

# Community News

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Tax Office there were 16 major findings. Pugh said she believes the office is short staffed and needs another full time employee and possibly a part time employee during the busy season. In her opinion some issues can be corrected quickly but others will take additional training of the current staff. Judge Ryder will call the elected official and ask her to attend the next Commissioners' Court.

Commissioner Dean Play responded to Pugh "We appreciate the depth and scope of these audits that were performed. It is up to us to follow up on these issues."

James Wallace gave his monthly update on the operations of the Health Resource Center. Wallace was particularly excited about response from Dr. Vickey Camp, OD, and Dr. Robert McFarlane, Cardiologist, both of whom have shown interest in expanding their practices to the Centerville area.

Plans are underway for this year's health fair which will be held at Normangee High School on May 5.

Gary Maples gave the

Veteran's Service Officer's report. He apprised the Court of a Veteran's Appreciation Day which will be on May 1. A meal will begin at 12:00 and will be catered by Country Cousins from an old fashioned chuck wagon. At 1:00 p.m. the U.S. Cavalry will arrive to save the day and do authentic reenactment drills. Maples is about 98% sure that Governor Perry will be at the event but isn't sure what time the governor will arrive. All veteran's, active military and spouses will be honored and will be fed at no charge. Since this will be a large expense Maples requested \$1,000 from the County which will offset some of the food expense. The Court voted to provide the \$1,000. Meals will be available to others for \$10.00 each.

The Court approved an Addressing Resolution which will allow the County to fine Leon County residents \$500 if they do not display their 911 addresses. Pat Bell advised that signs are available for a cost of \$10.00.

The County has approximately \$64 thousand dollars

from a grant to be used to purchase emergency generators. The Court approved purchase of three generators from W. A. Electric to be installed at Centerville, Buffalo and Hill-top Lakes.

Judy Harris, volunteer coordinator for Leon County Emergency Services will take a leave of absence due to health issues. Larry Bass was appointed as her replacement.

In other business the Court approved minutes of the last meeting; approved an Interlocal Cooperative contract between the Texas Department of Public Safety and Leon County, which give DPS permission to use County offices; approved a resolution for a Brazos Valley Regional Fiber Optics Network and Funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; approved road use agreement for CR 317, Showhorn Holding Co; Approved road use agreement for CR 148 and 149, Fann Logging, both are in Precinct #1.



Pictured left to right: Jared Hawthorne, Harley Eakin, Jacob Rodell, Charlie Harringer. Contributed photo

## Students help stock shelves at Lord's Pantry

Buffalo High School students volunteer to stock the Lord's Pantry when a shipment of food arrives. Jared and Jacob are veterans at unloading while Harley and Charlie are newly appointed. The students are supplied primarily from the Ag department and are a huge labor asset for the volunteers who regularly man the pantry. Robert Horstman (not pictured) typically volunteers to travel to

Tyler and pick up the pantry's faire while Karen Helmcamp (not pictured) transports the students to and from the high school. In addition to assisting with the food pantry shipments, BHS students also volunteer to set up and take down tables and chairs for the monthly AARP meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Civic Center. Other students who have helped in the past (not

pictured) are: Rigo Andrade, Ivan Montano, Esteban Espinoza, Dominic Jackson, Bryce Strack, Michael Dominguez, Damian Rodriguez, Kendall Sheffield, Todd Davis, Jonathan Cates, Bubba Baker, and Jessy Champion. The Lord's Pantry staff and AARP say thanks to the students for their help and thanks to Buffalo High School for allowing them to help.

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tourism to the City. In that vein, he requested the Council's approval for the Buffalo Economic Development Corporation to give \$50,783 to the Tri-County Horseshoe Club, addressing Phase I of the TCHC plans for improvements and repairs to their facility and parking area. After confirming that TCHC had provided proof of non-profit status (501c3) the Council approved the request. Jones also announced that BEDC-owned property across from

the retail strip in downtown will be put on the market for sale and development.

Ron Murphy and Paul Kennedy, representing the horseshoe club, thanked the Council for approving the BEDC donation, then asked for additional money for Phase II of their planned improvements. The council voted to table that request until Phase I is near completion. The delay will also give Council members Dianne Ryder and Bob Winn time to

attend a conference on Hotel/Motel Tax Funds, and get a firm grasp on exactly what type of projects qualify for those specially-designated funds.

Gayle Ray came before the Council again on behalf of her daughter, Kayla, with a request that the City reimburse the teenager for the loss of two valuable show goats. Ray had called City Hall to report a pack of stray dogs on her property, but the City's animal control officer went off-duty for the weekend before responding to the message. During the night dogs dug into the pen and killed the goats. Ray presented a request for the City to cover the cost of the animals and their expenses, as well as projected income from the sale of the animals at the upcoming Youth Livestock Show. After extensive discussion including concerns about "opening a can of worms" by setting a precedent for similar requests, the Council did vote to reimburse only the actual cost of the project animals. Dorothy Farmer and Bob Winn cast opposing votes, but the motion passed, 3-2.

Routine housekeeping matters filled the rest of the agenda.

## Lone Star Community Center plans a Flo Schools Reunion

By Sherry Matney

The Lone Star Community Center held its regular meeting on Monday, March 1 in the Center's dining room. The main topic of conversation was the upcoming Flo School Reunion scheduled for April 24.

Held every two years this is one of the most exciting events held at the Center and planning begins long before the reunion takes place. The old Lone Star School building was purchased from the Oakwood Independent School District in the early nineties, after twenty years of ruin and disrepair. After the purchase and once the building was usable, following many hours of love and hard work, the ex-students began having reunions every two years.

The reunion is not lim-

ited to those who attended Lone Star School but also those who went to the many area one room schools in the community. Midway, Brushy, Sand Lake, to name a few, are all schools who have former students who might enjoy the day.

This year Don Lathrop, a former student, will provide the food, preparing chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and banana pudding. Now who in the world could complain about that?! The meal will cost \$10.00 per plate.

June Bell Cantrell, another ex-student, will use her talents to decorate the place and Nick Watson and the Barnett family will entertain. Additionally, a time will be allowed for sharing stories of the "good ole days".

The beauty of the Flo

Schools Reunion is that you do not have to be a former student to attend. Anyone who loves the people and the community will be welcomed and will surely feel right at home.

Fall is the busy season for the Community Center with the Halloween Carnival at Halloween, the Turkey Shoot at Thanksgiving and the Christmas Party at Christmas; it leaves little time for anything else. But with those events behind, the Easter Egg Hunt is the only holiday affair remaining before the long hot summer.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Center on Saturday afternoon, April 2 at 1:00 p.m. There will be hundreds of eggs and refreshments, provided by the Community Center members. There is no charge.

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## NORTH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



Tom Nolen

Today we had good attendance with many visitors and family members from faraway places. We had sad news on Saturday that Brother Norman Diehl had gone to be with the Lord. The viewing will be today in Huntsville at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. The Funeral is to be Monday at 10AM at the University Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville. Everyone hereabouts loved Brother Norman and we are sad to see him go. March 11th will be the next food pantry day. Next Sunday morning the time changes to daylight saving time. So everyone spring ahead one hour so as not to be late for Sunday School. There will be a ladies bible study at 4:30 PM on March 21st. March 25th is the other food pantry day for the month. March 28th is Palm Sunday

and begins the season to Honor Jesus for the crucifixion, Burial and, Resurrection. We should be in prayer during the next several weeks thanking Him for going to the Cross. If you are a Christian and not regularly attending church then come to North Creek and worship with us. If you are not a Christian you need to make up your mind where you wish to spend eternity. If you need instructions on how to inherit eternal life, come to North Creek and someone will help you to understand the principal. "See ya there".

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who supported my campaign for Leon County Treasurer. There are many, many people who helped me in so many ways, for which I am thankful. My family and I appreciate the encouragement that we received during this exciting time in my life. I look forward to serving the community as your Leon County Treasurer.

**Brandi S. Hill**

**TO THE CITIZENS OF LEON COUNTY**  
It is with a humble and appreciative spirit that I accept the opportunity to serve as your Leon County Judge for another term. Thank you for all your support and encouragement during the campaign. Please remember I am here to serve all citizens fairly and with respect. My door is always open for questions and suggestions, I WORK FOR YOU AND YOU ARE MY BOSS.  
Thank you,  
Leon County Judge  
Byron Ryder

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