PGH finance committee to discuss $263,000 shortfall

By Sherry Knowles

The Panola Watchman

Panola General Hospital officials announced earlier this week that funds totaling $368,000 in accounts receivable were not recoverable due to the patient's inability to pay. This amount is in addition to the $363,000 in accounts receivable that were previously designated as non-recoverable.

"We have been working diligently to recover these funds, but unfortunately, we have not been successful," said hospital spokesperson, Mr. Jenkins. "We are now left with a significant financial burden that we must address.""1

Groundwork laid for tax abatement on new plant growth

Panola County Commissioners have taken the necessary steps to lay the groundwork for tax abatement on a new plant growth project. The project is expected to create new jobs and contribute to the local economy.

"We are very excited about this project and believe it will have a significant impact on our community," said Commissioner Jenkins. "The economic benefits are too great to pass up, and we are committed to making this happen."2

Emergency workers rescue man on Panola: The Emergency Services report that the man who was trampled by a bull was rescued and transported to the hospital for treatment.

Dead man driving?

Identity of driver in Monday accident remains uncertain

By Daniel Hemphill

The Panola Watchman

It is still not clear who the driver was in the Monday accident that claimed the life of a Panola County man. According to the coroner's report, the man was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

"We are still investigating the circumstances surrounding the accident," said Coroner Jenkins. "We will not speculate on the identity of the driver until we have all the facts."3

Extinguishing A Chimney Fire

Judge grants Lipskey motion in suit

A portion of a non-compete clause between Panola County Financial Services and a former employee was declared unenforceable by Judge Jenkins. The decision was made in consideration of the employee's rights under the Employment Non-compete Act.

"We are pleased with the court's decision," said Lipskey. "We believe it is in the best interest of both parties."4

February 3 public hearing set to discuss sale, lease of hospital

A public hearing will be held on February 3 to discuss the possible sale or lease of the hospital. The hearing is open to the public, and comments are encouraged.

"We are taking this step to ensure the hospital is being used to its fullest potential," said Jenkins. "We are open to any ideas that will benefit our community."5

Former band director selected as grand marshal in MLK parade

Former CHS band director C.O. Brown was selected as the grand marshal in the MLK Parade on Wednesday. The selection was made by the MLK Committee following a review of several candidates.

"C.O. Brown has a long history of leadership and dedication to the community," said parade organizer, Mr. Johnson. "He is the perfect choice to lead us in this important tradition."6

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