Guilty plea entered in federal fraud case

Charges against Bryan to be dismissed

By Daniel Huphines
THE PANOLA WATCHMAN

Panola County Grand Jury returned a number of federal charge against A. R. Bryan, who in recent weeks was been charged with several counts of mail fraud

When Bryan was indicted, he was facing charges of mail fraud, false statements and obstruction of justice. He is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges on July 31 in a hearing before Judge H. O. Johnson.

Before that hearing, Bryan has been held in custody since his arrest on July 21. He was unable to post bond and was ordered held without bond.

Affidavit

Bryan was charged with five counts of mail fraud, false statements and obstruction of justice.

- 3 counts of mail fraud: Bryan is accused of mailing false statements and false statements to the Postal Service with intent to defraud.
- 1 count of false statements: Bryan is accused of making false statements to the Postal Service.
- 1 count of obstruction of justice: Bryan is accused of obstructing justice by making false statements to law enforcement.

Bryan entered a guilty plea to three of the counts, including one count of mail fraud and two counts of false statements.

Judge

Judge Johnson accepted Bryan's guilty plea and sentenced him to three years in federal prison.

Bryan was sentenced to three years in federal prison and was ordered to pay $100,000 in restitution.

Petition calls for PGH administrator's ouster

By Sherry Kane
THE PANOLA WATCHMAN

A petition calling for an overhaul of the PGC administration is being circulated by residents of Panola County.

Although the petition claims a lack of effective leadership from the current PGH administrator, it specifically states that it is not calling for the removal of any individual.(name)

The petition argues that the current administration has failed to address issues related to public safety, emergency management, and overall county operations.

The petitioners believe that the current administration has failed to effectively manage the county's resources and that a change in leadership is necessary.

The petitioners hope that this petition will bring attention to the issues facing the county and encourage action to be taken.

Lack of rainfall begins to impact area lakes

The recent drought at Martin Creek Lake has led to the closure of the designated swimming area at the lake's state park. What is left of the swimming area is hardly more than a shallow beach.

The reservoirs at Martin Creek Lake and other area lakes are facing low water levels due to the ongoing drought. The low water levels are impacting the ability of the lakes to provide adequate recreational opportunities.

The county has closed the designated swimming area at Martin Creek Lake, but the water is still not high enough to allow for swimming.

The lack of rainfall has also affected other area lakes, such as the Honey Creek Reservoir, which has also closed its designated swimming areas.

Caution urged for holiday celebrations

Thursday's Fourth of July celebrations will be more subdued in Panola County this year due to the ongoing drought and the risk of wildfires.

The Panola County Fire Marshal has issued a warning to residents to be cautious during the holiday weekend and to avoid activities that could contribute to wildfires.

Although the county has not issued a formal ban on fireworks, it is strongly encouraging residents to avoid using fireworks and other fire-related activities.

The Fire Marshal has urged residents to be careful with outdoor activities and to avoid causing any fires.

The Fire Marshal has also reminded residents to be cautious with outdoor grilling and other fire-related activities.

The Fire Marshal has emphasized the importance of being vigilant and proactive in preventing wildfires during the holiday weekend.
Burns added to lineup of 46th PRCA rodeo

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**Sports**

**Most local Dixie all-stars begin district play Friday**

All Panola County High School teams and the Dixie 14 district all-stars begin district play Friday in San Augustine. Local all-stars include the following:

For the Dixie 14 district all-stars:
- Denison
- Longview
- San Augustine
- Carthage
- East Houston
- East Texas
- Panola County

For Panola County High School teams:
- Denison
- Longview
- San Augustine
- Carthage
- East Houston
- East Texas
- Panola County

Next week's matches will be held at the Panola County High School in Carthage.

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**Dixie 11-12 district tourney at Longview**

The Panola County 11-12 district tourney begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The tourney is being held in Longview at the Longview Country Club. The following teams will compete:

- Panola County
- East Texas
- East Houston
- Denison
- San Augustine
- Longview

The winning team will advance to the state tourney in Midland on July 19th.

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**Dixie 9-10 district tourney at Henderson**

The Dixie 9-10 district tourney is being held at Henderson. The tournament is expected to draw teams from surrounding districts. The tournament will be held on July 10th at the Henderson Country Club.

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