Graves accuses Joffrin of attack after meeting

By TERRY LACH<br>Cathay businessman Leo Graves alleges Cathay community leader, Claud Joffrin, tried to get him to sign a petition criticizing the state of the city during a meeting in the capsman's home on Thursday. Graves said he refused to sign the petition and then left the meeting in a huff after Joffrin confronted him with some criticisms of his town and councils.

Graves said the confrontation and argument continued later when he dropped off some papers at Joffrin's residence. As a result, he said, he filed a police report on the incident.

By PAUL D. STARR<br>Cathay councilman Michael Joffrin has filed a $5,000 civil complaint against his landlord, Julius Lauck, alleging he has been subjected to harassment and discrimination.

Lauck is the former sheriff of Mariposa County and is running for reelection as a Democrat in the upcoming election. Joffrin said he believes the complaint is related to his role as a councilman and his involvement in the community.

The complaint is seeking damages for emotional distress and for violation of the California Fair Housing Act.

Joffrin said he has received threats and harassment from Lauck and others since he was elected to the council in 2018.

"I'm a public figure," Joffrin said. "I'm being targeted."

When asked what he plans to do next, Joffrin said he will continue to work for the community and for justice.

A court date has not been set.

Pedestrian injured in accident

By LAURA NEGRON

A man who was injured in an accident on South Main Street in downtown Cathay on Friday night has been identified as 23-year-old Sean Collins, who lives in San Francisco. Collins was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Merced with injuries to his head and face.

The incident occurred at approximately 8 p.m. when Collins was hit by a car while walking across the street near the corner of South Main and Third Street. Witnesses report that the car was driving at a high speed and failed to stop at the stop sign.

Collins was rushed to the hospital where he is currently in stable condition. Family members are being kept informed of his condition.

The driver of the car has not been identified. The Cathay Police Department is investigating the incident.

Family loses home in weekend blaze

BY SHERRY KONOFF

A family lost their home in a weekend blaze that destroyed a two-story residence in downtown Cathay. The fire started late Saturday night and continued into the early hours of Sunday morning.

According to the Cathay Fire Department, the blaze began in the basement of the house and quickly spread to the upper levels.

The family, who has lived in the house for over 20 years, was evacuated from the home safely. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The family lost everything in the fire, including their car, which was parked in the driveway.

Court date approaching for lake lease tax case

By SHERRY KONOFF

A court date has been set for the next court session for the case involving the lease of the lake in downtown Cathay.

The case was filed by the city of Cathay against a local property owner who has been leasing the lake for several years.

The case involves a dispute over whether the property owner is paying the proper amount of tax on the lease.

The city has requested a court order to compel the property owner to pay the full amount of tax due, plus interest and penalties.

The property owner has denied liability and has filed a counterclaim, arguing that the city has no legal basis for the demand.

The case is scheduled to be heard in court on the third Tuesday of the month.
Industrial foundation looks ahead

Carthage and Panola County in the state of Texas have a rich history of industrial development. The region is known for its oil and gas industry, manufacturing, and agriculture. The industrial base has grown significantly in recent years, driven by the expansion of existing companies and the attraction of new businesses.

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Cheerleader dropped for ethics violations

By LINDA WYDE

The cheerleader who was dropped from her team for posting inappropriate content on social media has been a source of controversy in the community. The decision to remove her from the team sparked a debate about the role of social media and the responsibilities of students.

The policy also examines the impact of social media on the development of new values and attitudes. It examines how social media is used to disseminate information, and the implications of this for the social construction of reality. The policy also discusses the role of social media in the formation of identity and the development of new social norms.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

By VAL BROWN

The team is excited to start the new season with a strong performance. They have been working hard during the off-season, and are ready to take on the challenges of the upcoming season.

Team places second at math, science contest

The math and science competition was held in Carthage, Texas. The Carthage High School team placed second overall, beating out several other schools in the region. The team worked hard to prepare for the competition, and their success is a testament to their dedication and hard work.

Collegiate continues study of five-day class week

In an effort to improve student engagement and reduce the stress of the traditional academic calendar, Carthage College has started offering a five-day class week. The new schedule is designed to provide students with more time to focus on their coursework and to encourage a more balanced lifestyle.

Arrest report

The police have arrested a suspect in connection with the theft of a valuable painting. The suspect, a local artist, was arrested after police received a tip from a member of the community. The suspect is expected to face charges of theft.

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**ATTACK**

Lea is major award recipient. She is a senior at Carthage High School, and her division is 1A. She is the first in her family to receive a major award, and the principal said, "I'm very proud of her." Lea was presented with a plaque and a check for $500. The proceeds will be used for educational purposes. Lea said, "I'm very grateful for this opportunity."

-- From The Panola Watchman

**ARTICLE**

**SPORTS MIDWEEK**

**Bi-district match Feb. 13 in Huntsville**

**Carthage girls nail playoff spot, 81-31**

Friday night Carthage girls' basketball team was determined to have a great season. They played their last game of the regular season against Henderson, and the girls' team was determined to come out on top. The game was intense, with both teams playing their best to win. In the end, Carthage pulled ahead with a final score of 81-31, securing their playoff spot for this year's tournament.

-- From The Panola Watchman

**Grant to fund new officer**

Carthage police will soon be on the lookout for a new officer. The city council has approved a grant to fund the position, and the police department is hopeful that the new officer will help to improve community safety. The grant was awarded through a federal program, and the city council has already approved the necessary budget to hire the new officer.

-- From The Panola Watchman

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**Lady Dog jvs win district title by 66-32**

Carthage junior varsity girls basketball team has won the district title for the second year in a row. The team defeated Beckville with a score of 66-32, securing their place in the playoffs. The Lady Dogs have been working hard all season, and their dedication paid off. The team is now focused on their next game, which will be against a tough opponent. The Lady Dogs are excited to continue their winning streak.

-- From The Panola Watchman
Tyler finally subdues Panola, 90-80

Ponies give Apaches battle before bowing

TYLER - The final score in Tuesday's girls' game between host Tyler and Panola was 90-80, but the game was an example of the kind of battle that makes high school basketball great.

Panola entered as the district's third place team and Tyler as the district's first place team. The Tyler Ponies tossed a record of 5-1 in district play, while Panola was 4-2.

"The game was a lot of fun," said Tyler coach Mike Daniels. "It was a good game for the kids and a good game for the league. The kids had fun and they had fun playing." Panola coach Tim Babcock agreed. "I've been coaching for 14 years and this was one of the best games I've ever been a part of." Babcock added that the Tyler team was a good team and that they should be congratulated for playing a good game.

On Tuesday night, Panola held a 10-point lead in the 1st quarter and were up by 20 points in the 2nd quarter. However, the Ponies came back in the 3rd quarter and closed the game by 8 points in the 4th quarter.

The Tyler team was led by senior guard Rachel Parks, who scored 25 points. The Panola team was led by junior guard Emily Davis, who scored 20 points.

The Ponies secured the win in the final minute of the game by putting in a layup shot from the right side of the court. The shot was made by Tyler's senior forward, Taylor Johnson, who scored the game-winning shot.

Panola bows to I-6 in TEC action

Lady Apaches control boards, Fillies by 72-57

CARTHAGE - The Lady Apaches of Carthage have been dominating the TEC (Tolar, East, Carthage) for the past few years. On Tuesday night, they took on the Fillies of Carlsbad and dominated the boards, winning by a score of 72-57.

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TEAC

Women's standings

Lady Lions beat 40-29 by CHS' 9th

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Woden girls rally to beat Beckville

Lady Yellowjackets defeated by Gladewater

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16-AAA girls

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Area deaths

Harry M. Pate, 81, of Summerville, died Dec. 31, 1994. Services will be held Thursday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. at Summerville Church of Christ. Interment will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nellie Pate, and two daughters, Mrs. Betty Daniel and Mrs. Sandy Daniel, both of Summerville.

Field welcomes 194 planes

The field at the Panola County Airport has been busy this week as part of the Panola County Airport days. A total of 194 planes have landed at the field since the start of the event.

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Faculty recital planned at PC

Dunbar-Allen, McKey to perform

An evening of musical recital will be planned for Monday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The recital will feature solos, duets, and quartets of various composers. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students. For more information, call 969-7125.

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