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Volunteers who have been working on the construction of a new fire station for the Edom Volunteer Fire Department are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Firefighters and supporters have labored diligently day and night for months on the project that is located east of downtown on FM-279. For more information contact Fire Chief Eddie Wood at 903-852-3743.

MISD cancels school elections

By Nathan Straus
News Reporter

The deadline for candidates to file for the Murchison Independent School District Board of Trustees is over, and no challengers have risen to oppose the incumbents.

This situation was acknowledged at the April 17 MISD Board of Trustees meeting. The incumbents, Shiree Head, Gerald Wood and Rusty Abney, were certified as unopposed in the upcoming May 10 school elections.

As a result, the council voted to cancel the school board election set for that Saturday. This move made it unnecessary to go through the steps of election or re-electing new school officials.

In another administrative

decision, Shirley Rowe, former interim superintendent and principal, was named the full superintendent of MISD. Rowe took the place of former superintendent Scott Beene, who resigned earlier in the year.

Megan Reeves, MISD's business manager, said the school had no current plans for the principal position, but has posted an assistant principal position.

"We're going to have the superintendent and an assistant principal," Reeves said.

Reeves also said Rowe's first year was as an assistant principal, then she moved up to principal.

Rowe was also selected as the lone finalist for the superintendent position she received dur-

ing the board meeting. She was named lone finalist on March 13.

Rowe first got into the field of education because she realized when she had children just how much of an impact teachers had on them, she said.

"I saw no other profession where you can have an impact on a child's life like you can in education," Rowe said. "I felt like it was my calling."

The superintendent, who lives in Tyler, said the transition from principal to superintendent will be an easy one.

Shirley lives in Tyler with her husband of 35 years, Ronnie Rowe. Shirley has two grown kids and enjoys the drive between Tyler and Murchison as a time to take a break while taking in the scenic view.

BISD Kindergarten registration in May

Kindergarten pre-registration for Brownsboro and Chandler Elementary schools is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7-Thursday May 8 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at each of the elementary campuses.

To be eligible for Kindergarten classes, the student must:

- * Live in the Brownsboro Independent School District.
- * Be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2008.

Parents need to bring the following to registration:

- * A certified copy of the child's birth certificate.
- * A current immunization record according to the Texas state requirements for school enrollment.
- * The child's Social Security card.
- * Proof of residence with a 911 physical address (electric, phone, water bill)

* Driver's license of person enrolling student.

All of the above **MUST BE** on file with the office before August 25, 2008 for the student to attend school for the 2008-2009 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact either school office at the following numbers:

- Chandler Elem., 849-3400
- B'boro Elem., 852-6461.

★ Relay for life

loved one. These bags will have the word "hope" written on them, and when night falls on the field the bags will be lit to bathe the area in soft light.

Lemons said there will be teams for the relay, and the teams will have a booth at the relay. This is where much of the fundraising will take place. Food and other items will be available for purchase at the booths.

Glenda Bennett, member of the Opelika Missionary Baptist Church team and a cancer survivor herself, said for her,

the Relay for Life is about creating awareness for breast cancer prevention.

"It's a way for me to contribute my part to others," Bennett said.

Bennett also said the relay and the issue of cancer is a very important issue. She added contributions made to fundraisers such as the Relay for Life have helped to make great strides in the field of cancer medication and options, resulting in much improvement.

"The contributions have re-

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ally gone to a worthy cause," Bennett said.

This will be Opelika Missionary Baptist Church's first year as a team to attend the relay, Bennett said, but it will likely not be the last.

"It's touched home personally with so many people," Bennett noted.

Teams are encouraged to raise money for the fundraiser both before and during the event through a variety of methods.

Last year over \$59,000 was raised.

Quilting a family history

If Teddy Ivy wakes up in the middle of the night, curious about a part of his family's history, all he has to do is consult the quilt on his bed.

While most wives give their husbands shirts and shaving lotion, Teddy's wife Barbara recently gave him generations of family history stitched into a patchwork quilt.

With roots reaching back more than 150 years, the Ivy family has been a part of Angelina County's history since patriarch Cyrus Ivy came to the county in 1860 and settled on 320 acres in the Huntington area.

The deed for the property, signed by Governor Sam Houston, is found in minute detail on the quilt.

Another quilt block lists all of Cyrus' children, including five born by his first wife, Susan Ellington, who died in Mississippi, and three others by Alice White, whom he married when he migrated to Texas.

Cyrus and Alice's marriage license, also stitched into the quilt, says they were married in East Texas in January of 1857.

Cyrus bounced around Mississippi and Texas before he settled down in Angelina County. He bought forty acres in Mississippi and when Susan died, he bought another forty acres in Anderson County, Texas, and sold his Mississippi farm.

In Angelina County, Cyrus settled near Huntington in a community that came to be known as Ivy. The name was later changed to Odell, which later became a ghost town. The area is now known informally as Oak Flat.

The Ivy quilt also summarizes Cyrus' service during the Civil War and carries a depiction of a Confederate flag.

The quilt confirms that



By Bob Bowman

Cyrus served with Company D of the 26th Texas Infantry, was wounded in 1864 in a battle at Mansfield, Louisiana, spent time in a Shreveport hospital, and was discharged at Camp Nelson with a \$50 bounty for his trouble.

The quilt says when Cyrus died, Alice applied for and received a Confederate widow's pension. To qualify, she had to list her property.

According to the quilt, she had twelve head of cattle, nine head of hogs, and recently sold two yearlings, one for six dollars and another for eight dollars.

The quilt confirms it all, right down to Alice's X because she couldn't read or write.

Ivy Cemetery, near old Odell, is a small burial ground, but on the third Saturday of each October, the Ivy family gathers for a reunion and shares the family's history.

This year, Teddy Ivy's quilt is sure to be the reunion's highlight.

(Distributed by the East Texas Historical Association. Bob Bowman is a past president of the Association and the author of more than 35 books about East Texas.)

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