Brandi Weinette, Cleo Crum, Nancy Weinette and Jessica Weinette.



Third grade students sang for SCOT at their Thanksgiving dinner.



SCOT diners on Thursday, Nov. 18th



These students sang three songs for SCOT last week.

Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

SCOT Thanksgiving luncheon was just great. There was a very good crowd, the food was wonderful, and the program was super. We want to thank Prospectus Study Club for hosting this for us. And, thank you, third grade, for the beautiful program.

Coming up on December 4 will be our fund raiser, a luncheon of pork chops, beans, cole slaw, and desserts. This will be open to the public, and we hope to have some pheasant hunters, and of course, a lot of local folks to eat with us.

Then on December 10 will be game night at 7 p.m.

The Christmas party will be on December 16 at 7 p.m. We will bring finger foods, and everyone should bring a new Christmas ornament.

That about winds it up for this year.

Crafts will start again on January 4, 2005.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Kerrick had their Thanksgiving Supper Nov. 19th at the Center. The crowd was a little smaller than usual but the food was great.

From Dalhart were Cindy Peters & Susanne Boggs; Cliff Abbot of Lubbock; Mary Hill, John & Nina Lavake, Teri, Nicholas & Shelby McDaniel, all of Stratford.

Joyce & Geneva Wells, Griggs; and Jo June McDaniel, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Mike & Marylou McDaniel, Marjory Munden, Virgie Mathews, Dr. Gary Mathews, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, J.D. & Jodi Roberts, Minnie, Annette & Ralph James Hampton, Trew, Cara, Allison and Benjamin James, Gary Hudgins.

Bill Boren was in Abernathy to see Kerry, Kelly, Kevin & Kole Carlisle. He attended a basketball game while there.

Pat has been ill and couldn't go. Cliff Abbott of Lubbock visited with Marylou & Mike McDaniel over the weekend.

The Secret Pal Party is at the Chicken House Dec. 9. Members need to RSVP to Marylou by Dec. 6. Please bring guests. Need to have at least a dozen to attend.

Jo June McDaniel and Bobbie "performed" Friday at the TEEA District meeting in Dalhart. They represented the Red Hat Society. Jo June also attended the community Thanksgiving service Sunday night.

Pecans are here. Terry & Barbara Schoonover attended the 40th wedding anniversary in Guymon for Tom & Kathy Pierce. Saturday they went to basketball games with grandson Rett. His team won one and lost one.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

New York Best Sellers At the Sherman County Public Library

1. Metro Girl by Janet Evanovich
2. Hour Game by David Baldacci
3. The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
4. Echoes by Danielle Steel
5. The Five People You Meet

- In Heaven by Mitch Albom
6. Northern Lights by Nora Roberts
 8. A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg
 10. The Dark Tower by Stephen King
 11. The Two Swords by R.A. Salvatore
 12. Trace by Patricia Cornwell
 13. The Gift by Nora Roberts

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14. Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norell by Susanna Clark
22. The Prince of Beverly Hills by Stuart Woods
23. Nights of Rain & Stars by Maeve Binchey
25. The Rule of Four by Ian Caldwell & Dustin Thomason



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No Sunday Evening Worship

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Morning Worship 10:50 am

Junior High UMY 5:00 pm

Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

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Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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N. 3rd & Chestnut

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Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



First place in the Mary Allen Elementary was Mrs. Switzer's First Grade Class they brought a total of 419 items during the Fill the Pantry food drive. Class members include: Holton Butler, Yadhira Chavoya, Joshua Garza, Rubie Jimenez, Tommie Long, Marshal Maiwald, Josue Pacheco, Branson Palmer, Lindy Paris, Danielle Ramos, Andres Reyes, Miguel Rosales, Juan Villegas.



2nd place winners in the Mary Allen Elementary Fill the Pantry food drive was Mrs. Linda Haynes, First Grade class. They brought a total of 372 items. Class members include: Vanessa Barajas, Zulia Cocoba, Samantha Gonzales, Shay Potter, Whitney Stone, Kevin Hernandez, Ty Hess, John McBroom, Jack McBryde, A.J. Riffe, Jorge Rosas, Tanner Stone, Stone Tarver and Kyle Willard.

Fill the Pantry Campaign Ends

Whoever said that competition only takes place in sporting events is wrong. For the past two weeks, students at the Mary Allen Elementary have battled competitively for the past two weeks to help fill the shelves for the local Pantry. The competition between each class was fierce, with their eye on the ultimate prize of a pizza party provided by the local Happy State Bank. Over the past two weeks, a goal of 1000 items was hoped to be gathered. But with loving hearts and willingness to give to those who could use help at difficult times, the students at the Mary Allen Elementary gathered over 2341 items!

As the drive was ending, and the daily totals were being posted, students could be heard saying, "Who won?" But I heard one teacher so eloquently sum up the winners as being those not who brought the most items, but shoe of our community that will benefit from the receiving of the food.

The local pantry has been in existence for many years in Stratford. It began in the home of Mrs. Barbara (Dettie) Pendleton. It soon grew, and for a need of space, the Pantry moved to their current home of the XIT building. It has been managed by Mrs. Pendleton, Earl Griffin and his wife, as well as the ministerial alliance which has evolved to having representatives from each church in the community serve on the Pantry board. The Pantry assists families who have had sudden financial burdens and find themselves in a pinch in providing for their families. The Pantry does not replace the government programs for longer-term assistance to families in need. The provide food for a two week period.

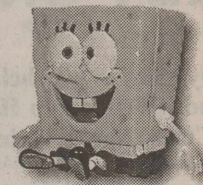
The local Pantry accepts non-perishable food items, personal items, and feminine products for women as well as items needed of infants. Many citizens of the community provide pantry items each week as they attend their local churches. But the Pantry board is always very thankful to accept monetary gifts, memorials, or donation of beef, or pork. If you would like to give a monetary donation or meat donation, please see Mrs. Laura Smith at the First State Bank of Stratford and she will make sure that your donation is taken care of for the Pantry. If you know of a family in our community who might benefit from the help of the Pantry, please contact one of the local Church preachers and they will help you get into contact with those who serve on the Pantry board.

Thank you to each of the students and teachers who have made this year's food drive a wonderful success. To each of you I hope that you will feel the warmth in your hearts this holiday season as you sit down with your family and enjoy your holiday meals, and realize that because of your cheerful giving you have made a huge difference in the lives of those who needed a helping hand. To the Stratford High school Student Council, and your sponsor, Mrs. Russell, thank you for your strong backs, and willingness to take time out of your lunch period to load all the food items in your trucks and take them to them to the Pantry storage room. Can we top the count of 2341 next year? God Bless each of you.

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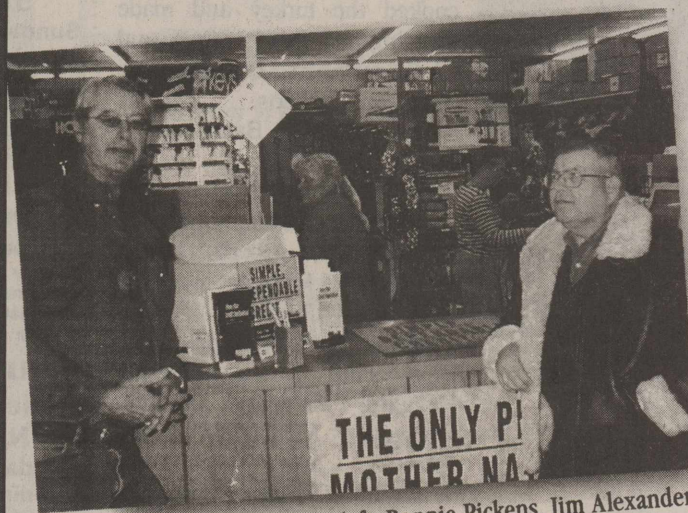
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From left, Ronnie Pickens, Jim Alexander

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There will soon be more in store for Stratford shoppers, thanks to Ronnie and Zelda Pickens, owners of The General Store, and their friends at First State Bank. The Pickens are more than doubling the size of

their store and will complete the expansion just in the "nick" of time for Christmas shopping. Ronnie and Zelda are long-time customers of FSB and have enjoyed working with FSB banker, Jim Alexander on the financing of this new construction project.

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Basketball

Lady Elk basketball has begun its new season along with the Jr. High boys.

The 7th grade Lady Elks lost their first game on November 8 17-30 against Canadian. Chelbye Ellis led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Kelsie Dennis with points and Janeth Reyes with 1 point. On November 15th, the Lady Elks were defeated by Gruver 18-20. Chelbye Ellis was high point with 8 points followed by Angie Rosales with 6 points and Kelsie Dennis with 4 points.

The 7th grade boys lost 17-46 to Gruver on November 15, 2004. Klinton Keener was high point with 7 points followed by Louis Mendoza with 6 points and Blu Pruitt with 4 points.

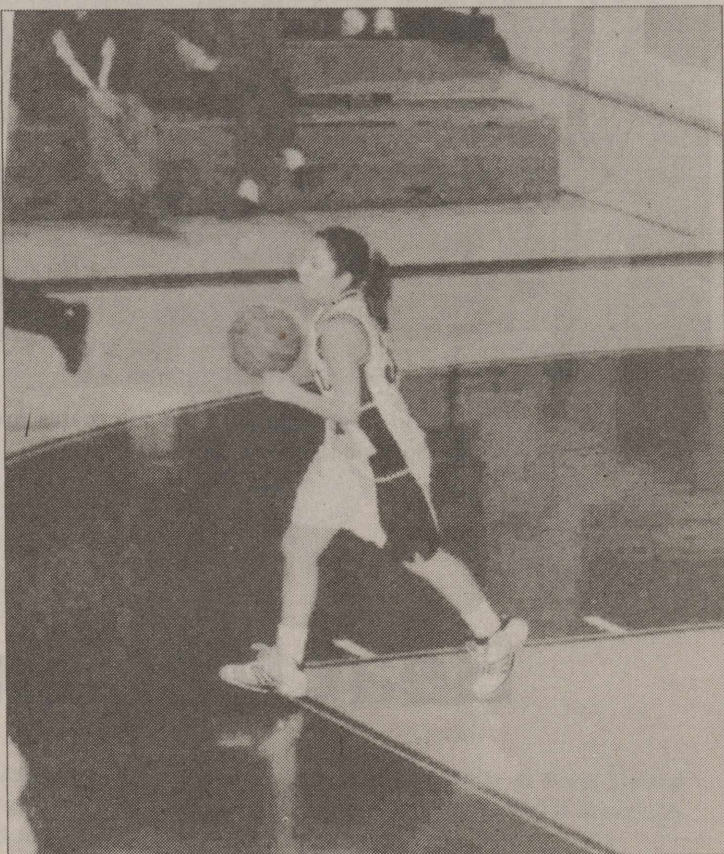
The 8th grade Lady Elks lost 24-34 in their season opener on November 8th against Canadian. Sinead Everett was high point with 11 points followed by Siearra Valenzuela with 5 points and Stephanie Bell with 4 points. On November 15th, the Lady Elks lost 15-16 to Gruver. Sinead Everett led the Lady Elks with 10 points followed by Stephanie Bell with 3 points.

The 8th grade Elks beat Gruver 23-17 on November 15th. Kaleb Horsford led the Elks with 13 points followed by Brent Reed with 4 points.

The J.V. White lost their season opener to Canadian 24-32. April Peregrino was high point with 12 points followed by Lillian Valenzuela with 8 points and Juliana Taliaferro with 4 points. In their next game, the Lady Elks beat Vega 27-16 with April Peregrino leading with 12 points. Also scoring were Whitney Garza 8 points, Lillian Valenzuela 6 points and LaRissa Luna 1 point. The J.V. White beat Boise City 30-26 on Saturday, November 20th. April Peregrino was high point with 10

points followed by Kelsey Stein with 6 points.

The J.V. Blue won their first game 28-27 against Canadian. Rhia Everett was high point with 8 points followed by Merilee McDaniel and Jordan Confer with 5 points each. On November 13th, the J.V. Blue beat West Texas 58-9. Merilee McDaniel led the Lady Elks with 15 points followed by April Peregrino with 14 points and Rhia Everett with 8 points. On November 16th, the J.V. Blue beat Dalhart 41-22. Cheyenne Zieman was high point with 12 points followed by Rhia Everett with 10 points. The J.V. Blue won the Canadian Tournament held this past week-end. In their first game, the Lady Elks beat Borger 36-31. Rhia Everett led the Lady Elks with 9 points followed by Jordan Confer with



J.V. White Lady Elk April Peregrino

8 points. In their second game, they beat Spearman 43-37. Rhia Everett was high point with 13 points followed by Haley Buckles and Cheyenne Zieman with 8 points each. In their final game, they beat Wheeler 40-28 to win the tournament. Jordan Confer led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Merilee McDaniel with 10 points.

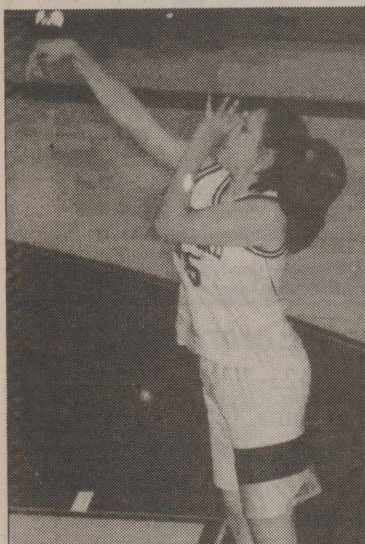
The Lady Elks lost their season opener 40-49 against Canadian. Deidre Tarver led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Lindsay Stein with 9 points. In their second game of the season, the Lady Elks beat West Texas 77-25. Allison Baskin was high point with 18 points followed by Katelyn Reed and Deidre Tarver with 16 points each. On November 16th, the Lady Elks beat Dalhart 46-30. Shadley Audrain was high point with 12 points followed by Katelyn Reed with 10 points.



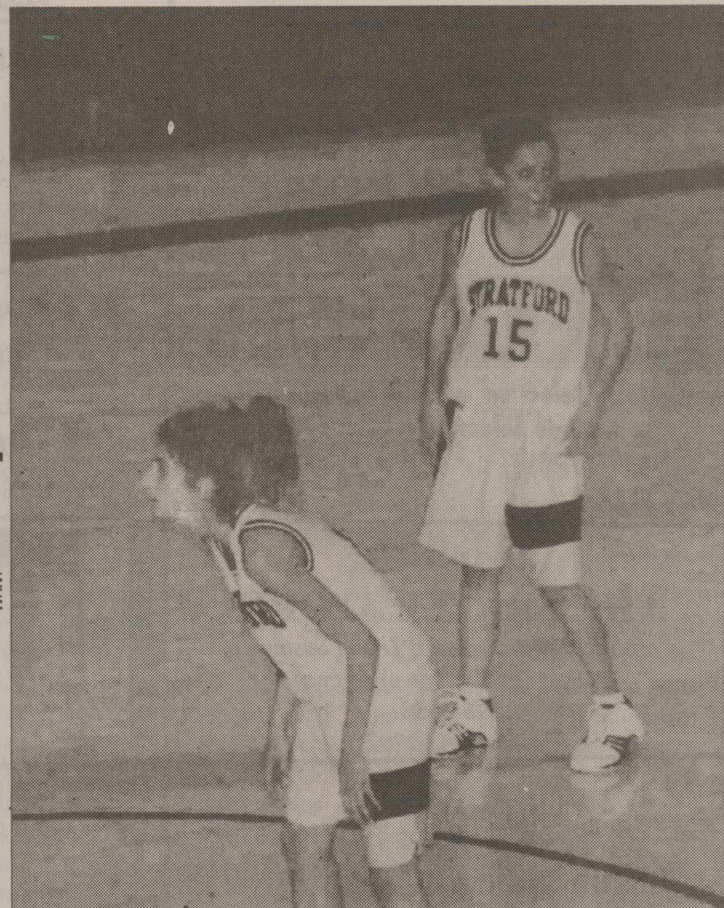
J.V. Lady Elk Kristen Crabtree



Lady Elk #33 Brittany Hudson



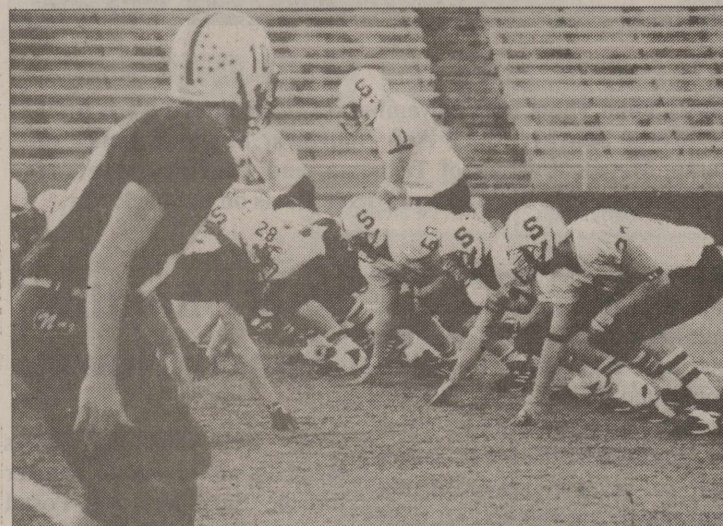
J.V. Lady Elk Ivy Valenzuela



J.V. White Lady Elks Whitney Garza and #15 Kelsey Stein.



Stratford Elk #22 Tony Ruiz carrying the ball for the Elks in their Area win over Nazareth on Friday, November 19th. Also shown #23 Tyler Haynes.

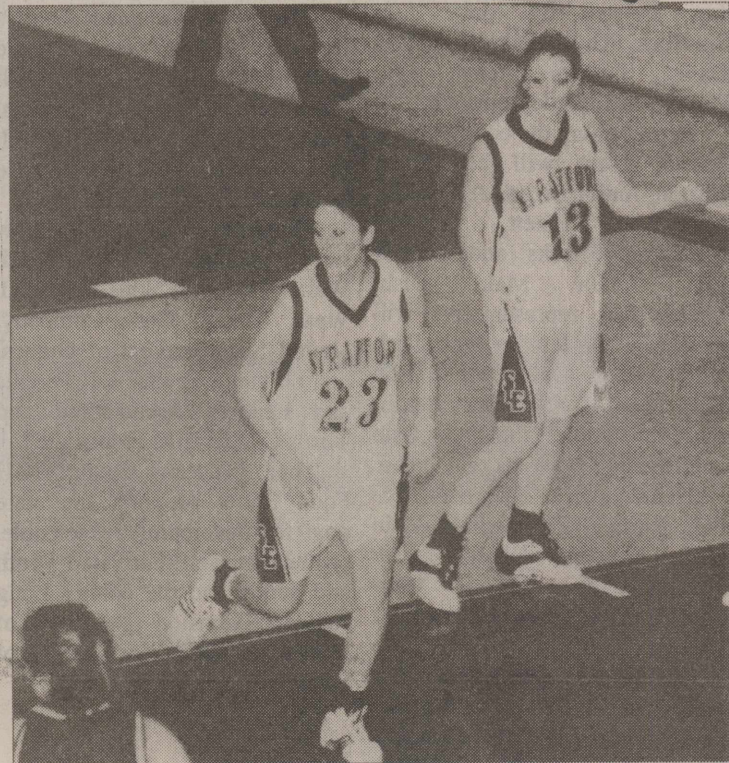


The Elks lined up on offense against Nazareth on Friday, November 19th.

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Mascot of the Week last week was Stratford's Elk mascot Gina Mattocks. Way to Go Gina.



Lady Elks #23 Yadira Ortega and #13 Allison Baskin

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Participants of the Sherman County Food Show held November 13 in Stratford were front row: Nathan Bennett, Garrett Ely of Sunray, Mary Ann Spurlock, Shyanne Acker of Sunray, Jessica Lomax of Texhoma, Megan Wackler of Texhoma, and Courtney Sheets of Texhoma. Rhyann Burton, Jennie Spurlock, Eric Burton, and Nicole Davis on the back row.

4-H FOOD SHOW WINNERS NAMED

Five 4-H'ers will be advancing to the District 4-H Food Show after winning the Sherman County 4-H Food Show held Saturday, November 13th. Calli Hamilton, Teen Leader served as Mistress of Ceremonies at the Awards Ceremony and was assisted by Mary Ann Spurlock, Rhyann Burton, Nicole Davis, Shyanne Acker, Eric Burton, and Jennie Spurlock.

Representing the county at the district event will be Rhyann Burton, Junior Breads & Cereals; Nathan Bennett, Junior Nutritious Snacks and Garrett Ely, Junior Main Dish. Intermediate representative will be Jennie Spurlock in Main Dish while Nicole Davis and Shiloh Dickenson will be Senior representatives in the Main Dish and Breads & Cereals categories.

Named alternate winners were Eric Burton, Intermediate Main Dish, Shyanne Acker, Junior Nutritious Snacks, and Mary Ann Spurlock, Junior Breads & Cereals.

Honors for Best Interview were awarded to Megan Wackler of Texhoma, Junior; Eric Burton, Intermediate, and Nicole Davis, Senior.

Rookie Awards went to Garrett Ely of Sunray, Courtney Sheets of Texhoma, and Shyanne Acker of Sunray.

The 4-H Food Show is the achievement event of the Foods and Nutrition Project, in which 4-H'ers learn food preparation

skills, food buying, meal planning, food safety, social and cultural roles of food, and nutrition. Eighteen 4-H members completed project work.

The Food Show allows youth to prepare a dish of their choice and to be interviewed on the nutritional knowledge of daily diets and of their selected dish. Serving as volunteer judges were Patti Tims and Cindy Jackson.

Serving as volunteer leaders for the project were Connie Burton, Mary Ann Ely, Calli Hamilton, Cindy Dickenson, Cindy Russell, Sunny Russell, Eric Burton, and Jennie Spurlock.

Sponsors of the Food Show were Thriftway of Stratford, Walter Lasley & Sons Feedyard, West Texas Gas Company, United Supermarkets of Dumas, and Sherman County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association, and Texas Cooperative Extension.

The Sherman County 4-H Food Show supports the state goal for developing responsible, productive, self-motivated youth and adults and the county Long Range Extension Program of Enhancing Skills for Quality of Life.

4-H Shooting Sports News

All 4-H Shooting Sports members are invited to register for the Smallbore 3-P Postal League before December 6, 2004. The postal league is offered through the state 4-H Shooting Sports office and all ages of 4-H'ers are eligible to participate.

Registration fee is \$6.00 per 4-H member and should be paid to 4-H Sporting Club, Sunny Russell, treasurer no later than December 8, 2004.

Three matches can be fired anytime between January 1 and April 30, 2005. All targets, whether used or not, are due May 9th to the County Extension Office to be returned to College Station where they will be scored.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. For more information, contact Lem Russell, Cindy Russell, Scott Buckles, David White, Wesley Spurlock or the Sherman County Extension Office.

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Imagination Station "Italy" Dinner

Imagination Station guests from left, Jim and Shannon Taliaferro, Brent and Laurie Spurlock, Marsha and Greg Wright, Ann Johnson, Bill and Kathy Riffe enjoying the Italian Dinner November 13th, celebrating the opening of the Italian Exhibit. The Exhibit is open to the public November 15 through the extended date of December 5th. The Exhibit is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (except Thanksgiving) 4:00 - 6:00 and Sunday 2:00 to 5:00. These are the same hours as the computer lab.

Health Awareness

Don't Let Stress Make You Feel Like A Mess

(NAPS)—There's good news for those who experience adverse health effects due to stress. You can take action to reduce the stress in your life, anytime of year—even the tension that comes with the holiday season.

Some of the symptoms of stress include exhaustion, physical ailments such as headaches, changes in sleeping patterns, restlessness, irritability, and difficulty concentrating.

you fight off stress:

An association dedicated to helping members live better and save more offers these tips to help

- Catch some Z's—Get seven to nine hours of sleep to perform at your best.
- Schedule time for yourself—Give yourself the gift of downtime.
- Watch your budget—Don't overspend; it only brings on stress.
- Slow down—Start gift shopping early to avoid the last-minute dash to the stores.
- Keep your sense of humor—Laughter provides welcome distractions from life's hassles.

The Alliance for Affordable Services uses its group buying power to attack soaring health care costs through wellness programs, information, legislative advocacy and incentives to control medical costs.



Sherman County 4-H Food Show winners and alternates are: Garrett Ely, Eric Burton, Shyanne Acker, Jennie Spurlock, Rhyann Burton, Mary Ann Spurlock, Nicole Davis, and Nathan Bennett.

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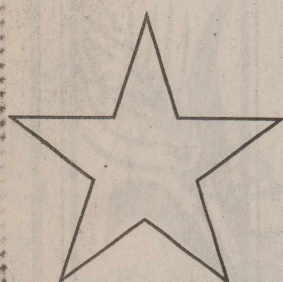
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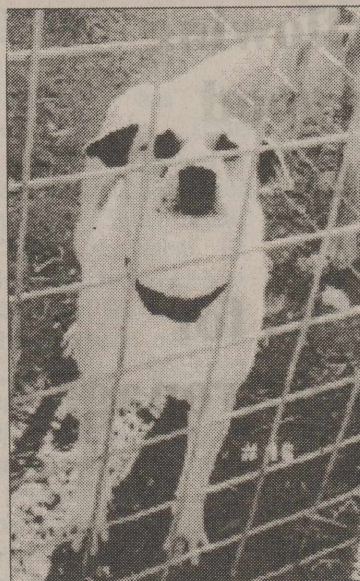
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Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide the food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

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Women's Health

(NU) - In spite of wide-spread mammographic screening, the likelihood of dying from breast cancer has been reduced only slightly. A great need exists for a noninvasive screening test that will not only identify cancers currently being missed by mammography, but will also offer earlier detection. The good news is that a new test based on proteomics — the study and analysis of multiple proteins — may be able to show whether a patient has breast cancer years prior to mammography. Power3 Medical Products (OTC BB: PWRM.OB) and the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston have developed the NAFTest (nipple aspirate fluid test), which is currently in clinical validation trials. For information, log on to www.power3medical.com.

Parenting

(NU) - Proper amounts of sleep are important for everyone, especially children. Unfortunately, in today's busy world, many parents do not think to explain the importance of sleep to their kids. But now, an out-of-the-ordinary youth poster about sleep, called Underwear, Zombies & Monkey Kung-Fu, has been designed to appeal to 12- to 15-year-olds. This poster takes a look at the weird world of dreams and reinforces the importance of sleep. To request a free copy the poster, visit www.aiminfo.org or call 1-800-TUCK-ME-IN.

Consumer

(NU) - Everyone knows it feels good to laugh, but did you know medical studies actually prove our assorted chuckles, titters and guffaws can have health benefits that include everything from lowered blood pressure and increased immune function to improved heart health? Well, they are. And now, the ABC Television Network and American Greetings are sending five grand-prize winners to Los Angeles to see the taping of an ABC TGIF Friday night comedy with their "Look to Us for a Laugh Sweepstakes." Entry coupons are available at http://sweeps.americangreetings.com.

Health

(NU) - As high prices of U.S. prescription drugs make it increasingly difficult for consumers, states and businesses to afford health care, the issue of prescription drug re-importation is at the forefront of a heated national debate. Supporters of re-importation say prescription drugs are intended to provide relief; yet many Americans need relief from the high prices they pay. A company called RX Processing Corp. is helping Americans obtain prescription drugs from safe sources outside the United States. According to RX Processing Corp., Canadian medications must meet strict safety standards and are as safe as U.S. medications. For more information, visit www.rxprocessingcorp.com or call 1-800-576-7055.

Good Luck Elks

health hints

Soothing Sore Throats

(NAPS)—Here's a fact some find hard to swallow. When you have a sore throat, doctors most likely will not prescribe antibiotics. That's because the majority of sore throats are viral—not bacterial—infections.

"Antibiotics are useless against viruses," says Stefanie Ferreri, Pharm.D., CDE and clinical assistant professor at the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy.

Only about 10 percent of sore throats are from bacterial infections and can be treated with an antibiotic. So, if your doctor rules out a bacterial infection, Ferreri recommends patients let the virus run its course.

She also offers these easy sore throat soothers:

- Use a vaporizer to keep the throat moist, particularly while sleeping.
- Stop smoking. Avoid second-hand smoke.
- Keep talking to a minimum.
- Gargle at least once an hour with warm salt water.
- Drink hot fluids, such as soup or tea with honey.
- Suck on flavored frozen desserts, such as ice pops.
- Ease sore throat pain with an over-the-counter medicine such as Extra Strength Cepacol Sore Throat Lozenges, which numb pain instantly. Cepacol Dual Action Sore Throat Sprays also numb on contact and coat the throat for comfort.

For more information and tips, including the Cepacol "Sore Spots" (a weekly listing of the top five cities with people experiencing cold and flu), visit www.cepacol.com.

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