DeBerry water board seeks $364,000 systems overhaul

By Sherrard Culver

The good news for the DeBerry Water Supply Board was that the construction company they had awarded the contract to, Texas Oil Field Supply Co., had not yet hit a civilization delay in their work. The bad news is that the Texas Oil Field Supply Co. is now looking at a $364,000 systems overhaul that the board must pay for.

The board had awarded the contract to Texas Oil Field Supply Co. earlier this year, and had already paid $125,000 towards the project. However, the company is now facing a delay in the construction of a new water treatment plant.

The new plant will cost an estimated $364,000, which will be paid for by the board. The money will come from the board's reserve fund, which currently stands at $250,000.

The board is now looking at other ways to finance the project, including seeking loans from local banks or applying for grants from the federal government.

Circus starts Friday

The last circus will be this coming show, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, which is scheduled to arrive in town on Friday. The circus will be at the fairgrounds on S. 10th St., and will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday.

Weigh-in sets stage for livestock show

By Sherri Culver

The weigh-in for the junior livestock show is set for this coming Friday, and will be held at the Pitzer Hall. The weigh-in will begin at 7:00 p.m., and is open to all junior livestock exhibitors.

Retirement center proposal outlined

The Panola County retirement center plan is moving forward, with the board of directors announcing plans to build a new facility on the site of the current Panola County Courthouse.

The new facility will be a 100-bed retirement center, with a 20-bed independent living center on the top floor. The cost of the project is estimated at $3 million, and the board is seeking donations to cover the cost.

Since the project is in the conceptual stage, specific design details are not yet available. However, the board expects the facility to provide a high level of care and services for its residents.

Boat lanes to be marked

Boat lanes have been marked in various parts of the Panola County Courthouse, in an effort to help boaters navigate the area more safely.

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F.L. Berry, center, carefully reads the scales during the Junior Livestock feed-in weigh-in on Monday night.
Farm bureau against home equity loans

Texas farmers opposed 'homestead' loans in Texas because they believe the loans could harm their ability to keep their farms. The likely result of such a loan would be that the farmer would have to give up the farm to meet the debt. The state's largest farm lobby group plans to use its political clout to block the proposal.

Farmer councils, which had been formed to discuss and develop policies for the farmers, have been criticized for their lack of action on the issue. In fact, some of the council members have publicly opposed the homestead loans as a threat to the future of agriculture in Texas.

Farmers have been warned that the homestead loans could lead to a decrease in the value of farms, as lenders may be unwilling to finance new purchases with the loans. This could have a significant impact on the state's agriculture industry, as Texas is one of the leading agricultural states in the United States.

Farmers, however, have been encouraged to seek alternative forms of financing, such as federal farm loans and state agricultural credit programs, which are designed to support the growth of the industry.

The state's farm lobby group plans to continue its efforts to educate farmers about the risks associated with the homestead loans and to advocate for policies that will protect the future of agriculture in Texas.

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Corrections

Foundation gains enthusiasm

To expand the size of the Junior League of Tyler, the organization has launched a new fundraising drive for the new Junior League of the Tyler Area. The goal is to raise $25,000 for the construction of a new building. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Junior League for more information.

Correction

Open House

2:00-4:00 Sunday, March 22

The Greer family cordially invites you to join us at the Greer Spring Day School Open House and meet our teachers and staff. We are located at 3006 Main Street, Tyler, Texas 75702. For more information, please call (214) 667-5333.

County ASCS delegation attends state conference

This week, the county ASCS delegation attended the state conference for agricultural agencies in Texas. The conference was held in Austin, and the delegation included several members of the county ASCS committee. The conference included discussions on various topics related to agriculture, such as crop production, livestock management, and pest control. Attend the junior livestock sale on Friday.

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Drug counselor speaks

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Henigan masterful in relief

Dogs fall to Kilgore

Dixie League

Pineville fourth at 4:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon, following the Dixie League's regular season schedule between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday from May 5 through June 30.

Additional games will be played on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., with the exception of the final two weeks of the season when additional games will be scheduled.

Little Dribblers (girls)

Girls softball

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Lady Jackets cop own meet

EYEWITNESS NEWS -- We know what the Lady Jackets' softball team is all about, and we're proud of our hometown girls. They're in the running, and they're not just playing for fun. They're serious about their game and it shows.

Bowling results

Panola baseball

Batting-fielding

Pitching

Gas Capital Relays

Lions, Jasper favored here

Henrietta and Jasper will four on for the best title and after days of preparation, the Grand Relays on Thursday March 15, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Today's meet was the first in a string of track meets in the area. It marked the end of a long winter and the beginning of a new season for many of the athletes.

Tatum earns All-America

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Panola Junior College spearheaded program

By Dorothy Hinkle

Title

As Dorothy Hinkle begins her final semester at Panola Junior College, she is filled with a sense of accomplishment. She has successfully navigated the challenges of the past few years and is looking forward to the future. Dorothy is not your typical college student. She is a mother of two young children and works full-time as a receptionist at a local hospital. Despite her busy schedule, she has found time to pursue her passions and excels in her studies. In fact, she recently received a perfect score on her English exam, a testament to her hard work and dedication.

Dorothy's journey to success is not just about her own personal growth, but also about helping others. She is an active member of the Panola Junior College Student Senate and has volunteered countless hours at a local food bank. Her goal is to use her education to make a positive impact on her community.

Dorothy's story is one of perseverance and determination. She is an inspiration to everyone around her and a true role model for others who may be facing similar challenges. Her success is a reminder that with hard work and a positive attitude, anything is possible.
Tents, Boy Scouts, memories overflow McCrory homeplace

By Dorothy Mattox

As a boy, I was proud to be a member of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the local troop. I remember the many campouts and hikes we went on as a group, and the various projects we worked on to earn merit badges. I also remember the feeling of accomplishment I felt when I finally earned my Eagle Scout rank.

I remember the time when I and a few of my fellow scouts set up a tent camp on the edge of the woods near our hometown. It was a hot summer day, and we were all excited to be out in the fresh air and sunshine. We built a fire pit and spent the afternoon roasting marshmallows and telling stories.

As we were setting up camp, I came across a small stream that ran through the woods. I was fascinated by the water and the creatures that lived in it. I spent hours exploring the stream, looking for fish and crayfish. I even found a cute little frog that I kept for a few days before letting it go back to the stream.

I remember the feeling of camaraderie and adventure that came with being a member of the Boy Scouts. It was a time of learning and growth, and I am grateful for the experience.

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Recipes move to Sunday's bridal insert this week only

By Panola Watchman

As the wedding season approaches, we are excited to announce that our bridal insert will be moved to Sunday. This week only, we will feature a collection of recipes inspired by bridal traditions and trends.

We hope you enjoy these culinary creations and find them helpful as you prepare for your special day. Please note that due to the limited space, we will only be able to feature a select number of recipes.

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DeBerry News

DeBerry Employment Alert

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Thieves stole, sold autos
Nine automobiles worth $83,600 recovered in theft investigation

By Tom Kazek
The search for the

Motorola phones stolen from the City of Somerset Police

Department is underway. The phones were reported missing

from the department on March 15, 1967.

Another local man, Mark Lewis, has been arrested for

the theft of the phones. He is currently being held at the

Somerset Detention Center.

Speed lab raided close to DeBerry

Two men and two women were arrested at 2 a.m. Monday

near DeBerry, Tennessee, on theft and fraud charges.

An investigation into the theft of Motorola phones

from the City of DeBerry, Tennessee, is underway. The

thieves are believed to be from the area.

Area beauties will vie for Miss Panola crown

The 29th Annual Miss Panola County Pageant will be held

on Saturday, March 25, at the Panola Co. Fair Grounds.

The pageant will feature beauty contests, talent

contests, and a fashion show.

Fewer jobless reflect declining labor force

Panola Co. continues to record the lowest unemployment rate

in East Texas, according to the latest figures released by

the U.S. Department of Labor.

In the past year, the number of people unemployed in Panola Co. has dropped by 20 percent.

The unemployment rate in Panola Co. is now below the national average.

Readers! Help us find the Yard-of-the-Month

Who's good at yard work? Do you need help transforming your yard into a beautiful outdoor space? We want to showcase the best yards in Panola Co. and help you achieve your landscaping goals.

Jail smoke to be blown

In an effort to encourage healthy habits and combat smoking, the Panola Co. Sheriff's Office has announced the launch of a new initiative.

The jail has implemented a smoking area designated for inmates who choose to smoke.

Panola Co. Sheriff's Office
Officer William Johnson
100 South Main St.

Senior citizen applications accepted for fall day

Local Senior Center is accepting applications for its annual fall day.

The event will feature entertainment, food, and various activities.

Senior Center
123 Main St.

Pigeon contestants give early beauty contest

Local Miss Panola County Pageant contestants gathered for"