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Sheriff's Department waiting for DNA results

By Sherry Matney

According to Leon County Sheriff Jerry Wakefield, as of 12:00 noon on Monday, March 08, 2010, results of the DNA test from last week's assault had not been received. On Monday, March 1, a Moody woman in her 80s was attacked in her home. Although there are similarities to previous assaults, authorities cautioned about assuming the Moody attacker was the "Twilight Rapist" until test results are complete.

Moody Police say they are working their investigation and have a few people of interest in the case.

Police Lt. Craig Jefferson submits resignation

by Vanessa Goodwyn

The City Council held their March meeting at the Senior Center on Monday evening. After an executive session late in the meeting, they voted to accept a letter of resignation of Lt. Craig Jefferson from the Buffalo

Police Department. Councilmember Dianne Ryder abstained from the voting.

The meeting began with Chamber President Reitha Hullum and committee chairman Glenn St. John outlining plans for the upcoming Springfest. The Chamber

intends to promote more participation in the event within the city. They are expanding the activities with a chili cook-off with entertainment on Friday night, and kids' activities in addition to the Fiddler's Contest on Saturday.

A group of recently-or-

ganized small business owners were present and took advantage of the opportunity for public comments to make suggestions for ways to more cohesively unite Buffalo's City Council, BEDC, Chamber of Commerce and businesses. Organizer Jan Ramsey described the group as "kind of the Booster Club for Buffalo... hoping to lend their talents to make Buffalo what it can be."

BEDC Executive Director Ken Jones added his endorsement of any plans to enliven downtown, bring tournaments to town or create events that would bring

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Leon County Election Results

By Sherry Matney

Results of the Leon County Republican Primary Election are as follows: County Judge, Byron Ryder 2,022 and Mark Matthews 659; District Clerk, Diane Oden Davis, uncontested with 2,126; County Clerk, Christie Wakefield 1916 and Lois Milstead 748; County Treasurer, Brandi Hill 1,625 and Karen Broach 914; County Commissioner Precinct 2, David Ferguson, uncontested with

437; County Commissioner Precinct 4, Dean Player 671 and Jerry Grimes 229; Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Jack Keeling, uncontested; Justice of the Peace Precinct 4, Doug Preston 601 and Reggie Harris 284; County Chairman, Karen Preston, uncontested with 2,044.

The Democrat Party had only two Leon County races and neither was contested: County Commissioner Precinct 2, Gregory Smith; Jus-

tice of the Peace Precinct 1 Lori Reid.

Incumbent County Commissioner Precinct 2, David Ferguson and challenger Gregory Smith will be on the General Election ballot in November.

Local filings for City and School positions finalized

By Sherry Matney, Melissa Missildine and Vanessa Goodwyn

With local elections just around the corner filing deadline was 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8. Candidates were signing up right up to the "closing bell" on Monday. Here is how the ballots will shape up on Election Day, May 8th.

Buffalo
When the deadline closed for the filing for a spot on the Buffalo City Council, five residents had signed up to vvy for three at-large positions on the Council. Three incumbents whose terms are expiring are Dorothy Farmer and Jerry Salazar, and incumbent appointee Bob Winn who was fulfilling the unexpired term held by Steve Oliver. Also running are new candidates John Maneval and Brent Reeder. In an at-large election, the three candidates with the most votes will win a spot on the council.

Buffalo ISD
Monday at 5:00 also marked the deadline for filing for a position on the Buffalo ISD School Board. All three incumbents will face challengers. Position 1 will see incumbent trustee Dr. Russell Jonas facing challenger Jerrod Jones. BISD Board President Jim Scott is also seeking another term and former board member Scott Glick will run against the incumbent for Position 2. In the race for Position 3, incumbent appointee Gene Pruitt, Jr. will run against Jeff Jones.

The BISD school board election will be held on Saturday, May 8th at the Buffalo

Civic Center, concurrent with the city election. Early voting will begin April 26th and run through May 4th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the BISD Administration Building on Davis Street.

Jewett

The City of Jewett will



Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour this Sunday, March 14.

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Work begins at Weedon well site

Progress began last week on improving the water supply situation in the Weedon Addition as Womble Drilling Co. began work to plug a well at the Flo Water site. The well had never produced usable water. After plugging the existing well Womble will drill

a new well at the site, going to a different depth. Womble has had excellent results with wells in the immediate area at that depth. The only current water supply for Weedon comes across the Interstate from the Flo Wells.



Harold Wages, Field Supervisor for Womble Drilling confers with Flo Water General Manager Jim Martin as Benito Rivas, Daniel Rivas, and Mario Espinosa labor to plug the existing well at the Flo Water site in the Weedon Addition.

Photo by Mac Shadix

and Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 there were only minor issues which are easily corrected. But in the County

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BISD Board explores master plan for district-wide facilities improvements

by Vanessa Goodwyn

The BISD School Board held a special called board meeting on Tuesday, March 2 with two main agenda items.

In the first, the Board learned that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has notified the district that, due to an increase in property values, BISD will be reclassified as a Chapter 41 school, or a school which must give funds back to the state to be distributed to poorer schools under Texas' "Robin Hood" policy. Superintendent Jackie Thomason explained that the state is looking at two-year-

old data collected during the local oil/gas boom, and he predicted, "When they get our new data they'll say we're NOT a Chapter 41 school." Nevertheless, at this time the Board had to select one of five options for sending approximately \$58,000 to TEA. They voted for Option #3, purchasing attendance credits to give the money back next September. The State will withhold entitlement funds which they would have sent throughout the year.

The second agenda item was consideration of a master plan for future athletic facili-

ties and renovation of existing educational facilities. With an eye toward spending the district's collected tax funds locally, rather than seeing it go back to the State, the Board is beginning to explore options for athletic facilities at the new campus, building improvements at the existing high school and elementary campuses, and completing a road that will link Highway 164 to the new school. Tuesday's meeting included a presentation by representatives of ATG Sports with a design

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Dave Baldwin of Athens, Texas hopes for a ringer, while Ed Harris of Daingerfield and Pete Wheeler of Lubbock wait their turn in play at the Tri-County Horseshoe Club. Van 'Go' photo

Tri-County Horseshoe Club brings families to town -- for fun

Over a hundred and twenty pitchers and their families converged on Buffalo for last weekend's Willie Rutledge Classic, a sanctioned THPA (Texas Horseshoe Pitching Association) tournament hosted by the Tri-County Horseshoe Club. The local

club's facility, with 32 pits, is the largest in Texas and one of the sport's premiere facilities in the country. Tri-County hosts several 3-day and 4-day events annually, bringing a good number of families to town. Next up is the Paul Kennedy Classic on May

15th and Montgomery County will host a tournament here on June 19th. There will be a big tournament on September 18th in conjunction with the Buffalo Stampede, and this year's State Tournament will be held here October 8-10. Mark your calendars.

Leon County receives communications trailer from Encana

By Sherry Matney

The Leon County Commissioners' Court held its regular meeting on March 8th in the Leon County Annex I Courtroom. All commissioners were present.

Mac Robinson and Ricky Woody, both with Encana Corporation presented Leon County with a trailer which will be used as a First Re-

sponder's Unit and will be equipped with emergency equipment and communication gear. Judge Byron Ryder said Encana contacted the County and said they had a grant available which could purchase the trailer. Ryder thanked the two gentlemen and acknowledged the gratitude of the community.

The Court voted to ac-

cept a donation of three paintings from Judge Ken Keeling to be displayed in the District Court Jury Room. The paintings were valued at \$1,250.00

Leon County Auditor Susan Pugh provided results of four audits performed in February. In the District Clerk's office there were no findings. In the Sheriff's Of-

O.I.S.D. calls for \$4.5 Million Bond Election

By Melissa Missildine

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. That is exactly what the members of the Oakwood school board are doing. The board called a special meeting Friday and unanimously voted to call a \$4.5 million Bond Election.

This bond would not only cover a new elementary school, but now includes other updates to existing facilities and a gym as well.

Approximately fifteen

members of the community attended this meeting.

Leon Moore, of the Flo area, was among those who had questions about calling a bond election in these troubled times. He suggested that waiting a year or two for the economy to improve. Moore is running for a seat on the school board. He had much praise for the school and its staff. He remarked on how much improved the overall scores are and on some of

the outstanding students that Oakwood has produced in recent years.

J.H. Coker also spoke at the meeting. He said he was representing the west side of the district near I45. He said that they "felt slighted" by the idea of a new elementary being built so far away. The Bond Election will be up for public vote along with the school board and city council on May 8, 2010.