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## Tax Office Now Accepting Credit Cards

The Sherman County Tax Office is now accepting Visa and MC. These credit cards can be used for any motor vehicle transaction or Tax payment. The minimum fee for this convenience will be \$2.50, or 2.45% of the amount due whichever is greater.

## Pray For Rain

Everyone join us at the Baptist Church to PRAY FOR RAIN and concerns in our community. Every Wednesday in August 7:00 a.m.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The heat and wind has damaged many flowers and decoration arrangements at the cemetery. Please check your flowers and arrangements and if they are no longer serviceable, please remove them. Plot owners are reminded to not place glass jars, vases, wooden objects or metal objects as decoration on graves. Also, please pick up any loose wire you may have used. When trimmers and mowers are used, these items are not always seen and they become flying objects and pose a hazard to equipment and personnel. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Meeting Cancelled

Notice: The September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Cattle Seminar has been cancelled.

## Red Hatters To Meet

The Red Hatters will meet Thursday, September 7 at First Christian Church to go to the "Chicken Ranch" Bring your favorite Teddy Bear with you. Meet at the church at 5:20 p.m.

The Stratford Star will be closed on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day. Deadline for Thursday, September 7, 2006 edition for Stratford Star will be Friday, September 1, 2006 at 12 noon.

## Football Tickets Levelland vs. Stratford Game

Football Tickets for the Levelland vs Stratford Game August 31, 2006 5:00 PM Dick Bivins Stadium

Tickets are on sale August 21 thru noon on August 31 in the Superintendent's Office

Ticket prices are \$2.00 - students, \$4.00 - adults ALL TICKETS AT THE GATE ARE \$6.00

For more info call Dinah at 366-3300

## Back to School Night To Be Held

Mary Allen Elementary School back to school night will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

## Lawn Mowers Needed

Mr. Hembree's Ag Mechanics Class needs lawn mowers to repair. Please call the Ag Dept. at 366-3333 or home 366-5981.

## Animal Issues Committee Meeting

Sherman County Animal Issues Committee meeting, September 7, 2006 at 7 p.m. Stratford Fire Station

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Action speaks louder than words, but not nearly as often.  
—Mark Twain  
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## Stratford ISD Special Election Notice

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a special election on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at the County Court House for the purpose of authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Stratford ISD to purchase attendance credits from the state with local tax revenues and/or authorizing the board of trustees of the Stratford ISD to educate students of other school districts with local tax revenues..

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Sherman County Clerks Office 701 N 3rd Street Stratford, TX from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 Monday thru Friday, beginning on September 6, 2006 and ending on September 19, 2006.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Gina Jones PO Box 270 Stratford, TX 79084. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on September 14, 2006.

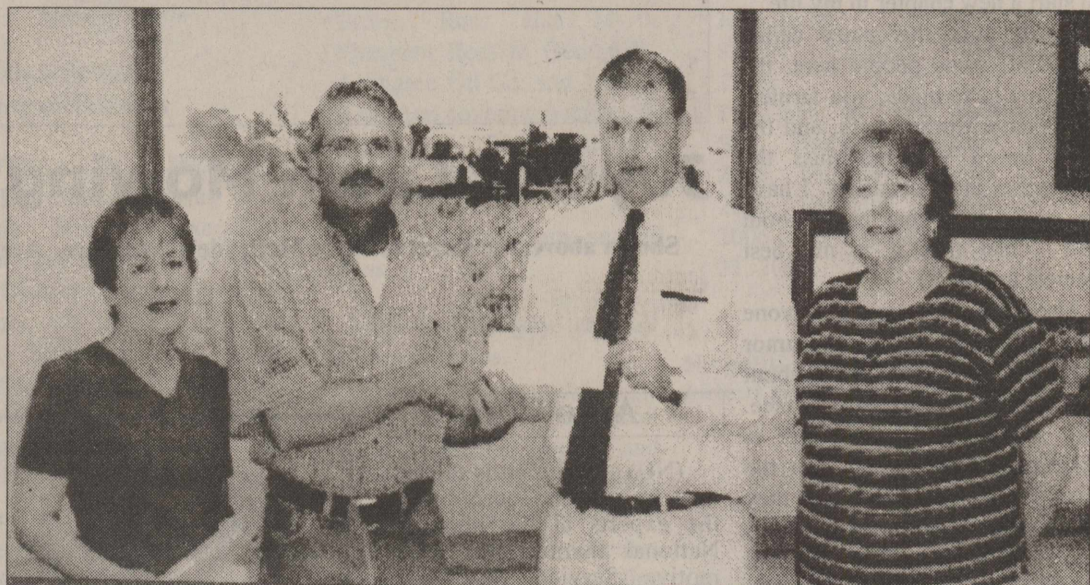
Por lapresente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 23 de Septiembre de 2006 con el proposition de: Autorizando a la junta directive del Distrito Escolar De Stratford para adquirir creditos de asistencia estalites con ingresos de impuestos locales and or Autorizando a la junta directive del Distrito Escolar De Stratford para educar estudiantes de otros distritos escolares con ingresos de impuestos locales.

La votacion adelantada en personas se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Sherman County Clerks Office 701 N3rd Street, Stratford, TX from 8:00

A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 de la tarbe empezado el 6 septiembra de 2006y terminando el de 19 septiembere de 2006.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Gina Jones PO Box 270 Stratford, TX 79084

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## Stratford Chamber of Commerce Receives Matching Grant Check

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce receiving matching grant check for a New computer from Stratford Area Foundation. L/R: Martha Mitts, foundation administrator, Billy Elliott, Chamber president, Walt Berry, Foundation President, Ann Wells, Chamber Manager.

## Panda Ethanol to Build 100 Million Gallon Ethanol Plant in Sherman County, Texas Cattle Manure Used To Fuel Plant

DALLAS — August 29, 2006 — Panda Ethanol Inc. today announced that it intends to build a 100 million gallon per year ethanol plant in Sherman County, Texas. The facility will annually refine approximately 40 million bushels of corn and milo into a clean-burning, renewable fuel for the nation's transportation needs.

The Sherman plant will generate the steam used in the ethanol manufacturing process by gasifying more than 1 billion pounds of cattle manure a year. Once complete, it will be one of the most fuel efficient ethanol refineries in the nation and equal in size to Panda's Hereford facility which is the largest biomass-fueled ethanol plant in the United States.

The Sherman facility is the fourth 100 million gallon ethanol project announced by Panda, and the third to be powered by cattle manure.

"This plant will significantly expand our ethanol production portfolio, strengthen the economy of the Texas Panhandle and enhance our nation's energy independence," said Todd Carter, chief executive officer of Panda Ethanol. "We are excited by the community's support for this project and look forward to working with state and local officials in seeing it through to completion."

Sherman County, Texas Judge Terri Beth Carter said Panda representatives have been active involved in the community since the beginning of the site selection process. "They've done a good job answering questions and building support for this project. We're pleased they chose Sherman County as the location for their next ethanol plant."

"This facility will be an economic boon to the area" added Kathy Alien, executive director of the Sherman County Development Committee. "It will create an estimated 61 skilled jobs and 77 additional support jobs. All together, the construction and ongoing operation of the plant is expected to infuse more than \$220 million into the area's economy over the next 10 years."

Panda's Sherman refinery will be located on a 1,200 acre site three miles northwest of Stratford, Texas. Construction will take approximately 18 months. The completion date is dependent upon financing, regulatory approvals and other conditions. Panda has submitted its request for an air permit with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Panda Ethanol previously announced that it successfully completed the debt and equity financing on its 100 million gallon ethanol plant in Hereford, Texas. The company has begun facility construction on the 380-acre site and anticipates ethanol production to commence in the second half of 2007. The company also announced that it has entered into a merger agreement with Cirracor, a publicly-held corporation which trades over the counter. The merger is currently expected to become effective in the fourth quarter of 2006, subject to the satisfaction of certain requirements, and the combined entity will operate under the name of Panda Ethanol Inc.

### About Panda Ethanol

Panda Ethanol is headquartered in Dallas, Texas. The company is currently developing fuel ethanol refineries and biomass facilities in the United States. Panda Ethanol's largest single shareholder is Panda Energy International Inc., a privately-held company which has built over 9,000 MW of electric generation capacity at a cost of \$5 billion. In 2005, Newsweek magazine named Panda one of the most eco-friendly companies in America. Additional information on Panda Energy and Panda Ethanol can be found at [www.pandaenergy.com](http://www.pandaenergy.com)

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Safe-Harbor Statement -- Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this news release are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Panda Ethanol intends that all such statements be subject to the "safe-harbor" provisions of those Acts. Many important risks, factors and conditions may cause Panda Ethanol's actual results to differ materially from those discussed in any such forward-looking statement. These risks include, but are not limited to, the ability to complete construction of its ethanol plants, future prices for ethanol relative to the prices of gasoline, interest rates, product demand, transportation requirements and costs and the ability of Panda Ethanol to obtain additional capital to finance its initiatives. The historical results achieved by Panda Ethanol are not necessarily indicative of its future prospects. In addition, new factors, risks and uncertainties may emerge from time to time. Panda Ethanol undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.



## Lady Elks Cross Country Compete-1<sup>st</sup> meet

The Lady Elk Cross Country Team competed in their first Country Country Meet on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at Tascosa. Kristen Crabtree placed 10<sup>th</sup> individually and the team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in small school division. Shown from left, Perla Morales, Marylou Maldonado, Darcy Rosales, Lucero Ortega, Kristen Crabtree, Whitney Reese, Alma Marquez and Yesenia Ibarra. Congratulations Lady Elks!



In the controversial literary work, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe, there is a character called Evangeline St. Clare. She is better known by the name Little Eva.

## Good Luck Elks Have a Great Season

McDaniel's Address

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(Wardogs)  
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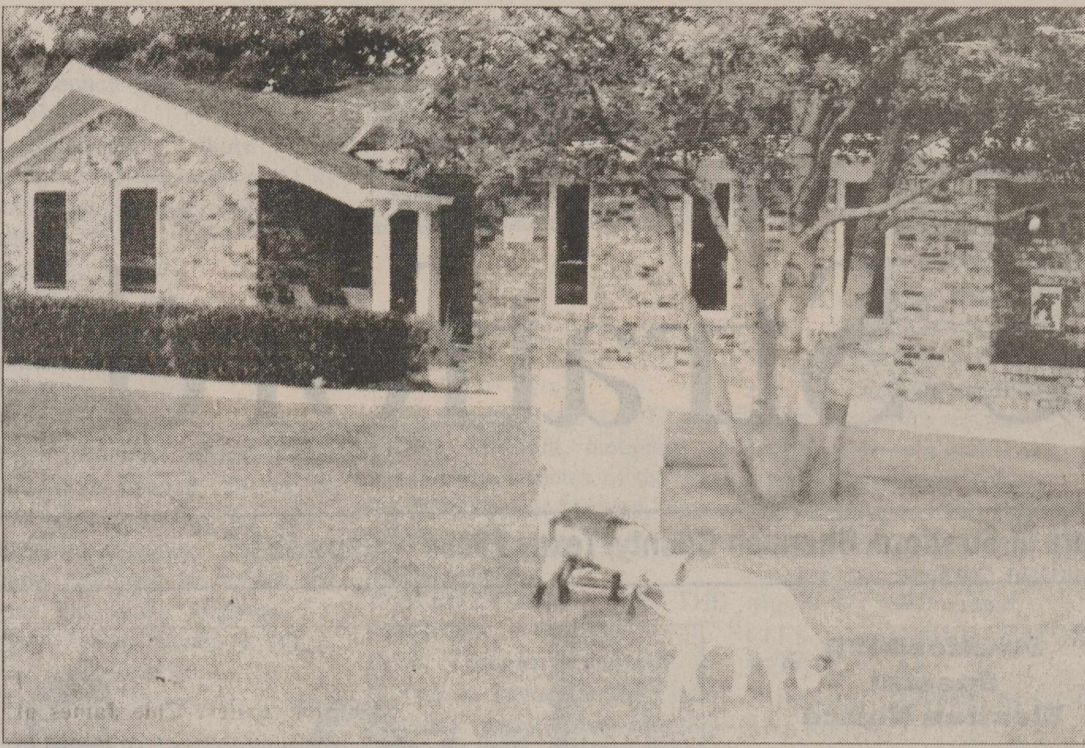
## SO LONG, GOOD BYE, THANKS FOR THE RIDE

Well, I would like to take this time to thank you all for helping me out and the many friends I have made. Well Stratford, my time here is done, and now its time to move to greener pastures, to start a new chapter in my life.

I will miss this place called Stratford, some people here, the friends I have made, you farmers that I have worked with, and the kids, but I will not miss the heartaches and headaches. I have an opportunity that came about and I feel that it is my best interest to take it.

Also, for the record, anyone having knowledge of the rumor about me thanks for talking about it and not asking me face to face. The sad thing is, who ever is behind it did not even sign the letter I got, and when asked they will not show me an email. That's fine if you want to talk and speculate issues but it's not ok when you don't know what you are talking about. Like the saying goes "People who talk DON'T KNOW, People who know DON'T TALK!"

Well, so long Stratford, good bye, thanks for the ride and yes I will miss this place. May God Bless each and every one of you! SHERMAN HAMMONS aka: Sherman from Sherman County!



## Joyce's Lawn Mowing Service

Shown above, the secret to Joyce McBryde's lawn care. Are they for loan Joyce?

### Auto Care

(NU) - Early fall is the best time for car care, according to the experts at the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, who offer some tips. Replace all dirty filters, get an oil change, and flush and refill the cooling system if necessary. Have drive belts, hoses and clamps tightened and the battery checked. Examine tires for remaining tread life, check tire pressure once a month and have tires rotated if necessary. You should also assemble an emergency kit. For more information, visit [www.ase.com](http://www.ase.com).



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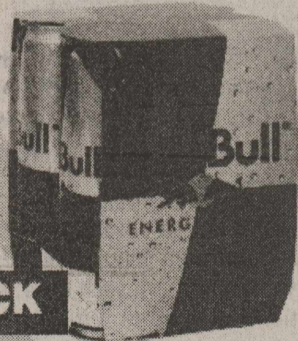
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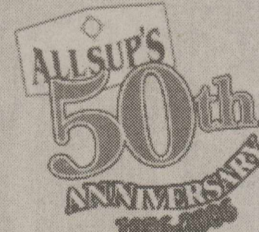
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## Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Peach, Butter Pecan, Vanilla Homemade ice cream plus cakes, cookies and pies were enjoyed by a small group Friday night at the Community Center. Hosts were Bill & Donna Gillenwaters.

Present were Jo June, John & Shelby McDaniel, Mary Hill, Virgie Mathews, Marjorie Munden, Bill & Pat Boren, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Marylou McDaniel, Bud & Frankie Shields, Ken & Lynn Wells, Betty Fry.

Leonard Hawkins had a tornado take out a couple of sprinklers at their farm in the Griggs community a week ago! That's too close!

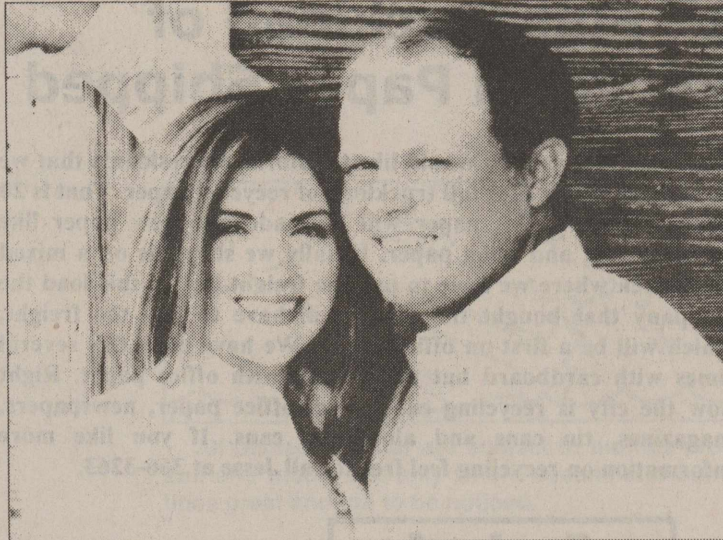
Heath, Kenna & Dempsey Collums went to Dallas Six Flags over the weekend. They met several relatives from Mississippi & Alabama for a fun time. And Dempsey got to ride a train!

Mabel Rogers is in hospice in Amarillo. She is at Ware Convalescent Home, 400 W. 14<sup>th</sup>. Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Saturday Trisha, Reed, Rett & Reese Schoonover and Grayson Gonzales were among those who enjoyed others from Happy Banks at Wonderland Park in Amarillo.

The Schoonovers went boating Sunday at Terry's "Pond". It was over six foot deep in a couple of places!

## Good Luck Cross Country



### Engagement Announced

Gary and Terri Johnson of Dalhart announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Lynn Johnson to Levi Cole James of Stratford Texas. He is the son of Ben Tom and Gayla James of Kerrick Texas. Monica is a 2001 graduate of Dalhart High School and received an associate degree of applied science in nursing from Amarillo College in 2006. She is employed at Coon Memorial Hospital in Dalhart as a Registered Nurse. Levi James is a 1999 graduate of Stratford High School. He farms and ranches in Dallam and Cimarron counties. The couple plan to be married December 30th at St. James Episcopal Church in Dalhart.



### Behrens Honored with Shower

Jenna Behrens, bride-elect of McLain Pool was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Orlanda Garoutte on August 19, 2006. Shown from left, Heather Dockery, Mary Pool, Jenna Behrens, Jacque Behrens and Madi Hall.



### Hodo Honored with Baby Shower

A baby shower honoring Chad and Ashley Hodo was held in the home of Tami King on Saturday, August 26, 2006. Shown from left, Judy Stoy, Ashley Hodo, Mary Stoy, Dianne Hodo, and Mary Johnson.



### Allison Honored

A bridal shower for Wendy Allison, bride elect of Michael Johl was held Saturday, August 26, 2006 in the home of Doris Parsons. The couple plan to wed Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Wendy is shown with her mother Rinda Allison.

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Wisdom doesn't automatically come with old age. Nothing does —except wrinkles. It's true, some wines improve with age. But only if the grapes were good in the first place.  
—Abigail Van Buren

## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### HE SAVES US

Ask someone why God should let them into heaven. You will probably get one of two answers. "I've lived a pretty good life." Then there is the negative. "I'm not so bad; God should have no problem letting me into heaven."

The common perception is that we enter heaven on the basis of our works, our own good deeds. We see God as a great grandfather in the sky who will always welcome us with open arms because, well, we deserve it. Listen to the Bible. "He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5). God does not save us on the basis of works we have done or will do. We are actually sinners worthy of condemnation.

Our refusal, to openly acknowledge God, regularly worship God, continually serve God and propagate a proper understanding of God, all stand as witnesses against us. Our nation stands on the principle of freedom. Most people want freedom from religion, particularly what they see as the constraints of Christianity. As a result, if we expect entrance into heaven, we need God's mercy.

We need cleansing from sin and evil. We need inner renewal by the power of the Holy Spirit altering our dispositions so we will actually enjoy God. If we don't enjoy God here on earth, what makes us think we will enjoy Him in Heaven?

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### Kerrick Community Church

Pastor Roy Harris  
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Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

### First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed  
5th & Main  
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)  
No Sunday Evening Worship Service  
Wed. Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,  
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

### First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette  
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Sunday School 9:20 am  
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### Church of Christ

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Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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\* The average American uses seven trees a year in paper, wood, and other products made from trees. This amounts to about 2,000,000,000 trees per year!

\* The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years.

\* When you smell a dump, what you actually smell is the paper hi the dump! (which is why you don't smell the Stratford Dump since paper isn't put in the dump thanks to the recycling department)

\* Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year hi the U.S.

\* Americans use 85,000,000 tons of paper a year; about 680 pounds per person.

\* The average household throws away 13,000 separate pieces of paper each year. Most is packaging and junk mail.

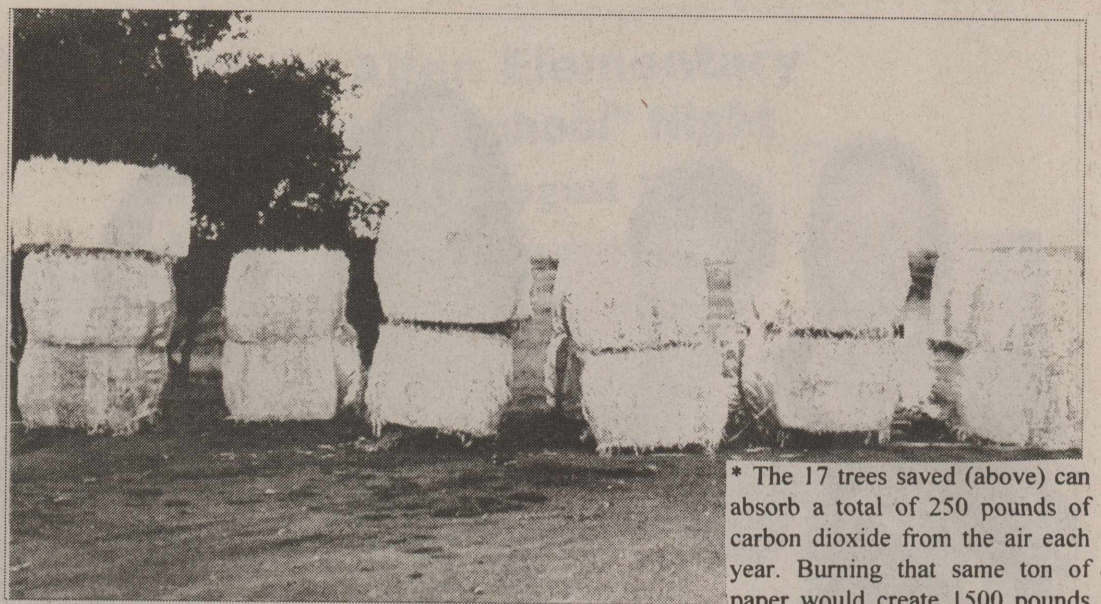
\* In 1993, U.S. paper recovery saved more than 90,000,000 cubic yards of landfill space.

\* In 1993, nearly 36,000,000 tons of paper was recovered in the U.S.-twice as much in 1980.

\* 27% of the newspapers produced in America are recycled.

\* Each ton (2000 pounds) of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts of energy, and 7000 gallons of water. This represents a 64% energy savings, a 58% water savings, and 60 pounds less of air pollution!

The City Of Stratford would like to inform the residents that we have shipped our first full truckload of recycled paper. That is 20 Tons of paper! This paper will be made into new paper like paper towels, and toilet paper. Usually we ship this on a mixed load truck where we have to pay the freight but on this load the company that bought the paper will have to pay the freight, which will be a first on office paper. We have done this several times with cardboard but never have with office paper. Right now the city is recycling cardboard, office paper, newspapers, magazines, tin cans and aluminum cans. If you like more information on recycling feel free to call Jesse at 366-3263.



\* The 17 trees saved (above) can absorb a total of 250 pounds of carbon dioxide from the air each year. Burning that same ton of paper would create 1500 pounds of carbon dioxide.

### Cards of Thanks

What a caring Community. I want to thank Jimmy Lanning & our Local EMT's, my minister Gene Weintette. My family, Mary my caregiver and the many who called, concerned and caring. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Elsie Lasley

Thank you from the Stratford Patriots. All of us involved with the Special Olympics want to Thank everyone that contributed time, money and support for our fund raiser at the Ranch Rodeo. The overwhelming support that Stratford and surrounding areas give to us is extremely heartwarming and appreciated. The concession at the rodeo was a great success. We will not be able to go to State Competition this year but with your continued support and prayers we will be able to go to State in College Station in 2007. A Special Thanks to: Betty's, coldwater Creek Cowboys, Mrs. Baird's Bread, Panhandle Children's Foundation, Stratford Feedyard and Swift Co.

We're back from Houston with good news!!!! No cancer in the mouth. Thank you to everyone for your prayers. We still need prayers for healing and swelling to go down. Work on my part to get back to talking and eating normal. Thank you again Stratford. We love you.

Rex & Bernice Christian

Thank you to all who sent cards, prayers, and thoughts for mothers passing. Mother was a member of this community for several years and her presence here was not easily forgotten. She touched many lives and had many friends here and we appreciate everyone's kindness.

The Carolyn Sue Harlow Family

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, calls, cards, visits, gifts, words of encouragement, food and just being there for Scott at this time. Stratford is truly a great place to live. Thank you all!

Love, Gregg, Shari, Brittany and Scott Hudson

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Politics is like football. If you see daylight, go through the hole.

—John F. Kennedy  
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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Stratford will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 0 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 28, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on September 7th at City Hall  
September 11th at City Hall

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:  
AGAINST:  
PRESENT and not voting:  
ABSENT:

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Expenditure Category	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Maintenance and operations	15 % (increase)	0 % (decrease)
Debt service	0 % (increase)	0 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	15 % (increase)	0 % (decrease)

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 52,034,830	\$ 56,315,545
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 740,600	\$ 275,390
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 49,168,590	\$ 52,296,985
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 740,600	\$ 275,390

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 0

### Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ .90 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$ .90 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.00 per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year  
0 % Increase  
OR  
0 % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(6), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Form 30-197 (Rev. 05-06/10) (Back)

### Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 35,740	\$ 41,310
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 35,740	\$ 41,310

### Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or a decrease of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in taxes.

### Special Provisions if Applicable

**Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):**

The \_\_\_\_\_ County Auditor certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ County has spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in the previous 12 months beginning \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

**Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):**

The \_\_\_\_\_ spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \_\_\_\_\_.

## 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 free food. AH of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.



### Summer Bounty From the Garden

These five young folks had invited Everyone last week to attend the "Summer Bounty from the Garden" SCOT Lunch, held on Thursday, August 24. Everyone was to bring your favorite vegetable or fruit or dessert to go with Chicken from the Pen.

### Food Ideas

(NAPS)—Peanuts and peanut butter are terrific snacking options because they are convenient, portable and contribute more than 30 essential nutrients and phytonutrients. Plus, their combination of fiber and protein satisfies for hours. For delicious peanut recipes, such as Peanut-Chip Cookie Bars, visit the National Peanut Board's Web site at [www.nationalpeanutboard.org](http://www.nationalpeanutboard.org).



All bodies of water are subject to the tide-producing forces of the sun and moon, but only where oceans and continents meet are the tides great enough to be noticed.



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Ann Wells - Director  
PO Box 570  
Stratford, Texas 79084  
806-366-2260

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the Sherman County property tax rate was \$0.43179 per \$100. That rate raised \$2,377,893.21, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

#### Maintenance and Operations

This year, Sherman County is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.40146. That rate would raise \$2,545,409.00 which is \$167,515.79 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on September 11, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. The second public hearing will be held on September 19, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. Both hearings will be held in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Sherman County Courthouse.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

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## 1st Person

### JOLIE ASHER

First State Bank is proud to introduce Jolie Asher as the newest employee of the Stratford bank. Jolie will be working in the bank's lending department.

Jolie, an active community supporter, is a member of the Stratford City Council, the Sherman County Economic Development Council, and the Stratford Chamber of Commerce. Jolie and her husband Heath, have two children, John and Alexis.

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## Osteoporosis Can Be Slowed or Prevented

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO \* An easily broken bone or noticeable decline in height could be signs of osteoporosis, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

The risk of osteoporosis, a disease that weakens bones, increases as both men and women get older, said Andrew B. Crocker, Extension program specialist for gerontology health.

"Because there are no real outward symptoms of osteoporosis, you may not notice any changes until a bone breaks," Crocker said.

"But, your bones have been losing strength for many years," he said, adding millions of Americans, mostly Caucasian and Asian women, have osteoporosis.

Bone is living tissue, Crocker said. To keep bones strong, the body constantly replaces older bone tissue with new. As people age, more bone is broken down than is replaced.

To diagnose osteoporosis, a health provider may recommend a bone mineral density test, he said. The test will help determine the risk for fractures and measure response to treatment.

The inside of bone looks something like a honeycomb, Crocker said. With osteoporosis, the spaces in this honeycomb grow larger; the bone forming the honeycomb gets smaller; and the outer shell of the bone gets thinner.

"All this loss makes your bones weaker," he said.

The most widely recognized bone mineral density test is called a dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry scan or DEXA-scan, he said. This painless procedure is like having an X-ray.

Bone mass measurement tests are covered once every 24 months under Medicare Part "B," Crocker said.

"If your health provider determines you are at high risk or that it is medically necessary, Medicare may pay for screenings more often," he said.

Treating osteoporosis means stopping the bone loss and rebuilding bone to prevent breaks, Crocker said.

"Diet and exercise can help make your bones stronger, but they may not be enough if you have lost a lot of bone density," he said. "There are several medications which you may take to help lessen your risk of developing osteoporosis or lessen its effects. Some will slow your bone loss, and others can help rebuild bone."

Individuals with osteoporosis should be aware of any physical changes that affect their balance or gait and these should be discussed with their health provider, he said.

Preventing falls is a special concern, Crocker said. Falls can increase the likelihood of fracturing a bone anywhere in the skeleton, but especially in the hip, wrist or spine.

Falls can be caused by impaired vision and/or balance, chronic diseases that affect mental or physical functioning and certain medications, such as sedatives and antidepressants.

For more information on preventing falls, visit Extension's

Fall Prevention Web site:

While osteoporosis may not start until later in life, prevention shouldn't wait, Crocker said.

Here are some things to do throughout life to prevent weakened bones:

— Get enough dietary calcium to help build and keep strong bones. Foods high in calcium include low-fat dairy foods and dark green leafy vegetables, and calcium-fortified foods such as orange juice, breads and cereals. Under some circumstances, a health provider may recommend a calcium supplement.

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— Vitamin D is used to absorb calcium in the body. Most people can absorb enough vitamin D from sunlight if they are outdoors for a total of 20 minutes every

day. Vitamin D also comes from eggs, fatty fish and cereal and vitamin D-fortified milk. As with calcium, be careful, because too much Vitamin D may cause harmful side-effects.

— Exercise makes bones and muscles stronger. Weight-bearing exercises, done three to four times a week, are best for preventing osteoporosis. Walking, jogging, playing tennis and dancing are good weight-bearing exercises. Strengthening and balance exercises may also help prevent falls.

— Some common medicines can make bones weaker, including some steroid drugs, anti-seizure drugs, sleeping pills and cancer drugs. An overactive thyroid gland or using too much thyroid hormone for an underactive thyroid can also be a problem. Talk to a health provider about what to do to help protect bones when taking these medicines.

— Some lifestyle choices also make a person more susceptible. Smoking increases loss of bone mass, and alcohol can put a person at risk for falling-and breaking a bone.

For more information on osteoporosis, visit the National Institutes of Health Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases Web site:

## New York Times Best Sellers @ Your Library

By Sandy Baskin

### Fiction

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  4. The Looming Tower by Lawrence Wright
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- To check the availability of these items go to [www.hc-lib.org/stratford/index.html](http://www.hc-lib.org/stratford/index.html). Next click on "Search the catalog" and search Sherman County Library. Call 366-2200 and we will be happy to place a hold on the item for you.

### Cherry Spumoni

- 2 cups heavy cream
  - ½ cup (7 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
  - ¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling
  - ½ cup slivered almonds, chopped
  - ½ cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- Combine heavy cream, sweetened condensed milk and vanilla in a large bowl; mix well. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Remove from refrigerator and beat with electric mixer or wire whisk just until soft peaks form; do not overbeat. Fold in cherry pie filling, almonds and chocolate chips. Spoon into an 8 x 8 x 2-inch pan. Cover and freeze 4 hours, or until firm. Scoop into serving dishes. Makes about 1 quart.



## ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

We all seem to be well into the swing of things here in school. In another day or two, the staff will be able to start Purchase Orders for this new budget year. I know the librarian will be starting to make out orders for new library books.

First State Bank of Stratford sponsored a lovely picnic supper for the SISD staff Monday evening, August 21, at the country home of B.A. and LeRayne Donelson. They served grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, all the trimmings, cookies, brownies, smores, and soft drinks. They entertained the crowd with volleyball and rides in the club car. We all managed to get kinda wet with the beautiful rain, and then we were blessed with a brilliant rainbow. It was a wonderful evening. Thanks to the First State Bank for their efforts.

The ESL (English as a Second Language) classes are studying the history of the National Anthem. They are also learning the meaning of the words used in the anthem which was written in 1814.

The second graders are once again working on a "Hall of Fame"! They are making individual posters to tell about themselves. Visit MAE and discover some interesting information about our famous second graders for 2006-2007!!! "We have a great bunch of second graders this year!" said Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Drake.

The senior class elected Mrs. Carla Griffin and Mr. Mark Keener as class sponsors.

Do you know where the name "District of Columbia" came from? The ESL classes know now. "Columbia" comes from Christopher Columbus. Our nation's capital had quite a struggle getting its present name, everything from Federal Town up to Washington, D.C. It's a very interesting story.

Mrs. Everett: Ask a biology student where the hottest part of the flame is on a Bunsen burner.....the answer may surprise you!

High School and Junior High Parents' night was held on Tuesday. Wednesday the seniors will have pictures made. The ELKS football team will play Levelland at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo on Thursday. The pep rally will be at 1:00 p.m. Monday is the Labor Day holiday.

## Mary Allen Elementary "Back to School" Night Tuesday, August 15th



Linda Brotherton of Mary Allen Elementary is shown above helping students and Parents on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at Mary Allens' Back to School Night.



Shown at right at Mary Allen August 15, 2006 are Tammy Helmuth, Mary Lou Maldonado and Gail Hunsaker



Shown at left are Megan Hardy, Marisol Chavoya and Verlie Norris

Good Luck to the Cross Country Teams & Coaches on your season-Wish you the very best



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# City Council Minutes

### COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 6, 2006

Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Thursday, July 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Jolie Asher, Ernie Confer, Nancy Kimball, Blake Confer, Councilmember Connie Oquin was absent. Also present were Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; George Harding, City Planner; Ruben Rendon, Terri Carter, Kathy Allen, Kathy Altman, Scott Buckles, Duane Mungia, Teresa Edmond, and Marty Bain. City Administrator Sean Hardman was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER**  
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**  
Ernie Maiwald motioned to accept the reinvestment zone at Block 81 and also at South Maple Street from Highway 54 to South First Street, Jolie Asher seconded, all in favor, motion carried.  
Ernie Maiwald motioned to accept Ordinance #060706 designating a certain area as a Reinvestment Zone, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.  
Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the tax abatement policy as presented, Jolie Asher seconded, all in favor, motion carried.  
Item C regarding action on the Tax Abatement Agreement was tabled.  
Item D regarding action on payment to Scott's Steamway was tabled until a settlement has been made by the insurance companies.

**ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL**  
Discussion took place regarding Council being contacted as early as possible regarding Special meetings, City Administrator Sean Hardman needs to be bonded, and discussion took place regarding the position of Chief of Police.  
There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

**COUNCIL MINUTES July 13, 2006**  
Stratford City Council met in Special Session at Happy State Bank, Thursday, July 13, 2006 with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Connie Oquin, Ernie Maiwald, Nancy Kimball, and Blake Confer.  
Also present were Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; George Harding, City Planner; Kathy Altman and Chuck Harbor.  
**CALL TO ORDER**  
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**  
All of those in attendance viewed the Open Meetings and Open Records training video required by the Attorney General's office.  
The meeting recessed at 8:03 p.m. and then relocated to the City Council Meeting Room at City Hall.  
Additionally, those in attendance for the meeting at City Hall were Councilmember Jolie Asher, Police Chief Ron Bradburn, Police Officer Larry Penfold, Ed Moore, Wayland Brown, Dana Buckles, Scott Buckles, Wayne Smith, Cindy Russell, Karen Riffe, and Lem Russell.  
Dana Buckles distributed a Council. Discussion took place regarding the sewer line along Highway 54. Blake Confer motioned to replace the Maywood, Nancy Kimball and sewer line along Highway 54, Blake Confer. Councilmember Connie Oquin seconded, all in favor, motion carried.  
Council expressed their appreciation to Ron Bradburn for his time and dedication to the City and to the Police Department.  
Ron reported:  
Both white cars are complete

### COUNCIL MINUTES July 20, 2006

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday, July 20, 2006 with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Connie Oquin, Ernie Maiwald, Nancy Kimball, and Jolie Asher. Councilmember Blake Confer was absent.  
Also present were Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; Rob Elliott, City Attorney; George Harding, City Planner; Larry Penfold, Police Department; Cindy Jackson, Municipal Court Judge; Kathy Allen, Scott Buckles, Teresa Edmond, Karla Edmond, Wayne Smith, Sandy Williams, Ruben Rendon, Earl Blair, James Lutes, Kyle Schniederjan with Brandt Engineers, Marcus Smith with PRPC, Doak Crabtree with HSB, Ann Johnson, Kathy Altman, Ann Wells, Mary Carter and ER Bell.  
**CALL TO ORDER**  
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES**  
Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2006 Regular Meeting, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.  
Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2006 Special Meeting, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL**  
Doak Crabtree presented the Investment Review for the City of Stratford. Some discussion took place and Doak stated things are going well.  
Ann Johnson was present to discuss damage to her fence and gate by the trash service. Sean will contact Chad when he returns from vacation to find out the status of this complaint.  
James Lutes was present to discuss consideration of a mobile home park east of his shop. This request  
\* Due to State requirements, new radios will be required in approximately two years  
\* Drug seizure money can be used for new equipment, schooling or drug education  
\* Sean will designate an "officer in charge"  
\* New, non-flammable flares have been purchased

**ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL**  
Discussion took place regarding e-mailing Council agendas to SCDC to post on their web site.  
Citizens need to be advised to come before Council with their concerns and/or complaints.  
**ADJOURN**  
There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

was previously granted approval at a Council meeting in 1998. No action is necessary.

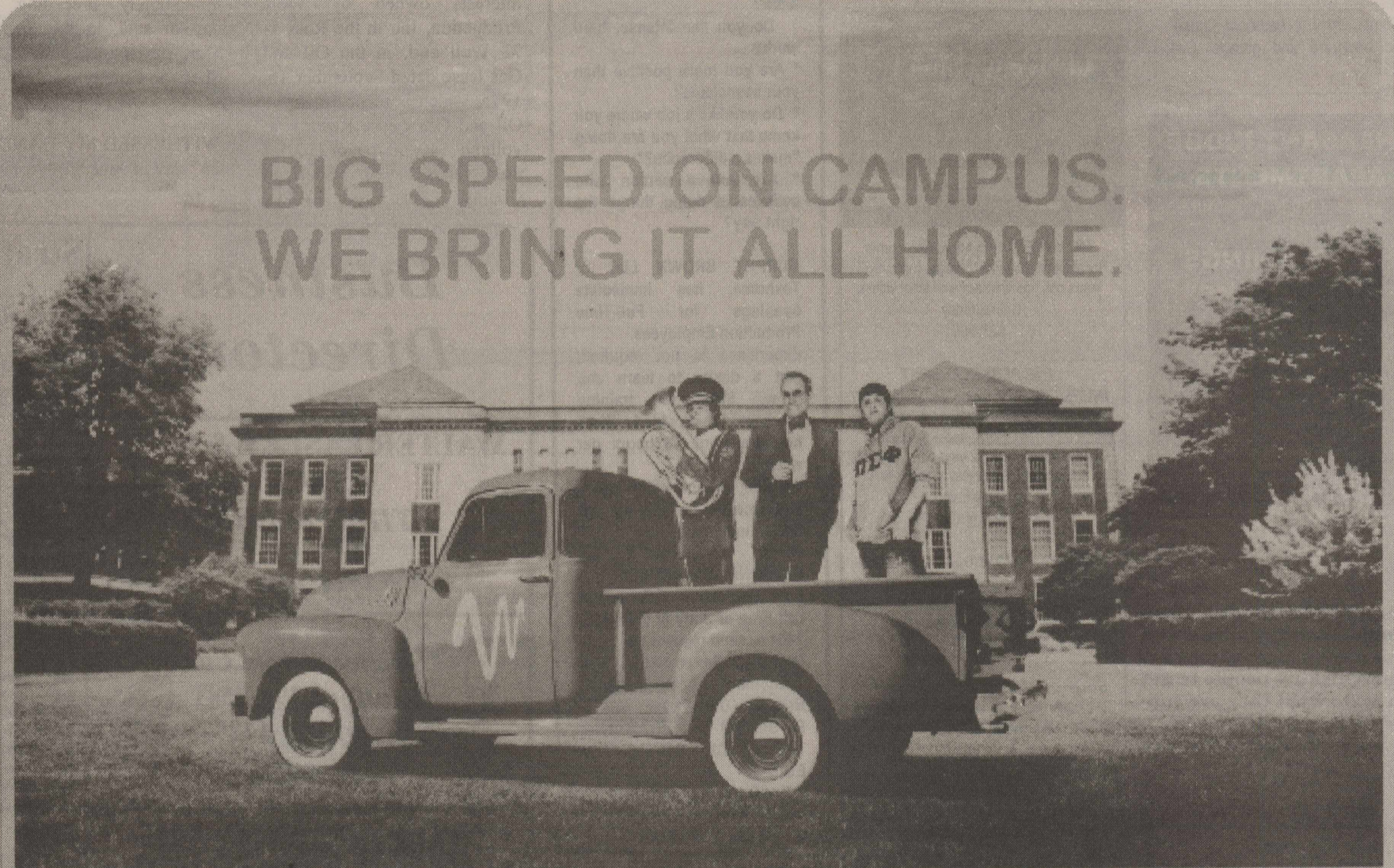
**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**  
Officer Larry Penfold reported:  
\* Drug seizure money must be a line item in the budget before funds can be allocated  
\* Has applied for a \$1000 grant to be used for tobacco stings  
\* Had 70 calls for service  
\* 118 tickets were issued  
\* New officer starts Monday

**MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT**  
Judge Cindy Jackson gave Council a handout regarding Municipal Court business.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
\* Received purchase agreement from Rosales  
\* Monica Duran filed letter of appeal on condemnation proceedings. Public Hearing will be scheduled  
\* Water leaks have been repaired with the roller  
\* Everything has been marked along Hwy. 54 for the sewer line. Need easements from property owners  
\* Discussion regarding codification of ordinances and resolutions  
\* Discussion regarding agenda request form

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**  
Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the June budget amendments as presented, Connie Oquin seconded, all in favor, motion carried.  
Nancy Kimball motioned to approve all accounts payable except XIT, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.  
Discussion took place regarding the XIT bill. Sean will reimburse the City for personal usage.  
Connie Oquin motioned to approve the XIT payable, Ernie

action was taken.  
Nancy Kimball motioned to approve Resolution 060720 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Program application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development Program, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.  
ER Bell was present to discuss payment to Scott's Steamway for the sewer backup. Sean will meet with ER Bell to itemize his personal financial responsibility of the repair. No action was taken.  
Earl Blair was present to discuss compensation for obtaining a Class C license. Connie Oquin motioned to compensate Earl the extra \$.30 pay raise with the understanding that a policy will be presented to Council and set regarding compensation for obtaining any license, Jolie Asher seconded, all in favor, motion carried.  
Sandy Williams was present to remind Council that radios will need to be replaced in approximately 3-5 years due to new State regulations. Council might consider starting a contingency fund for this expense.  
Wayne Smith was present to discuss cemetery issues. The old ordinance needs to be repealed and a new ordinance needs to be presented with the changes.  
Council took a short recess at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m.  
There was a handout regarding requested funding for the Chamber of Commerce for the 2006-2007 budget year. No  
Nancy Kimball motioned to approve Resolution 060720 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Program application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development Program, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
Council convened into Executive Session at 8:58 p.m. in accordance with the Government Code: Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Administrator.  
Council reconvened into open session at 10:33 p.m. with a short recess.  
J.D. and Michelle Swart arrived at 10:33 p.m.  
Council reconvened at 10:40 p.m. with no action taken.  
Council convened into Executive Session at 10:41 p.m. in accordance with the Government Code: Section 441.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Chief of Police.  
Council reconvened into open session at 11:17 p.m. with no action taken.  
**ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL**  
There was discussion concerning usage of drug seizure money and also regarding the open/close fee for retired or current employees.  
**ADJOURN**  
There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.



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—Richard Feynman  
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Knowledge must come through action; you can have no test which is not fanciful, save by trial.  
—Sophocles  
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The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, but wiser people so full of doubts.  
—Bertrand Russell  
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