Carthage couple linked to four-county burglary ring

By Shelby Kinney

The Panola Watchman

A couple in Carthage who are suspected of being involved in a string of burglaries in four different counties, including Panola, are being sought by authorities.

According to sources, the couple, identified as John Smith and Jane Doe, were last seen in Carthage on the night of May 10. Smith and Doe are believed to be driving a green Toyota Camry with the license plate J937812.

The couple is suspected of burglarizing homes and businesses in Carthage, as well as in three other counties: Henry, Macon, and Covington.

Several law enforcement agencies in the four counties are working together to locate the couple and bring them to justice.

Chief deputy resigns after 30 years in law enforcement

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After 30 years of service, the chief deputy of the Panola County Sheriff's Office has decided to retire.

Deputy Chief David Johnson has been with the sheriff's office for the past 30 years, starting as a deputy before rising to the position of chief deputy.

Johnson has been a valuable member of the law enforcement community in Panola County, and his retirement is a loss for the department.

Search for toddler successful

The search for the missing toddler, who was last seen in Panola County, has been successful.

The toddler, a 2-year-old boy named Jack, was found safe and in good condition after a widespread search.

Deputy Chief Johnson said that Jack was found in the woods near the family's home. He was unharmed and had not been taken to any other location.

Library celebrates anniversary

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The Panola County Library is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

The library, which is located in Panola, was established on April 25, 1965, and has grown to become a vital resource for the community.

The library currently serves over 12,000 patrons each year and has a collection of over 25,000 books.

The library's anniversary celebration will include various events throughout the year, including a special ceremony on April 25.
HUDCO taking applications for 1997 energy assistance program

The Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Dallas has announced that applications are now being accepted for the 1997 Energy Assistance Program. This program provides financial assistance to homeowners for energy-efficient retrofits, such as insulation, weatherstripping, and window replacements. The program is available to homeowners who own their homes and live in the FHLB's service area, which includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Kaufman, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise counties.

To apply for the program, homeowners must complete and submit an application form along with any required documentation. The application period is open until funds are depleted. For more information, homeowners can contact the FHLB of Dallas at (214) 524-4000 or visit their website at www.fhlb-dallas.com.

Lifestyles

Zoe's Recipe Box

By Amanda Huse
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

With the season coming to a close, it's time to stock up on that frozen cranberry sauce. The one that is not just the same ol' Christmas condiment but a quick, easy, and delicious dish that can be enjoyed throughout the year.

Cranberry Sauce

Ingredients:
- 1 can (12 oz) of cranberries
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 cardamom pod
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon salt

Directions:
1. In a large pot, combine cranberries, orange juice, brown sugar, water, cinnamon stick, cardamom pod, and bay leaf.
2. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat.
3. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 10-15 minutes, or until the cranberries have softened and the sauce thickens.
4. Remove from heat and discard the cinnamon stick, cardamom pod, and bay leaf.
5. Season with salt and serve hot or cold.

This sauce can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 1 week. It is also delicious when served with turkey or other meats, or as a topping for oatmeal or yogurt.
Annual business associates event held

Dr. Joel Hill, Chiropractor

Library, museum started

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Ponies, Eagles split, go south in standings

MT. PLEASANT - The dominant trio of Peggie MacFarland, Melinda McClymonds, and Nikki Sowell continued their impressive showing for the Norwalk Pony girls' track team. The trio worked out a combined total of 24 points in winning the 2A-District 11 meet, which ended Monday in wall-to-wall rain showers.

Norwalk, which was unable to field the entire roster on meet day because of the weather, still managed to take first place at the meet. The Ponies took first place in the 11-1A district track and field championships at the Norwalk High School campus.

Peggie MacFarland set a new 11-1A record in the shot put, with a throw of 99 feet, 5 inches. Melinda McClymonds won the long jump with a distance of 17 feet, 7 inches, and Nikki Sowell won the 100-meter dash.

The Norwalk team finished first in both the boys' and girls' events in the meet. The Ponies' boys team won the district championship, and the girls' team finished second.

The Norwalk boys' team was led by Shane Schmid, who won the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, and the 400-meter relay.

The girls' team was led by MacFarland, McClymonds, and Sowell, who also won the 400-meter relay.

The Norwalk team will advance to the regional championships, which will be held in Freer next week.

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EARLY-BIRD MEET

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ARREST REPORT

AARON GARCIA

AARON GARCIA was arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. Garcia, 22, of Odessa, was taken into custody after a confrontation with a man in a local store.

The man, who was not identified, was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Garcia was booked into the Ector County Jail on a $10,000 bond.

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PESI to meet at PC

Beckville community meeting set

PRESIDENT asian Tensions continue to rise between the United States and China over the South China Sea dispute. The United States has called for the resolution of the dispute through peaceful means.

A community meeting will be held at Beckville High School on Tuesday night. The meeting will include an open discussion of the tensions between the two nations.

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Use Touchpads, Not Handguns

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It has been reported that a number of families who have been victimized by crime have used touchpads to protect themselves. A newspaper story told the story of a Texas father who used a touchpad to protect his family.

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COURTNEY FILE TAKES 2A-AAA GOLD

Courtney File, a senior at Norwalk High School, took the 2A-AAA gold in the shot put.

File, who had been the favorite in the event, won with a throw of 99 feet, 5 inches.

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HARRIS 2ND IN SHOT PUT

Harris Pellington, a junior at Norwalk High School, took second place in the shot put.

Pellington, who had been the favorite in the event, won with a throw of 97 feet, 8 inches.