Christmas closings announced

Many local business including banks and area post office will be closed Thursday in observance of Christmas. Area banks and post office will be closed. Guthrie will stay open Friday for normal business hours. Guthrie and county government offices will be closed all day Thursday. Guthrie's largest grocery store, Front Street Foods, will be closed Christmas Day. Guthrie's Christmas season activities will conclude at 5 p.m. Thursday. Guthrie's Christmas season activities will end at 5 p.m. Thursday.

In addition to agriculture census to begin 20th year see page A-5

Ponca County, Texas

CISD considers building plan

Plans were put into motion Thursday morning to begin the preliminary stages of the capital campaign for the construction of a new high school in the Ponca City School District. A CISD building committee meeting was held in the Ponca City Board of Education meeting Thursday morning. The CISD building committee will select three months from now to begin the construction of the new high school. The CISD building committee will select three months from now to begin the construction of the new high school.

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College gets clean audit

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By Sherry Konnora THE PONCA WATCHMAN

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Fire district installs hydrants

HOLIDAY

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Clabaugh nominated for honors in Austin

Clabaugh, a former state senator from the Austin area, was nominated for a number of honors in Austin. She is a strong supporter of small businesses and has been recognized as a leader in the community. Her nomination has been met with widespread praise and support.

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Carthage Independent School District exceeded its budget by $1.17 million for the 1997-1998 school year. The excess funds were used to cover unexpected expenses and improve educational programs.

Lunch program cited

The lunch program at Carthage High School was cited for its success in meeting the nutritional needs of students. The program provides a variety of healthy options and has been praised for its commitment to student health.

COLLEGE

Reduced enrollment

Carthage College announced a reduction in enrollment due to financial challenges. The college is cutting courses and programs to save money and improve its financial situation.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to express my concerns about the current state of education in our community. The quality of education has declined significantly over the past few years, and I believe something needs to be done to improve the situation.

Sincerely,

[Name]

Carthage, Texas

Sunday, December 21, 1997

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OBITUARIES

Jerry Burdeman

Jerry Burdeman, 76, of Pompano Beach, passed away on December 31, 2017. He was born on February 14, 1941, in San Antonio, TX, to the late Ford and Emma Burdeman. Jerry was a retired sales manager and a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the American Legion Post 144 and the VFW Post 285. Jerry is survived by his wife of 51 years, Betty; his sons, Michael and David; his grandchildren; and his great-grandchildren. Services will be held at noon on January 4, 2018, at the Tamarac Memorial Park in Pompano Beach.

Area Board Agendas

Commissions' Court Agenda

A special meeting of the Palm Beach County Commission will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 26, 2017, at the County Commission Chambers, located at 200 Avenue B, Lake Worth. The agenda items include the approval of the consolidated budget for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20 and the adoption of a resolution to establish a new commission for the city of West Palm Beach.

Courtroom News

Strength For Living

‘I have no roots, I am a stranger here, and I wonder if you will help me find my way.’

The words of a stranger who is trying to find his way through life. "I have no roots, I am a stranger here, and I wonder if you will help me find my way," he says. "I am trying to make a living, but I am alone and I don’t know what to do."

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The Palm Beach Post

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For the 1997 Census, the population of the United States was reported at 264 million people. This figure represents an increase of 26 million people since the 1980 Census. The 1997 Census was conducted by the United States Census Bureau, which is responsible for conducting the decennial Census of Population and Housing.

The Census Bureau conducts the Census to provide a complete and accurate count of the population in the United States. The data collected by the Census Bureau is used to allocate federal funds for programs such as education, health care, and housing. The Census Bureau also uses the data to plan for future development and to inform policy decisions.

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**First Things First**

Happy Birthday

Tony Lynn, 21, of Tyler, Texas, is one of the local celebrities celebrating birthdays this week. Tony Lynn is known for his passion for local music and his involvement in various community events. This week, he turns 21 and is looking forward to celebrating with friends and family.

**Senior Nutrition Center Menu**

The menu at the Senior Nutrition Center offers a variety of healthy and nutritious options to meet the needs of senior citizens. This week’s menu includes:

- **Monday**: Salad with mixed greens and dressing, baked beans, and fruit.
- **Tuesday**: Grilled chicken breast, steamed vegetables, and rice.
- **Wednesday**: Stuffed peppers, cheese, and vegetables.
- **Thursday**: Meatloaf with mashed potatoes and green beans.
- **Friday**: Vegetable lasagna, garlic bread, and mixed fruit.

Join us for a nutritious and delicious meal at the Senior Nutrition Center.

**Lady Lions cruise to 51-34 victory**

John Tyler girls extend Carthage streak to two

Carriage calling is great seeing. John Tyler girls extend Carriage streak to two. They continue play like they should, looking for big storms to lash the state. Lady Lions win 51-34 in high school basketball. True, it is a overpowering loss for us. But we are in right relationship with our fans.

**Bears deal Cats rare loss**

Beckville falls to 9-2 at Gladewater

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**Bowl results**

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Texas Department of Public Safety urges holiday safety

The Texas Department of Public Safety encourages all Texans to be aware of the dangers of alcohol consumption, drunk driving, and other factors that can lead to accidents during the holidays. With the increased holiday season, there will be a higher chance of people driving under the influence, which can result in fatalities. To reduce the risk of fatalities, the department advises drivers to:

- Never drive under the influence of alcohol.
- Always use a seat belt and practice safe driving habits.
- Avoid using a phone while driving.
- Utilize alternative transportation options, such as ride-sharing services.

In the event of a traffic accident, it is important to:

- Stay calm and try to assess the situation.
- Call for emergency assistance if necessary.
- Protect injured persons by moving them to a safe location if possible.

By following these guidelines, Texans can ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

UPR families donate 3,602 pounds of food

During the holiday season, UPR families donated 3,602 pounds of food to the homeless community. The donation was made in conjunction with the UPR Food Bank and was a significant contribution to the community's efforts to provide food for those in need. The families came together to support their neighbors and ensure that everyone has access to adequate nutrition. The UPR Food Bank was grateful for the generosity of the families and its continued commitment to helping those in need.

Balloon plans busted

High hopes for a balloon festival in UPR were dashed on Sunday, as the event was canceled due to safety concerns. The festival was scheduled for this weekend, but the weather conditions were not favorable for balloon launches. The organizers decided to cancel the event to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

Equipment, effectiveness goals for fire data

The department has established new goals for improving the effectiveness of its equipment and data collection. The goals include:

- Increasing the accuracy of the data collected.
- Improving the reliability of the equipment.
- Enhancing the efficiency of operations.

These goals are part of a broader effort to improve the department's performance and ensure the safety of the public.
Gurrola, Gibbs complete basic training

Naval Prisoner Jesus Gurrola of 1213 E. 3rd St., Carthage, and Mrs. Virginia Gibbs of 1215 E. 3rd St., Carthage, successfully completed their basic training at the Navy Prisoner of War Camp in Texas. Gurrola and Mrs. Gibbs were the only two prisoners of war in the camp who were able to complete their basic training. The camp, which is located near the Carthage Naval Air Station, is able to accommodate 1,000 prisoners of war. Gurrola and Mrs. Gibbs were both released from the camp on December 10, 1947.

Zoe's Recipe Box

CRADDOCK

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. In a large bowl, mix together 2 cups of flour, 1 cup of sugar, 1/2 cup of butter, and 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract.
3. Add 2 eggs to the mixture and beat until well combined.
4. Pour the mixture into a greased 9x13 inch baking dish.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
6. Allow the cake to cool completely before serving.

5. 8x12 inch cake

Panola County Devotional Page

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God is Watching Over Us

God is watching over us everywhere we go. He sees our every move and protects us from harm. He is always with us, guiding and comforting us. May we always remember to trust in Him and His love for us.

Pray for Holiday Joy to Be Spread Around the World

Now Christmas is almost here, and Christmas is on the way.

Let's enjoy the joy of the season with our friends and family.

And let's all pray for peace on earth.

- Gloria Novak

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