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PA Saints run over the Eagles, get ready for in-county battle with South Choctaw Academy

The Patrician Academy Saints defeated the Jackson Academy Eagles 34-0 down in Jackson on Friday night, putting the Saints' record at 4-0. The South Choctaw Academy Rebels went to see the Monroe Academy Vols, returning with a 22-8 victory and a 3-0 record. It will be a battle of the unbeaten in Butler on Thursday night at 7, as Patrician hosts their in-county rivals from South Choctaw Academy. See more football action inside. Photo by Elizabeth Perry



Choctaw student wins Area VI division in soil conservation poster contest

Allie Claire Smitherman of Choctaw County won the 4-6 division of the "Soil: Where It All Begins" poster contest at the Area VI Alabama Soil and Water Conservation District meeting Sept. 10 in Monroe County, according to the program for the meeting. Other division winners were Tripp Andrews of Marengo County in the K-1 division, Lucy Philen of Monroe County in the 2-3 division, Lilliana Ramirez of Conecuh County in the 7-9 poster division and Clara Rankin of Marengo County in the 10-12 poster division.

School system FY2027 budget projected at \$17 million

By Dee Ann Campbell

BUTLER – The Choctaw County Board of Education has approved a \$17-million budget for Fiscal Year 2027, with expenditures expected to exceed revenues by just over \$1.1 million.

The Board heard the presentation of the annual budget from Chief School Financial Officer Tenika Hicks during two required budget hearings held over the past two weeks and voted to approve the plan last Thursday.

The budget presentations showed revenues from state, federal, and local sources totaling \$16,339,197, with expected expenditures topping \$17,449,578.

According to budget documents provided at the hearings, the local system is projected to gain just over \$8.15 million from the state Foundation Program, which provides salaries for teachers. Allocations from the program to the local school system are provided through teacher units allotted to schools based on Average Daily Membership (ADM).

(NOTE: The ADM is calculated by averaging the number of students enrolled on a daily basis during the first 20 days after Labor Day during the previous school year.)

According to information in budget documents, the Choctaw County school system has been allotted 64.13 teacher units for FY2027. Based on a total system ADM of 934.85, allocated units include 54.63 teacher units, four principal units, two counselor units, three units for librarians, and a half-unit for a career tech director.

The FY2027 unit allocations decreased by 1.95 units from the 66.08 listed for FY2026, reflecting an ADM decline of 35.35 students. The following is a breakdown of allotted units per school for FY2027:

- Choctaw County High School – 14.14 total units (12.14 teacher units, one principal unit, half-units for librarian and counselor; ADM of 224.05.

- Choctaw County Elementary School – 18.68 total units (16.18 teacher units, one principal unit, half-unit for

counselor, one unit for librarian; ADM 266.05.

- Southern Choctaw Elementary School – 18.91 total units (16.41 teacher units, one principal unit, half-unit for counselor, one unit for librarian; ADM 263.25.

- Southern Choctaw High School – 11.90 total units (9.90 teacher units, one principal unit, half-units for counselor and librarian; ADM 181.50.

The Board also approved the annual salary schedule for the upcoming fiscal year, which included the 2% pay increase for teachers and support personnel that was passed by the state legislature during the 2026 legislative session.

Foundation Program funds coming into the system are projected to include \$4.22 million in salaries and \$1.78 million in fringe benefits for employees.

Among other state funding allocations, the budget projects \$186,250 for the school nurse program, \$74,212 for a Technology Director, and \$1,987,125 for transportation operation.

Local funds coming into the system for FY2027 are projected at \$5,913,262, including \$2.49 from the 10 mills of ad valorem taxes collected by the county for the Foundation program, 475,000 from regular ad valorem taxes, and a projected \$2.42 million from county sales taxes, along with other local revenues.

Just over \$2.44 million in federal funds are included in the budget, including Title I, Title II, and Individuals with Disabilities Act funds, along with revenues projected for the Child Nutrition Program.

Instructional services make up the largest portion of projected expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year, totaling \$6,487,965, followed by Auxiliary Services at \$3,558,142, and instructional Support Services at \$2,889,145.

The school system will begin FY2027 on October 1 with a fund balance of \$5,181,932, with a projected ending fund balance of \$5,078,360 on September 30, 2027.

During their Tuesday, September 8th meeting, the board

also approved a 2% pay increase for the Superintendent of Education, in keeping with a policy put in place by the board in 2022, which mandates pay increases for the position each time the state raises salaries for teachers.

In other business, the board approved personnel recommendations including the following:

- Employment of substitutes -- Veronica Blakley, Kenneth Mitchell, Jr., Nancy McIlwain
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Worker, CCES – Willie Rainey

- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Worker, SCES – Easter Adams

- 21st Century Site Coordinator, SCES – Jody Smith

- 21st Century Site Coordinator, SCES – Gracia Hill

- 21st Century Teachers, SCES – Mellisa Grayson, Gracia Hill, Amber Robinson, Anjanette Taylor, Carrie Turbyfill

- 21st Century Bus Drivers, SCES – Sheila Fore, Angela Moffett

- Custodian, SCHS – Kurt Jackson

- Custodian, CCBOE – Sheila Bonner

- Special Education teacher, SCHS – Gina Conner

- Special Education Instructional Aide, SCHS – Jeda Davis

- 21st Century Site Coordinator, CCES – Chetrenda Ruffin

- 21st Century Substitute Site Coordinator, CCES – Gloria Horne, Shelley Mason

- 21st Century Teachers, CCES – Arquetta Howard, Shelley Mason, Kenitta Willis

- 21st Century Bus Drivers, CCES – Sabrina McIntosh, Tracy Ruffin

- Mid-Day Bus Driver, CCHS – Dehvin Latrell Campbell

- Assistant Football Coach, Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, CCHS – Justin Tyrone Manuel

- Assistant Softball Coach, CCHS – Tenitcha Williams

The board also approved a contract with APEX Elite Outdoor Solutions for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment at SCES, at a total cost of \$34,277.33, with funding to be provided through OSR (school) funds.

Forestry Commission moves burn permits online

The Alabama Forestry Commission has launched a new online burn permitting system for state-certified prescribed burn managers and plans to phase out burn permits by phone within the next 12 months.

The new portal prompts

users to create a profile with two-step verification. Applicants can then geolocate their prescribed burn or enter the location manually, as under the old system. Once the information is entered, and if there are no burn restrictions in the area, a permit number is gen-

erated and emailed to the applicant along with fire weather information for the permit area.

The system will also let the commission notify certified burn managers of burn restrictions across the state by email. Permits by phone remain avail-

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Patrician Academy names 2026 Homecoming Court



PATRICIAN ACADEMY HOMECOMING COURT 2026
Join us for Homecoming on Friday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. as we celebrate this year’s theme: “Every Fairy Tale Needs a Saint!”
Front Row, Left to Right:
First Grade Crown Bearer Rowdy Richardson; First Grade Flower Girl Demi Glosson; Senior Maids Hailey Jones, Isabel McPhearson, Emma Winters, and Kayleigh Cornett; First Grade Flower Girl Anna Bradlee Nelson; and First Grade Crown Bearer John Weeks Hubbard.
Back Row, Left to Right:
Freshman Maid Ella Claire Moody; Sophomore Maid Kenzie Presley; Junior Maids Emma Hart Gibson and Addy Grace McIlwain; Sophomore Maid Addie Barrow; and Freshman Maid Anna Michael Patrick.

Congratulations to the 2026 Patrician Academy Homecoming Court! We can’t wait for a magical night celebrating our Saints!

Sample ballots for Nov. 3 general election now online

Sample ballots for the Nov. 3 general election are available on the Alabama Secretary of State's website, Secretary of State Wes Allen announced Monday. Ballots for all 67 counties are posted at sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes. Allen thanked county probate judges and election officials for preparing and reviewing the ballots. "As a former probate judge, I know firsthand the preparation and dedication required to conduct a fair, secure, and transparent election," Allen said.

Thank you for reading!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Choctaw County wishes to levy an additional ad valorem tax of up to five (5) mills, beginning October 1, 2027, for no more than five (5) years, with all proceeds used solely for the projects in the Road and Bridge Plan, as advertised below, to improve safety for the traveling public and promote economic development for industry and businesses, and authorizing the Commission to finance such projects through county warrants payable from those tax revenues. The projects shall be completed no later than January 1, 2033.				
PAY AS YOU GO PROGRAM - ROAD AND BRIDGE PLAN (RESURFACING PROJECTS)				
PROPOSED ROAD NAMES & DESCRIPTIONS	TOTAL MILEAGE	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	PAY AS YOU GO FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS
BENT TREE RD (From Beginning of Pavement to AL 17)	1.46	\$438,000.00	\$438,000.00	
MT OLIVE RD (From Beginning of Pavement to AL 17	0.50	\$152,500.00	\$152,500.00	
CR 42 (From Pine Grove Rd to End of Pavement)	3.35	\$988,250.00	\$988,250.00	
DAKOTA RD (From Beginning of Pavement to AL 17)	0.40	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	
LOTTTS FERRY RD (From AL 114 to End of Pavement)	0.90	\$202,500.00	\$202,500.00	
WHITE OAK RD (From AL 114 to Grey Fox Rd)	0.35	\$80,500.00	\$80,500.00	
GREY FOX (From Beginning of Pavement to AL 114)	0.65	\$146,250.00	\$146,250.00	
TUSCAHOMA (From AL 10 to End of Maintenance)	4.26	\$1,482,250.00	\$77,000.00	\$1,405,250.00
CR 7 (From CR 32 to End of Pavement)	2.95	\$929,250.00	\$929,250.00	
TINKER RD (From CR 9 to End of Pavement)	2.26	\$644,100.00	\$644,100.00	
SANDY CUT RD (From Riderwood Dr to End of Pavement)	1.60	\$360,000.00	\$360,000.00	
DICEY RD (From Beginning of Pavement to Scott Mt Rd)	0.65	\$152,750.00	\$152,750.00	
MT NEBO RD (From Beginning of Pavement to AL 10)	1.27	\$292,100.00	\$292,100.00	
RIDERWOOD RD (From Sunday Dr to AL 17)	2.00	\$660,000.00	\$419,000.00	\$241,000.00
NARROW RD (From Land Road to Pinhook Rd)	3.12	\$936,000.00	\$936,000.00	
SINGLEY RD (From AL 17 to End of Pavement)	1.95	\$604,500.00	\$604,500.00	
LASSITER RD (From AL 17 to End of Pavement)	1.10	\$308,000.00	\$308,000.00	
SOUWILPA RD (From Beginning of Pavement to AL 17)	1.08	\$313,200.00	\$313,200.00	
TURNERTOWN RD (From Needham Rd to Brightwater Rd)	3.90	\$1,092,000.00	\$91,400.00	\$1,000,600.00
CLARK RD (From AL 17 to Barrytown Rd)	3.00	\$810,000.00	\$810,000.00	
SHADY GROVE RD (From AL 84 to CR 6)	2.50	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	
LUCAS RD (From Chapel Hill Rd to Wimberly Rd)	1.47	\$382,200.00	\$382,200.00	
BRIARWOOD RD (From Pleasant Hill Rd to End of Pavement)	1.40	\$294,000.00	\$294,000.00	
MOSLEY BRIDGE RD (From Barrytown Rd to Chapel Hill Rd)	3.98	\$1,134,300.00	\$88,500.00	\$1,045,800.00
TOTAL PROPOSED MILEAGE =	46.10	\$13,192,650.00	\$9,500,000.00	\$3,692,650.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED PAY AS YOU GO FUNDS =		\$9,500,000.00		

NEWS AND EVENTS

OBITUARIES

John Alden Boney, Jr. June 7, 1937 - September 14, 2026

John Alden Boney, Jr., known by family and friends as “John A.”, passed away peacefully on September 14, 2026, in Butler, AL. He was born on June 7, 1937 to John Alden Boney, Sr and Ola Gibson Boney in the family home of Seaborn Gibson.

Raised near Butler, AL., John A. graduated from Choctaw County High School and received his BS degree in Pulp & Paper Technology and Engineering at The University of Alabama. After graduation, he was employed as a chemical engineer with Gulf States Paper Corporation until his retirement. John A. was also a cattleman and farmer while living with his family in Kinterbish, AL and enjoyed working in his shop inventing tools and equipment used on the farm. After his marriage to Wylene in 1977, they moved back to Butler to build their dream home close to the downtown area and where he served on the Butler City Council. They enjoyed gospel music, Alabama Football, NASCAR racing, and international and stateside travel with friends as well as organizing family reunions for both the Boney and Gibson families. He also met regularly at Hardees with four close friends whose names all began with “J” (known as the Five J’s), Joe Cowan, John Patton Utsey, Jerry Thompson, and James Cowan. Following the skills passed on from John A.’s father, the five friends continued the tradition of making home made sugarcane syrup calling their endeavor “The Five J Syrup Company”.

Two of John A.’s proudest productions from his workshop were his electric (hybrid) car built on an Isuzu truck frame (which he drove proudly in the annual Butler Parade with Wylene in the back seat) and a mechanical steer prototype for calf ropers to hone their roping skills on. His car is now in the Gilbertown Museum. He also held two U.S. patents pertaining to pulp and paper fiber processes.

John A. and Wylene were faithful members of the First Baptist Church of Butler for many years and John A. was instrumental in the design and construction of the Family Life Center. He and his cousin, Franklin Boney, did a gospel music radio broadcast from the church, known as the Mutt & Mose Gospel Hour on Sunday mornings for several years. He would also often pause conversation at his home near the First United Methodist Church to say “Listen to my chimes” referring to the musical chimes he maintained at the church.

John A. was preceded in death by his loving wife, Wylene Johnson Boney, his parents, John A. Boney, Sr. and Ola Gibson Boney, and his sister, Billie Boney Baskin (Dr. Charles). He is survived by his children John (Johnny) A. Boney, III (Jocell), Teresa Newton (Mike), Terry Sue Boney, stepchildren Michelle (Greg) Sawyer and Stuart Newsome (Mary James), eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the sitters who lovingly cared for our Daddy - Tonya Ridgeway, Georgia Brooks and William Gibson - along with the nurses and caregivers from the Legacy Hospice.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at First Baptist Church of Butler, with Rev. Micah Gandy officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow the service in the Butler Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers are Jessie Kelley, Mitchell Kelly, William Gibson, Taylor Mos-

ley, Milton Stewart, and Ory Turner.

Kenneth R. Buckalew Sr. and Delores O. Buckalew

Kenneth R. Buckalew Sr., 83, and Delores O. Buckalew, 83, of Toxey died Saturday, Aug. 29, and Monday, Aug. 31, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, following a motor vehicle accident. They were surrounded by their family.

Kenneth Buckalew, known as Buck, was born Oct. 20, 1942, in Butler to Otis R. Buckalew and Jewel Harris Buckalew. Delores Buckalew, known as Dee, was born Dec. 21, 1942, in Butler to Earl Owen and Mary Todd.

They married Jan. 15, 1960, at Riderwood Union Church. They began dating at an early age and spent nearly 70 years as companions and best friends, and one was rarely seen without the other. They enjoyed traveling and camping all over the country, adventures that often included riding all day just to find the perfect place to eat. Their family was their pride and joy, and left many lasting memories that include cookouts, trips to the sandbar, rides through the river swamp and many hunting adventures.

They were preceded in death by their parents; a stepfather, Wallace "Red" Skelton; a son-in-law, Todd Skinner; a great-grandson, Trevor May; and a sister-in-law, Vicki Buckalew.

Survivors include their children, Kim B. Skinner and Kenneth R. Buckalew Jr. (Lynn); their grandchildren, Jennifer Black (Bryan), Brandy Taylor (Bruce), Lauren Downey (Scott), David Skinner (Becky), Brian Skinner, Paige Casevechia (Clay), Matt Buckalew, Keilea Miller and Lilly Miller; 14 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Alan Buckalew; sisters Diane Buckalew and Donna Riley; and a host of other honorary family and friends.

Honoring their wishes, a private family ceremony will be held at a later time.

They left behind a legacy of love and family.

Bumpers Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Sue Covington Campbell

Funeral services for Sue Covington Campbell, age 89, of Silas, AL, were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 5, 2026, at Silas First Baptist Church in Silas, AL, with Rev. Mathew Campbell, Rev. Randy Byrd, and Rev. Richard Baldwin officiating. Visitation was held at 10:00 a.m., for one hour just prior to the service at the church. Interment followed the funeral service in the Edgar Cemetery in Silas, AL.

Ms. Campbell was born July 27, 1937, in Chappel Hill, AL, to Thomas and Ophelia Covington. She passed away August 30, 2026, at her residence in Silas, AL.

Sue, known as “Mama Sue” to those who knew her best and loved her most, was the epitome of a Southern woman. She was hardworking, devoted to her family, and happiest when caring for the people she loved. She could often be found preparing a Sunday meal after church, reading, tending to her flowers, or baking goodies to share with those who meant the most to her.

Food was just one of the many ways she showed her love, and if you were fortunate enough to sit at her table, you never left hungry. She was fiercely independent, witty, welcoming, and generous. Mama Sue lived a life centered around her family, her friends, and the simple acts of love that made her home feel like home to everyone who walked through the door. She loved her grandchildren deeply, but everyone knew that no one could quite compete with her great-grandchildren.

She is remembered for her strength and independence, but also for her gentle heart, the meals she prepared, and the endless love she shared.

She is survived by her son, Stacey Leverne Campbell (Angela); daughter, Tinea Ophelia C. Bice (Wayne); grandchildren, Arielle Lindsey (Jonathan), Thomas Fredrick Campbell, II (Josh), Isaac Bice (Estephania), Victoria McMahon (Roy), Matthew Leverne Campbell (Jill), Dylan David Campbell (Lauren), and Lauren Lehmkuhl (Mason); twelve great grandchildren; and sisters, Nalda Baldwin and Pam May (Billy).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Foye Levern Campbell; son, Thomas Fredrick Campbell; father, Thomas Richard Campbell; mother, Ophelia Amanda Stewart Campbell; brothers, Curvin Covington, Richard Covington, and Stuart Covington; and sisters, Selma Hendrix, Kathryn Baldwin, Mary Helen Sikes, and Joyce Smith.

Serving as pallbearers were Dylan Campbell, Keith Stanley, Troy Lindsey, Freddie Williams, William Lassiter, Rusty Baldwin, Buddy Covington, and Lil’ Joe Griffith. Honorary pallbearers included Ryann Donald, Jonathan Lindsey, Mason Lehmkuhl, Roy McMahan, Joshua Abad, (Grandsons) Matthew Campbell, Thomas Campbell, Isaac Bice, (Great Grandsons) Kyle Grice, Jay Lindsey, Jackson Lindsey, Carson Campbell, Cooper Campbell, Caleb Campbell, Camden Campbell, John Miller Campbell and Gabriel Bice.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gideons International, Choctaw County Camp, P.O. Box 734, Butler, AL 36904.

Expressions of condolence may be offered at www.phillips-funeral-home.com.

Arrangements provided by Phillips Funeral Home, 116 West Main Street, Gilbertown, AL 36908.

Benjamin Franklin Coody

Funeral services for Benjamin Franklin Coody, age 87, of Gilbertown, AL, were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at Phillips Funeral Home in Gilbertown, AL, with Rev. Kevin Breland and Rev. Michael Boutwell officiating. Visitation was held at 10:00 a.m., for one hour just prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment followed the funeral service in the Smith Cemetery in Gilbertown, AL.

Mr. Coody was born June 21, 1939, in Gilbertown, AL, to William and Ola Coody. He passed away August 29, 2026, at his residence in Gilbertown, AL.

Mr. Coody was a hard working man who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, including gardening, fishing, coon hunting, wrestling, and cheering on Alabama football. Above all, he loved his family dearly and treasured the time he spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa Wallace Coody; sons, Chris Coody (Donna), Roger Coody, Lester Coody, Billy Coody (Teresa); daughters, Rene Andrews and Reta Coody; eleven grandchildren; twenty-six great grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Ruth Carney Coody; son, Bo Coody; grandchildren, Damion Coody and Kristen Sellers; father, William Nilon Coody; mother, Ola Velma Donald Coody; brothers, Newton Coody, Bud Coody, James Coody, and Norman Coody; and sisters, Willie Maude Turner, Martha Diamond, Vernell Jenkins, and Margaret Moore.

Serving as pallbearers were Chelsey Coody, Joel Coody, Benjamin Coody, Tyler Coody, Lester Coody, and Roger Coody. Honorary pallbearers included Crimson Coody,

Slade Presley, Skeeter Coody, and Randy McInnis.

Expressions of condolence may be offered at www.phillips-funeral-home.com.

Arrangements provided by Phillips Funeral Home, 116 West Main Street, Gilbertown, AL 36908.

Garyie Lamar Davis

Funeral services for Garyie Lamar Davis, age 74, of Hurricane, AL, were held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 11, 2026, at Hurricane Baptist Church with Rev. Austin Bedwell and Rev. Jeffrey Davis officiating. Visitation was held from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. prior to the service at the church. Interment followed the funeral service in the Hurricane Cemetery.

Mr. Davis was born December 12, 1951, in Butler, AL, to C. L. and Lucille Davis. He passed away September 6, 2026, in Butler, AL.

Garyie’s life was marked by his devotion to the Lord and his deep love for reading the Bible. He was an active member of Hurricane Baptist Church where he especially enjoyed helping with Vacation Bible School. Family was at the heart of his life and he treated his nieces and nephews as if they were his own children. He found joy in family gatherings, as well as deer hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his brother, Melton Davis (Sandra); sister, Eloise Davis Adams; nephews, James Green Davis, Mitchell Lee Adams, Jeffrey Davis, and Neil Cooley; nieces, Jennifer Davis Wofford (Chris) and Janey Adams Glover (Edgar); and great niece and nephew, Delia Wofford and Devin Adams. He was preceded in death by his father, C.L. Davis; mother, Lucille Busby Davis; brothers, Carl Davis (Patricia), and Richard Davis; sisters, Sarah Jean Davis and Leona Davis Cooley (Alvin); and brother-in-law, Mickey Adams.

Serving as pallbearers were Green Davis, Mitchell Adams, Jeffrey Davis, Chris Wofford, Edgar Glover, and Jeremy Giles.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hurricane Cemetery Fund, c/o Carolyn Doggett, 7375 Melvin Rd., Gilbertown, AL 36908.

Expressions of condolence may be offered at www.phillips-funeral-home.com.

Arrangements provided by Phillips Funeral Home, 116 West Main Street, Gilbertown, AL 36908.

Devon Giles Gibson

Funeral services for Devon Giles Gibson, age 92, of Butler, AL, were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, September 14, 2026, at Phillips Funeral Home in Gilbertown, AL, with Rev. Franklin McLelland and Rev. Ben James officiating. Visitation was held from 10:00 until 11:00 prior to the service at the funeral home. A graveside service was held Tuesday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m. in Mobile Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Mobile, AL.

Ms. Gibson was born August 17, 1934, in Souwilpa, AL, to Herman and Letha Mae Giles. She passed away September 10, 2026, in Butler, AL.

Devon was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, whose gentle elegance and sweet spirit guided our family with grace. Her faith was a beacon, leading her family to Jesus through her prayers and example. Her love for life shone brightly in her many passions: crafting exquisite cakes and cookies, mastering southern classics in the kitchen, and sewing everything from delicate dresses to baby bedding. Her talent extended to crocheting thousands of beautiful ornaments, each adorning every inch of her Christmas tree, while her Bible was her daily companion, read without fail. Her quiet, steadfast faith was as powerful as it was profound, moving mountains with its strength. She embodied

Christian virtues, expressing love through her remarkable hospitality. Whether hosting family dinners, preparing meals for those hurting or in need, or contributing to church potlucks, she understood the deep connections forged over shared meals. Though she appeared quiet and unassuming, she was an indomitable force of nature. She navigated life’s triumphs and sorrows with resilience, grace, and a knowing smile, leaving an indelible mark on our hearts.

She is survived by her sons, Sammy Y. Gibson (Cindy) and Donald R. Gibson (Diana); grandchildren, Rachel Gibson (Hannah), L. Benjamin Hurst (Stacey), James T. Gibson (Jennie), and D. Matthew Gibson (Jennah); great grandchildren, Greyson Hurst, Caroline Hannah, Charlie Hannah, Sam Allen Hannah, James Henry Gibson, Evans Gibson, Owen Gibson, Dominic Gibson, and Mia Gibson; brother, Ronnie Giles; sisters, Imogene Beard, Grace Pilot, Alice Higgins (Jerry), and Patsy Cotten (Buddy); and brother-in-law, Michael Shepherd. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Kay Gibson Hurst; father, James Herman Giles; mother, Leatha Mae Doggett Giles; brothers, Jim Giles and Leon Giles; and sisters, Glendine McCarty and Sybil Shepherd.

Serving as pallbearers were Ben Hurst, James Gibson, Matt Gibson, Greyson Hurst, Charlie Hannah, and Sam Allen Hannah.

Devon’s family would like to express a special thanks to her caregivers and Legacy Hospice for their excellent care.

Expressions of condolence may be offered at www.phillips-funeral-home.com.

Arrangements provided by Phillips Funeral Home, 116 West Main Street, Gilbertown, AL 36908.

Eli Broox Koen

Funeral services for Eli Broox Koen, age 21, of Gilbertown, AL, were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at Gilbertown Baptist Church in Gilbertown, AL, with Rev. Holden Smith officiating. Visitation was held at 1:00 p.m., just prior to the service at the church.

Interment followed the funeral service in the Scott Mountain Cemetery in Scott Mountain, AL.

Eli was born December 14, 2004, in Mobile, AL, to Barry Cleve and Kristy Scott Koen. He passed away August 30, 2026, in Quitman, MS.

Eli was an avid hunter and outdoorsman who especially enjoyed deer hunting and hog hunting with dogs. Known as a jokester, he had a way of bringing laughter to those around him and was always a good friend to everyone he met. Eli had a heart of gold, loved his family deeply, and enjoyed life in general, making the most of every moment he was given.

He is survived by his parents, Barry and Kristy Koen; brother, Seth Koen (fiancé Liza Grace McManus); sister, Ella Scott Koen; his girlfriend of 6 ½ years, Olivia Grace Jimereson; paternal grandparents, William and Janice Koen; maternal grandparents, Brooks and Lynn Scott; and aunts and uncles, Kelly and Robbie Phillips and Dinah and Scott Lindsey.

Serving as pallbearers were Kamden Fuller, Avery Vaughn, Preston Vaughn, Hunter Turner, Tanner Bayles, and Riley Nelson. Honorary pallbearers included his co-workers at Georgia-Pacific.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to:

Gilbertown Baptist Church or Patrician Academy Sports.

Expressions of condolence may be offered at www.phillips-funeral-home.com.

Arrangements provided by Phillips Funeral Home, 116 West Main Street, Gilbertown, AL 36908.

Willie James Law
August 12, 1938 - September 4, 2026 (age 88)
PUBLIC VIEWING
Saturday, September 12, 2026
2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Law Mortuary
161 Panther Drive
Dixons Mills, Alabama 36736
PUBLIC VIEWING
Sunday, September 13, 2026
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
46th Street Baptist Church
230 85th Street North East
Birmingham, AL 35206
BURIAL
Monday, September 14, 2026
Alabama National Cemetery
3133 Highway 119
Montevallo, AL 35115

Randall "Randy" Keith Mars

Randall "Randy" Keith Mars, 59, of Lisman died Saturday, Sept. 5, in Birmingham.

He was born Dec. 6, 1966, in Meridian, Miss. After a career in his family's mobile home business he started two businesses of his own, RKM Construction and Shiloh Farmer's Market in Whynot, Miss., serving his community through both.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Mars.

Survivors include his son, Jacob Seth Mars (Katherine); his mother, Frances Flemming (Joe); his brother, Richard "Ricky" Mars (Amy); his step-sister, Rhonda Fetner (Deric); his stepbrother, John Fleming (Summer); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Sept. 9, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. A celebration of life service followed at noon at the Chapel of Bumpers Funeral Home in Butler, with the Rev. Jamie Sims officiating. Burial followed at the Mars Camp in Lisman.

Pallbearers were Kyle Mars, RJ Main, Weston Main, Ashton Stuart, Justin Rahmel and Jason Rahmel.

Randy will be remembered for his giving heart, his good nature and his love for his friends and family. He never met a stranger, and every soul fortunate enough to meet him was all the better for it.

Bumpers Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Glynn Allen Roberts

Glynn Allen Roberts, born August 27, 1953, passed away on August 8, 2026, at the age of 72.

Glynn will be remembered and cherished by those who knew and loved him. His memory will live on through his family and the many moments they shared together.

He is survived by his son, Dwayne Roberts; his brother, Ralph Roberts; and his five grandchildren, who will carry his memory in their hearts for years to come.

Though his time with us has come to an end, the memories he leaves behind will remain a lasting part of the lives of those who loved him.

Rest in peace, Glynn. You will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Visitation bumpersfuneralhome.com to sign the online register and post condolences to the family.

Arrangements entrusted to Bumpers Funeral Home of Butler.

Thomas Avery “Tommy” Sheppard

Funeral services for Thomas Avery “Tommy” Sheppard, age 67, of Butler, AL, were held at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, September 13, 2026, at Phillips Funeral Home in Gilbertown, AL, with Rev. Brent Boutwell and Rev. Marshall Adcock officiating. Visitation was held from 12:00 until 1:00 prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment followed the service in the Sheppard Cemetery in But-

VIEWPOINTS

BLONDE AMBITION Bits of wisdom in a nutshell

There are times in life when we just need to hear them, just a few words that help us put things in perspective, a wise quote or two to help us right the ship, find the mark, and gain our focus.

Sometimes I need just that, and maybe you do, too. So here's a few one-line quotes, bits of wisdom in a nut-



Dee Ann Campbell

shell that have stood out to me in my own life at times.

Read each one, weigh them against what is going on in your own life, and let them sink in. Maybe, like me, one or two of them may be just what you need to

hear to regain confidence and find your courage.

- Don't tell people your plans; show them your results. - author unknown
- No pressure, no diamonds. - Thomas Carlyle.
- We can do anything we want to, if we stick to it long enough - Helen Keller
- Impossible is for the unwilling. - John Keats
- Once you choose hope, anything is possible - Christopher Reeve
- Take the risk or lose the chance. - unknown
- Go forth on your path, as it exists only through your walking. - Augustine of Hippo
- When others say you can't,

just prove them wrong. - unknown.

- No guts, no story. - Chris Brady
- Broken crayons still color. - unknown
- Whatever you are, be a good one. - Abraham Lincoln
- Grow through what you go through. - unknown
- Do it with passion, or not at all. - unknown
- If it matters to you, you'll find a way. - Charlie Gilkey
- The past does not equal the future. - Tony Robbins
- Whatever you do, do with all your might. - Marcus Tullius Cicero
- We are twice armed if we fight with faith. - Plato

- If you're going through hell, keep going. - Winston Churchill
- Open your mind. Get up off the couch. Move. - Anthony Bourdain.
- Fall seven times, stand up eight. - Japanese proverb
- Faith can move mountains, but doubt can create them. - unknown
- You are not a drop in the ocean. You are the entire ocean in a drop. - Rumi
- What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. - Jane Goodall
- Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than my-

self. - Martin Luther King Jr.

- For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future - Jeremiah 32:19
- Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. - Proverbs 19:21
- For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. - Ephesians 2:10
- And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28.

OBITUARIES

ler, AL.

Mr. Sheppard was born December 28, 1958, in Mobile, AL, to Thomas and Dorothy Sheppard. He passed away September 9, 2026, in Butler, AL.

Tommy was a devoted family man, whose greatest joy in life was spending time with those he loved. A hardworking man, he built several successful businesses through dedication and perseverance. Tommy found peace in the simple pleasures of life such as cutting grass and deer hunting. His legacy is one of love, commitment, and a life lived to the fullest.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry K. Sheppard; children, Ali Sheppard, Clara Elizabeth Tyson (Tyrrel), Ryan Webb, and Kayla Webb; grandchildren, Bronx Sheppard, York Sheppard, Judah Scarbrough, Ellyson Webb, Emmett Webb, and Davis Webb; and sister, Mary Ann Richardson. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Heaton Sheppard; mother, Dorothy Frances Lohfink Sheppard; and brother-in-law, Anthony Richardson.

Serving as pallbearers were James Clark, John Harris, Tyr-

rel Scarbrough, Billy Martin, Ryan Webb, and Billy Joe Kearley. Honorary pallbearers were Jim Parker, Sammy Clark, Mark Lowery, Andrew Lundy, Kevin Neese, Justin Harris, Joe Williamson, and Tyler Gordon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Demopolis Animal Clinic and designated for the Choctaw County Animal Shelter account.

Expressions of condolence may be offered at www.phillips-funeral-home.com.

Arrangements provided by Phillips Funeral Home, 116 West Main Street, Gilbertown, AL 36908.

Micheal Keath Tanner
Jul 5, 1949 — Sep 12, 2026

Mr. Micheal Keath Tanner of Demopolis, Alabama, entered into eternal rest September 12, 2026 at Whitfield Regional Hospital, Demopolis, Alabama.

Services for Mr. Micheal Keath Tanner are incomplete, and will be announced at a later date. Larkin and Scott Mortuary, LLC entrusted with arrangements.

State health officials urge rabies precautions as cases rise in pets

The Alabama Department of Public Health is urging rabies precautions after a federal report of a national rise in rabies exposures. The department said Alabama has seen more rabies cases in dogs and cats, along with continuing cases in raccoons, foxes and bats.

"The increase in rabies cases involving dogs and cats is directly related to animals not being kept current on their rabies vaccinations," said Dr. Dee W. Jones, the state public health veterinarian. "Recognizing a potential exposure and responding

appropriately remain critical to preventing this fatal disease."

Bats found inside homes, dormitories or nursing homes call for particular caution, the department said; a single bat in living quarters can mean several people need to be evaluated, and the bat should be safely captured rather than released outside. Never handle bats or other wildlife with bare hands, keep dogs, cats and ferrets current on their vaccinations, and wash any bite or scratch immediately with soap and water and seek medical attention.

Random ramblings on an Indian Summer afternoon



Tommy Campbell

Some random thoughts: scary, right??

Since the Democrats, Green New Deal Gang, and every left-wing liberal looney-tune in Washington want to make all vehicles electric, how about we also include the border wall? Not a lethal dose, mind you, just enough "juice" to make the hairs stand up on the necks of the illegals that think it is OK

to even think about breaking the law to invade our sovereign nation.

I am unashamedly politically incorrect. I say Merry Christmas and God Bless America, I own guns, I read the Bible, I eat bacon, I drive a gasoline powered car, heat my home and cook beef burgers on my grill with good ol' reliable propane gas, stand with hand over my heart and salute Old Glory during the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance, thank our U.S. Soldiers and Veterans for their service, I vote Republican in every election and I don't apologize to the left-wing, liberal communist/marxist/socialist/radical goofballs for my Christian, conservative beliefs.

I also believe that biological MEN should stay OUT of WOMEN'S sports.

If the American flag, Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem likewise offend you, I'll be glad to help you pack. Planes, trains, ships and buses leave for other lands every day and you're more than welcome to go and live among like-minded idiots in

places like Iran, Cuba, North Korea and China.

In the real world you don't get a participation trophy; not everybody wins; not every problem in life is related to skin color or racism; the Earth is doing just fine, the climate is not in crisis and the sky is not falling; screaming and acting like an idiot and burning down buildings and trashing ICE vehicles and threatening law enforcement officers who are just trying to do their jobs doesn't make anything right; nobody owes you a dime; nothing is free in life; and from time to time people are going to say and do things that offend you or that you don't agree with. Grow up and get over it.

I am from the Old School. I say 'yes ma'am' and 'no sir'. I try to help anyone who is truly in need but have no interest in bank-rolling lazy bums who are able to work (but won't) and expect the rest of us who do work to provide for their every need from birth to the grave.

The Devil saw me kneeling with my head down and thought he had won. Then he heard me say, "Amen!"

I don't know how to act my age because I've never been this old before.

If those "student protesters" ("terrorists in training") would take time to read the Bible, they

would see that God deeded the Holy Land to ISRAEL thousands of years ago ... NOT the Palestinians/Gazans. That deed is recorded in the Old Testament. And, just for the record, Hamas/Hezbollah is a gang of spineless thugs interested only in murdering, raping, kidnapping and torturing innocent people so don't feed me that propagandic slop that Israel is unfairly "targeting" civilians in Gaza ... the people of Gaza have knowingly allowed those terrorist demons to live among them for decades and build tunnels and underground shelters beneath their schools, hospitals and public buildings to hide their bombs, missiles and other weapons of destruction used against the Jewish people, so spare me the whining about loss of innocent life. No one wants to see innocent people die, but what about the 1,200+ INNOCENT Israelis that died at the hands of those Nazi/Isis inspired demonic monsters on Oct. 7, 2023??? What about THEIR lives??

If walls and guns don't work, why are politicians, movie stars and celebrities who say they are against such things surrounded by them?

Since the opposite of "pro" is "con," does that mean the opposite of "progress" is "congress"?

If guns kill people, I guess pencils and computer keyboards misspell words, cars drive drunk and forks make people fat.

BUMPER SNICKER: "I'm Joe Biden and I forgot this message."

Y'all have a great week.

“Hot enough for ya?” I hope so...

By Travis Vaughn
Co-Publisher

“Hot enough for ya?”

I’ve never really known the right answer. I guess my go-to answer these days is, “It’s plenty hot, for sure.”

We act like hot weather is a surprise here in Alabama. It’s like we’ve never experienced 100 degree days in July and August and September before, or a Christmas Day where everyone’s outside in shorts and

t-shirts, or a warm March day that we all know is “nader” weather.

Then, we act surprised when it turns off bitterly cold in January or February.

No one seems to mind a cool, crisp October day or a gentle spring day.

Some of us gripe when it’s rainy, or too dry, or too foggy, or too windy.

I’m not really convinced these are real complaints. I sus-

pect all this weather talk is really just a safe way for people to connect with each other.

Some people like hot weather, others like cold weather. Some are like Eddie Rabbitt and love a rainy night, and some don’t. You might like a little snow, and maybe your neighbor doesn’t, but y’all are probably not going to get into a real argument over it.

In a time when everything seems polarized - Team Red vs

Team Blue in politics or even issues in college sports - and many people are on edge, a harmless conversation about the weather is a conversational softball.

Besides, as my old man used to say, “The Good Lord is going to give us the kind of weather He wants us to have anyway.”

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CHOCTAW LIVING

Upcoming Events

Chamber of Commerce annual dinner is October 1

BUTLER – The Choctaw County Economic Development Alliance (former Chamber of Commerce) will hold its annual dinner on Thursday, October 1, at The Warehouse in Butler.

The event will include presentations of awards for Choctaw County Business of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Organization of the Year, and the annual Tim Pearson Memorial Award for Community Service.

The United Way of Southwest Alabama will partner with the Chamber at this year's dinner to present their annual Choctaw County Heart of Gold Awards.

Andrew Noble, President of Georgia-Pacific's Tissue Towel and Napkin Division, will be keynote speaker for the event.

Noble started leading the GP Retail Tissue Towel and Napkin (TTN) business this past March. He and the extended team focus on ensuring GP Retail TTN delivers value to its consumers through a portfolio of products and customer brands.

A graduate of Oglethorpe University with a B.S. in Accounting, Noble joined Georgia-Pacific in 1997, spending the first 10+ years of his career in Accounting and Finance roles in Building Products, the Palatka mill, and the Retail TTN and Dixie businesses. He transitioned into general management roles in 2009 and worked on different parts of the Dixie business from 2009-2016. Prior to taking on his current role, he led the Angel Soft and Dixie Plates businesses.

Members of the CCEDA (Chamber) will receive special

invitations with some complimentary tickets to the event, and the public is also invited to attend.

Seating is limited, and RSVP (by September 23) is required for attendance.

Tickets will be \$40 each, or \$75 per couple.

For information, contact the CCEDA at 205-459-3459 or email choctawchamber@tds.net.

Free forest carbon workshop set Sept. 24 in Linden

Landowners can learn about no-cost ways to earn income from their forestland at a free Family Forest Carbon Program workshop Thursday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Marengo County Economic Development Center, 2400 E. Coats Ave., Linden.

Two sessions are planned: "Fields and Forests: Turn Your Idle Fields Into Forests and Income" and "Growing Mature Forests: Delayed Harvest on Natural Hardwoods." The Family Forest Carbon Program, a partnership of the American Forest Foundation and The Nature Conservancy, pays family landowners for forest practices that store carbon.

Lunch will be provided, and the workshop offers two hours of forestry and professional logging manager continuing education credit.

The workshop is hosted by the Marengo County Forestry Committee in partnership with the Alabama Forestry Foundation, Alabama Extension, the Alabama Forestry Commission, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Farm Service

Agency, the Alabama Wildlife Federation and the Marengo County Conservation District.

To register, call 334-318-4024.

Friendship Baptist sets fall revival beginning Sept. 27

Friendship Baptist Church in the Vineland community will hold fall revival services Sunday, Sept. 27, through Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weeknight services will be at 6:30 p.m.

Speakers, in order of appearance, are Bro. Terry Lolley, Bro. Ty Glass, Bro. Allen Atkins, Bro. Chris Kynard and Bro. Tommy Campbell. The music team will be Mitzi Gates and Rhonda Harris.

Pastor Clay Davis invites all to attend.

Gilfield Missionary Baptist marks 152nd anniversary Oct. 25

Gilfield Missionary Baptist Church will hold its 152nd annual church anniversary celebration Sunday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Craig B. Scott of Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church in Prattville. The Rev. Terrence L. Burrell Sr. is the pastor.

Gilfield Missionary Baptist holds Choir Day Sept. 27

Gilfield Missionary Baptist Church, 7171 Highway 10 in Lisman, will hold its Choir Day on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m.

The Rev. Willie R. Clark, pastor of Mt. Sinai

Baptist Church in Meridian, Miss., will be the guest speaker.

All groups, soloists and choirs are invited, and everyone is welcome.

McGrews to be honored for 70 years of ministry Sept. 20

A celebration of 70 years of ministry for Bishop Walter McGrew Sr. and Missionary Irene McGrew will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at C and J Holiness Church of God in Silas.

Dr. Hal Hayes of First Baptist Church in Fruitdale will be the speaker. Those who cannot attend may send a love gift by Cash App to \$sheliamecg.

CCHS classes of 1959 through 1968 to gather Oct. 3

A reunion for Choctaw County High School's classes of 1959 through 1968 will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, beginning at noon at Ezell's Fish Camp.

New Mt. Mariah plans Family and Friends Day Oct. 11

New Mt. Mariah Missionary Baptist Church, 40439 Alabama Highway 10, Sweetwater, will hold its Family and Friends Day program Sunday, Oct. 11, at 1 p.m.

The church invites its family and friends to celebrate the day with the congregation, whose motto is "One Body. One Soul. One Goal."

Night in White to honor Pastor and Lila Hundley Oct. 3

A Night in White honoring Pastor Jaylon Hun-

dley and Lila Hundley of Pleasant Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Silas, will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m. at the Butler Senior Citizens Center. Everyone is welcome.

Pleasant Chapel sets annual revival Sept. 20-23

Pleasant Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 352 Pleasant Chapel Church Road, Silas, will hold its annual revival beginning Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2:30 p.m., with Pastor Cornelius McDonald as guest speaker.

Revival services continue Monday, Sept. 21, through Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. nightly, with Pastor Alphonso Bowen as guest evangelist.

The pastor, officers and members invite area church families and the public to attend any night of the revival. Jaylon Hundley is pastor.

Wahalak Missionary Baptist Church to host annual Usher Day on Sept. 20

Wahalak Missionary Baptist Church will host its annual Usher Day on Sept. 20 at 2 p.m..

Special guest is Rev. Eric E. Knapp of New Galilean MB Church and Greater Clark Street MB Church of Jackson, MS.

The host pastor is Pastor Shern Collins, Sr.

Cynthia Jones, President, and Cheryl Maye, Vice President, invite you to "join us as we celebrate and honor the dedicated men and women who serve with faithfulness, lead with humility, and embody the true spirit of servant leadership."

The address is 1177 Wahalak Rd., Butler, AL 36904

Annual Homecoming & Revival Services to be held at Little Walker CME Church

Annual Homecoming & Revival Services to be held at Little Walker CME Church on Sunday September 27th 2026 @ 2 pm. The Guest speaker for our Homecoming will be Rev. Jaylon Hundley, Pastor of the Pleasant Chapel MB Church, Silas, AL. along with his choir and congregation.

Revival will be September 28, 2026 thru September 30, 2026. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Dr. B. Emmanuel Luther Sr. Pastor of Stewart Memorial CME Church Mobile, AL. 7-PM each night. Everyone is invited.

BBCF Throw & Go contest offers Magic City Classic tickets

The Black Belt Community Foundation's Throw & Go contest is open, with the winner receiving two tickets to the Magic City Classic football game between Alabama A&M and Alabama State in Birmingham, plus a two-night stay at a Birmingham hotel.

Entries are \$5 each, with bonus entries for donations of \$20 or more. Proceeds support the foundation's community grants in its 12 Black Belt service counties.

The last day to buy entries is Thursday, Oct. 15, at noon, and the drawing is Friday, Oct. 16. Enter at blackbeltfound.org/throw-andgo.

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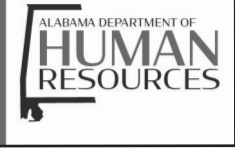
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CASE NO. A-2026-00015
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROY C. DICKS, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 27 th day of August, 2026 by the Honorable JASON B. STURDIVANT, Judge of the Probate Court of Choctaw County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

LEIGH EZELL McCLELLAN, Executrix of the Estate of ROY C. DICKS
13159 Deer Crest Lane
Mobile, AL 36695
published 9/2; 9/9; 9/16/26

**STATE OF ALABAMA
IN THE PROBATE COURT
CHOCTAW COUNTY
CASE NO. S-2026 - 00053
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PEGGY C. JACKSON, DECEASED
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 27th day of August 2026 by the Honorable JASON B. STURDIVANT, Judge of the Probate Court of Choctaw County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

ROGER WAYNE JACKSON, Executor of the Estate of Peggy C. Jackson
4564 Lusk Road
Gilbertown, AL 36908
published 9/2; 9/9; 9/16/26

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received by Sentell Engineering, Inc, at 639 Black Bears Way, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401, until 2:00 P.M., September 24, 2026, for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and service required to construct Town of Silas Walking Trail, RTP#24-RT-53-02, located in the Town of Silas, Alabama.

Bids submitted prior to the bid opening, in person shall be delivered to the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Silas 130 Indian Way, Silas, Alabama or by mail,

shall be directed to “City Clerk, same address as above”.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the above time and place. Specifications, and Contract Documents are open to the public for inspection at Town Hall. Electronic (pdf) and Hard Copy Specifications, and Contract Documents may be obtained from Tusca Blue, Tuscaloosa, AL (Phone: (205) 752-9825), for \$50.00. All bidders must be registered with Sentell Engineering Inc. at (205) 752-5564 via Donna Shelton in order to submit a bid. Bids received from un-registered bidders will be rejected.

A cashier’s check drawn on an Alabama bank, payable to the Town of Silas, Alabama, or a bid bond executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make such bonds in Alabama, in an amount equal to the lessor of five percent (5%) of the bid or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), shall be submitted with each bid. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all bids.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for the satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bonds in the amount required by Section 39-1-1(a), Code of Alabama 1975 and evidence of insurance as required by the bid documents within ten (10) days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract. No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The bidder must comply with all requirements of the public works bid law Section 39-2-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.

Any bidder, whether a resident or non-resident of the State of Alabama, must comply with all applicable provisions of Section 34-8-1, et.seq., Code of Alabama, 1975, including requirements for licensing as a general contractor and the necessity to show evidence of license, before the bid will be considered by the awarding authority. A current license number must be included on the bid envelope.

Bidders must comply with the President’s Nos. 11246 and 11375 which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must also comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the state of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

Bidders must certify that they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on a basis of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must also certify they will make facilities handicap accessible to the extent required by law.

THE TOWN OF SILAS, ALABAMA
Harold DeVane, Mayor
Sara Welford, City Clerk
published Sept. 2, Sept. 9, Sept. 16, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS ESTATE OF WALTER EDDIE CRAIG

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of August, 2026, Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Walter Eddie Craig, deceased, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Judge of Choctaw County, Alabama. All persons having claims against the estate must file itemized and verified statements of such claims in the Office of the

Judge of Probate of Choctaw County, Alabama, within six (6) months after the granting of Letters Testamentary or the claims will be barred.

This 12th day of August, 2026.

/s/ Michelle D. Craig
Personal Representative
published 9/2; 9/9; 9/16/26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES L. SMITH

Case No. S-2026-00045
Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 7 th day of August, 2026, by the Probate Judge of Choctaw County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same, duly sworn to, in the Probate Court of said County within the time allowed by law, or else same will be forever barred.

Carolyn Smith Rohe
Personal Representative
published 9/2; 9/9; 9/16/26

STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE PROBATE COURT CHOCTAW COUNTY CASE NO. S-2026 - 00054 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LILLIE RUTH ALLEN, DECEASED. NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 27th day of August 2026 by the Honorable JASON B. STURDIVANT, Judge of the Probate Court of Choctaw County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

WILLIAM MARK ALLEN, Executor of the Estate of LILLIE RUTH ALLEN
17340-A Sawyer Road
Robertsdale, AL 36957
published Sept. 2, Sept. 9, Sept. 16, 2026

STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE PROBATE COURT CHOCTAW COUNTY IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LAURA W. ADAMS, DECEASED. CASE NO. S-2026-00055 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of September, 2026 by the Honorable JASON B. STURDIVANT, Judge of the Probate Court of Choctaw County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

LEVORD ADAMS, JR., Executor of the Estate of LAURA W. ADAMS
338 Harbor Glen Drive
Madison, AL 35756
published 9/2; 9/9; 9/16/26

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: The Estate of CALVIN NELSON BURTON, Deceased Case No.

PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 43-2-692
To the Honorable Jason Sturdivant, Judge of Probate Court, Choctaw County:

The undersigned petitioner, CYNTHIA BURTON, respectfully represents that the decedent CALVIN NELSON BURTON, departed this life at the City of Grove Hill, County of Clarke, on or about the 13th day of November, 2021, leaving no last will and testament, so far as your Petitioner knows or believes.

Further that the said decedent, CALVIN NELSON BURTON, at the time of his death an inhabitant of Choctaw County [or died seized and possessed of real and/or

personal estate in this State and County consisting chiefly of the following]:

Bank Account in the amount of \$7,530.98.

Total value of estate is approximately \$7,530.98.

Further, that the names, residence, ages and conditions of the heirs and distributees of the estate of the said decedent, so far as you petitioner knows or believes are as follows, to-wit:

1. Cynthia Burton, Wife, Competent, age 57, 134 Pintail Road, Silas, Alabama 36919.

2. Calvin Nelson Burton, Jr., Son, Competent, age 20, 134 Pintail Road, Silas, Alabama 36919.

The Petitioner avers that the value does not exceed the maximum of the value the Small Estate Act § 43-2-690. All bills of the estate including the funeral expenses have been paid or have arrangements to be paid and there are no outstanding debts of the decedent.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED the Petitioner ask that the Court accept this Petition.

WAIVER OF NOTICE ON SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

I, CALVIN NELSON BURTON, JR., a resident of Choctaw County, State of Alabama, being the surviving spouse or one of the next-of-kin (as determined by application of the Ala. Code §43-8-41 or 43-8-42, as appropriate) of CALVIN NELSON BURTON, deceased, being over the age of nineteen (19) years, hereby accept service and waive notice of the filing of the petition to probate the summary distribution (including all codicils thereto) of said decedent. I do hereby waive notice either by personal service or by publication and consent and request that said summary distribution be admitted to probate without further notice of any kind to me, and the personal representative named in said will be appointed as provided therein. I acknowledge that by this Waiver of Notice I am NOT giving up my right to contest said summary distribution or to make an objection to the handling of the administration of the estate of the deceased by the personal representative thereof.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2026.

CALVIN NELSON BURTON, JR.
Published 9/2, 9/9, 9/16/26

NOTICE

Lewis General Contractors, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the Town of Butler for construction of Project No. 2503 in Choctaw County. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning September 10, 2026 and ending October 1, 2026. All claims should be filed at 25 West Front Street, Thomsville, AL 36784 during this period. Lewis General Contractors, Inc. published 9/9; 9/16, 9/23, 9/30/26

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: The Estate of OLEN BRUCE TAYLOR, Deceased.

CASE NO. S-2026-00051

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of September, 2026, by the Honorable JASON B. STURDIVANT, Judge of the Probate Court of Choctaw County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

OLEN BRUCE TAYLOR, JR., Administrator of the Estate of OLEN BRUCE TAYLOR
published 9/16; 9/23; 9/30/26.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT STATE OF ALABAMA CHOCTAW COUNTY

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act, the Alabama Fair Housing Law, and the Mobile Code, which make it illegal to advertise any preference, limitations or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, familial status, or ancestry, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. To report discrimination, call the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (HUD) at (800) 669-9777. The HUD TTY number for the hearing impaired is (212) 708-1455.

IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NO. S-2026-00059

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DELORES O. BUCK-ALEW, DECEASED.

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of September, 2026, by the Honorable JASON B. STURDIVANT, Judge of the Probate Court of Choctaw County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

KIM BUCKALEW SKINNER and KENNETH R. BUCKALEW, JR., Co-Executors of the Estate of DELORES O. BUCKALEW, Deceased:
Kim Buckalew Skinner, Co-Executor
Kenneth R. Buckalew, Jr., Co-Executor
published 9/16; 9/23; 9/30/26

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT STATE OF ALABAMA CHOCTAW COUNTY IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NO. S-2026-00058 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KENNETH R. BUCK-ALEW, DECEASED.

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of September, 2026, by the Honorable JASON B. STURDIVANT, Judge of the Probate Court of Choctaw County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

KIM BUCKALEW SKINNER and KENNETH R. BUCKALEW, JR., Co-Executors of the Estate of KENNETH R. BUCKALEW, Deceased:
Kim Buckalew Skinner, Co-Executor
Kenneth R. Buckalew, Jr. Co-Executor
published 9/16; 9/23; 9/30/26

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the construction of SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION, CDBG PROJECT: SM-CM-PF-25-020 will be received by the Town of Butler, Alabama, at the Town Hall in Butler until 1:00 p.m.; Thursday; October 8, 2026, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

The work generally consists of the following: 4,000 L.F. of 8” Sanitary Sewer Cleaning/CIPP Liner Installation, 100 V.F. of Cementitious Manhole Lining, and other related appurtenances.

Plans and Specifications may be examined at the Butler Town Hall; 222 Mulberry Avenue; Butler, Alabama.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Butler Town Hall on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. All prospective Bidders are encouraged to attend.

To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted on complete proposals made available by the Owner. Complete digital project bidding documents are available upon an online payment of a non-refundable fee of \$40.00 by visiting our website - www.southern-engineeringsolutions.com and clicking the “Currently

Bidding” link at the top of the page. A free one-time membership registration with Quest CDN will be required. Please contact questcdn.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com if you require assistance in registration, downloading, or working with this digital project information. Optional complete paper bid documents are available at Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc.; P O Box 610; 201 East Troy Street; Andalusia, Alabama 36420, upon payment of a refundable (if plans are returned in reusable condition within 10 days of bid opening) deposit of \$80.00. Bid documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit. If paper option is chosen, checks shall be made payable to Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc. No paper bid documents will be distributed later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled opening of bids.

All bids shall be submitted in the Contract Documents issued by the Engineer. Bids not submitted using contract documents forms will not be read aloud. All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder’s license number, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be addressed as follows, and delivered to Clerk, Town of Butler, 222 South Mulberry Avenue; P O Box 455; Butler, Alabama 36904 “SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION, CDBG PROJECT: SM-CM-PF-25-020.”

All nonresident contractors preparing bids shall submit with the bid documents evidence of a current Alabama General Contractor’s License, evidence (with original seal of the State of Alabama) of proper registration with the Alabama Secretary of State as a foreign corporation, and a Certificate of Good Standing of a Foreign Corporation from the State of Alabama Department of Revenue. Bids submitted by a nonresident contractor without these documents included will be rejected.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor’s Licensing law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The successful bidder will be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds.

All bidders must comply with the President’s Executive Order Number 11246 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. All bidders must comply with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act and the Contract Workhours Act.

Guarantee will be required with each bid for at least 5% of the amount of the bid filed in the form of a certified check, Bid Bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the owner payable to the Town of Butler. Bid Bonds shall include certification that the bonding company is listed in Circular 570 of the U.S. Treasury Department. The name, address, telephone number, and contact person for the bond-

Choctaw County beats Southern Choctaw; PA, SCA remain unbeaten

Choctaw County 10, Southern Choctaw 8
Choctaw County beat Southern Choctaw 10-8 at Butler on Friday, Sept. 11, scoring all of its points in the first half and holding the Indians to one touchdown.

The Tigers led 2-0 after the first quarter on a safety by Roderick Crawford. Tracy Poke's touchdown run and Jaydon Thomas' two-point conversion made it 10-0 in the second quarter. Southern Choctaw scored and converted a two-point try in the third quarter, and neither team scored in the fourth.

Poke carried 10 times for 103 yards, including a 72-yard run, according to the statistics head coach Leon Walker provided. Crawford completed five of 10 passes for 70 yards and ran 12 times for 35 yards. Thomas caught three passes for 47 yards.

Tyderrious Ruffin led the defense with 14 tackles, 10 of them solo, and an interception. Crawford had eight tackles, Jalien Cole seven and Ivan Constantine six. Jourdan Earl and Miles Ray also intercepted passes, and Earl broke up two others.

Earl punted three times for a 19-yard average. Michael Black punted once for 32 yards and returned two kickoffs for 10 yards.

Southern Choctaw's Ray Bender ran 18 times for 157 yards and the Indians' touchdown and completed five of 11 passes for 69 yards, according to MaxPreps.

The Tigers named Ruffin their overall and defensive player of the game, Earl the special teams player and Poke the offensive player, according to the team's MaxPreps page.

The win puts Choctaw County at 2-2 overall and 1-1 in Class 1A, Region 1. The Tigers play at Leroy on Friday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.

SCA 22, Monroe Academy 8
The South Choctaw Academy Rebels took care of business on the road Friday night in Monroeville, defeating the Monroe Academy Vols 22 - 8. After a scoreless first quarter, South Choctaw took the lead early in the second quarter on a 9-yard touchdown run by Kade Carroll. The two-point conversion attempt was no good, putting the score at 6-0.

Midway of the second Kade Carroll passed to Dawson Sikes for a 39-yard touchdown. With a two-point conversion by number 11 John Taylor Railey, SCA jumped out to a 14-0 lead. Towards the end of the second quarter, Monroe Academy got on the board with a 98 yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion, putting the halftime lead at 14 to 8:00 in favor of the Rebels.

SCA would put a another touchdown run on the board with a 21-yard scamper by Kade Carroll in a two-point conversion by John Taylor Railey, putting the score at 22 to 8:00. Neither team scored in the 4th

On defense, the rebels were led by Jay Thompson and Kamden Fuller, each with four tackles. Several Rebels had two or three tackles.

On offense, Railey had 17 carries for 96 yards, and Carroll had 12 carries for 74 yards. Carroll also had five passes for 39 yards.

South Choctaw outgained the Vols 287 yards to 152.

SCA is now 3-0 on the year, leading up to their battle with Patrician this Thursday.

Patrician Academy 34, Jackson Academy 0
The Saints defeated the Eagles 34-0 Friday night in Jackson, Ala.

Patrician Academy is now 4-0 on the football season, setting up a battle of the unbeatens this Thursday night at PA at 7:00 p.m.

If you can't make it out to Butler, SunTV will have all the action.

CLASSIFIEDS AND PUBLIC NOTICES

ing company shall also be included.

The attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. This project is financed in part by CDBG Grant No. SM-CM-PF-25-020.

“Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), Buy America Preference: The sub-contractor must comply with the requirements of the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act, 41 USC 8301 note, and all applicable rules and notices, as may be amended, if applicable to the Grantee's infrastructure project. Pursuant to HUD's Notice, “Public Interest Phased Implementation Waiver for FY 2022 and 2023 of Build America, Buy America Provisions as Applied to Recipients of HUD Federal Financial Assistance” (88 FR 17001), any funds obligated by HUD on or after the applicable listed effective dates, are subject to BABA requirements, unless excepted by a waiver.”

“Buy America Preference to Infrastructure Projects: The Buy America Preference applies to Federal awards where funds are appropriated or otherwise made available for infrastructure projects in the United States, regardless of whether infrastructure is the primary purpose of the Federal award. The construction of this project carries the Buy America Preference policy.”

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Mike Williams
Mayor
Town of Butler
published 9/16/26

LEGAL NOTICE
S T Bunn Construction

Co., Inc. hereby gives Notice of Completion of contract with project CCP 12-01-24 CR-1 Choctaw Fayette County

This notice will appear for three (3) consecutive weeks beginning on September 16, 2026 and ending on September 30, 2026. All claims shall be filed at 611 Helen Keller Blvd. Tuscaloosa, AL 35404 during this period.

S T Bunn Construction Co., Inc.
published 9/16; 9/23; 9/30/26

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LOCAL ARREST RECORD

The following is a list of individuals arrested by local law enforcement over the past two weeks.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in court.

From the Choctaw County Sheriff's Office			
Richard Grice	9/14/26	Fail to Appear (Domestic Violence 3rd , harassment)	9/9/26 Assault 3rd
Menacing		William Dalton Lindsey	Shelia Pauley Pickens
Samaurie Sequoia Hill		9/13/26 Possession Controlled Substance, Use/Possession Drug Paraphernalia	9/9/26 Assault 3rd
9/14/26 Menacing		Jennifer Carol Cox	Cassidy Leigh Arrington
Angela Dianna Harvell		9/10/26 Possession Controlled Substance, Possession of Paraphernalia	9/9/26 Illegal Possession of Prescription Drugs, Harassment or Harassing Communications
9/14/26 Domestic Violence 3rd (Harassment)		Shardae Monique Hicks	
Lorenzo Curtis	9/14/26	9/7/26 Fail to Appear (speed)	
		Stevette Lemarion Pauley	

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able for now, but the commission said it wants everyone to move to the online system so its dispatchers can focus on emergency response and fire suppression.

The commission said the permitting website will be available soon on its homepage, with a link posted in its social media bio in the meantime.

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Choctaw County Probate Office will be accepting applications for an Administrative Clerk in the Probate Office until Friday, October 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Under the direction of the Probate Judge and Chief Clerk, the employee will assess the amount of fees and taxes due by customers and collect money from customers.

Writing, Math, and Computer Skills required. Knowledge of nature and purpose of recording of deeds, mortgages, leases, powers of attorney, wills and other similar instruments is preferred. Other skills are required that are in listed in the Job Description.

Applications and a Job Description can be picked up at the Choctaw County Commission Office, 117 S. Mulberry Ave., Suite 9, Butler, AL 36904 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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DISPATCHER NEEDED FULL-TIME POSITION

Must be able to operate multi-line phone system, use a computer and related software applications, keyboarding, reading maps, communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction

- Will be required to operate and coordinate combined radio communications for Police, Fire, EMS services.
- Duties include operations of 9-1-1 computer-aided dispatch, NCIC system, emergency preparedness weather warning sirens, and radio as required.
- Must be able to multi-task and react to high stress situations
- In addition to contact with Police, Fire, and EMS staff, the position interacts with Codes, other City Departments, as well as citizens and visitors.

Experience preferred but not required.

Send resumes to:
Choctaw County E911• 123 S. Hamburg Avenue • Butler, AL 36904

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Choctaw County Commission will be accepting applications for employment until October 1, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. for the following position:

One (1) or more Heavy/Medium Equipment Operator (full or part time) the Road & Bridge Department. Applications can be picked up at the Choctaw County Engineer's Office, 239 Fire Tower Road, Toxey, AL.

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Can you make a pledge to donate blood?
A pledge would mean that you would make an appointment to donate when Vitalant comes to our location this fall. We need at least 15 Volunteers. If you can not donate, please find someone who can.

Please contact deidra.aldridge@ochsner.org or 205-459 9177 to let her know to put your name on the list that you are interested. She will circle back to you with instructions of how to sign up for an appointment slot.

If you wonder if you are eligibility to donate, please call Vitalant @ 877-258-4825.

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Gillfield Missionary Baptist District Association is having a Laymen Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, September 26th, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. at Gillfield Missionary Baptist Church, 7171 Highway 10, Lisman, AL 36912. Guest speaker is Deacon Robert Barfield from St John Missionary Baptist Church, meridian, Mississippi. Brother James Curtis is GMBDA Layman Ministry president; Reverend Donald R Naylor, Sr., is GMBDA moderator; and Reverend Terrence Burrell is host pastor.

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- **Southern Choctaw at Fruitdale**

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