

Local

ANTIQU
TRACTOR CLUB
TO MEET

The Bi-Stone Antique Tractor Club will meet Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the Freestone County Sheriff's Training Center, east of Teague on Highway 84. Marles Pace of Wortham is coordinator of the club.

FT. PARKER
GROUP MEETS
MONDAY

The Fort Parker Historical Society will have a regularly-scheduled monthly meeting Monday evening at 6 o'clock in the Old Fort Parker Visitor Center, announces Karmen Hoffpaur, President of the organization.

PARKVIEW SETS
RESOURCE
EVENING

Parkview Regional Hospital, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, will sponsor a community-wide Cancer Resource Information Night this coming Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. The resource/informational meeting concerning cancer will be in the hospital's Classroom, 600 South

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On Wednesday

•THE IDLE AMERICAN
BY DR. DON NEWBURY

On Thursday

•FREESTONE SHERIFF
•CASTIN' AROUND

On Friday

•JERRY TURNER

On Saturday

•WEDDINGS
•BIRTHS
•LOCAL SPORTS
COVERAGE

Local Weather

Sun 7/8	87/73	
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High 87F.		
Mon 7/9	87/73	
Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.		
Tue 7/10	90/73	
Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.		
Wed 7/11	90/72	
Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.		
Thu 7/12	90/72	
Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.		

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Two Good Glendale Guys



Bob Fain, left, and Ed Copley, neighbors out on East Glendale Street, walk twice a day, for their health. On their "Glendale route" they manage to discuss a lot of world events, and according to Bob, they do a lot of problem solving of these events. Both Ed and Bob are World War II veterans, and both saw combat in that war. They have some "exercise help" - their walkers - but, both get along quite well. Both are good conversationalists, and enjoy their daily walks.

Bob Wright photo

Young pilot killed in Groesbeck area Friday plane crash

By BOB WRIGHT
Editor

A single-engine plane crash near Limestone County Roads 633 and 631, near Groesbeck, claimed the life of the plane's lone occupant, Jeremy Stripling. He was a 26-year-old student who had attended Baylor University and had left Waco, bound for Lufkin when he radioed that he was experiencing problems, and crashed around noon, officials believe.

Limestone Sheriff Dennis Wilson told *The Daily News* about a mile from the crash site that his office dispatcher received the first call around 12:30 Friday afternoon. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Sheriff's office personnel and other officers arrived in the general area. A DPS pinpointed the crash site, in a heavily-wooded area near County Roads 631 and 633.

Sheriff Wilson also said the next move was for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) "to come in and investigate to determine the cause."

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Freda (Cookie) Gremminger pronounced Stripling dead at the scene.

Stripling's body was taken to the Southwest Forensics Science Center in Dallas, where an autopsy is being performed.

After Stripling, whose home is in Nacogdoches, had radioed about his trouble, officials say they immediately lost his plane on radar. "That was right after he said, "I need help immediately," Sheriff Wilson told *The Daily News*. He was experiencing mechanical problems and losing altitude.

It was virtually impossible for photographers to get to the actual crash site, due to its being heavily-wooded.

Limestone to renew Health Department contract in Mexia

By BOB WRIGHT
Editor

Monday morning action is due for renewal of the contract between Limestone County and the Texas Health Department for use of space in the old Penney Building on East Commerce Street in Mexia. This action will come in the regularly-scheduled meeting of the Limestone

County Commissioners' Court.

Commissioners meet in the county courtroom of the courthouse in Groesbeck. The meeting begins at 9 o'clock.

Other action includes procurement of building space for a Planned Parenthood program. County Judge Daniel Burkeen will address this issue.

Other items for Monday Limestone Commission perusal include further discussion concerning the longevity pay policy, action for a contract with Limestone Medical Center with the county jail and

detention centers, approval of a couple of utility line agreements, and payment of bills incurred since the last meeting.

Other agenda items include discussion of matters relating to the Limestone County

Detention Center and investments and/or recall of money from the Tex Pool Fund.

Commissioners also will also have a budget work session. The county's fiscal year will begin on Oct. 1.

Brenda Jean Patrick wins top state award



Brenda Jean Patrick

The Texas Educational Support Staff Association at the TESA Summer Work Conference in Houston named Brenda Jean Patrick, Master Consultant at Region X's Education Service Center in Richardson, 2007 Administrator of the Year last week.

Ms. Patrick, whose three-year contract with Mexia ISD was completed this year, provides learning opportunities for business and school personnel all over the state in Customer Care.

Her honor from TESA came at an annual conference jointly sponsored by the educational office personnel organization, Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA), Texas Education Agency (TEA), and the Coordinating Board of Texas Colleges and Universities.

Criteria for receiving the award includes interest shown in educational office personnel, experience in education, achievements in education and academic background. Letters of recommendation must include information relating ways in which the administrator has been supportive of the sponsoring association and the administrator's attitude and philosophy toward his/her staff and the general public.

Her assistant, Patricia Gay won the Nelda Van Dyke Award at the same conference. Professional activity, education and workshop participation, and contributions to the community and to education are criteria for the award. It is the first time that two representatives from the same service center have been so honored.

Coolidge ISD TAKS scores on the rise

COOLIDGE - With the administration of recent state assessments, students, staff and parents of the Coolidge Independent School District (ISD) are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the 2006-2007 accountability ratings. The ratings, to be released on Aug. 1, could indicate that either campus or the district are rated Recognized.

There is reason to believe chances might be good for this rating. Students improved their passing percentages greatly this year, with scores exceeding the state average on at least 16 tests. Of the 27 TAKS tests administered in grades 3-11, at least 90 percent of the students were successful on nine tests, while 80 percent of the students passed 10 other tests.

In addition, Coolidge Elementary, Coolidge Junior-Senior High School, and Coolidge ISD have Exemplary Reading/ELA scores, and Coolidge Junior-Senior High School has exemplary Writing scores.

On July 20, the district will receive accountability data which excludes the scores of any student who tested within the Coolidge ISD in the spring of 2007, but was not enrolled in the Coolidge ISD on Oct. 27, 2006. Those final scores will determine whether both campuses and the ISD are Recognized or Acceptable.

Regardless of the 2007 rating, scores are on the rise within the Coolidge ISD.



OLD GLORY AND THE TEXAS FLAG were represented at the Freestone County Fair and Rodeo Parade in Fairfield. This holiday season, we're reminded of what the United States flag represents. It also represents sacrifices our military people have made throughout the years, and the sacrifices they continue to make, ensuring our freedoms. Two such gentlemen are shown in today's Page 1 top picture.

Bob Wright photo

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