**Holiday parade in Cartaghe**

A holiday parade with a few curious and excited children rings in the Christmas season in Cartaghe.

The annual parade, which is sponsored by the Cartaghe Chamber of Commerce, continues to delight the young and old alike as it travels through the streets of the city.

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**Swing, jazz combination concert planned**

Swing and jazz have been combined in the latest concert offering in the city.

The concert, which is sponsored by the local music society, features local musicians performing a range of swing and jazz standards.

**Pony express budget saddles up**

The city's budget for the upcoming year includes funding for the local Pony Express service.

The budget, which was approved by the city council, includes funds for the maintenance of the historic Pony Express station and the purchase of new supplies.

**Daily news service**

The daily newspaper in the city has launched a new service to provide readers with the latest news and information.

The service, which is available online, includes real-time updates on local events, sports, and politics.

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200 NW Loop (1 mile south of Wal-Mart)
Parade entry deadline set

A parade entry deadline has been set for Noon of December 16, 1996 for the Panola Christmas Parade to be held on December 21st. All entries must be submitted by this date to ensure their inclusion in the parade.

Nutrition topic at meeting

The high school's nutrition club will host a meeting to discuss nutrition tips and healthy eating habits. The meeting will take place on December 18th at 7 PM in the school cafeteria.

Panhellenic planning meeting

The Panhellenic planning meeting for the upcoming year will be held on December 15th at 6 PM in the school library. All members are encouraged to attend.

Holiday lighting contest planned

A holiday lighting contest is planned for the upcoming holiday season. Entries will be accepted until December 10th. The winner will be announced on December 12th.

Christmas market advertised

A Christmas market is being advertised for December 14th. The market will feature various vendors selling holiday-themed items.

SPORTS SUNDAY

Host Indians in season finale

Lady Dogs rumble over Lufkin, 74-35

Carthage may lose its No. 3 ranking in the state as a result of the 74-35 loss to Lufkin in the Carthage Invitational. The Lady Indians, ranked 2nd in the state, easily defeated Carthage, scoring 23 points in the first quarter alone. The game was played on December 14th.

Lady Dog jvs slamming Lufkin by 60 points

Beckville gals nudged 32-31 by Union Hill

Cowboys capture East Texas crown in youth football

The Carthage Cowboys won the East Texas youth football championship by defeating the Union Hill Bulldogs, 32-31. The game was played on December 12th.

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Dawgs win again, change style, too

LIBERTY CITY - Clalorne, Leonard Church, Gerald Cooper and Keith Porter dominated the game with 12, 15, and 17 points, respectively, as the Dawgs outscored Liberty City, 83-73. It was the Dawgs' second straight victory.

The remaining Dawgs also contributed to the scoring, with John Smith and Mike Davis each scoring 10 points. The Dawgs, who are currently in 3rd place in the league, have won 4 of their last 5 games.

Carthage jr v vrips Avinger boys, 93-43

Avinger - Carthage junior varsity team scored 31 points in the first half, but it wasn't enough as the Dawgs scored a season-high 43 points in the second half. The Dawgs were up by 10 points at the half and the lead only grew larger in the second half.

The Dawgs were led by Clalorne, who scored 17 points, and Leonard Church, who added 16 points. The junior varsity team, who were playing their first game of the season, held their own in a tough match.

Tribe lifts Dawgs' scalp in 91-80 shootout

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Dogfroth suffer first loss, 42-41

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Beckville girls win in Gary tourney opener

Beckville - Beckville girls won the tourney opener by scoring 47 points against a tough Trevey High School defense. The Lady Bulldogs, who are currently in 2nd place in the league, were led by Emily Johnson, who scored 16 points. Beckville will faceoff against a tough Gary High School defense in the next game.

Elysian Fields wins by 54-42 in girls play

Elysian Fields - Elysian Fields girls won a close game against a tough Trevey High School defense. The Lady Bulldogs, who are currently in 2nd place in the league, were led by Emily Johnson, who scored 16 points. Elysian Fields will faceoff against a tough Gary High School defense in the next game.

Losing streak reaches nine

Ponies' offense sputters in loss

When the Ponies Petos decided to come to the party, the game was already in full swing. The Ponies lost to a tough Trevey High School defense by a score of 54-42. The Lady Bulldogs, who are currently in 2nd place in the league, were led by Emily Johnson, who scored 16 points. Elysian Fields will faceoff against a tough Gary High School defense in the next game.

TAX DEFERRAL AVAILABLE FOR ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS

Property owners aged 65 or older can postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They can take advantage of a tax option called "Over-65 Deferred" by signing an affidavit at the Panola County Appraisal district office.

This special form of tax relief can also be a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an elderly owner's home. According to John Popper, Chief Appraiser of the Panola County Appraisal district, "To stop a delinquent tax lawsuit," Popper said, "the over-65 homeowner files the tax affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending."

"If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Popper said.

Ona homeowner files an over-65 tax deferment affidavit with the Panola County Appraisal district, no tax sale or tax auction could take place until after the homeowner files the affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending.

Popper stressed, though, that tax deferment for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home, it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and delinquent interest continue to add up. He said, "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns or lives in the home, the taxes become due. Taxing units can then sue to collect the deferred tax and interest."

There is no penalty on the delinquent taxes during the deferral time. However, if the tax is not paid in full within 90 days after the deferral ends, an added penalty may be charged if the account goes to a delinquent tax attorney.

Tax deferment affidavits are available at the Appraisal District office.

"The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Popper said. "For more information, taxpayers may contact the Panola County Appraisal District, 355 Park Road, Carthage, Texas 75633, 903-693-2981."