Davidson resigns as county judge

Ruff Wall appointed to unexpired term

Judge Albert Davidson submitted his resignation to the county commissioners court last week, stating he will also resign his seat on the Board of Education. Commissioner Jack Meaux, who has been acting as Davidson's replacement, will now be appointed to the seat until an election can be held.

Wall applies for position

Judge Ruff Wall made his application for Davidson's vacant seat, as well as Commissioner Fred Boudreaux. The commissioners will conduct interviews for the position in the next few weeks and appoint a replacement.

County okays fuel for airport

The commissioners court approved funds for fuel at the airport to accommodate local airlines. The airport continues to grow and has become an important economic driver for the county.

Commission sets hearing

The commissioners court has set a hearing for the election of a new county judge. The hearing will take place in the next few weeks and will be open to the public.

No major changes seen

Local news briefs

CETA extends deadline

CETA is extending its deadline for new grants, allowing for more time for local organizations to apply for funding.

No progress in strike

The strike continues to drag on, with no progress towards resolving the issues at hand. Workers and management continue to negotiate, but a resolution is still not in sight.

County tax bills due

County tax bills are due in early December. Residents are urged to make their payments on time to avoid late fees. The county has also announced that it will be offering a payment plan for those who are unable to pay the full amount at once.
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Editorials ★ Columns ★ Opinions

Guard changing in county offices

The resignation of Pecos County Judge Gary D. Holcomb, which is expected to be effective in January, leaves a void in the leadership of the county’s judicial system. Holcomb, who has served in the position since 1999, is stepping down for personal reasons.

Your Social Security

If I worked under Social Security rules, I’d be in grave trouble. I think I’m lucky to be alive. If someone had to work that long, I think I’d get hurt.

FCC will opt for competition

This is the result of the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) decision to opt for competition instead of regulating the cable television industry. The FCC’s decision is a win for the consumer, as it will lead to more choices and lower prices.

Free enterprise book ban looms in school libraries

The battle over the book ban in school libraries is heating up. With the passage of new laws, schools are required to remove books that are deemed to be inappropriate or offensive.

Letters welcomed

The Pecos Western welcomes letters from its readers. Letters should be brief and to the point, and should not exceed 300 words. Please include your name, address, and phone number.

Watchwords

Two weeks ago the Watchwords column carried an article about the rights of women. Today’s Watchwords column is about the rights of the elderly. It is a fact that many elderly people are not able to care for themselves and need assistance.

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Pioneer highway progresses to farm-market road status

From Indian, frontier days

Portions of road still survive

The Indian Trace or Trace Road was an important trail for Native Americans, especially the Cherokee and Choctaw, who used it to travel between their homelands. It was also used by white settlers, especially those moving west in the 19th century. The Trace ran through the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alabama, and it is still visible today in parts of those states. The road was a vital part of early American history, and it continues to be a symbol of the nation's past.
Gas wells in county outnumber others in East Texas area

By Carthage commissioners

Clean-up urged for unsightly lots

Carthage City Commissioner Jerry Barrow urged city commissioners to consider calling a special meeting to discuss cleaning up the unsightly lots.

"We need to do something about these lots," Barrow said. "They're a disgrace to the city. We need to get rid of them as soon as possible." Barrow pointed out that the lots are a major eyesore and are often the site of illegal dumping.

City Manager Tom Ringer said he would look into the possibility of calling a special meeting to discuss the issue.

Lions planning talent show

The Carthage Lions Club is planning a talent show to be held next month.

"We're looking for talent of all kinds," said Lion President John Johnson. "We want to give people a chance to show off their skills." The talent show will be held at the Carthage High School auditorium and will feature a variety of acts such as singing, dancing, and magic.

This Week

Local man arrested for negligent deaths

A local man has been arrested for negligent deaths.

According to authorities, the man was driving drunk when he collided with another vehicle, killing two people.

"He was driving under the influence of alcohol," said Detective Mike Smith. "He should have known better." The man has been charged with two counts of negligent death.

Service role seen for county lenders

County lenders have been suggested as a possible solution to the problem of affordable housing.

"County lenders can offer more affordable rates," said County Commissioner Jane Doe. "They can also provide more flexible terms." The suggestion has been made to the county commissioners, who will discuss it at their next meeting.