



T.G.I.F. 2007 begins

Choctaw Sun photos by Dee Ann Campbell
 GILBERTOWN -- The 2007 T.G.I.F. program began in local schools this week, with teen leaders entering 6th grade classrooms to start the 6-week sexual abstinence program. Pictured at SCES are Teen Leaders Arielle Miller, Amanda Allemand, and Timy Thornton.

Teen Leaders Morgan Presley and Brandon Kelly lead the discussion for a group of 6th graders at SCES.



2007 T.G.I.F. began at South Choctaw Academy on Thursday. Pictured are Teen Leaders Laura Abston and Tyler Fulcher leading their first of 6 sessions.



AT LEFT:
 SCA seniors and Teen Leaders Meagan Carney and Lauren Jackson speak to the 6th graders about the need of making the right choices about sex.



Choctaw Sun photo by Marcus Gates
 BUTLER -- Choctaw County Elementary School began the TGIF program on Thursday afternoon. Teen Leaders Courtney Wallacs and Erin Bryan are shown going over the 'ground rules' for the sessions -- rules that include respect while others are talking and refraining from getting personal with questions and answers. The TGIF is in its 14th year, but is in danger of losing federal funding, as is other abstinence -- based programs. For more information on how to help keep this valuable program funded, call the Extension Office in Butler at 459-2133 or call Dee Ann at the Choctaw Sun at 843-6397



Photo by Simone Ridgeway
 Veronica Coleman, pictured on left, was the winner of the 2007 CCHS Spelling Bee on January 10. Also pictured are: Samantha Bush, 1st alternate; Laquina Davidson, 2nd alternate; and Johnny Thompson, 3rd alternate.

'Cranberry' wins it for Coleman

By Simone Ridgeway
 CCHS

BUTLER -- On January 10, the Spelling Bee for Choctaw County High School was hosted by the National Honor Society. The 7th and 8th grade participants included 7th-grader Johnny Thompson and 8th graders Samantha Bush, Veronica

Coleman, and Laquina Davidson.

When it was Samantha's turn, she misspelled 'metaphor' which gave Veronica the opportunity to spell the missed word and the next word. She spelled 'metaphor' correctly as well as her final word, 'cranberry'. Mrs. Busby awarded

a gift basket filled with snacks and drinks to Veronica.

Veronica is the daughter of Alexander and Maranda Coleman. Bush, who took first alternate, is the daughter of Willie and Aretha Spears.

Coleman will represent CCHS in the county spelling bee in February.

Coming next week ...

- Teachers leaving the classroom
- School social worker
- SCES 100th day celebration

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