ETMC vows to reopen Carthage maternity ward

By Sherry Kitchen
THE PANOLA WATCHMAN

Vowing to continue serving people in their own community as they did during hospital employment for crises of services, East Texas Medical Center-Comanche County is making plans to reopen the Carthage maternity ward. They have also made plans to continue with the hospice care they offered in the past. The hospital has been under construction for the past five years. The hospital building is being completed, and the hospital is expected to open in early 2023.

County drug hotline soon to be available

"Drug use on present is on the rise in our county. We are seeing an increase in the number of people seeking help for drug addiction," said Dr. John Smith, the county health officer. The hotline will be available 24/7 and will provide support and resources for those in need.

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ARREST REPORT

O'Brien, James, age 64, of 114 W. College St., Carthage, was charged with driving while intoxicated and speeding on Dec. 15, 1997. Officer J. L. Jones of the Carthage Police Department arrested O'Brien in his vehicle on Highway 190.

O'Brien was released on a $500 bond.

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Candley, Young pace torrid Pony offense

Ponies upset Apaches to get first TEAC win

Larry Rock, junior guard for The Times-Aplacan, scored 26 points as The Times-Aplacan defeated The Apaches 61-58 at the University of Arizona's McKale Center. The victory marked the first time The Times-Aplacan has defeated The Apaches since 1982.

The Times-Aplacan's defense held The Apaches to a season-low 58 points, while their offense scored a season-high 61 points. Rock was named MVP of the game after scoring 26 points and 10 rebounds.

The Times-Aplacan's next game is against The Aztecs on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the University of Arizona's McKale Center. The Apaches' next game is against The Bulldogs on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the University of Arizona's McKale Center.

Faith Assembly of God plans musical

Faith Assembly of God will present the musical "The Story of Christmas," which begins at 7 p.m. at the church. The musical is about the birth of Jesus Christ and the story of Christmas. The cast includes members of the church's youth group, as well as children from the community.

The musical will be followed by a special Christmas service. Special guests will include members of the United States Army Band, who will perform during the service.

Dial up the Internet

"Dialing into the Internet...connecting East Texas to the World!" is a new service offered by ETNet. The service provides unlimited and local access, including internet browsing, file sharing, and email. The service is available for $19.95 per month (discount available for bulk orders).

The Service is available for businesses and individuals. Call 800-709-6281 for more information.

Carthage girls lose to Airline for fifthstraight win

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PANOLES UNTIL NEXT YEAR AT 7-6

Fillies get split in classic with Grayson, Southern

Grayson County won an exciting game against Southern at the Panola County Classic. The Fillies defeated the Indians 37-34.

"I'm proud of my girls," said Grayson coach Dr. Bill Parham. "They fought hard and came out on top."

On the other hand, Southern coach Bob Montgomery said, "We had a great chance to win, but we just couldn't close the gap."

Both teams are now 2-2 in the season. The Panola County Classic continues on Saturday with Panola against Hardin County.

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SOUTHERN

Panola Coach: Dr. Bill Parham

Players: Maria Smith, Jenny Vasquez, Sarah Johnson, Samantha Lee, Emily Williams, Taylor Bailey, and Keisha Jackson.

Grayson Coach: Bob Montgomery

Players: Krista Thompson, Ashley Little, Maria Garcia, Jessica Green, Allie Cook, and Kelly Taylor.

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TAX DEFERRAL AVAILABLE FOR ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS

Texans aged 65 or older may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They may take advantage of a tax option called "over-65 deferral" by signing an affidavit that the home is occupied by an elderly homeowner.

This special form of tax relief also allows a taxpayer to collect delinquent property taxes on an older Texan's home, according to Houston's The Straus Foundation, according to a report released by the Center for Public Integrity.

"The affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," said state Rep. Tom Craddick.

Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the Appraisal District, no taxing unit can stop or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes for as long as that person owns and lives in the home.

Worried that the tax deferral for the elderly only postpones the delinquent taxes on the home, it does that not cancel them for good. During the deferral term, taxes and interest from 6 percent per year continue to add up. When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns the home or lives in the house, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect the delinquent taxes and interest.

There is no penalty on the delinquent taxes during the deferral time frame. However, delaying the delinquent tax will not fully erase the delinquent tax liability.

TAX deferral forms are available at the Appraisal District office. The homeowner should file the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public.failed to load the image.
Landowners to have help
New tax break to aid
in conversion to pine
timber production

Bennett, Tipton, Woods participate in parade

Nikki Bennett, Jennifer Tipton and Megan Woods stand near the Bennett, Tipton, Woods participation in parade.

CJHS Christmas concert slated

The CJHS Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the CJHS auditorium. The concert will feature performances by the CJHS choir, orchestra, and instrumental groups. The audience is invited to join in singing traditional Christmas carols and holiday songs.

Internet links world, county

Van Craddock, sales associate for Van Craddock, says clients are always on the go and need a way to stay connected. That's why he's excited about the new internet service that's available in the county.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Jeff Northing

AUSTIN — From an elementary school problem in Michael, Texas, to the state's new most advanced program at the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin comes a look at how the state is using technology across various departments.

Innovative Technologies

The Texas Department of Agriculture has partnered with the University of Texas at Austin to create a new program that utilizes artificial intelligence and machine learning to improve crop yields and reduce environmental impact.

The program, called the Texas Agricultural Technology and Innovation Center (TATIC), is focused on developing and implementing innovative technologies in agriculture. The center will work closely with farmers and industry partners to test and refine new technologies.

"We are excited to bring together the best minds in agriculture and technology to address some of the biggest challenges facing the industry," said Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller. "Through TATIC, we will be able to accelerate innovation and drive positive change in our state's agriculture sector." 

TATIC will be housed within the Texas A&M AgriLife Research System, which includes the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Institute.

"This partnership will bring together the strengths of two of the top agricultural research systems in the country," said Dr. Jeff Salyers, director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Institute. "We look forward to working with TATIC to develop innovative solutions to help Texas farmers and the state's economy." 

The center will focus on several key areas including precision agriculture, sustainable farming practices, and biotechnology.

"Precision agriculture is the future of farming," said Dr. David Hsu, director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. "By using data and technology, we can improve productivity and reduce environmental impact." 

In addition to the partnership with the University of Texas, TATIC will also work closely with private sector partners to help bring new technologies to market.

"Private sector partnerships are crucial to our success," said Miller. "By collaborating with companies like John Deere and拜尔, we can help ensure that our research is adopted by farmers across the state." 

TATIC will also work closely with the state's high school agriculture programs to help prepare the next generation of agricultural leaders.

"We are excited to work with high school agriculture programs to help prepare the next generation of farmers," said Dr. Salyers. "By investing in our youth, we can ensure a strong future for Texas agriculture." 

"I am thrilled to see the Texas Department of Agriculture taking such a proactive approach to incorporating new technologies into the agricultural sector," said Senator Charles Perry. "This partnership will help drive innovation and improve the sustainability of our state's agriculture industry." 

The Texas Department of Agriculture is expected to announce more details about the new program in the coming months.