Seasonal jobless rate remains constant in June

Although Panola County's unem-
ployment rate did not change in June, the news may not be as upbeat as similar appearances might suggest.

"The main reason for the lack of a perceivable gain is that we had a very high unemployment rate the previous month,\" said Bob Meador, who is the director of the United States Department of Labor.

Meador said that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June in Panola County was 9.4%.

"This is not a significant change,\" he added. "There were slight gains in some areas, but they were not enough to bring the rate down significantly."

Meador said that the seasonal pattern of employment is largely driven by weather, with the employment rate typically peaking between March and April and then declining into the summer months.

According to Meador, the unemployment rate for June was down slightly from the seasonally adjusted rate of 9.5% in May. However, this was not enough to bring the rate down significantly.

"Overall, the job market in Panola County remains stable,\" he said. "With more than 5,000 people employed, we have a good mix of industries, including manufacturing, construction, and retail."
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Scenes from Panola Kids College 1997

Congratulations on a record enrollment of 107 students!

Photos by Daniel Humphries

Students in computer class prepare to surf the net.

Young scientists around their "laptops."

Youth Theatre Workshop participants practice their play "Delilah is Made Beautiful."

Homeland demonstrates a watercolor technique.

A pupil at creative arts class paints her work.

Students in Clarissa Johnson's class sharpen their skills.

In 11-12 action at Nacogdoches

PC Nationals enter zone

PC Nationals are hosting a tourney this weekend; PCs play in Nacogdoches, Lufkin, and some other sites around the area. The tournament is being coordinated by PC Americans, a group that promotes computer tournaments across the nation.

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Dixie all-star statistics

In 9-10s start tourney, play Saturday

PC Nationals hosting; PC Americans in field of eight

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