Holiday recalls wartime loss

BY SHERRY SCOTT

The bravery of spring's prairie flowers is in the air, their fragrance heavy with the promise of life. It is the season to remember those who have gone before us, particularly those who fought and sacrificed in World War II.

As eight years with Fort Worth this year, I've been longing for the day when I could go back. It's been a dream of mine since I was a little girl. I used to love to sit on the porch with my grandmother and listen to stories about her experiences during the war. She always said that nothing could compare to the way people lived back then. It's a time that I'll never forget.

Today, as I walk down the street, I can't help but remember all the sacrifices that were made. I think about the soldiers who fought bravely, the nurses who worked day and night, and the civilians who stayed strong despite everything.

At the end of World War II, people all over the world celebrated with parades and fireworks. It was a time of hope and renewal. But now, as I look around, I can see that there's still work to be done. We need to remember the lessons of the past and move forward together.

So, as I stand here on this beautiful spring day, I take a moment to reflect on those who gave so much. I hope that their sacrifice will inspire us all to live our lives to the fullest and to never forget the importance of peace.

Rivers named superintendent of Tatum school district

By EDWARD W. SMITH

Overpass approved for Loop

Construction will begin this spring on the overpass over the Tatum Loop, a major thoroughfare in the city. The project will include the construction of a new bridge and the expansion of the existing roadway.

The Tatum Loop is a major route in the city, and the overpass will help alleviate congestion and improve traffic flow. The project is expected to be completed within two years.

Preparing soil complex

James Wilson of Wilson Construction took samples of the soil beneath the construction site for analysis. The samples will be sent to the laboratory for testing.

Experts educate teens for health careers

By DANIEL L. ROSS

The need for healthcare professionals is growing, and schools are working to prepare students for these careers.

Many schools have developed programs to prepare students for careers in healthcare, including nurse aides, medical assistants, and registered nurses. These programs can provide students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the healthcare field.

However, there are still many challenges to be overcome. Schools must find ways to attract and retain students, and they must provide the necessary resources to support their programs.

In addition, healthcare professionals must continue to improve their skills and knowledge to meet the growing demands of the field.

Memorial Day to be observed Monday

Memorial Day is an annual holiday to honor and remember those who have served in the armed forces. It is a time to pay tribute to those who gave their lives in defense of our country.

The day is marked by parades, ceremonies, and events across the nation. It is a day to reflect on the sacrifices of our heroes and to honor their memory.

This year, Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 29. It is a day to remember those who gave all for our freedom.

Carrollton Police continue to search for suspect

The Carrollton Police Department continues to search for the suspect in the robbery of a local bank.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 5'10" tall, weighing 170 pounds. He was last seen wearing a black shirt and pants.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the police department at 972-415-5555.
Police Beat
Solicitation ordinance violated

A local man was arrested Mar 21 for solicitation of a minor. Police said that on Mar 21, a man approached a 13-year-old girl and offered her a free ticket to a concert if she would go out with him. The girl contacted police and identified the man as a known solicitor of minors.

Local man charged with forgery

A local man was arrested for forgery. Police said that on Mar 20, a man presented a forged check to a local business owner. The man was arrested and charged with forgery.

Stolen weapons investigated

Panda County Sheriff's Office received a report of stolen weapons. Police said that on Mar 19, several weapons were stolen from a residence. The investigation is ongoing.

Calendar of events

The following events are scheduled for the upcoming weeks:

- Mar 22: Easter Egg Hunt at the local park
- Mar 23: Community Cleanup Day
- Mar 24: Fundraiser for the local library
- Mar 25: Spring Festival
- Mar 26: Art Show at the local museum

To the Citizens of Panda County

From: The Panda Volunteer Fire Department

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Carthage school history begins with Masons

Know Your Heritage

By John H. Latham

The story of the original school in Carthage is one of dedication and resilience. In the early 1900s, a group of parents and community leaders came together to create a school for their children. The first school was a simple structure, built in the center of the community. The school was supported by the Masons, a group known for their dedication to education and community service.

In 1885, the early settlers of Carthage founded the first Masonic Lodge in East Texas. This lodge became an integral part of the community, providing support and guidance to its members and the local population. One of the early members was Alphonso Harrison, who served as the lodge's master from 1885 to 1887.

The school, known as Carthage Male Academy, opened in 1887 with just a few students. The Masons played a crucial role in its establishment, providing financial support and helping to build the school. They also provided education for the students, with a curriculum that included basic skills and preparation for higher education.

The school continued to grow and evolve, as did the community. The Masons remained a steady presence, supporting the school through donations, building projects, and other forms of assistance. They also continued to provide education, with a focus on preparing students for careers in law, medicine, and other professions.

Today, the Carthage Male Academy stands as a testament to the dedication of the Masons and the community. Its history is a reminder of the importance of education and the role that dedicated individuals can play in shaping the future.

STRENGTH FOR LIVING

By Cathy Conboy

My last lifetime was a world of chaos and confusion. I was constantly searching for answers, for a place where I belonged. I was constantly testing the limits of my existence, trying to find a way to escape the pain.

Then, I met the Masons. They showed me that I was not alone, that there was a place for me in this world. They helped me to understand that I had the strength to overcome the obstacles that were in my way. They helped me to see that I was not a burden, but a valuable member of the community.

I have learned that it is not enough to just exist. I must live. I must make my way in the world, and make a difference. I must be strong, and I must be brave.

Ladies' group gathers for quarterly event

Each month, the Carthage Masonic Lodge holds a ladies' event to celebrate the women in the community. The event is open to all women, regardless of age or background. The goal is to bring women together, to encourage them to support each other, and to provide a space for them to share their experiences.

The event is a way for women to come together, to share their stories, and to support each other in their struggles. It is a chance for women to connect, to build relationships, and to find strength in numbers.

The event is held on the first Friday of each month, at the Carthage Masonic Lodge. For more information, please contact the lodge at (123) 456-7890.

Sportsman's ashes scattered

In memory of Bob Johnson, a beloved member of the Carthage community, his ashes were scattered in the woods near the Carthage Masonic Lodge. The event was a way for his family and friends to honor his memory, to celebrate his life, and to remember his love of the outdoors.

The ashes were scattered during a special ceremony, held near the lodge. The ceremony was attended by many members of the community, who came to pay their respects to Bob and to celebrate his life.

The event was a reminder of the importance of community and of the joy that can be found in the outdoors. It was a moment to reflect on the life of Bob Johnson, and to honor his legacy.

Carthage Masonic Lodge

301 N. Main St.
Carthage, TX 75633

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The Lodge is always open to new members. Contact the Lodge for more information about membership.

Carthage, Texas, 1885-1996

A Brief History of Carthage

Carthage, Texas, was founded in 1885. The town was originally called "East Carthage," but the name was changed in 1887. The town was named after Carthage, the ancient city in Italy, because of the similarity in spelling.

The town was founded by John and Mary Jane Caruthers, who were members of the first group of settlers. They built a sawmill and a grist mill, and the town began to grow.

In 1887, the first school was built, and the first Masonic Lodge was founded. The town continued to grow, and by 1900, Carthage had a population of over 1,000 people.

The town became a hub for the lumber industry, with several sawmills and grist mills operating in the area. The town also became a center for the cattle and cotton industries, with many ranches and cotton fields surrounding Carthage.

In 1920, the town was incorporated, and the first city council was elected. The city continued to grow, and today, Carthage is a thriving community with a population of over 10,000 people.

The Carthage Masonic Lodge has been an integral part of the town since its founding. The lodge has been involved in many community events and has provided support and guidance to its members and the local population.

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