Campaign trail stops in Carthage

By Paul McCannack

Democratic candidates for local, state and national offices were on the scene in Carthage over the weekend to stump for votes.

Lincoln County Sheriff, candidate Joe Starnes, for the state House of Representatives, said he was in Carthage to launch his campaign. Starnes said he was in Carthage to meet with voters and to get their support for his candidacy.

The Texas Senate candidate, Senator Kay Hagan, was also in Carthage to campaign. Hagan said she was in Carthage to meet with voters and to get their support for her candidacy.

The U.S. House candidate, Representative Moxie Sexall, was in Carthage to campaign. Sexall said she was in Carthage to meet with voters and to get their support for her candidacy.

Five seeking commissioners' posts

Candidates for the Texas Senate District 30 seat include:

- Senator Dan Patrick
- Representative Jolene Ivers
- Representative Mark Metz
- Representative Rhetta Bowers
- Representative Dade Phelan

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Vacant home burns

By Teresa Cape

The vacant home in the 1000 block of Smith Street in Carthage was burned to the ground early Monday morning.

The fire was reported to the Carthage Fire Department at approximately 5:20 a.m. by a neighbor who saw smoke coming from the house.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Carthage Fire Department and the Smith County Sheriff's Office.

Financial staff earns kudos

The City of Carthage was recently recognized for excellent financial management by the Texas Municipal League. The city received an award for outstanding financial management.

The award was presented to the City of Carthage by the Texas Municipal League, an organization that recognizes excellence in financial management in Texas cities.

City Manager Charles Thomas said the award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the city's financial staff.

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ineligibility of the office of Panola County Commission is a step in the right direction. It is important to the people of Panola County that we have leaders who are qualified and dedicated to serving the community. The implementation of this eligibility requirement would help ensure that our county is represented by knowledgeable and experienced individuals. It is a necessary step towards improving the quality of life in Panola County.

Douglas M. Criss

Douglas M. Criss is a dedicated public servant who has served his community with distinction. He has a proven record of leadership and integrity. Criss's experience in municipal government and his commitment to public service make him a strong candidate for the Panola County Commission. His vision for Panola County is one of growth and development, and he is committed to ensuring that the needs of the community are met. He is a strong advocate for educational and economic opportunities for all residents of Panola County.

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Mr. and Mrs. John L. Goodwin, Sr.

Baker, Gound marriage in Mexico

Wedding Ann Baker (Baker) and John L. Goodwin, Sr., both of New Market, were married in Mexico on February 12. The couple was joined by family and friends at the ceremony. The couple plans to return to New Market, where they will reside in the near future.

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Ann Morris

Simsom to run for Panola County judge

Simsom has announced her candidacy for the position of Panola County Judge. She has a strong background in law and justice, having served as a judge in her previous capacity. Simsom's experience and dedication to the community make her a strong candidate for the position. She is committed to ensuring that justice is served for all residents of Panola County.

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53rd Annual Carthage Noon Lions Show Highlights

Photos by Paul McComack

Carthage Karate instructor Gena Fitzgerald and the War Against Drugs and Stranglers demonstration group recently performed in front of school groups and their troop leader William Yule.

Karate team urges students to say no

Fitzgerald's karate class includes an array of different techniques that are shown and practiced during the time of each class. The children, boys, girls, and adults who participate in karate perform routines that are specific to their age and skill level. The performance is free and open to the public, and it is scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 20th, at the Carthage High School Auditorium.

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The show is designed to be entertaining and informative, with a focus on the message of no drugs. Fitzgerald and her students, who range in age from 6 to 17, will perform a variety of routines that highlight the importance of making healthy choices and avoiding drug use.

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**Religion**

Hickman, band to perform at college

The music ministry of Southland Baptist Church, Clarksburg, organized and presented a band made up of Southland Band students who accepted the invitation of Reverend Earl Davis to come to the Southern Baptist College in Kentucky. The concert, which was held in the college auditorium, was well received by the students and faculty. The band played a variety of music, including classical and contemporary pieces, to a packed house.

Johnston appears as special guest at meeting

The Southern Baptist Convention held a special meeting at the college in which Dr. Johnston, a well-known theologian, was the keynote speaker. He delivered a powerful address on the importance of faith and spiritual growth, encouraging the audience to embrace their faith and live a life of purpose and meaning. The meeting was well attended, with hundreds of students and faculty members in attendance.

**Sports**

Lady Bulldogs mail Kilgore to near title

The Lady Bulldogs, led by a consistent and strong performance, defeated the Kilgore Wildcats in a tightly contested game, securing their position near the top of the standings. The team's ability to adapt to different playing styles and their resilience were key factors in their success. The coaches described the game as a hard-fought battle, highlighting the importance of teamwork and determination.

Dawgs drum Kilgore to avoid 16-4A cellar

The Dawgs pulled off an impressive victory against the Kilgore Wildcats, securing their place above the cellar in the 16-4A league. The team demonstrated their strength and resilience, overcoming early challenges to maintain their lead throughout the game. The coaches praised the team's efforts and emphasized the importance of maintaining this momentum.

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**Martinsville beats Gary girls, 65-37**

**Gary** — Marty Thompson scored 20 points to lead Martinsville to a 65-37 win over Gary. Thompson, who was named the game's most valuable player, also grabbed 11 rebounds and dished out six assists. The Lady Bulldogs were held to 37 points, with no player scoring more than 12 points for the team.

**Lady Bulldogs cross Kilgore, 35-6**

**Kilgore** — The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Kilgore Wildcats, 35-6, in a tightly contested game. The team's defense was strong, holding Kilgore scoreless for most of the game. The Lady Bulldogs were led by Amy Baker, who scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Kilgore's only points came from a free throw by Tina Smith, who scored 6 points.

**Gary** — Gary lost to Martinsville, 65-37, in a hard-fought game. The team was led by Marty Thompson, who scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Gary's defense was solid, but the team struggled to convert their opportunities on offense.

**Kilgore** — Kilgore lost a close game against Martinville, 35-6. The team was led by Tina Smith, who scored 6 points and grabbed 4 rebounds. Kilgore's defense was strong, but they couldn't find the rhythm on offense and couldn't capitalize on their defensive efforts.

**16-AAAA boys**

**Chapman** — Chapman cruised to a 42-28 win over Martinville. The team was led by Andrew Smith, who scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Chapman's defense was solid, limiting Martinville to just 28 points.

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National power struggles to 87-84 victory

Ponies miss at buzzer to lose to rank Kilgore

It’s been a morose couple of weeks for the Ponies of Mineola, who have lost two straight games after eight victories. The latest setback came in a 10-point defeat to Hendrickson at the annual Hendrickson Invitational Tournament. The Ponies, who are seeded in the 2A district, are hoping to make a comeback this week.

Johnnie Foy, Mineola’s point guard, had a game-high 14 points, but the Ponies couldn’t contain Hendrickson’s backcourt. The Blue Jays scored 21 points in the first half, and the Ponies were unable to keep up.

Mineola coach Frank Kyle said his team’s defense was the key to the loss. "We gave away too many easy shots in the first half," Kyle said. "We have to be more responsive on defense if we want to win.

The Ponies are now at 7-5 overall. They will be at home this week for their final regular-season game against Hendrickson.

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Fillies battle Kilgore to wire in 103-98 loss

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McDaniel, McBee to perform in recitals

The School of Music of Emory University invites you to attend recitals on Feb. 13 with Catherine McDonald and Karen Holm in the Emory Concert Hall on Peachtree Street. The recital will begin at 8 p.m. and is free to the public.

Sounds of Swing band to hold concert Feb. 5

The Sounds of Swing, a jazz ensemble from Emory University, will perform at Emory College, 4520 Peachtree Road, on Feb. 5. The concert is free and open to the public.

Counselors enhance learning experience

The counseling center of Emory University has announced a new program to enhance the learning experience of students. The program, called "Counseling for Success," provides students with access to counseling services, including individual and group counseling, to help them succeed academically.

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Twenty-three county area notes shaken baby increase

A growing number of courts and child welfare agencies in the United States and elsewhere have noted an increase in shaken baby syndrome among infants. This syndrome, also known as inflicted intracranial injury, refers to the non-accidental trauma to the brain caused when an infant is shaken violence. The injury can lead to serious brain damage or death.

The problem arises because a baby's brain and blood vessels are very fragile and can be damaged by even minimal jarring. An infant's brain is especially vulnerable to injury because it is still developing and can be damaged by even minimal jarring. The shaking motion can lead to bleeding in the brain, which can cause permanent damage or death.

A study published in the journal Pediatrics found that more than 50% of cases of shaken baby syndrome involve a child under the age of 1. While shaken baby syndrome can occur in children of any age, it is most common in infants and young children. The shaking motion can lead to brain damage or death.

The problem is not limited to the United States. In other countries, such as the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia, there has been an increase in reported cases of shaken baby syndrome. In some cases, the injury is caused by a caregiver who is in a state of despair or stress.

In response, many states and countries have implemented laws to prevent shaken baby syndrome. These laws vary in terms of penalties and enforcement, but they are designed to reduce the risk of injury to infants.

While the laws are a step in the right direction, more needs to be done to raise awareness about the problem and to provide support for caregivers who may be struggling to care for their infants.

The problem of shaken baby syndrome is a serious one, and it requires a multi-faceted approach to address. This includes education, support, and enforcement of laws to prevent the injury. We must work together to protect infants and reduce the risk of shaken baby syndrome.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**THIS WEEK**

**Fauquier County Volunteer Fire Department**

- The Fauquier County Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a fire safety presentation and open house. The event will be held at the Fauquier County Fire Station on Saturday, October 8th, from 10 am to 2 pm. The event is free and open to the public. Firefighters will be on hand to answer questions and provide safety information.

**Cassity-Jones Lumber & Home Improvement Center**

- Cassity-Jones Lumber & Home Improvement Center will be hosting a special event to celebrate their anniversary. The event will feature discounts on home improvement items, as well as a raffle for a chance to win a $500 gift card.

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