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**County approves 1993-94 budget**

**Taxes will drop slightly for local property owners**

A special meeting of the Com- misioners Court of Panola County was held Monday evening to adopt the budget for the fiscal year 1993-94. The court approved a $27.5 million budget for fiscal year 1993-94.

Thanks to increased demand for the county's services, the now 15-member court of commissioners approved a budget which is $2 million more than last year, or 8 percent higher than the budget for fiscal year 1992-93.

The court adopted a budget with a 32 percent increase in personnel costs because the number of employees has increased from 233 last year to 300 this year.

After an overnight session, the court recessed, approving the proposed county budget at 1 a.m. Tuesday morning. The budget will be available for public viewing at the courthouse in Columbus and at all county offices.

The proposed budget represents an average $11,923 increase per employee for fiscal year 1993-94.

Pratt County Judge Art Cooper, as chairman of the conference committee, announced the budget is designed to meet the needs of the county's citizens.

In his presentation of the budget to the court, Judge Cooper said the county had prepared the new budget in a proactive and professional manner.

Under Panola Resources, which operate and maintain the Panola Technology Center, the county has increased its budget for this coming fiscal year.

Jimmie Morris, the court-appointed police chief, said the county's budget for the new fiscal year includes an increase of over $3,000 in personnel costs.

-- Paul Scott, The Watchman

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**City says tax rate to remain same**

**Cortez City Manager Charles Boulton said the city's property assessment with a total of $92 million dollars jumped 4.1 percent, which is the highest increase in several years.**

Despite the increase in the city's property assessment, Boulton said the city's property tax rate would remain the same as the current rate of 65 mills.

The city's property tax rate has been at 65 mills for the past three years.

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**Sheriff's department makes several changes**

**New position honored**

Part of Panola College's educational district were invited to meet college President Dr. William Resendez to discuss the new position of sheriff's commander.

The president of Panola College said he was pleased to have the new position of sheriff's commander.

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**Tax rebate checks continue to improve**

Cortez officials said that the tax rebate checks have continued to improve. The checks are still being processed, said City Manager Charles Boulton.

Boulton said that the city has processed over 2,000 tax rebate checks, which have been mailed to residents who have requested them.

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**Jones resigns position**

The sheriff of Panola County, John DePristo, has resigned his position. The sheriff's resignation was accepted by the county's commissioners court.

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**Blood drive today**

**As a reminder to all residents of the 1993 MARCH blood drive, the Cortez Blood Drive meets at the Cortez Community Center on Wednesday, August 25, from 12 noon to 4 p.m.**

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**Additional information**

For more information, call the Cortez Community Center at 432-273-7100.
Volunteers wanted for schools

Adults go "back to school" to help

Summer Revival
CED to hold final session

Notice of Public hearing on Tax Increase

2.9%!
Up To 48 Months Through Ford Credit!

NEW ESCORTS!
Electronic Fuel Injection Power Steering & Brakes $187.77 PER MOT

CEA to hold final session

Summer Sale

Beauties Sense
by Patricia
Let's take Austin out of Austin

Hutchison to testify before grand jury

O'Neal to speak at east Texas festival

Forestry program graduates 13

Shall we hold our peace?

Our readers write...
**The Library Shelf**

by GINA SMITH

On August 21, 1993, it launched a controversial campaign that began at the start of the year with an announcement from the Library Board of the Library. This campaign, which has been described as "The Library's Greatest ..."

**PUBLIC MEETING**

Monday August 30th 7:00 PM
Baker Koonce
Cafeteria
Catharine
Saratoga

**Sports Midweek**

Wednesday, August 25, 1993

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Balous rushes for 149 to pace CHS offense

Carthage Daily News

Carthage in another dog fight

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BY VICTORIA

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In first scrimmage
Frosh give huge
Jasper team tussle

When the Jasper Frosh were
up against the Jasper team
in the first quarter of the
football game Friday night,
the Frosh were well
organized for the occasion.
Throughout most of the first
quarter, the Frosh were
leading, 6-0. Slowly, however,
the Jasper team came back
and tied the game at 6.
A second attempt from the
Frosh in the second half
failed to produce any further
points, and the final score
was 6-0 in favor of the
Jasper team.

The Frosh were led by
quarterback Mike Smith, who
scored the only touchdown
of the game. The Jasper team
was led by quarterback John
Miller, who threw a 2-yard
touchdown pass to fullback
Tommy Thompson.

The game was played at
Jasper's home field, and the
crowd was enthusiastic through
the first half of the game.
However, as the game wore
on, the crowd grew quiet and
the atmosphere became
duller.

The Frosh were well
organized and had a good
coaching staff. The Jasper
team, on the other hand,
was less organized and had
little experience in the
position of quarterback.

Overall, the game was
close and exciting, with both
teams showing improvement.

The Frosh will continue to
practice and prepare for
their next game, which is
scheduled for next week.

The Jasper team will also
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prepare for their next game,
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next week.

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