Panola population tops 20,000 mark

By Norvalle Pellicer

The population of Panola County has surpassed the 20,000 mark, according to the latest official figures from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The county's population was 20,012 as of the last count, which was conducted in October. This is a growth of 1.6% over the previous year. The county's largest city, Carthage, has a population of 7,450, which is a decrease of 3.2% compared to last year. Downtown Carthage has been expanding, with new businesses and residential developments on the rise. The county's population has grown steadily over the past decade, with an increase of 25% since 2010. The county's growth has been driven by a combination of factors, including an influx of newcomers and increased birth rates.

It all started with this accident on Hwy. 29 — and then...

Local Christmas sales brisk

By Norvalle Pellicer

Christmas shopping is in full swing in Panola County, with local merchants reporting brisk business. The Chamber of Commerce estimates that locals spent around $1 million on Christmas gifts this year. Many stores, including the Supermarket, have reported an increase in sales, with people buying more than ever for their loved ones. The Chamber encourages locals to support their local businesses during this holiday season.

Beefed-up holiday patrol planned

The Panola County Sheriff's Office has beefed up its holiday patrol, with extra officers on duty to ensure the safety of travelers and prevent accidents. The Sheriff's Office is reminding drivers to stay alert, slow down, and keep a safe distance from other vehicles. In the past, the area has seen an increase in accidents during the holiday season, so the Sheriff's Office is urging drivers to be extra cautious.

Indiana woman suffers burns as van explodes after wreck

Santa Claus is still waiting

Grace Franz jumps from van — her face and hands burned, hair singed

This Week

The U.S. Army Reserve will hold the Christmas Welcome Home ceremony this Saturday at the Panola County Armory. The ceremony will feature music, a Christmas tree, and gifts for reservists who have been deployed overseas. The event will begin at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. The Army Reserve is grateful for the support of the community and encourages everyone to attend.

The Buffalo Fire Department will host its annual Christmas tree sale this Saturday at the fire station. The sale will feature trees of various sizes and shapes, starting at $25. All proceeds will go to support the fire department's operations. The sale is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Buffalo Fire Department is grateful to the community for its support and encourages everyone to attend.

Gina Smith, the local florist, will host a holiday open house this Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at her shop on Main Street. Gina will be offering special deals on wreaths, garlands, and other festive decorations. The event will also feature a raffle for a chance to win a holiday basket. Gina is grateful for the support of the community and encourages everyone to attend.

The Panola County Watchman
irate.

Budget board wants to trim funds for unmarked patrols

The town's proposed budget for FY 1981-
1982 includes a $2.5 million cut in unmarked
patrols, which are currently funded at $7 million.

Fatalities run high

in area

Board votes to change Beckville school hours

Students at Beckville High School will
now begin classes at 7:15 a.m. to improve
morning transportation and academic ef-
fectiveness. The new schedule will be
implemented starting in the fall of 1981.

Bentsen in line for Senate panel

Henry B. Gonzalez has been nominated
by the Senate Commerce Committee
for a seat on the powerful Senate panel
on transportation.

Local man gets stolen truck back

We have what it takes to make it beautiful.
Christmas gift for you or anyone on your list. This year's trend is for women.
To improve lending situation

Commissioners name members to boards

The commissioners have appointed
members to various boards and com-
mittees to address the town's financial
problems.

Joaquin man held after Shelby assault

The Joaquin man has been arrested
for assault in Shelby.

College board okays purchase of computer

The college board has approved the
purchase of a computer for the institu-
tion.

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**Forest resources**

American farmers and homesteaders have long treasured the forests that once covered much of the eastern United States. These forests provided a source of timber, fuel, and other natural resources that sustained the early settlers and helped to build the nation. As the population grew and industrialization took hold, the forests began to decline, and efforts to conserve and manage the remaining forest resources became increasingly important.

![Forest News Service](image)

**You And Your Money**

By Judith W. Brown

Money is a big topic of conversation these days. People are worried about inflation, interest rates, and the overall health of the economy. Here are a few tips for managing your finances:

1. **Budgeting:** Create a realistic budget that reflects your income and expenses.
2. **Savings:** Start saving early and build up your emergency fund.
3. **Investing:** Consider diversifying your investments and seeking professional advice.
4. **Debt:** Aim to pay off high-interest debt as soon as possible.

**Confusion flares**

The situation at the border continues to be confusing and frustrating for both residents and officials. The recent surge in migration has put a strain on resources and put a spotlight on the need for a comprehensive immigration policy.

![Confusion Image](image)

**Sensing the News**

American dreams a reality

Veterans Day is a day to honor and remember those who served in the military. It is a time to reflect on the sacrifices of those who fought to defend our freedoms. Here are a few stories from the past and present.

**Out Of The Past**

From the files of the Past

The Pamala Watchman

Texas Farm Bureau officers, directors re-elected at meet

The results of the recent Texas Farm Bureau election were announced at the annual meeting. Five officers and five directors were re-elected to serve another term.

![Texas Farm Bureau Officers](image)

**The Panola Watchman

Dee's Lodges**

Amendment of the constitution of the State of Texas in accordance with the laws of the United States, the Alabama-CumberlandTexan, the latter having been adopted by the Congress of said States, and the laws of the United States, was transmitted to the Governor of the State of Texas, by the President of the United States, for his assent.

Accordingly, it was laid upon the desk of the Governor, and he was requested to sign the same, which he did.

![Dee's Lodges Image](image)

**CERAMICS**

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WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR:

The legislators in Washington, D.C., are working hard to pass the new budget. Here are a few things you can do to show your support:

1. **Write:** Write to your representative and urge them to vote yes on the budget.
2. **Call:** Call your representative and ask them to support the budget.
3. **Email:** Email your representative and express your support.

**YOU CAN HELP:**

A word to the wise: Keep an eye on your local politicians. They are making decisions that affect your daily life.

![Ceramics Image](image)

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Hometown favorites lose Gary tourney

The town of Gary, Indiana, lost its home court advantage in the annual Gary tourney. The hometown favorites were not able to secure a win, leaving the visitors as the victorious team.

Lady Bulldogs win third place in girls' tourney

The Lady Bulldogs captured the third place trophy in the girls' tourney. Their efforts and skills were commendable, securing their position.

Yellowjackets take back seat in home tournament

The Yellowjackets fell short in their attempt to win the home tournament. However, they showed great resilience throughout the games.

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The commission denied the bid to delay the new mower rule. Despite the lobby by residents, the decision was made to enforce the rule as planned.

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Ladyjacks capture two easy victories in Classic

Carthage frosh win pair at tournament

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**Churches plan holiday programs**

Some churches are planning their holiday events. In the midst of the busy holiday season, these programs offer a moment of peace and reflection. Church activities can bring communities together, strengthening bonds and fostering a sense of belonging. Whether it's through music, storytelling, or community service, these events play a vital role in the holiday spirit.

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**Hazardous wastes: no little problem**

Hazardous wastes pose a significant risk to both human health and the environment. Proper disposal is crucial to prevent contamination. Local regulations often dictate how waste materials should be handled, emphasizing the importance of responsible waste management. By addressing hazardous wastes effectively, we contribute to a safer and healthier community.

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**3 Texans picked for publication**

The Local News features three Texans who were selected for publication. This recognition highlights the importance of local media in providing a platform for diverse voices and perspectives. Through these stories, we gain insights into the lives and experiences of Texans, enriching our understanding of the state's rich tapestry.

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**“Always fixin’ something good,”**

Farmer Brown’s, Maple & Highway 79

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**Oil, Gas News**

The oil and gas industry continues to evolve, with companies exploring new technologies and sustainable practices. This evolution is crucial for ensuring a reliable energy supply while minimizing environmental impact. As the sector adapts, so too must public policy and regulatory frameworks to support innovation and sustainability.
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Rich walnut-finish wood jewel boxes in six styles, all with pull-out drawers and hinges. A gift shelf treasure.

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Men's wood jewelry boxes in six assorted styles, all with 4-hr. key and multi compartments.

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Bracelet in traditional sporty and dressy styles. Silver or gold-plated.

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**Men’s Leather Billfolds**

Genuine leather billfolds of thousands, dual billfolds, and more in an assortment of sizes and colors. Tasteful gift.

- **Our Low Price**: 5.00 each

**Initial Buckle Reversible Belt**

Himal leather belt is nearly as good as two belts -- it reverses from black to brown! One size fits all.

- **Our Low Price**: 7.99

**Men’s 3-Pc. Sets**

Genuine leather blotters or inlets with pen and stick-on gold inlets. Color:

- **Our Low Price**: 5.00 each

**Zippered Purse Accessories**

Gift idea -- choose from an assortment of leather, wooden or other purse accessories.

- **Our Low Price**: 4.00 each

**Knee-Hi's in Rainbow Colors**

'Sneaker look', knee-highs in a rainbow of popular colors. Children, girls, women's sizes.

- **Our Low Price**: 1.00 pair

**Orion Foot Cozies**

Suede lined covers with elastic around cuff for snug fit.

- **Our Low Price**: 1.00 pair

**Women's Umbrella and Hat Sets**


- **Our Low Price**: 39.95 each

**Box of 4 Nylon Panties**

Lusterette panties with wide lace elastic, belt, fly, huggers, and brief styles. Fashion colors, sizes 3-8.

- **Our Low Price**: 5.00 each

**Antimony Jewel Boxes**

Beautifully decorated jewel boxes -- styles and designs to please any lady. About 2-1/2" x 3 " high.

- **Our Low Price**: 4.00 each

**Baby Shoe Birthstone Pendants**

Cute baby shoe charm pendants for mother, grandma.

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**Travel Cases**

Leather, soft brown or natural colors. 10 x 10.

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Cockrum will head Panola Chamber in '81

The Panola County Chamber of Commerce has elected its leadership for 1981. It was announced by Rev. Charles Lawing, President of the Chamber.

Cockrum is the new President of the Chamber. The Chamber said he will begin his duties as soon as possible. Another member of the Chamber's leadership will be announced at a later date.

Cockrum, who is from Carthage, has been active in the Chamber for several years. He has served on various committees and has been involved in many community affairs.

The Chamber said it is looking forward to working with Cockrum and his staff. They said they expect him to bring new ideas and energy to the Chamber.

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