**Carthage darkened by storm**

Carthage school board OKs plan for junior high elevator

By Sherry Koness

On Monday the 13-year-old Carthage school will begin job jury selection for the new junior high building, which is expected to be completed next spring.

The building will be located at the west end of the present junior high campus, and will be built to accommodate 500 students.

The project is expected to cost $1.8 million, and will include a new auditorium, a new library, and a new gymnasium.

The school board has approved the plan, and the project is expected to be completed by the end of the school year.

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Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas, J.D. Bonham, issued a statement today, vowing to continue the agency's efforts to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

"The Railroad Commission is committed to improving the agency's operations and reducing the burden on consumers," Bonham said. "We will continue to make changes that will benefit the public and ensure the safety of our state's transportation system.

**U.S. Postal Service**

The Postal Service is expected to announce a major expansion of its delivery service in Carthage, which will result in the creation of 200 new jobs.

The expansion is part of a nationwide effort to improve delivery times and reduce costs.

The new service will begin operation in April, and is expected to be fully operational by the end of the year.

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Lifestyles

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THE PANOLA COUNTY BUSINESS COMMUNITY

The Panola County Chamber of Commerce is committed to the betterment of Panola County and the success of its members. The Chamber recently held a luncheon for a joint meeting of chambers which included the Panola County Chamber, the Batesville Area Chamber and the North Panola Chamber. The meeting was held at the Panola County Chamber of Commerce in Batesville, Arkansas. The meeting was attended by approximately 50 people, including Chamber members, business owners, and local residents.

CHS-TV announces additional programs

CHS-TV, the flagship station of Community High School, announced that it will begin broadcasting additional programs in the coming weeks. The station, which airs on channel 16, will begin broadcasting a new segment called "Community News" on Wednesdays at 7pm. The segment will feature local news, events, and community updates.

First Things First

Tula Biggs

Nutrition Center Menu

The following menu is for the nutrition center located at 210 S. Main Ave. This menu will be provided with a list of the nutritious items available. The menu will be updated daily to ensure the best selection for our customers. Please check with our staff for more information.

Nutrition Center Menu


Tuesday: Beef stir-fry with rice and mixed vegetables. Side dish: Garlic mashed potatoes. Dessert: Fruit salad.


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Sports

Pine Tree takes Hallsville out

Carthage in first alone after crushing Gilmer

The second annual Pine Tree basketball tournament was held in Carthage, Texas, and featured several of the top high school basketball teams in the state. The tournament featured a unique format in which each team played in a single pool, and the first-place team from each pool advanced to the championship game. Pine Tree, a small rural school located in the piney woods of East Texas, earned the top seed in the tournament and defeated Hallsville, a large suburban school, in the championship game to win the tournament.

Carthage Senior High School in Carthage, Texas, was the favorite to win the tournament based on its impressive season record. The Eagles had won 20 of 24 games and had only lost to rival Gilmer. The Eagles were led by senior guard Mike Johnson, who was named the tournament's MVP. Johnson scored 20 points in Carthage's championship game victory over Gilmer, 57-48.

Gilmer surrenders in final 18 seconds

Dawgs get 59-58 gift, remain in Bucs' wake

The final score of the game was 59-58, with Gilmer falling to Carthage in the final seconds. The game was back and forth, with both teams having moments of dominance. Carthage's defense was key in limiting Gilmer's scoring opportunities, while Gilmer's offense was able to score in the final seconds to save the game.

The win for Carthage moves them up in the rankings and keeps them in the running for a spot in the playoffs. The team is looking to continue their winning streak and improve their record in the upcoming games.
Fillies waste chances to put Angelina away

The Fillies wasted no time in extending their lead and a double-digit advantage as the game moved along.

Elysian Fields girls improve on 16-AA lead

The Elysian Fields girls showcased their skills and improved their standing in the tournament.

Lady Dogs rip Gilmer, stay perfect

The Lady Dogs continued their winning streak by defeating Gilmer.

Lady Pups nip Pine Tree

The Lady Pups managed to edge out Pine Tree in the final moments.

Bears dominate second half, win 83-61

The Panthers were outplayed in the second half, resulting in a significant loss.

What a Difference a Door Makes

Front doors can provide significant security benefits, but it's important to choose the right one.

Missed free throws result in 62-51 loss

The game was closely fought until the free throws ultimately decided the outcome.

Good Grades begin with Good Vision!

Regular eye exams are essential for maintaining good vision.

Bulldog Pinch rip Gilmer, stay perfect

The Bulldogs continued their unbeaten streak by defeating Gilmer.

Carthage Muffler & Tire

Carthage Muffler & Tire offers 90 days same as cash financing.

Correction

A correction to the schedule was needed to ensure accuracy for the upcoming tournament.

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Lady Pups A rip Pine Tree

The Lady Pups secured a win against Pine Tree.

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