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Board declines to renew Pony coach's contract

Gary blaze takes life of 91-year-old resident

Local races take shape

By LAURA NEGRE

Pamela Parziale McWhorter was named Monday as the new president of Troy State University. In a 5-2 vote, the college's Board of Trustees chose McWhorter, currently dean of the college of Business at Georgia State University, to lead the university beginning in July 1994.

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**PERSPECTIVES**

**Felony bill should be nixed**

The Panel Watchman

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Don't play foot and mouth and spoil the whole issue. Yes folks, I'm referring to the recent news that a bill to make the punishment for ain'ts, wy not's, why not's, and a host of other similar expressions and actions proposed... No, I'm not going to break out in a full-blown rant about the evils of Standard English. I'm just pointing out that this bill, if enacted, would do more harm than good.

A couple of my friends, who are quite knowledgeable about the English language, have written to me about this bill. They argue that the bill would infringe on the freedom of speech and expression. They also point out that the bill would be impossible to enforce.

I agree with them. The bill would be a step in the wrong direction. It would be a step towards a more controlled language, and that's not something I want to see. I believe in the power of language to express ideas and emotions, and I think we should be free to do so.

So, let's hope that this bill dies in committee or is voted down. I'm with my friends on this one. Let's keep our language as it is, with its imperfections and all. It's a beautiful thing.

**The Sheriff's Report**

by SHERIFF JACK ELBERT

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I see the opportunity to react to your column in the Sunday papers and believe the subject is of importance not only to your city, but to the nation at large.

The subject of the time it takes for the local police to write a ticket for speeding on the roads around town is one that I feel strongly about. I believe that the police should be able to write a ticket in a timely manner, and not take hours to complete the process. This is not only a matter of inconvenience to the driver, but also a matter of public safety.

I would like to see the police department take this issue seriously and work towards improving the situation. I believe that this would not only benefit the public, but also the police department itself.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

By USTA ROGERS

Forestry management program boasts incentives

The demand for timber in the United States is rising, and so are the prices per cubic foot and acre. As a result, many people are interested in managing their forests to maximize their profits. A recent forestry management program, however, is designed to provide incentives for landowners to manage their forests in a sustainable way.

The program offers financial incentives to landowners who enroll their properties in the program. These incentives include tax credits, grants, and loans. The program also provides technical assistance to landowners to help them develop and implement forest management plans.

In addition to the financial incentives, the program also offers environmental benefits. Sustainable forestry practices can help improve soil quality, water quality, and biodiversity. The program encourages landowners to follow these practices to ensure that their forests remain healthy and productive for generations to come.

The forestry management program is a great opportunity for landowners to learn more about sustainable forestry practices and to take advantage of financial incentives. To learn more about this program, contact your local forestry extension office or visit the website of the program.

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Sports Midweek

Wednesday, March 24, 1988

Tigers beat Dogs en route to crown

Carthage gets just three hits in 7-0 loss

In the baseball game, Carthage defeated Paducah 7-0 with three hits. The Tigers were led by a strong pitching performance, while the Dogs were held to three hits. The game was well-played by both teams, but the Tigers were able to capitalize on their opportunities and put the game out of reach.

Family Math Fun

Math is Fun!

Math is an essential part of our daily lives. Whether it's calculating the cost of groceries, measuring ingredients for a recipe, or determining the distance to a destination, math is a fundamental skill that we use in various aspects of our lives. To help make math more fun and accessible, the local community is hosting a Family Math Fun event.

The event is open to all ages and will feature various math games and activities designed to engage and educate participants. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn math through interactive games, puzzles, and real-world applications. This event is a great way to make math more enjoyable and to foster a love for learning among family members.

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Well, just ask anybody. But if you don't have time to do that, then you might just want to check out Norman Crampton's book "The 100 Best Small Towns," published by Nationwide Guide to the Best in Small-Town Living, published in February of this year.

Carthage was ranked number one in Texas and 4th in the nation.

The author says the book was an attempt to find out why some small towns have vanished, while others survive, and how the newcomers can continue to help "preserve the American Dream."

If Carthage and Panola County continue to flourish, it is the American dream.

To what extent have they been used in perfecting the best place to live in Texas?

Crampton used U.S. Census data to identify the best small towns ranging in size from 2,500 to 15,000 residents and set seven factors for determining the best 100: per capita income, racial diversity, property at the population aged 25 and older, number of physicians, number of various crimes, per pupil spending on education, and local government spending for public education.

So obviously, Carthage ranks high in all these categories, but there is more to the picture than census data. Both Panola County Commissioners and the City of Carthage

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The Jim Reeves Memorial outside of Carthage.
Local economy shows vitality

For Panola County, the backbone of the local economy is uppered up in two words: energy. Whether it is natural gas or oil, the county benefits from both. The county has been a leader in Texas for several years now, and all leading industries have been particularly impressive of late.

The county's official unemployment rate is now down to 5.6 percent, which is the lowest it has been in several years. The county has been making steady progress in the oil and gas industry, with several major projects underway.

One of the primary reasons for the improvement is increased natural gas drilling activity. The activities of the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) continue last year to approve drilling permits, allowing the Carthage market to grow. These recent increases have also benefited the local economy.

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Old Jail holds key to history

In 1891, Panola County purchased a 50 by 100 foot lot in Carthage for $2000. It was then the county constructed its first perimeter jail. The two-story building was constructed of red brick with brick cornices, trim and pillars.

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The Pendleton County’s 12 higher educational facilities are situated in the county.

Pendleton College, located at Old Salem University in Pendleton, the university in Pendleton and Carthage College.

The following is an overview of each district and Pendleton College:

**Carthage**

Carthage boasts one of the finest schools in the county.

Regular education students, vocational education students, and gifted and talented program.

Carthage schools offer a well-rounded program for all students that includes core subject areas and advanced courses. Gifted and talented students can participate in the vocational program at the Carthage Technical Center.

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Beckville Independent School District has an average enrollment of 550 students. Year after year, 100 percent of the graduating seniors earn higher education credits.

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Ritter museum open for tours

One of the main visitors to the Ritter Museum is the Tex Ritter Museum, housed on the second floor of the Panola County Chamber of Commerce building.

The museum features a variety of memorabilia that belonged to the Rayne, Louisiana native who died in 1965. Among the items on display are clothes, hats, guns, guitar cases, and a number of books, movie posters and many other items.

The museum also has many items which Ritter owned himself, such as his collection of western film hero books and Billboard Magazines. Another item which might be of interest to many is a large collection of his own political campaign paraphernalia. Many are new to fans of Ritter's political career, as well as providing information on issues such as a history of churches, schools, special events, local utilities and other topics.

One of the main features of the museum is a collection of memorabilia from the 1920s, including maps and documents from the era. While open to the public, the museum is not familiar with the county.

The Ritter Museum, located on the second floor of the Panola County Chamber of Commerce, offers a glimpse into the world of the beloved honky-tonk poet who died in 1965. The museum features a variety of memorabilia that belonged to the Rayne, Louisiana native, including clothes, hats, guns, guitar cases, and books. Among the items on display are photos of Ritter's family, his movie posters, and a number of books and movie posters. The museum also has many items which Ritter owned himself, such as his collection of western film hero books and Billboard Magazines. Another item which might be of interest to many is a large collection of his own political campaign paraphernalia. Many are new to fans of Ritter's political career, as well as providing information on issues such as a history of churches, schools, special events, local utilities and other topics.

Panola County Chamber of Commerce Welcomes You

We invite you to come by for information about Panola County.

Visit the new Tex Ritter Museum & watch for dates for the Tex Ritter Roundup in October.

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Hospital has new ER, ICU

1995 was a milestone for Panola General Hospital. The hospital, which is located at 409 College Road in Carthage, opened a new $4 million expansion project. The addition was the largest expansion project in the history of the 70-year-old hospital.

The new ER and improved services include a new emergency room with larger areas for several patients. The new ER provides more privacy for patients and their families and has two entrances — one for ambulances and another for ambulatory patients — both conveniently located on the East side of the expansion.

A new surgical suite is also part of the expanded hospital. There are two operating rooms and a recovery area. The suite is adjacent to a central circle supply room that houses vital equipment and supplies. The new ER is a welcome addition to the hospital, and the emergency rooms and the recovery area.

There is an area for labor and delivery, plus an obstetric unit. And a new entrance can be reached from the most modern medical facilities.

Several parts of the building, such as the business office and the pharmacy, have been rearranged to provide more open space and efficiency. The project was designed by the PCI engineering firm and the vision of Panola County passed a $4 million bond issue in the summer of 1990 to finance the expansion of the hospital.

For more information, call (903) 693-3841.

Marriage licenses

Before applying for a marriage license, the matronial huddle, be sure to stop by the County Clerk's office located on the second floor of the Panola County Courthouse to obtain a marriage license.

Although blood tests are no longer required, a three-day waiting period is mandatory in Panola County before a couple can marry. If 18 or over, you can obtain a marriage license for $25. If either party is under 18, a parent or someone over 18 who is a relative may accompany them to the County Clerk's office and sign the license. The parent must also be able to prove they are legal custodians.

The County Clerk's office is the only place in the county a license can be issued and it is good for 90 days. If not used in 90 days, it becomes invalid and the fee is not refundable. Proof of age must be provided along with a social security card.
Library is labor of love

For nearly 31 years, the Service League of Carthage Library has been a point of pride for the local community. The library, located at 522 West College Street in Carthage, contains more than 20,000 books, hundreds of adult and children's audio tapes, more than 900 video tapes, newspapers and magazines, all available to residents of Panola County.

Books and audio tapes can be picked up in the office during library hours, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The library's collection of family-related video tapes can be checked out for two weeks, with a $1 fine per day for overdue tapes. Periodicals available in the reading room include the Dallas Morning News, the Dallas Morning News, the Daily News Journal, as well as national magazines and several housekeeping publications.

Library cards are available free to any resident of Panola County. Contact the library for additional information. The library is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children can check out three books, two audio tapes, or three video tapes at a time. Adults can also check out an unlimited number of books and up to two video tapes.

The library was established in 1972 by the 13 members of the Service League, a women's organization. The library's official name — the Library of Carthage — is derived from the library's official name — the Library of Carthage — as well as its location on College Street. The library is operated by the Service League and is supported by contributions from Panola County and the City of Carthage.

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Farms, ranches important locally

Panola County has many things to offer in the agricultural industry. With a growing community of farmers and ranchers, the county is dedicated to producing quality agricultural products. The county's rich soil and climate provide ideal conditions for growing a wide variety of crops, including cotton, soybeans, and corn. The Panola County Farm Bureau and the Panola County Extension Service work together to provide resources and support to local farmers and ranchers. For more information, visit the website of the Panola County Extension Service. See WEB pg. 12

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Museum, tea room at Hall

For decades it was the First National Bank of Carthage. Over the years the building was remodeled to its original red brick. Eventually, doors faced the center of the building. Three murals on the wall were added in 1951.

But in 1980, FNB buckled. As the old building was razed, Heritage Hall, through the Panola County Heritage Foundation, FCHF members had a grand-scale idea. They wanted to renovate the building to its original 1906 look. It was a task easier said than done.

A renovation takes money and money is usually in short supply. So the Heritage Foundation came up with the idea of the Panola County Heritage Foundation. Early in 1999, the foundation began the process of raising $69,000 to restore the doors to the original look.

Construction on the project began in November of that year. The facade of the building was redone and an elevator was installed in the three-story structure.

Currently, the building is the home of the Texas Tea Room, which is open 7 days a week, Tuesday through Thursday, Saturday, an original bistro in the building.

Each month, the Texas Tea Room can use the $35.00 for a cause. A garden salad is $5.50 and an entree, chicken livers are the specialty of the house.

Seated Bistro is the formal dining area and the Tea Room is served for tea services.

In addition to its regular services, the Tea Room also offers special events.

The Panola County Heritage Foundation is currently working to bring a new museum to Carthage.

But the Tea Room and the new facade you just the first steps in a grand master plan that will result in a museum. The second story of the museum will be dedicated to the preservation of the one-room schoolhouses through the years. Scaulded off into three categories, the first part will represent the 1800s, the second will represent the turn-of-the-century schoolhouses, the final leg of the second story will represent the one-room schoolhouses of the 1900s. Plans are to see the second floor in an educational role for children, complete with a kitchen. The third floor of the museum will feature the Cable Indians, the Texas Revolution and the Republic of Texas.
Fishing great at Murvaul

Fishing great at Murvaul. Pacific County is known for its freshwater fishing opportunities, especially for steelhead and rainbow trout. The Siletz River, which runs through the county, is a popular spot for anglers. It's known for its clear waters and abundant fish population. The river is accessible by boat and offers excellent fishing opportunities. The Siletz River is home to a variety of fish species, including steelhead, rainbow trout, and Chinook salmon. Many anglers come to the area to experience the thrill of catching these fish. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced angler, the Siletz River is a great place to test your fishing skills.

Helpful hints, tips

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With an average enrollment of just over 200, the Clay Independent School District covers a 35 square mile area in Clay County, southwest of Carthage. Under the one roof, the elementary is one wing, junior high in the middle and high school in the other wing. 008 offers a full curriculum ranging from basic courses to special student extracurricular activities. The Lady Bulldog soccer team began in 1972 as one of the first girls' senior high school soccer teams in the country. The magazine has won numerous awards over the years and is published twice yearly.

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The school is open Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday and Tuesday nights. They close during lunch from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

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The SCS in Carthage works with the Panola Soil and Water Conservation District to help landowners conserve their natural resources. All of their programs are voluntary and aimed at reducing erosion, keeping streams clean, protecting wildlife and improving drainage on land.

The Panola County Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1934 in Carthage. Today, Paul Ellinger is the district conservationist for the SCS.

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