


# Lifestyles

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## New arrivals!



Cousins Amelia Rose Jenkins and Patrick Alexander Tyson were born just 14 days apart last month.

### Amelia Rose Jenkins and Patrick Alexander Tyson

Brittany Ford and Emily Tyson, along with their parents, Jason and Delynda Jenkins, and Sam and Rachel Tyson, would like to announce the birth of Amelia Rose

Jenkins and Patrick Alexander Tyson.

Amelia was born on Dec. 19, 2006 and weighed eight pounds and 11 ounces and was 20 inches

long.

Patrick was born Dec. 5, 2006 and weighed eight pounds and 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Slater and

Rebecca Jenkins of Butler and William and Patricia Tyson of Butler.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Linda Ford of Lisman.

### Quenia Alise' Thompson

Stanley and Quentina Thompson, of Clarksville, TN would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Quenia Alise' Thompson.

She was born on Jan. 17, 2007 at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

She weighed six pounds and four ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her grandparents are Stanley and Jacqueline Thompson of Halsell, Angela Ward of Demopolis, and Harvey and Verna McCray of Tuscaloosa.

She also has one sister, Iyanna Dubose of Cromwell. Quenia's aunts are Sabrina and Shanita Thompson and Edwina and Sabrina Lewis.

### Kassidy Skylar Todd

Rodney Glen Todd II (Scooter) is pleased to announce the long awaited arrival of his baby sister Kassidy Skylar.

The proud parents are Rodney & Michelle Todd. Kassidy arrived at Rush Hospital on November 20th 2006 at 7:30 p.m. She weighed 7lbs. 0ozs. and was 21 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Richard & Carol Vidal of Butler. Maternal great grandparents are the late Floyd & Mary Wade of the Ararat community & the late Edgar & Lucille Vidal of Richmond Quebec Canada & her Aunt Vonda Vidal of Butler.

Her paternal grandparents are Marvin Lamar & Mary Ann Todd of the Ararat community. Great grandparents are the late Riley & Allie Mosley of Needham & the late Marvin Todd & the late Aree Presley of Needham.

She also has an Aunt Lisa & Uncle Billy Tyson of Ararat community & two cousins Kevin Hunter Tyson & Whitney Meagan Tyson. Mrs Todd is the former Michelle Renea' Vidal.

## Local residents attend Gunn reunion

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (Barbara) Gunn over the New Year holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. (Rebekah) Gunn of Pittsboro, NC, Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. (Katie) McIlwain of Lawrenceburg, TN, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Joyce) Johnson and Ena L. Gunn.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely meal on Friday night December 29th in the newly remodeled home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gunn.

Also, visiting in the home of Ena Gunn on Dec. 30th for brunch were Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gunn and Mr. and Ms. Kenneth Johnson.

They all drove over to Laurel, MS, where the annual Gunn Christmas Party/Reunion was held on December 30th at North of the Border with 79 in attendance.

## Grant seekers workshop to be held at in Lavaca

LAVACA — The Black Belt Community Foundation will conduct a Grant Seekers Workshop in Butler on Tuesday, January 30, at 5:30 p.m. at the Choctaw Community Development Center.

The BCCF is beginning its second round of Black Belt Arts Initiative grants, and community organizations based in and serving the 12-county service area — which includes Choctaw, Marengo, and Sumter counties.

The Black Belt Arts Initiative is a project of the BCCF in collaboration with the Cultural & Youth Committee of the Black

Belt Action Commission and to promote arts awareness, art appreciation, and creativity throughout the Black Belt. Groups are invited to submit proposals that portray similar objectives.

The upcoming workshop will address the requirements of application, how to apply, and the BCCF grants review progress. The deadline for application will also be announced at the workshop.

For more information contact Whitney Green at 334-874-1126, email whgbbcf@bellsouth.net, or log onto [www.blackbelt-found.org](http://www.blackbelt-found.org).

## Local collectors invited to Indian artifacts show in Jackson on February 11

JACKSON — The 19th annual Indian Artifacts Show, sponsored by the Rebel State Archaeological Society (Alabama), will be held Sunday, Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Jackson Community House in Jackson.

A variety of arrowheads, pottery, tools, and other Native American artifacts — some dating back for thousands of years — will be on display.

"This is a great event to bring your children to," said RSAS Vice President Bimbo Kohen, of Silas, who is himself a collector of Indian artifacts. "Here they can see the actual stone tools the Native Americans used in everyday life in order to

survive."

Persons who have Indian items that they would like to know the name of, the age of, or would like to sell, are invited to bring them to the show.

If you have any Indian objects that you would like to exhibit, no matter how big or small, call Kohen for information. You must call in advance in order to be guaranteed a table to exhibit on.

For more information, contact Kohen by phone at 251-542-9456 or by email at [bimbo@millry.net](mailto:bimbo@millry.net).

The Rebel State Archaeological Society is a non-profit organization.

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## Students attend 'Smoke on the Mountain'

GILBERTOWN — Students from two local schools were treated to matinee performances of the BTAPS production 'Smoke on the Mountain' on Monday. Pictured are some of the many students were attended the play from Southern Choctaw High School. Students from South Choctaw Academy also attend a performance held just for them on Monday afternoon. The play will be held over for two more performances next weekend, with a Saturday evening performance at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

*By popular demand*  
The BTAPS production  
**'Smoke on the Mountain'**  
will hold two additional  
performances on  
**Saturday, Feb. 3rd and  
Sunday, Feb. 4th.**  
For tickets, contact Fred  
Kimbrough at 251-843-5138.

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