Construction progressing at Louisiana-Pacific plant

Work on Louisiana-Pacific's new Forest Machining Center (FMC) plans is progressing as scheduled and is now focusing on completion of the machine infrastructure. According to an LP spokesperson, work on the 198,000 square foot facility began in December of 1996. Delays on the project have primarily been caused by a severe winter snowstorm that hit the area in the fall of 1997.

"Construction on the FMC is now about 80% complete," said the spokesperson. "The facility is scheduled to open in the first quarter of 1998." LP has already begun to move some equipment to the site and has started to hire some of the 211 employees who will work at the FMC.

"The FMC will be a significant step forward for Louisiana-Pacific," said the spokesperson. "It will allow us to produce a wider range of products and will enable us to be more competitive in the market." LP has already invested $80 million in the project and is expected to invest another $60 million in the future.

Wellness center at Panola College ready to open

It is a big day for the students at Panola College as the wellness center opened its doors to the public. The center, located on the campus of Panola College, is the first of its kind in the area and is designed to provide a healthy environment for students.

"We are excited to have this center on campus," said Dr. John Smith, President of Panola College. "It will provide our students with a place to relax and recharge their minds and bodies." Smith said that the center will be open to the public during the summer and will be open to students during the academic year.

Jobless outlook positive

White County's unemployment rate fell to 4.5% in February, the lowest rate of the year. This is a significant improvement from the 5.5% rate in January. "We are seeing more job openings and more people applying for work," said local employment specialist, John Johnson. "The job market is improving and we are seeing more positive trends." Johnson said that the jobless rate is expected to continue to fall in the coming months.

Elections, hospital woes make headlines in 1996

In a year where election promises were made and kept, the hospital woes continued to haunt the area. The hospital, which has been struggling for years, is still facing financial difficulties. "We are doing our best to keep the hospital running," said hospital spokesperson, Mary Brown. "But it is a challenging time." Brown said that the hospital is still facing financial difficulties and is looking for ways to improve its operations.

In November, a large snow storm, Parma, Pampa, and Panola Counties suffered power outages. "It was a difficult time for everyone," said Brown. "But we are working hard to ensure that this doesn't happen again." Brown said that the hospital is looking for ways to improve its energy efficiency and is exploring new ways to generate power.
Days Gone By

January 1952

Ann Morris

January 30

Walk to discuss exercise at next Diabetic Awareness Day.

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Life improves by Degrees

Virgil H. Dennis, President of the Lebanon High School Alumni Association, will speak on the theme of "Life Improves by Degrees." The event is being held in honor of Lebanon High School's 100th anniversary. Dennis will discuss the importance of education and how it can improve one's life.

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