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from area schools.

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Task force commander welcomes county law enforcement agencies

By David Humphries
THE PANOLA WATCHMAN

The Task Force for Crime and
Law Enforcement Headquar
ted in Newnan said Wednesday
that it welcomed the idea of Panola County law enforcement agencies
becoming more involved in the
task force.

Taking part in the meeting
that Wednesday morning was
District Attorney Stephen Jewell
and a state coordinator 75

District judge sets aggressive
docket

As ambitious court dockets as
the Monday could keep court
order's busy, the judge in the
first session of the
county docket is to be
At the request of

eventual

Loblolly winter issue offers memories of old days

By Laura Negri
THE PANOLA WATCHMAN

Memories of the "old days"
continue with more Panola County
hearing in the
county docket.

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Dems move to oust Slagle as party chair
Many state government leaders in agreement on issue

By Edna L. James, City Editor

A growing number of state Democrats are calling for Alyce Slagle to lose her job as state party chair. They believe she is too far to the right for the party and should be replaced by a more moderate leader.

State Capitol

A coalition of Democratic leaders has formed to push for Slagle’s ouster. They include Sens. John Williams, D-Carrollton, and Bill Pirtle, D-Burleson, and Reps. Mary Young, D-Midlothian, and fixing the problems.

Cook named to Austin College A Capella choir

Nancy Cook of Carthage is the new director of the Austin College A Capella choir. She replaces David H. Young, who retired after 25 years.

Pharmacy Topics

Pharmacist of the Week: Phil Shultes, Registered Pharmacist

Shultes, the long-time pharmacist at the Wally’s Pharmacy in Carthage, has been named Pharmacist of the Week. He is known for his knowledge and expertise in the field.

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Sports

Carthage hunts 17-AAAA game next week

Dragons upset Dawgs in second win

Maryland Hall.

Lillie B. LaGrone

ABC 11, 17-AAAA Standings

Dogs' yardstick
**Nacogdoches bows from undefeated ranks**

**Briggs runs for 169 as frosh cop second**

Briggs, the defending state 3A champion, earned its highest rank since 1973 when it moved up two spots to second in the latest state poll. The Bears, who are the only unbeaten team in the state, earned 48 out of a possible 51 votes. The only other unbeaten team, Nacogdoches, moved up to third place with 42 votes.

**Beckville eighth rips Overton 44-14**

Beckville's defense dominated Overton in a 44-14 victory. The Yellowjackets' defense allowed only 14 points and recorded five sacks.

**Bowling results**

The 17-AAAAll-Area All-Stars, which were chosen by the West Texas Interscholastic Athletic Association, were announced. The top selections were:

1. **Quarterback**
   - Beckville's John Smith
2. **Running Back**
   - Carthage's Timmy Falk
3. **Wide Receiver**
   - Carthage's Mike Williams
4. **Defensive End**
   - Carthage's Mike Williams
5. **Defensive Back**
   - Carthage's Timmy Falk

**CHS frosh stats**

- **Passing**: 175 yards, 2 touchdowns, 1 interception
- **Rushing**: 117 yards, 2 touchdowns
- **Receiving**: 5 catches, 121 yards, 1 touchdown

**Pups rout 'Doches**

The Pups defeated the 'Doches in a close game, winning 14-7. The Pups' defense held the 'Doches to only 7 points.

**Dragons' defense too big to overcome in trenches**

Dogs held off twice, suffer first loss

The Dragons held off the Bulldogs twice, but they couldn't hold on long enough. The Bulldogs scored 14 points in the third quarter to win 21-14.

**Carthage jv stats**

- **Passing**: 200 yards, 2 touchdowns
- **Rushing**: 150 yards, 2 touchdowns
- **Receiving**: 5 catches, 100 yards, 1 touchdown

**17-AAAAA junior varsity standings**

- **Tompkins**
  - Record: 6-0
  - Scored: 210 points
  - Allowed: 100 points

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County industrial, retail sales drop

in Ponder County have fallen over the last year. Figures for both sectors have dropped noticeably when comparing data from this year to last year. According to the report, industrial sales have fallen from $3 million in the first quarter of 2022 to $2 million in the first quarter of 2023. Retail sales have also dropped, from $4.5 million in the first quarter of 2022 to $3.5 million in the first quarter of 2023.

Retail trade has been the biggest loser. Retail sales are down 20% from last year. Retailers in the county report a decline of 25% during the first three months of this year. According to the report, total retail sales in the county fell from $2.2 million in the first quarter of 2022 to $1.7 million in the first quarter of 2023.

The report also points out that retail sales have been below the national average for the past three months. The national average for retail sales is $1.8 million, while Ponder County has been averaging $1.5 million during the same period. The report suggests that the decline in retail sales is due to a combination of factors, including a decrease in consumer spending and a decrease in inventory levels.

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