Local districts could combine
Consolidation bill to be argued today

The proposal simply calls for the consolidation of districts on the basis of "sound education" and "educational efficiency." The bill, if passed, would allow the districts to merge and create a single school district that would operate under the same board of education. The benefits of consolidation would include economies of scale, improved teacher assignments, and reduced administrative costs.

The proposal was introduced by Senator John Smith, who argued that consolidation would benefit students by providing them with better educational opportunities. Smith emphasized that the bill would not result in any loss of educational quality, but rather would lead to a more efficient and effective system of education.

"This bill is about ensuring that every child in our state has access to a high-quality education," Smith said. "By consolidating our school districts, we can eliminate duplication and redundant expenses, and focus on what truly matters: our students' education.

The bill has faced opposition from some local school boards, who have expressed concerns about the loss of autonomy and control over their schools. However, Smith and his colleagues believe that the benefits of consolidation outweigh any drawbacks.

"This is not about taking away local control," Smith said. "It's about giving our children the best possible education, and that means working together as a state to ensure that every district can provide the same high-quality education.

The bill is expected to be debated in the Senate this week, with a vote expected in the coming days. If passed, it would take effect on July 1, 2023.
Calendar of Events

PANOLA GENERAL HOSPITAL
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Carthage
Fair Housing Proclamation

The City of Carthage has proclaimed the month of May as "Fair Housing Month." The City of Carthage endorses and supports the principle of fair housing and encourages all citizens to support the law of the land in regard to the right of every person to have access to adequate housing of his choice.

Copies of the City’s Proclamation are available free of charge to any interested persons or groups at City Hall.

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Term limits alone will not cure woes

By Jack McFarland

In a lot of the high school year books, there is a section that is called "Who's Who in the Class of 1945." Each entry contains a photo and one or two paragraphs about the student who was so honored. It makes for interesting reading, especially in the historical sense.

The above is not intended to be a criticism of the yearbook, but rather an analogy to the situation facing House Speaker Jim Pittman and the legislature. Pittman, a third-term member of the House, is a strong proponent of term limits. But Pittman is also aware of the need for qualified and experienced leadership in the legislature.

Pittman's dilemma is not unique. It is a problem that faces many legislators, regardless of party affiliation or length of service. The debate over term limits has been going on for years, with proponents and opponents on both sides.

The proponents argue that term limits would allow for fresh ideas and new perspectives in the legislature. They also argue that it would reduce the power of special interest groups and increase accountability to the voters.

The opponents argue that term limits would weaken the experience and knowledge that comes with time in office. They also argue that it would undermine the stability and effectiveness of the legislature.

Pittman's dilemma is that he wants to see the benefits of term limits, but he also recognizes the importance of experienced leadership in the legislature. It is a difficult balancing act, and one that all legislators must consider.

School tax bill faces ongoing dilemma

By T. D. McFarland

The state's school system faces a dilemma as the 1997-98 fiscal year draws to a close. The state has provided $1.3 billion in additional funding for public schools, but the amount is insufficient to meet the needs of the system.

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**BECKLES NEWS**

The Rocky mock-matinee was won by Princess Poodles in the event of the month. There were 25 tables, each with 300 horses, and a total of 7,500 horses sold.

We had our usual friend and neighbor, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, who attended the event. Mr. Smith said that he had a great time and was looking forward to the next one.

We also had several guests from out of town, including Mr. and Mrs. James Brown from New York. They said they enjoyed the event and were happy to be a part of it.

**GYAMS NEWS**

Several Guests attended the event on Saturday, including Mr. and Mrs. William Jones from Chicago. They said they had a great time and were impressed with the quality of the horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones noted that they had never attended a mock-matinee before and were excited to try something new. They said they would definitely attend again.

**DEADWOOD NEWS**

Well, the Deadwood event was a wonderful day. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time.

The event was well-attended, with over 1,000 people in attendance. The horses were in top form, and the event was a great success.

**FAMILY MATH FUN**

The end of school is in sight, and it's time to think about what you'll do over the summer. Here are some fun math activities to keep your kids entertained:

- **Math Scavenger Hunt:** Hide math problems around the house and have your kids solve them to find the next clue.
- **Math Art:** Use math concepts like symmetry, fractions, and geometry to create beautiful art projects.
- **Math Games:** Play games like Yahtzee, Monopoly, or Cribbage to practice addition, subtraction, and probability.

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For More Information, Call 555-1234.
Up, up & away ... and back
Balloon boomerangs on round trip

In the sky above the Panola County airport, a group of people were enjoying a unique experience: flying with balloon boomerangs. These boomerangs were not the traditional type, but rather were constructed with lightweight materials and powered by helium. They could reach heights of up to 500 feet, providing a thrilling and novel flying experience.

One of the participants, John Smith, shared his experience:

"It was amazing to see the boomerangs soar up into the sky. I had never flown one before, but it was easier than I thought. The wind was perfect, and we were able to control the boomerangs for quite a while. It was a lot of fun, and I hope we can do it again soon!"

The participants also enjoyed the beautiful view from above, capturing images of the surrounding landscape. This activity not only provided a unique flying experience but also encouraged outdoor physical activity, as it required the participants to walk around to collect the boomerangs after they landed.

The organizers of the event, the Panola County Balloon Club, intended to make this experience accessible to everyone, offering lessons and equipment rentals to the public.

In addition to the balloon boomerangs, the event also featured a display of traditional Chinese lanterns, which added to the festive atmosphere. The attendees had the opportunity to learn about the rich history and cultural significance of these lanterns.

Overall, the event was a success, with participants expressing their delight at the unique flying experience and the overall atmosphere. It is anticipated that this activity will become a popular local attraction, bringing joy and excitement to those who participate.

For more information, please visit the Panola County Balloon Club's website: [PCBC.com](http://PCBC.com)
Area deaths

CHRISTINA L. BAKER
Funeral services for Mrs. Christi
Baker, 43, of Abilene, will be held
at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at
First United Methodist Church in
Abilene. Burial will be at Lakeview
Cemetery, Abilene. Mrs. Baker died
in Abilene.

Mrs. Baker is survived by her hus-
band, Mr. Joseph Baker, 43, of Abil-
ene; two sons, Mr. John Baker, 19,
and Mr. David Baker, 17, both of
Abilene; and three brothers, Mr.
Robert Baker, 42, of Abilene; Mr.
Richard Baker, 40, of Abilene; and
Mr. Ronald Baker, 38, of Abilene.

DELL LAKE BAKER
Funeral services for Mr. Dell Lake
Baker, 38, of Abilene, will be held
at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at
First United Methodist Church in
Abilene. Burial will be at Lakeview
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ALICE L. BELL
Funeral services for Alice L. Bell,
75, of Abilene, will be held at 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 11, at First United
Methodist Church in Abilene. Burial
will be at Lakeview Cemetery, Abili-
ene. Mrs. Bell died in Abilene.

Mrs. Bell is survived by her hus-
band, Mr. John Bell, 77, of Abil-
ene; two sons, Mr. Richard Bell, 50,
and Mr. Stephen Bell, 48, both of
Abilene; and two brothers, Mr.
Thomas Bell, 52, of Abilene; and
Mr. David Bell, 49, of Abilene.

MILTON LAVIN
Funeral services for Mr. Milton
Lavin, 90, of Abilene, will be held
at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at
First United Methodist Church in
Abilene. Burial will be at Lakeview
Cemetery, Abilene. Mr. Lavin died
in Abilene.

Mr. Lavin is survived by his hus-
band, Mr. Joseph Lavin, 92, of Abil-
ene; two sons, Mr. John Lavin, 60,
and Mr. David Lavin, 58, both of
Abilene; and two brothers, Mr.
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Mr. Charles Lavin, 86, of Abilene.

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