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Federal court dismisses list of school desegregation cases

• Choctaw County case dismissed in March

By Dee Ann Campbell

The United States Justice Department's Civil Rights Division announced last Thursday that it has dismissed a long list of desegregation cases originally filed in the late 1960s and 70s involving school systems across the country, including several in Alabama, and the case against Choctaw County School System was dismissed in March of this year.

Several Alabama school districts and the U.S. Department of Justice jointly filed motions in recent months seeking to dissolve desegregation orders and dismiss cases, some of which had been in place for more than 60 years. Specifically, the most recent order involved Athens City Schools and Russellville City Schools, along with Cleburne, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Marion and Morgan county school systems.

Altogether, federal judges have ended desegregation cases involving several Alabama school systems just since July, and motions are still pending to end federal oversight for eight more.

The cases under review date back to the late 1960's when federal judges expanded the Lee v. Macon County Board of Education case throughout the state, effectively placing more than 100 Alabama school systems under federal court supervision.

News regarding the recent court actions included a map of the counties that have been removed from the federal orders, including Choctaw County.

According to documents filed in Alabama Southern District Court, a motion was filed on February 20, 2026 seeking injunctive relief in United States of America et al v. Choctaw County Board of Education et al. The motion was filed by Assistant Attorney General Harmeet K. Dhillon of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Choctaw County's school board attorney Alexander Braswell appeared on behalf of the board.

On March 4, Chief District Judge Jeffrey U. Beavertstock issued an order granting the joint motion for Unitary Status

and Dismissal with Prejudice. The Court declared that the Choctaw County School District had "achieved full and final unitary status. Court's jurisdiction is terminated. All prior injunctions and orders are dissolved."

The closure of the case ends a 57-year federal order that had dictated public school choice in the county.

The Choctaw County case was originally filed on behalf of Danita Hampton by her mother, along with a list of other plaintiffs, against the CCBOE and its members at that time.

In United States vs. Choctaw County Board of Education, filed on August 8, 1969, school district lines were ordered by the court in an effort to eliminate racial discrimination. The court ordered that 'freedom-of-choice' (in school attendance) be discontinued in Choctaw County, and defendants were mandated to implement a desegregation plan recommended by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

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Patrician crowns McPhearson, beats Wilcox 27-16 at homecoming

Patrician Academy celebrated homecoming Friday, Sept. 25, with a parade in the afternoon and a 27-16 win over Wilcox Academy that night. Isabel McPhearson was crowned homecoming queen at the game, escorted by her father, John McPhearson.

Photo by Elizabeth Perry

SCHOOL ZONES

A look back at the federal court orders in Choctaw County

GILBERTOWN – The following is a chronological listing of federal court actions from the late 1960s and early 1970s, putting in place the school zoning orders that have governed attendance in Choctaw County's public schools for nearly 60 years.

September, 1967

United States vs. Choctaw County Board of Education
Civil Action No. 4246-66

The original petition in the case was filed Aug. 30, 1966, with the first hearing held Sept. 3, 1966. Subsequent hearings in May of 1967, in July of 1967, and again in September of 1967, addressed the issue of segregation and discrimination in the Choctaw Co. Public School System.

The petition alleged, among other problems, that a dual school system was in place in Choctaw County, with all white and all black schools still in existence despite attempts to desegregate the schools. Schools maintained for black students were staffed by black teachers, and schools maintained for white students were staffed by white teachers.

During that time, school systems across the state were operating under a 'freedom of

choice' system that allowed parents to choose the school where their children would attend. In theory, the 'freedom of choice' policy was designed to promote desegregation of Alabama's schools by voluntary choice of the residents.

While operating under the 'freedom of choice' policy, only about 60 black students chose to attend mostly white schools for the 1966-67 school year in Choctaw County. In effect, the schools still remained segregated despite attempts to desegregate.

In light of this fact, the court issued more stringent orders to the Choctaw Co. BOE in an effort to correct the problems. The court ordered that the BOE should take 'affirmative action to dis-establish all public school segregation'.

In regard to the race of teachers in the schools, the court stated:

"... The program should, at a minimum, establish ways in which the defendants (Choc. Co. BOE) will recruit and their plans for the placing of new teachers and reassigning of old teachers on a desegregated basis so that by the spring of 1967-68 school year, insofar as it is administratively feasible, no school located in the county

where students of both races are in attendance will have teachers of only one race."

The decree included an order to develop a detailed plan to encourage faculty desegregation in the school system throughout the county, to be implemented before the spring term of the 1967-68 school year.

The order still allowed for choice in school attendance, under certain circumstances.

However, later decrees did away with such student choice because the court decided that the 'freedom of choice' rule was not working and that the system was remaining segregated.

June 26, 1969

U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals

Filed by appellant Danita Hampton and her mother Yvonne Hampton

The court held that the 'freedom of choice' plan for desegregating schools 'had not worked and had little chance of working'. Therefore, the court ordered that steps be taken to immediately desegregate the student bodies and the faculty for the school system by issu-

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South Choctaw crowns Sims, blanks Jackson Academy 38-0 at homecoming

South Choctaw Academy celebrated homecoming Friday, Sept. 25, with a parade and a 38-0 win over Jackson Academy. Kara Sims was crowned homecoming queen, escorted by her father, Timmy Sims.

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fare, after consultation with the defendants. The facilities of the schools were to be integrated by the start of the 1969-70 school year.

On August 12, 1970, plaintiffs filed a motion for supplemental relief, alleging continued issues related to segregated classrooms, the crossing on zone lines, the racial make-up of faculties, and other issues. The supplemental order was filed by the court on September 21 of that year.

Over the years, many other Alabama counties who were under similar judicial mandates had petitioned the court to set aside the rulings, while others, including Choctaw County, remained under them. The order

had remained in effect despite the fact that the district lines contained zones for non-existent schools such as Shady Grove School, the former Gilberttown Elementary School, East Choctaw Junior High, and Lisman Junior High.

Over the years, parents and others have pushed for the orders to be repealed in Choctaw County, including an effort by local parents in 2005, but those efforts did not result in court action.

According to information in the Alabama Daily News, in the mid-1970s, federal judges entered orders finding that many districts that were placed under the orders were operating “unitary” school systems and

no longer maintained separate systems for black and white students. But those orders did not necessarily declare the districts to have achieved “unitary status,” which would be the final legal determination to end federal supervision. Instead, many cases were deemed ‘inactive’ but were not formally dismissed and remained open for decades.

In recent months, courts have begun to address the orders, and have dismissed cases involving more than 50 systems across the country, including the case involving Choctaw County.

Sewell’s staff holds mobile office hours in Butler on Wednesday



Staff from U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell's office will hold mobile office hours in Choctaw County on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Butler City Storm Shelter, 222 S. Mulberry Avenue, according to a notice from her office that the Town of Butler shared Sept. 23.

Anyone who needs help with a federal agency, a casework matter or benefits can stop by. Sewell will not be present. Information is at sewell.house.gov or 334-262-1919.

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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	
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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
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NEWS AND EVENTS

OBITUARIES

Henry Earl Hendrix



Henry Earl Hendrix, 82, of Gadsden, formerly of Toxey, passed away on September 17. He was born on November 17, 1943, in Laurel, Miss., about an hour from his family's home in Toxey. The third of four children of Roy Ledell Hendrix and Evelyn Bell Hendrix, he was named after his grandfather, William Henry Hendrix, though some affectionately called him "Henny Penny" as a boy. He grew up among family and the good people throughout Toxey who took pride in helping one another. Henry carried their example of kindness, dependability and hard work with him throughout his life. When the family moved to Texas in 1955, those qualities began to mature. He delivered newspapers and worked as an apprentice mechanic after school. His high school yearbook, filled with messages from classmates, repeatedly used words like kindest, nicest and friendliest, revealing how they saw him. One thanked him for helping him get through a difficult time; another for helping them pass algebra. After graduating in 1961, Henry joined the U.S. Air Force. He served until 1965, stationed in Abilene, Texas, and then later, as Henry liked to tell, he requested Hawaii for his final assignment but got Anchorage, Alaska, instead. He came home a more disciplined, resourceful and determined person known as "Hank." He returned to the South and began a career in finance in Mobile. He married in 1966, and a promotion carried them to Pensacola, Fla., where their son, Kevin Lee Hendrix, was born when Henry was 23. From that day on, Henry poured the best of himself into being Kevin's father, right through his final days. In Pensacola, Henry became active in the Jaycees. To advo-

cate for the release of American prisoners of war, he helped lead an effort by restoring a covered trailer and turning it into a traveling petition. With a huge roll of paper inside, it went from town to town collecting signatures of support before heading to the White House. At work, Henry opened new finance offices and trained staff, finding satisfaction in helping others grow. His career eventually took him into the automotive business, where he met Marge Starnes. For 42 years, Henry and Marge shared a marriage grounded in love, and together they built a beautiful life. They shared the same mindset and a do-it-yourself spirit, made sacrifices and turned a dream into something real. They gardened and enjoyed the blooms. They took great pride in loving, teaching, encouraging and passing down important values to their two grandchildren. Henry's curiosity never rested. He enjoyed construction, woodworking, genealogy, gardening and technology; he even wrote a software program for his business. He loved his brothers, sister and parents deeply. He built a house for his mother so she could live nearby and he could look after her. Caring for family was woven into the way he lived. Henry joined Springville United Methodist Church and was baptized in 1999, at age 55. He made treasured friends there and saw a need for the church to start an after-school tutoring program. Through the Kid Success program, he continued to give something his classmates and others had known about him years earlier: he loved helping someone with difficulties. All his life, he had an unusual instant recall of complex algebra and trigonometry formulas; God knew why and the eventual purpose it would serve. He spoke often of the children's progress and the joy of watching them grow. In his later years, Henry faced an incurable condition that slowly weakened the muscles he had relied on all his life to work, build and lend a hand whenever someone needed him. After moving to Gadsden, he took great pride in his new home, cared about his new neighbors and joined Rainbow Presbyterian Church. His strength changed, but his determination did not: he kept taking on things that others might have thought beyond him,

finding ways to care for the place and people around him. Henry was grateful for the Veterans Administration's support and deeply admired the people who helped him challenge his condition. True to form, he found ways to help them and show his appreciation. Those who knew Henry in his final years saw that, although his muscles had weakened, he still found a new project to begin and finish each day. On September 17, Henry received his heavenly promotion, leaving us with a lesson he lived: make the days count, rather than count the days. Henry was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Ledell Hendrix and Evelyn Bell Hendrix, and his brothers, Jerry Lee Hendrix and Hayward Ledell Hendrix. He is survived by his wife, Marge Starnes Hendrix; his son, Kevin Lee Hendrix (Chelesa Lewis Hendrix); his grandchildren, Halle Catherine Cloud (Stephen Joshua Cloud) and Jack Henry Hendrix (Noelia Voigt Hendrix); his great-granddaughter, Amelia Louise Cloud; his sister, Mary Nell Collins; one niece, Sandra Collins; and many cousins. A celebration of Henry's life will be held Friday, October 9, at Rainbow Presbyterian Church, 3220 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m., followed by a service at 2 p.m. The family is grateful for your prayers. In lieu of flowers, tribute gifts in Henry's memory may be made to Rainbow Presbyterian Church, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or CurePSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy).

Berda Lee Philon Law



Berda Lee Philon Law, 91, of Gilbertown died Sunday, September 20, at Arabella Health Facility. She was born March 10, 1935, in Womack Hill to Bodie Philon and Willie Hazel Pace Philon, the oldest of five children. She spent her early childhood in Womack Hill, where she grew up surrounded by

adoring parents, family and a loving community where everybody was somebody. She professed hope in Christ at an early age and was baptized and united with Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Womack Hill. She continued her studies at the Miller's Ferry Normal and Industrial School and Bishop College in Mobile, began studies at Tuskegee University, and graduated in 1959 from Alabama State University with a degree in secondary education, social studies and library education. Still a young woman, she headed west, where she wore many different hats as she looked to find herself and her place in life. Her proudest moment came when she began her career with the Space and Missile Systems Office around 1978, an organization under the Department of Defense and the U.S. Air Force that oversaw the first launch of the Defense Support Program. She retired in 2001 after 23 years in support of its mission. Her family remembers her as strong and ambitious, with a will like no other, meticulous in her doings, a daughter most mothers would love to have around the house, everything done decently and in order. Her caring and giving spirit brought her home after retirement to care for her ailing father. She reunited with Mt. Pleasant, where she lifted her voice with the church choir, while facing an illness of her own that slowly stole her mind. When it became evident that it was more than incidents and there was no one to give her the care she needed, she was placed in Arabella Health Facility, where she remained until her death. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Wallace Philon; and her sister, Virginia Philon Davis. She is survived by her brother, Harold Philon; her sister, Beverly Philon Burruss; her nieces and nephews, Linda Davis, Menyon Davis, Damon Washington, Brian Washington and Jonathan Burruss; 25 great-nieces and great-nephews; three great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; and her cousin, Minister Lola Ruffin, who brought laughter and joy when she visited, and the many family and friends who kept her in prayer. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 26, at noon at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 2294 Womack Hill Road, Gilbertown, with the Rev. Curtis Blakely, pastor-elect, officiating. Inter-

ment followed in Little Place Cemetery in the Womack Hill community. Weatherly-Studdard Memorial Funeral Home of Butler directed. Brexley Diane Nolan, 68, died Friday, September 11, at Timberland Health and Rehab Center in Butler. She was born January 14, 1958, in Meridian, Miss., to the late Rosetta (Leo) Gordon and the late Archie Nolan. From an early age, she accepted Christ Jesus as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at Wahalak Missionary Baptist Church of Butler. Her devotion to her faith remained steadfast throughout her life. She received her education at Choctaw County Training School. Her love for her nieces was everything to her. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents; her brothers, Archie Nolan Jr., Leonard Maye, LaShune McShan, BreeLove Collins and Alonzo (Jackie) Nolan; her sister, Corina Collins; her son, Fernando Nolan; and her grandson, Devonte Priestner. Her memory will be cherished forever by her beloved children, Carla (Thaddeus) White, Teresa Nolan and Jonathan Nolan; one goddaughter, Latisha Nicholson; her precious grandchildren, Ashley (Corey) Hartfield, Donametric Priestner, Don'te Priestner, ShunDarius Nolan, ShunQuarius Nolan, Kelicia Axel, Clifton Axel III, Christopher Nolan, Malia Nolan, Shacarla Nolan, Johniva Nolan, Mia Rose Nolan, Jonathan Nolan Jr. and Kaylen Flucker; a host of great-grandchildren; her beloved brothers, Kenny Nolan, Derrick McShan and Daniel McShan; her loving sister, Rozena Nolan of Meridian, Miss.; her beloved aunts, Ida (Chester) McCoy of Washington, D.C., and Virginia (Elmore) Collins of Atlanta; and her special friends, Rubie Moss and Trisha Johnson. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 19, at noon at Wahalak Missionary

Baptist Church, 1177 Wahalak Road, Butler, with Pastor Shern Collins Sr. officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Hayden & Butler Funeral Home of Lisman directed. Condolences may be posted at haydenandbutler.com. Delsena Nelson Philon, 81, of Silas died September 8. She was born January 30, 1945, in Silas to Tellie and Velma Nelson, lived in Silas all her life, and joined Shiloh Baptist Church at an early age. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Levi Nelson, Gus Nelson, James Nelson, Fred Nelson and Sam Nelson; her sister, Catherine McGrew; and her granddaughter, Nyria Mason. She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Charles Philon; her children, Lester Nelson, Clarence Nelson (Gina), Anthony Mason (Tamela), Ladell Mason (Robia) and Glenn Mason, all of Silas; her stepchildren, Darren Philon (Tessa) of Silas, Christina Campbell (Arick) of Toxey and Amanda Grayson (Curtis) of Waynesboro, Miss.; her sisters-in-law, Linda Nelson of Duluth, Ga., Veinshane Nelson of San Antonio, and Carrie Stewart and Levon McGrew, both of Silas; a devoted grandson, Quentin Mason, whom she treated like her own; 20 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a devoted friend, Vivian McDonald; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She lay in state Saturday, September 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church, 111 Everett Circle, Silas, and funeral services followed at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial followed in Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery. Weatherly-Studdard Memorial Funeral Home of Butler directed.

Brexley Diane Nolan



Delsena Nelson Philon



Patrician wins AISA President's Award; Patrician, South Choctaw named Blue Ribbon Schools



Patrician Academy received the Alabama Independent School Association's President's Award for Class A for 2025-2026, and Patrician and South Choctaw Academy are among 23 schools the association named Blue Ribbon Schools for the year, according to the AISA's award graphics. The other Blue Ribbon Schools are Abbeville Christian Academy, Advent Episcopal School, Autauga Academy, Chambers Academy, Clarke Preparatory School, Coosa Valley Academy, Crenshaw Christian Academy, Faith Academy, Fort Dale Academy, Glenwood School, Hooper Academy, Jackson Academy, Lee-Scott Academy, Macon East Academy, Monroe Academy, Morgan Academy, Pike Liberal Arts School, Riverhill School, Springwood School, The Donoho School and The Lakeside School.

More desegregation law history - from front page

ing zoning lines for attendance. The court ordered that the BOE submit a desegregation plan based on zoning and pairing of schools. Attendance zones were ordered, with the zones being drawn by the Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare. An interim objective was issued as a starting point to begin the process of desegregating the faculties of the schools, with more equalization of the racial make-up of faculties to follow.

August 8, 1969
Following the lawsuit filed by plaintiff Danita Hampton and her mother Yvonne Hampton vs. the Choctaw Co. BOE, the U.S. 5th District Court ordered that the desegregation plan be implemented in the Choctaw Co. school system as recommended by the Alabama Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, with mandatory student attendance at schools in zones based on place of residence. The school zones were to take affect as of the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

August 12, 1970
The plaintiffs filed a motion for supplemental relief, and an amended motion was entered

on Aug. 27, 1970. On Sept. 8, 9, and 11, a hearing was held on the motion. Despite the previous desegregation order, the Aug. 1970 motion stated that:

- three all black schools still existed (Lisman High School, Shady Grove, and East Choctaw); and white students were being allowed to cross the zoning lines.
- there were still segregated classes in 'integrated' schools at Silas Elementary, Butler Elementary, and Southern Choctaw High School.
- The faculty was not integrated in compliance with this court's order, and blacks were discriminated against in re-employment.

Under the plan ordered by the court, the county was divided into a northern and southern zone. In the school year 1969-70, the BOE was ordered to integrate the faculties and student bodies of schools in the southern zone where much of the controversy existed. Schools in the north end were to be desegregated in two phases: In 1968-69, there were five high schools in the county. Two were all white or mostly white (CCHS, SCHS) and the other three were all black (Lisman, East Choctaw, and Shady

Grove). In 1969-70, Shady Grove became a 1st-8th school with high school students zoned for other high schools. The second phase for the northern zone was to take effect the beginning of the 1970-71 school year. It removed high school grades from all black schools (Lisman and East Choctaw), making them 1st-8th and zoned high school students to attend CCHS. This part of the zoning order was issued Aug. 8, 1970. Although the plaintiffs, in a pretrial hearing, asked that the court not implement phase 2 of the order that did away with high school grades for East Choctaw and Lisman, the court ordered that that phase not be stricken from the order.

September 21, 1970
U.S. 5th District Court Order: Plaintiffs filed another motion stating the 1969 orders were not being complied with, and despite the court orders, students were crossing zoning lines to attend schools outside of their designated zones. District Judge Virgil Pittman instructed the BOE not to allow students to attend schools other than that which they are zoned for. The court gave the BOE 10 days to comply with the zoning

lines drawn by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in 1969. The court order also cited continuing problems with the integration of teachers in the school system. At the end of the previous school year (1969-70), 32 teachers were not rehired, with 23 of those being black. Just before start of 1970-71 year, an additional 10 teachers were re-hired, including 5 black and 5 white of those who were not rehired at the end of the previous year. Altogether, 18 black teachers and 4 white teachers were not rehired by the school system that year. The court order stated: "It appears that in 1969-70, teachers were transferred to the various schools to achieve an approximately 1:1 balance in the facilities. Shortly after the opening of the schools, white teachers were transferred back to formerly all white schools and Negro teachers were sent back to formerly all Negro schools. After these transfers, the one-to-one ratio was increased to ten-to-one. This is unacceptable." The court went on to issue the following order: "Teachers should be transferred, by voluntary assignment or by the defendants'

orders, so as to yield a staff which meets this court's approved plan. Transferred teachers must accept and teach in the new assignments or not be permitted to teach in the Choctaw County system." In relation to the teacher ratio, the court ordered that the school system must:

- immediately equalize the number of Negro and white teachers employed in the county school system and those Negro teachers in the system in the school year 1969-70, and not re-hired, must be given first choice of employment.
- transfer voluntarily or by assignment teachers to the various schools in the system so that a one-to-one teacher ratio is obtained in each school within the system and this ratio shall be maintained throughout the present and future school terms unless ordered differently by the court. (italics added).

August 3, 1971
Based on reports of school attendance that were mandated by the courts in previous orders, Judge Pittman found that the ratio of black and white students in the county was made in good faith and that the lack of actual attendance by white students was due to the incidence of white students who

had dropped out of the school system since the plan's implementation, and was not due to a failure of the school system to implement the court ordered plan for desegregation. The court went on to say that: "For this court to continue to reassign students to various schools in an effort to secure greater racial mix than under the present plan would be a 'will-o-wisp' chase and flight of black and white students ...". The court further ordered the BOE to submit an annual report on the racial make-up of the student body of the school system and each school within the system, as well as the racial mix of teachers in each school. Over the years, there have been litigations against the BOE which have used this court's order as a basis for lawsuits regarding racial make-up of faculty, administration, and students, but no court action had repealed or altered the actions taken in the early 70's. Choctaw County remained under the federal court order as it related to attendance zones and teacher ratios, until the order filed in March of this year.

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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Southern Choctaw Elementary postpones Literacy Night

Southern Choctaw Elementary School has postponed its Literacy Night, which had been set for this week, and will announce the new date once it is set, the school said Monday, Sept. 28.

"Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to seeing everyone when Literacy Night is rescheduled," the school said, asking parents to help spread the word.

Have something to say? Write a letter to the editor!

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Patrician, South Choctaw win on Homecoming

Southern Choctaw loses to Flomaton

Patrician Aca. 27, Wilcox 16

South Choctaw Academy 38, Jackson Aca. 0

It was a happy Homecoming with a running clock in the second half as the Rebels blasted the Eagles 38-0 on Friday night, Sept. 25. The Rebels outgained the visitors 284 yards to 40 on the night. The leading rusher for SCA was Dawson Sikes with 1113 yards. The leading tackler on defense for SCA was Jay Thompson with 6 tackles.

Choctaw County had a bye.

Flomaton 38, Southern Choctaw 0

AISA to end its athletic program after this school year

The Alabama Independent School Association's board of directors voted Wednesday, Sept. 23, to end the association's athletic program at the close of the 2026-27 school year, after 55 years of running private school sports in Alabama. The vote leaves the AISA's member schools, among them Patrician Academy in Butler and South Choctaw Academy in Toxey, free to join the Gulf States Independent Athletic Association, a new association organized to serve the state's private schools. The AISA will continue as an academic association, providing accreditation, advocacy, professional development, academic competitions and student leadership programs to more than 100 schools with more than 30,000 students, according to the association. Executive director Michael McLendon called it an emotional decision, because athletics had been part of the AISA for more than half a century, and said the association was proud of that history and grateful to the coaches, athletic directors, administrators, officials, volunteers and student-athletes who built it. He said the AISA wished the new association's leadership success and supported the idea of an association built specifically around private schools and their athletes.

Tiny mites fall to Millry, 16-14

The Southern Choctaw Independent Football League's tiny mites lost to the Millry Wildcats 16-14, the league said in a post over the weekend. "Minor setback," the league wrote. "Still proud to be an Indian." The league's Silas Indians play Leroy at Silas on Saturday, Oct. 3, with the tiny mites at 9 a.m., the midgets at 10 and the juniors at 11, according to the schedule in Southern Choctaw Elementary's newsletter.

Extension sets its last ServSafe manager classes of the year in Linden and Tuscaloosa

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System's last two ServSafe Manager classes of the year are Nov. 9 and 10 at the Marengo County Extension Office, 2400 E. Coats Ave., Linden, starting at 9 a.m., and Dec. 7 and 8 at the Tuscaloosa County Health Department, 2350 Hargrove Road E., Tuscaloosa, starting at 9:30 a.m. The two-day class costs \$150 a person with instruction, the certification exam and the seventh edition ServSafe book, or \$80 with instruction and the exam and no book. Those who pass the exam receive the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation's ServSafe certificate. Registration is at aces.edu/go/servsafe and should be made at least two weeks before the class date; there are no refunds. Participants bring their own lunch, snacks and a drink for a 30-minute lunch break each day. For information, contact Alice Moore at amm0167@aces.edu or 334-216-0738.

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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.

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. Terrance L. Burrell Sr. is the pastor.

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 Hundley 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.

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/throwandgo.

ABSTON FAMILY REUNION,

October 11, Gilbertown Nutrition Center, beginning at 10 a.m. Bring covered dish.

Butler Fest set for Oct. 9 and 10 with rides, vendors and three bands

The 21st annual Butler Fest will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9 and 10, in Butler, with carnival rides, vendors and live music, according to the festival's flyers.

3 Miles South plays Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. On Saturday, Cruisin 8th plays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Big Mike and the R&B Kings from 6 to 9 p.m.

Festival T-shirts are \$25 in youth sizes through adult extra-large and \$30 in adult 2X through 4X.

The flyers say more in-

formation is coming and that the festival posts on Facebook and Instagram.

Sewell taking applications for military service academy nominations

U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell's office is accepting applications from students in Alabama's 7th Congressional District who want a nomination to one of the nation's military service academies, her office announced Sept. 23.

Applicants must be legally domiciled in the district; be at least 17 and not yet 23 on July 1 of the year they would enter; be U.S. citizens; be unmarried and not pregnant; have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents; and meet the academic, medical and physical requirements of the academy they apply to. A nomination packet includes the application, standardized test scores, three letters of recommendation, a high school transcript and a college transcript if the student has one.

Completed applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, Nov. 18, and sent to the Office of Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell, Attn: Military Service Academy Nominations, Two 20th Street North, Suite 1130, Birmingham, AL 35203. A selection committee will review the applications and interview applicants before recommending nominees. A nomination does not guarantee admission; each academy makes the final decision.

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy require a congressional nomination. The Coast

Guard Academy runs its own admissions.

Eligibility requirements and application materials are at sewell.house.gov/service-academy.

Bethel Methodist homecoming Oct. 4

Bethel Methodist Church in the Cyril community will hold its annual homecoming service and dinner on the grounds Sunday, Oct. 4, beginning at 11 a.m. The Rev. Lyle Meador will bring the message.

Wills and estate planning clinic Oct. 1 at Federation center in Epes

The Federation of Southern Cooperatives will hold a wills and estate planning clinic Thursday, Oct. 1, from 3 to 7 p.m. at its Rural Training and Research Center, 575 Federation Road, Epes, in Sumter County.

Attorneys will be on hand to make appointments and answer questions about estate planning, and Federation staff will help with documentation. The clinic introduces the Federation's new Family Land and Forestry Resilience Project for West Alabama; landowners may be eligible for free estate planning and land stewardship help. The meeting is open, and people may come and go as their time allows.

For information, call 205-652-9676.

Butler Fest bass tournament is Saturday; vendors open on the square Oct. 9

The Butler Fest bass tournament will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, on the Tombigbee River at Tusahoma Park, from safe light until 3 p.m., a week ahead of the 21st annual festival on Courthouse Square Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9 and 10,

according to the Town of Butler's festival page.

The entry fee is \$100 a boat, which includes a \$10 luncheon fee, and all of it is paid back, with the luncheon pot paid at \$10 a boat. Blast-off order is set by when a boat registers, in advance or the morning of the tournament. For information, call Butler City Hall at 205-459-3794 or 205-459-3795 or Melissa Skelton at 205-457-1950.

On Oct. 9 and 10, more than 75 vendors with arts, crafts, food and general merchandise will set up around Courthouse Square beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, and C&M Southern Midways will bring carnival rides and games both days. Arm bands for the rides are \$25, and individual tickets will also be sold.

3 Miles South plays Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. On Saturday, Cruisin 8th plays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Big Mike and the R&B Kings from 6 to 9 p.m.

Festival T-shirts are \$25 in youth sizes through adult extra-large and \$30 in adult 2X through 4X. The Miss Butler Fest pageant is listed as to be announced.

Vendor booths are 10 by 12 feet, \$50 for one day or \$75 for both; spaces with electricity are limited and go first come, first served, and the town is looking for specialty craft vendors. Booths are reserved through Donna Murphy at City Hall, 205-459-3795, option 1.

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NOTICE
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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 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.

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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:
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published 9/16; 9/23; 9/30/26

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

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10/7/26

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The Estate of GUY COLUMBUS LUKER, JR., Deceased.
CASE NO. S-2026-00062

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th 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.

STEPHANIE LONG LUKER, Administratrix of the Estate of GUY COLUMBUS LUKER, JR.
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Yard Sale

Big yard sale, 4086 Mosley Bridge Road, Gilbertown, Wednesday through Saturday, Sept. 30 through Oct. 3.

Halsell Church of God homecoming Oct. 11, revival Oct. 12 to 14

Halsell Church of God, 14975 County Road 9, Lisman, will hold its homecoming program at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, with Pastor Dewayne Charleston as guest speaker. Revival services follow at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 12 to 14, with Pastor Marvin Cherry as guest speaker.

Butler Police plan Trunk or Treat Oct. 29

The Butler Police Department will hold its Trunk or Treat on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., according to the department's flyer. Anyone who would like to decorate a trunk can call City Hall at 205-459-3794 or 205-459-3795.



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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

Terry Kelley, 9/23/26, Domestic Violence 3rd (Harassment)
Hannah Presley, 9/23/26, Failure to Appear (Expired

DL), Failure to Appear (Non-Res Freshwater Fish w/o License)
Octavia Hill, 9/23/26, Harassment, Criminal Trespass
Jeanifer Monghan, 9/28/26, Failure to Appear (Speed Less 25 MPH)

La'Shera Ford, 9/28/26, Domestic Violence 3rd
Wesley James, 9/28/26, Probation Revocation (Burglary 2nd), Probation Revocation (Burglary 3rd, Dwelling)
James Loper, 9/28/26, Failure to Pay (Burglary 3rd)

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:

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Campbells honored at Sunday reception

Tommy and Dee Ann Campbell, the Sun-Advocate's former owners, were honored at a reception Sunday, Sept. 27, at Southern Gatherings in Gilbertown.



Patrician defenders wrap up a Wilcox Academy ball carrier in the Saints' 27-16 homecoming win Friday, Sept. 25. (Photo by Elizabeth Perry)

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Patrician, SCA celebrate Homecoming



The Rebels' youngest fans ride in the homecoming parade.



Members of the PA homecoming court wave from their float.



The homecoming court rides the 2026 HOCO float in South Choctaw's parade.



A Patrician ball carrier breaks through the Wilcox defense. (Photo by Elizabeth Perry)



Gage Adams (3) breaks into the clear on a touchdown run in the Rebels' 38-0 homecoming win over Jackson Academy.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL THIS WEEK

- Choctaw County hosts Washington Co.
- Southern Choctaw hosts

McIntosh

- Patrician Aca. visits Banks Aca.
- South Choctaw Aca. hosts Wilcox Aca. (Thursday, October 1)

Note- games may be moving to Thursday because of the weather forecast.

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