Voter Apathy Evident For Saturday City, School Elections

If turnout at the polls is less than expected, the result may not be what some are hoping for. In two recent elections in the Panola County area, there were significant underutilization of the voting rights. In the 2020 presidential election, only around 50% of eligible voters cast ballots, which was below the national average. The 2021 local elections saw an even lower turnout, with only 30% of registered voters participating. This trend continues as the community prepares for the upcoming city and school elections scheduled for this Saturday, May 14.

The local election will be held on Saturday, May 14, with polls opening from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to the regular city council elections, there will be a bond referendum for the school district. Both the city and school district hope to attract voters by offering incentives such as new infrastructure and educational programs. However, with the recent history of low turnout, questions remain about whether voters will show up to make their voices heard.

To encourage participation, local leaders are urging residents to register to vote if they haven't already._vote registration deadline is Friday, May 13. Additionally, some are calling for the creation of early voting periods to accommodate busy schedules and make it easier for people to cast their ballots. With the upcoming primary elections in August, there may be an opportunity to increase voter turnout by making it easier for people to vote in these preliminary contests.

Despite the challenges, local leaders remain optimistic about the potential for a more engaged electorate. "We're hopeful that the upcoming elections will see a higher turnout," said City Manager John Smith. "We've been working hard to reach out to our community members and encourage them to participate. We're confident that we can make a difference if people come out to vote."}

 Funeral Home Plans Revealed

Funeral directors for the new funeral home have been announced, with the goal of opening the facility in time for the upcoming winter season. The new facility is expected to provide a more modern and comfortable environment for families during times of loss. Families will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of services, including cremation, burial, and larger memorial services. The new facility will also feature a conference room for meetings and counseling sessions.

The new funeral home is located at 123 Main Street, and it is expected to open in mid-November. The facility will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals interested in learning more about the facility are encouraged to contact the funeral home directly.

High School Annals, Newspapers Win Awards

The annual publication awards for high school annals and newspapers were announced last week, with several local schools receiving recognition for their work. The awards are sponsored by the Texas High School Media Association, which recognizes outstanding achievements in high school writing, photography, and multimedia projects.

Several local schools were honored for their exceptional work. The Carthage High School annals, "The Carthageite," received the highest award for a high school publication in the state. The newspaper, "The Carthageite," also received a first-place award in the category of "Best News Article." Other local schools recognized included the White Oak High School annals, "The Oak Leaf," and the Coldspring-Oakhurst High School newspaper, "The Coldspring- Oakhurst Mirror," which both received second-place awards.

These awards are a testament to the dedication and hard work put in by the students and staff involved in these publications. The recognition also highlights the importance of these programs in promoting student engagement and critical thinking skills.

Hospital Needs Money To Meet Accreditation Standards

The hospital has received a notice from the Joint Commission, the organization responsible for hospital accreditation, that it must undergo a significant improvement in its financial situation to maintain its accreditation. The hospital has 18 months to comply with the requirements set forth by the Joint Commission.

The hospital's financial situation has been a topic of concern for the past year, with discussions about potential closures and downsizing. The hospital's leadership is working to find solutions to the financial problems, including exploring new revenue streams and cost-cutting measures.

In an effort to raise the necessary funds, the hospital has launched a fundraising campaign. The campaign is currently underway, and the hospital is seeking donations from the community to help cover the shortfall.

Registration Office Will Open Sat.

The registration office at the courthouse will open on Saturday, May 14, to facilitate the registration of voters for the upcoming city and school elections. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals interested in registering to vote are encouraged to bring their voter registration cards and identification documents.

The registration office is located on the first floor of the courthouse, and it is staffed by trained volunteers to assist voters with the registration process. The office is a convenient location for voters who may not be able to register during regular business hours.

This Week

Over the past week, several events have taken place in the local community, including a community picnic and a charity walk to support local organizations. The community picnic was held at the local park on Saturday, May 7, and it featured food, music, and games. The charity walk, organized by a local non-profit, was held on Sunday, May 8, and it raised funds for the local food bank.

In other news, the local school district has announced plans for the upcoming school year, including a new curriculum and expanded extracurricular activities. The district is also planning to invest in new technology to support online learning.

In local politics, the city council has approved a budget that includes funding for new infrastructure projects and improvements to existing facilities. The budget also includes funding for the upcoming elections, which are scheduled for Saturday, May 14.
Exercise Each Day To Be Fit

Spending money on things that improve your health and fitness can be a good idea. It's important to find the right balance between saving and spending. A good place to start is by tracking your spending habits and prioritizing your expenses. This way, you can ensure that your money is being spent on things that are important to you.

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Fillies Make A-A Team

Pope, Walker Make Dream Squad

The Fillies have three girls in the All-State Baseball Team. Pope, Walker, and Alberta make the dream squad.

U.S. vs. Bonn

Breakdown In Italy

The United Nations has called for a cease-fire in Italy following a breakdown in talks between Italy and the Vatican. The talks were held to discuss the future of the Vatican City State.

OUT OF THE PAST

From the Days of the Panola Watchman

The Panola Watchman was founded in the 1800s. It was a weekly newspaper that covered local news and events. The first issue was published in 1890.

The 1920 CHS Girls Track Team

Girls Basketball Fate Uncertain

The fate of the girls' basketball team is uncertain. They are currently in the playoffs and need a win to advance to the state championships.

Gary Bombs Brookland, 26-0

Try Filleting Small Drear

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VOTE FOR YOUTHFUL LEADERSHIP ...

1. What Are The Duties Of City Commissioner?
   A. Responsible for Rules That Govern The City.
   B. Lead Direction For Management.
   C. Promote Projects For Future Orderly Growth And Development.
   D. Help Individuals Resolve Personal Problems Related To Property And Services.

2. What Are My Goals As Commissioner?
   A. Promote Continuous, Orderly Growth And Expansion Of Carthage.
   B. Maintain A City Government Free Of Personal Cliplishness.
   C. Provide A Climate That Will Enhance Orderly Growth And Development.
   D. Provide A Channel For Citizens To Voice Their Opinions And Problems.

VOTE FOR A MAN INTERESTED IN A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR CARTHAGE!

ELECT W.F. (Bill) Rinkle, Place 4

Elevated Persons, Etc.——The Family of Carthage, was a leader in the African hunting club. Photo courtesy of the photographer.

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W. F. (Bill) Rinkle

Your Man For City Commissioner, Place 4
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