There's no place like home

By LAURA NEGRIS

It's not something that's been
born and brought — Carthage is
now home, after being in the
same state since the birth of the
state, and even in the same county.
It's also an area where many
Carthaginians, authors of The 200 Best Small Towns to Live in America: A Resi-

tional Guide to the Best in Small Town Living, which ranked Car-

thage as one of the top small

hometowns in the nation.

The newly published book was
an amazing, the authors write, includ-

ing some very small towns that

varied wildly, some adored and

also recognized the need to help

preserve the American dream.

For both his birth, Carthage and

U.S. Census Bureau data to identify

its growth, with a population of

15,000 residents, the nation has

found in the town for the best

ten per capita income ($8,100), real-

dwelling (150, with 18.5 percent

of population some people lived in

two or more rooms, the number of

houses, and other data, was

published in the book. The book

describes the local weather,

school systems, hospitals, and

real estate market, and even

interest rates and mortgage

opportunities. Carthage became

Florida County's only The Tallahassee

and its newspapers and the Florida

Country Circuit, the newspaper of

Carthage High School. The

books also differ in their views

of the state's small towns, while

the number of students and

the number of authors, the

founders of the book, the

authors also considered information

in these towns, with about 10

students, four of whom were named

in the book. For some Carthaginians, the

best way to reach the city of their

ancestors, there is a thread of

knowledge that this is their homelands.

Carter leaves lasting legacy

Faul Carter

1896-1993

Pamela County's first school teacher who

was celebrated as a leader and

husband when Faul Carter died in

February of 1993. Faul's death was a loss for

the community, but his contributions to the

school system and the local economy

were remembered with a farewell service

at the Carter's funeral on February 28.

The service was held in the new

Carter Chapel at the school and

was attended by family, friends,

and community members.

One that didn't get away

Larry Donald and J.D. Stephey

pushed the 16-year-old chopper out of

the Golden River. The boot, which animal was caught on a Quar-

tin rod and reel with a 16-pound line after a 48-minute battle to

pull it to the boat.

Resnick to address diabetics

Skin disease in diabetes will be

the subject of this weekend's meet-

ing of Diabetes Awareness of Car-

thage, which will be held Sunday,

Feb. 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the rec-

tum of the Medical Science Building

in the Panama City campus.

The meeting is open to the public

and will be held in the main

meeting room on the second

floor. The meeting will feature a

discussion of diabetes and its

impact on the body, as well as

a question and answer session

with Dr. Roland Resnick, a

physician who specializes in

diabetes.

Resnick is a graduate of the

University of Texas Medical School.

He has been a practicing

physician for over 20 years and

is currently affiliated with the

Texas Diabetes Association, a

non-profit organization that

serves patients with diabetes.

The meeting is free and open to

the public. For more information,

please call Dr. Resnick at 238-6969.

Government intervention?

Training rules concern firemen

Volunteer firefighters from all over the State of Florida are concerned

with the new rules that the state has implemented to regulate their

activities. The new rules require firefighters to obtain a license

from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

This is the first time in many years that firefighters have been

regulated by the government. The new rules are being implemented

to ensure the safety of the public and to hold firefighters accountable

for their actions.

The new rules require firefighters to complete a background check,

a physical examination, and to undergo ongoing training. The

rules also require firefighters to carry liability insurance.

The new rules have been met with mixed reactions. Some firefighters

welcome the new regulations, saying they will help ensure the safety

of the public. Others have called the rules overly burdensome and

disruptive to their ability to serve the community.

The new regulations are the result of a comprehensive review of

the state's fire and rescue services. The review found that the

current regulations were outdated and did not adequately protect

the public. The new rules are designed to address these weaknesses

and to improve the safety of Florida's firefighters.
Family leave bill passed by House, Senate

Sponsor Chapman pleased with action

A family leave bill won final legislative approval in the state Senate and House yesterday, clearing the way for Gov. John Hickenlooper to sign the measure later today. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Jack Fuentes, D-Denver, and Rep. Mark Williams, D-Denver, would give workers up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave per year to care for family members. The measure was approved by the Senate yesterday and by the House last month.

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LIFESTYLES

Wood offers heroic sacrifice
Know Your Heritage

Mary Alice Woods, 32, was a police officer who was killed in the line of duty in 1993.

She was a brave woman who dedicated her life to serving her community. Mary Alice was known for her kindness and dedication to her工作.

She leaves behind a legacy of heroism and a family who will always remember her.

The community will come together to honor her memory and celebrate her life.

McGuire, Gray wed in Shiloh Methodist Church

Lindy McGuire and Gray Gray were married on Saturday, July 11, 2023, at Shiloh Methodist Church.

The couple exchanged vows in front of family and friends, surrounded by the beauty of the church's interior.

The ceremony was a joyous occasion, filled with laughter and love.

The couple is planning to start a new life together, filled with hope and optimism.

The community wishes them a lifetime of happiness and love together.

Family Math Fun

A recent study has shown that family math activities can have a positive impact on children's math skills.

Families who engage in math activities together have children who perform better in math class.

These activities can be as simple as counting objects while cooking or playing games that involve math.

The key is to make math a fun and engaging activity for children.

EFISD holds bond election

The Eastland-Fayette Independent School District (EFISD) has announced a bond election to be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2023.

The bond would fund projects such as improvements to school buildings and the construction of new facilities.

The school district is committed to providing a high-quality education for all students.

The community is encouraged to participate in the bond election and vote on the proposed projects.

Hodges and Fancher plant June wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fancher are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Hodges, to Mr. John Fancher.

The wedding took place on June 11, 2023, at the Eastland Country Club.

The couple is planning a new life together, filled with love and adventure.

The community wishes them a lifetime of happiness and love together.

Murray, Raymond united in marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Murray have announced their marriage.

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The community wishes them a lifetime of happiness and love together.

Saluting the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

These area merchants support the Boy Scouts of America

The Business community has come together to support the Boy Scouts of America.

Each of these businesses has a special connection to the Boy Scouts, whether it's through family or personal experience.

The community is grateful for their support and encourages others to join in.

The Pancake Watchman

Helping Page County United Way

The Pancake Watchman is a community newspaper that serves Page County, Virginia.

The newspaper is committed to providing valuable information and support to the community.

The Pancake Watchman is proud to support the Boy Scouts of America and Page County United Way.

The community is grateful for their support and encourages others to join in.

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Cattlemen hold annual banquet

The Panola Watchman

Golden Rule Cattlemen held their annual banquet Thursday evening at the Panola College Hall.

On the opening night, the group of men welcomed a large crowd. The banquet was held in recognition of the hard work done by the men during the year. The banquet was a huge success, with many people attending. The event was attended by the Golden Rule Cattlemen, as well as other members of the community.

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Baker Koonce lists honor students

Texas County CPA Firm's annual scholarship money was recently awarded to Chipper B. Baker and Tenley B. Baker from the university's scholarship fund.

Strength for Living

One morning I lay in bed, and I was thinking about how strong we are and how strong we will be. I was thinking about how strong we are and how strong we will be.

Area school menus

The Panola Watchman

Avoid Costly Mistakes

What you pay for something doesn't matter if what you're getting isn't right. A mistake can cost you more than you think. It can cost you money, time, and effort. A service guarantee is insurance against problems. At Hawthorn Funeral Home, we care about your satisfaction not only before the bill comes but afterwards. You are completely pleased with the quality of each funeral service after we've provided it. We wouldn't want that to happen.
THANK GOD FOR THE MANY GOOD DEEDS OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

With all the evil in the world, there is also a lot of good, and there is no finer example of it than the volunteers. These are the people who may be very busy, but are nevertheless willing to give of their time and talents to some worthy cause because they believe in it. They may be the Pawi Ladies for whatever's going on at the hospital, the museum, the books, the library, the community center, working to save some wildlife species, or those in other areas of endeavor. At your house, in your family, your neighbors, that person who is always there for you but you never consider them a volunteer. This is no better way to feel good about yourself.

As for him who returns a good work, with God is grateful and knowing.
—Isaiah 44:16

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Local appearance in SFA's production

Two students from Carthage have been chosen to attend the upcoming University of North Texas Southwestern College in the fall as part of the SFA's production of the play "The Diary of Anne Frank." The students, both sponsors of the SFA's production, are Michael Agnew, a member of the school's musical theatre class, and John Lee, a member of the school's dance class. The play will be performed in the fall at the Panola National Bank Theatre. The Panola National Bank Theatre is located in Carthage, Texas, and is home to the school's production of the play. The Panola National Bank Theatre is also home to the school's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank." The play will be performed in the fall at the Panola National Bank Theatre. The Panola National Bank Theatre is located in Carthage, Texas, and is home to the school's production of the play. The Panola National Bank Theatre is also home to the school's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank." 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**Stall stops carnage**

Dawgs make Cats quit!

Johnny Porcher's 11th and goal catch late in the fourth quarter clinched the 21-14 victory over No. 1-ranked University High Friday night in a 15-AAA game. For his efforts, he was named game MVP.

Carthage High School coach Gary Surratt said his team started slow, but improved as the game progressed. "We played some good football tonight," he said. "The Dawgs made some big plays and put the game out of reach for the Cats." The Cats scored first, but the Dawgs responded with a 14-0 run in the second quarter to take control. The Dawgs scored on a 2-yard touchdown by Porcher, followed by a 2-point conversion.

**Ranger bows 5-0 in 4½**

Ponies win opener as Waites fans 9

Malvern's Henry Deacon (17) scores first run of season as Ponies beat Rangers 5-0.

**Face Henderson Tuesday**

Lady Dogs win, force showdown

Lady Henderson Tuesday

In a must-win game for both teams, the Lady Henderson defeated the Lady Malvern 1-0 to advance to the regional tournament. The Lady Henderson scored in the first inning on a double by Kelli Henderson, who later scored on a single by Julie Henderson. The Lady Malvern's only shot came in the third inning whenyards of success. The Lady Henderson's pitching was solid, allowing only three hits.

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Carthage High School lists honor students

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San Jac shoots 35 fouls, Panola zero in 86-75 loss

Ravens go to line to wear Ponies down

Erase 21-10 deficit for win

Lady Bearcats rally, nip Joaquin, 45-42

Kilgore takes win with strong finish

Kilgore Fiddlers Florenzo (6) scores above the crowd to score against San Jacintoon.
Chapman submits bill to balance U.S. budget

U.S. Rep. Don Chapman, who represents Texas in the eastern part of the state, submitted a bill to balance the federal budget and end the shutdown. The bill, titled "The Government Shutdown and Immediate Budget Resolution Act," would end the shutdown and provide a stable budget for the nation.

Last year, a 2019 shutdown was proposed, leading to budget talks. Chapman said he was hoping for a similar proposal this year. He added that the current shutdown has been in effect for several months, and it is time to move forward with a budget resolution.

The bill is scheduled to be voted on in Congress this week. Chapman said he is hopeful that it will pass and that the shutdown will end soon.
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Local businesses and vendors can also provide valuable advice following a schedule, such as the one below, when planning for the wedding.

By not leaving anything to chance, you can avoid any last-minute stress while enjoying every moment of your special day.

Be prepared for last minute needs

You can spend an entire year planning your wedding day, but one thing is for sure: there's no guarantee that your day will be perfect. A little preparation can go a long way. If you organize an emergency kit, keep a stocked kitchen at your ceremony and the reception, and keep a sufficient supply of wine on hand, you can avoid any last-minute stress.

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Capture the special moments

Wedding gown is important factor

Choosing the right wedding gown may be the most important part of making your dream wedding come true. Your final decision will not only determine the gown itself, but also how you will look and feel for the rest of your life.

 når you have determined your budget, consider the style of gown you want to wear. There are many options available, from traditional ball gowns to modern, fitted styles.

Don’t forget to consider the color of your gown. A white or ivory gown is classic, but you can also choose a gown in a different color to make a statement.

Temperature: summer or winter

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One down, one to go: McNatt plan weddings

Martha said she had only planned a December wedding with the rest of the wedding to follow in the spring. She said she had already started planning for the spring wedding. She had already chosen the venue and had started sending out invitations.

Lifestyles Guidelines

Deadline for receiving weddings, engagements, and anniversaries for the Lifestyles page is Wednesday at noon for the Sunday edition of the paper. Weddings will be accepted only if received by noon on the Friday before the wedding day. The entire story must be submitted in writing on a formal letterhead.

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If you are planning to preserve your wedding bouquet, there are several options available. One option is to have the bouquet pressed and mounted on a stand. Another option is to have the bouquet dried and then mounted on a stand. Additionally, you can have the bouquet preserved in a shadow box or a frame.

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His best advice for a young couple planning a wedding is to think ahead of time about their money. "They need to plan it all in advance," he notes. "They need to decide what they want to see—cake and punch, or other dishes too—and making a wedding cake takes time and planning—more than two months."
Custom Cakes already

A beautiful wedding cake from Custom Cakes, had several weddings booked for this company, with hens and tiara, and one bridal couple has already booked their wedding in 1994. Knowing how well with a simple menu, the wedding is a good idea, Choo says, "We like to see what you have someone to live in." Custom Cakes is located at 444 North Park St. To make plans for your wedding, call 493-4759.

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