Birdwell resigns from city commission

By Anne Heville and Paul Martin
Special Correspondent

As one of his last acts as a member of this Cottage City Council, Rob Birdwell resigned this week.

The 37-year-old Birdwell was elected to the City Council in 1995 and has served as a member of the council since then. He has been a vocal advocate for the city's development and has worked on several initiatives, including the creation of a city database and the implementation of a new parking system.

During his time on the council, Birdwell has also served as the chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee and has been involved in several community projects.

Birdwell's resignation was sudden and came as a surprise to many of his colleagues on the council. He cited personal reasons for his decision to resign.

The council has now approved Birdwell's resignation and has called for a special election to fill the vacancy.

Birdwell's resignation will take effect immediately, and the council will work to schedule a special election as soon as possible.

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Firefighters battle house fires

Catherine and Citizen Kitchen along with the 

оборотама to the scene and found that the fire was in the kitchen and was spreading to the living room.

The house, belonging to Joseph and Mary Johnson, was a total loss.

So I chose Forethought, 

funeral planning. I think planning my own funeral in advance makes good sense. By planning and arranging it myself, I can assure that all the personal wishes for the end of my life are met. I can choose the exact funeral I want, and I can arrange it in a way that is meaningful to me. By planning in advance, I can avoid the stress and burden that my family would have to endure. I can be sure that my funeral will be handled in a way that is respectful and meaningful to me.

Police report

Man arrested for theft

Catherine was arrested for the theft of a car on Saturday. The car was stolen from a parking lot on Saturday night. The police were able to track down the car and arrest the suspect. The suspect is currently being held at the police station for questioning.

May you have a merry and safe holiday, this Christmas season.

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Galloway News

BY MRS. CLOD BAKER

"What did you and Santa bring you for Christmas?"

"I think he missed that question, Mom. He asked me if I would like to ride his sleigh with him to deliver the presents.

"Oh, dear. That must have been a special moment."

"It was. He said I could help him choose the perfect gifts for each person and that we would have a wonderful time together."

Hospital report

Pamela, 18

Admitted: Sicker, Drenching, Delirious

Condition: Croup

Date: Dec. 17

Admitted: Board, Fee, Benefit

Discharged: Dec. 21, 1981

Beauty Sense

By Patricia

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DPS predicts traffic fatalities over holidays

As many as 52 persons may be injured or killed on Texas' roads this weekend, according to the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

"When we have a holiday, there are more vehicles on the road, and unfortunately, that means more accidents."

In addition, the DPS has predicted that there will be a higher number of alcohol-related accidents during this period.

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Harris Chapel News

BY MRS. DEWY WOODS

Each day I'm getting closer to Christmas, and as I anticipate the joyous occasion, I can't help but feel a sense of nostalgia. Christmas has always been a special time for many people, and for good reason. It's a time for families to come together, share stories, and create memories that last a lifetime.

As I reflect on past Christmases, I can't help but think about how much has changed. Back then, technology was limited, and people had to rely on more traditional methods to communicate. This made the holiday season even more special, as every phone call or letter was a precious connection with loved ones.

Now, with the advent of technology, we can connect with people all over the world in an instant. This has made it easier to celebrate Christmas in more ways than ever before. However, it's important to remember that technology should never replace the importance of these traditions.

This year, I encourage everyone to take a moment to appreciate the simple joys of the holiday season. Spend time with family, share stories, and remember the reasons why Christmas is such a special time.

As we approach Christmas, let's all remember to embrace the spirit of the season and make the most of the time we have with loved ones.
Women help VFDs get the job done

By Emily Young

The women firefighters of the Carthage Volunteer Fire Department are working hard to ensure that their fellow firefighters have the equipment and resources they need to do their job safely. The women firefighters are responsible for maintaining the fire trucks and other equipment, as well as providing support to the male firefighters on the scene of emergencies.

On any given day, the women firefighters may be called upon to help with tasks such as filling the fire trucks with water, checking the equipment, or providing moral support to their colleagues. They are proud of the work they do and take pride in being a part of the Carthage Volunteer Fire Department.

Woodlawn decks Dogs

By TED LEACH

The Woodlawn Tigers defeated the Carthage Bulldogs 42-28 in the semi-finals of the Carthage High School basketball tournament. The Lady Eagles defeated the Carthage Bulldogs 77-64 in the finals. The Woodlawn Tigers will face the Carthage Bulldogs in the championship game of the tournament.

In tourney semifinals, 42-28

Lady Eagles rip Dogs

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Carthage falls to 7-7 in defeat

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CHS girls take third

By TED LEACH

The Carthage High School Lady Bulldogs finished in third place in the Carthage High School basketball tournament. They lost to the Carthage High School Lady Eagles in the semi-finals and faced the Carthage High School Lady Tigers in the consolation game.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
**Ladies nip Tribe**

Carthage East 66 (Trinity) 30

**Lufkin East nips Carthage frosh**

Carthage B frosh beat Chapel Hill

Carthage's Kenda Woodrow (23) puts up a jump shot

**GOOD TASTE**

Even children can make gifts that delight

Christmas gift from kitchen is gift of self

Readers' Swap

"Best shelling sauce you've ever eaten" is from Jackie Songy, via Ted Leach

Ted Leach, pool man and former Longview catcher, sent in a box of "best shelling sauce you've ever eaten," made by his wife Jackie Songy. They live at 405 West Fifth St., Longview. The sauce is sold at local stores.

**Correction**

In the story about Christmas gifts from the kitchen, the phrase "Anchovies, capers, and vinegar" should have been replaced with "Anchovies, capers, and garlic."
LIFESTYLE

Nursing home stereotypes not whole story

A nursing home Christmas — how sad is it?

By Dorothy Neville

Staff Writer

Beulah Moore's eyes were brimming and her throat was tight as she talked about Christmas at the PANOLA WATCHMAN. "I love Christmas," she said, "but I don't celebrate it the way I used to." Moore's husband, Alton, died in 1979, and she hasn't celebrated Christmas since then.

"I used to celebrate Christmas with my husband," Moore said, "but now I'm alone. I don't have anyone to share it with." Moore's daughter, Linda, lives nearby, but she can't come to celebrate Christmas with her mother.

"Linda is busy with her own family," Moore said, "and she doesn't have time to celebrate Christmas with me. I'm lonely, and I miss the warmth and joy of Christmas."

"I used to look forward to Christmas every year," Moore said, "but now I don't feel the same way about it."

"I miss the sound of the tree being decorated," Moore said, "and the smell of the special meals at the nursing home."

"I miss the sound of the Christmas carols," Moore said, "and the sight of the Christmas lights."

"I miss the sound of the Christmas tree being put up," Moore said, "and the sight of the Christmas tree lights."