

County applying for \$575,000 federal diaster preparedness grant

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BUTLER – Bill Gibson, the director of Choctaw County's Emergency Management Agency, told the Co. Commission on Monday that he has forwarded a request for a federal Disaster Preparedness Appropriation in the amount of \$575,600 to U.S. Rep. Artur Davis' office for consideration, and would like to formally file for the grant.

If approved, the 100% federal grant would require no "matching" funds and

could be used to help bring the county's emergency operations abilities up to certain state and federal standards.

On a motion by Commissioners Henry Lovette and C.D. "Budd" Ruffin the board voted unanimously to approve filing for the grant.

In other matters, Gibson said that a terrorism preparedness drill will be held Friday, Jan. 19th at Southern Choctaw High School in Gilbertown.

A meeting with FEMA officials concerning protocol and procedures for filing for reimbursement for debris cleanup fol-

lowing devastating storms will be held Jan. 18th at 9 a.m. in the local EMA office. All local officials are encouraged to attend, he said.

A meeting has also been set up with representatives of M&B Railroad who will be at the EMA office at 11 a.m. Friday to discuss ongoing complaints from the Yantley community about noise, litter, and trains blocking county roads for hours at a time.

Commissioner Clyde Dixon was absent from Monday's meeting due to a

doctor's appointment.

In other matters, attorney Lee McPhearson had no report to make, and Bart Robinson – the county's Solid Waste Enforcement Officer – said he did not have a list of persons who applied for exemption from the county's mandatory garbage pickup program because a computer in Deborah Hutchinson's office had crashed.

Robinson said he would get the report to board members for their review as soon as it becomes available.



Jail Log

Probation violation – Joey Allday, 21, 3358 CR 8, Gilbertown, arrested on 1/5/07 by Skinner.

Receiving/concealing stolen property (2nd degree) – Eric Blakley, 44, 203 Minor Road Apartments, Butler, arrested on 1/3/07 by Fitch. Released on bond.

DUI, no driver's license in possession, failure to display insurance information at scene of accident –

Brodeaux Bradshaw, 58, 1604 N. Mulberry, Butler, arrested on 1/5/07 by Pinkerton. Released on bond.

Probation violation – Marvin Craig, 903 23rd Street, Meridian, MS, arrested on 1/4/07 by Randall.

Attempted possession/receiving controlled substance – Brandy Dunn, 30, 283 Stanley Drive, Silas, arrested on 1/4/07 by Hill (bail bondsman).

Domestic violence (assault, 3rd) – Ronald T. Lindsey, 45, 2640 New Hope Road, Toxey, arrested on 1/5/07 by Randall. Released on bond.

Non-payment of child support – David Earl McIntosh, 39, 121 Ruffin Avenue, Lisman, arrested on 1/3/07 by Gates.

Unlawful possession of marijuana – Cordorell Ruffin, 18, 5094 CR 7, Lisman, arrested on 1/3/07 by Fitch. Released on bond.

Disorderly conduct – Antonio G. Trevino, 42, 2507 Thoroughbred, Killeen, TX, arrested on 1/4/07 by Huckeba. Released on bond.

Coffeeville PD makes five drug arrests

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COFFEEVILLE – A joint operation between the Coffeeville Police Department and the Clarke County Sheriff's Department resulted in the arrest of five persons on a variety of drug-related charges.

Coffeeville Chief of Police Clint Harrell said the operation included a series of checkpoints that began Friday night, Dec. 22 and continued into the early morning of Saturday, Dec. 23.

Arrested were:

■ Miguel Bernard Eldridge, 31, and Wytasky Bridges, 18, both of Annie Manie, Alabama. Both were charged with Trafficking in Marijuana – a Class A Felony – after more than two and one-half pounds of the illegal weed was found in their vehicle. Both were placed in the Clarke County Jail on bonds of \$100,000 each.

Eldridge and Bridges were arrested by Clarke Co. Deputy Steve Carlisle.

■ Johnathan Oneal Pernell, 24, and Grace Leanne Roberts, 26, both of Jackson, were arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana after several small bags of the drug were found in their vehicle.

Both were arrested by Deputy Carlisle and have been released on bond.

■ Eriskey Crowell, 25, of Jackson, who was charged with Possession of Marijuana after a small quantity of the drug was found in his vehicle.

He was arrested by Chief Harrell and has been released on bond.

Obituaries

William Howard "Bill" Windham

LINDEN – Services for William Howard "Bill" Windham, of Linden, were held on Jan. 4, 2007 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, in Linden, with burial in New Octagon Cemetery.

Mr. Windham, 58, was a retired machine tender at Georgia-Pacific Corporation's Naheola Mill. A native of Alexander City, Ala., he was a resident of Butler before moving to Linden.

He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia "Pat" Windham, of Linden; his mother and stepfather, Helen and Jack Cleary, of Butler; a daughter, Kristin Windham; and a son, Jon Windham, both of Linden; one sister, Janice Bailey, of Butler; two brothers, Al Windham, of Demopolis, and John Windham, of Butler; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Windham, and one brother, David Windham.

O'Bryant Chapel Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Casey O'Field

LISMAN – Services for Casey O'Field, 64, were held on Dec. 22, 2006 at John The Baptist Church with Rev. Edward Knighton officiating. Interment followed in Fairfield Cemetery.

Mr. O'Field was the eldest of eight children born to the late Casey O'Field and Nela Dan Witherspoon.

He was a graduate of Choctaw Co. Training School in Lisman. After graduation he moved to Miami, FL. In 1992, he returned home for the funeral of his mother and decided to remain in Choctaw County.

He is survived by his three sons, Casey O'Field III, Miami, FL; Casey O'Field, Butler; Terrance (Tonjia) O'Field, Mont-

gomery; two daughters, Michelle (David), Miami; Tantella (Andrew), Thomasville; nine grandchildren; four brothers, Eddie (Doris) O'Field, Jimmie O'Field, Cass Witherspoon, Jr., Cromwell; Bobbie Lee (Lois) O'Field, Cleveland, OH; three sisters, Essie Ward, Lisman; Martha Morgan, Miami; Katie (Johnnie) Thompson, Cromwell; two uncles, Goardrow (Printella) Jackson; Exell (Florence) Jackson; cousin, David Brooks; and other relatives and friends.

Hayden and Butler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

William C. "Billy" Hearn

BUTLER – Services for William C. "Billy" Hearn, of Butler, were held Jan. 7, 2007 at Bumpers Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. J.D. Weed officiating. Burial was in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Hearn, 66, was a native of Choctaw County. He was born on Feb. 26, 1940 and died Jan. 5th at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, Miss.

He was retired from the Alabama Department of Transportation, and was a six-year veteran of the Alabama National Guard.

Survivors include a brother, Franklin Hearn (wife, Carolyn), of Butler; a sister, Judy H. Norrell (husband, Charles), of Tallassee; his mother, Doll Hearn, of Butler; a niece, Christy Evans (husband, Chad), of Butler; a nephew, Stephen Norrell (wife, Erika), of Wetumpka; and several aunts and uncles.

Pallbearers included Walter Wayne Hall, Jimmy Allen, Mark Grace, Bill Martin, Johnny Thompson, and Arnold Gibson. Honorary pallbearers were Jay McNeal and David Ezell.

Bumpers Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Hollis Gorman

LISMAN - Services for Hollis Gorman of Lisman, 48, were held January 7, 2007 at the Greater First Baptist Church with Pastor Joseph Patterson officiating. Interment followed in the church Cemetery.

Hollis Gorman was born in Choctaw County in Lisman on May 3, 1958 and died January 1, 2007 at his home in Montgomery. He was preceded in death by his parents, Moses and Jannie Gorman, and brother James Gorman. Gorman attended school in Choctaw County at the then CCTS. Hollis accepted Christ at an early age. He attended Sunday School and was baptized at the Greater First Baptist Church in Lisman. Later Hollis moved to Montgomery. Gorman served in the National Guard of Alabama early in life.

Hollis is survived by a wife, Patricia Thompson Gorman; five children, Jeffery Jones, Hollis Thompson, Roosevelt Thompson, Lavon Thompson, and Christopher Thompson; four brothers, Jeff (Julia) Ruffin, Anderson (Carolyn) Gorman, Tommy (Carolyn) Gorman, and Ernest (Carolyn) Gorman; three uncles, Frank Ruffin, Sr., Dan Gorman, and Lovid Gorman; five aunts, Annie (Johnny) Bourne, Mary Wallace, Juanita Gorman, Minnie Gorman, and Jenette Gorman, and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.

Pallbearers were sons and brothers.

Hayden & Butler Funeral Home in Lisman was in charge of the arrangements.

Johnny Earl Mitchell

BUTLER - Services for Johnny Earl Mitchell, 47, were held January 6, 2007 at the Salem Baptist Church with Pastor Samuel Duff officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mitchell was born on February 21, 1959 in Butler and died on December 30, 2006. Johnny was one of 14 chil-

dren born to the late Nazrie Mitchell and surviving mother Mattie Mitchell. At an early age Mitchell joined Salem Baptist Church. Johnny was united in marriage at an early age to Dorothy Grice.

Survivors include two children; Linda Mitchell of Livingston and Sharlene Mitchell of Lisman; one stepson, Richard Grice of Lisman; five brothers, Willie "Erie" Mitchell of Temple Hill, Md., James Mitchell, Tommie Mitchell both of Butler, Albert Mitchell, and Michael Mitchell both of Cedar Rapids Iowa; sisters Martha (Randy) Jackson of Hesperia, Ca., Frances Whitted, Irene (Robert) Williams both of Brandon, Miss., and Maxine (Clarence) Arlene of Riverdale, Ca.; three grandchildren, Treasury Thomas, Tyderek Mitchell, and Richard Grice.

Pallbearers were family and friends. Hayden and Butler Funeral Home in Butler were in charge of final arrangements.

Christine "Mama Tine" Sykes-Scott


LISMAN -- Christine "Mama Tine" Sykes-Scott of Ohio born May 14, 1924 to Dycie Sykes, departed this life December 31, 2006.

A Celebration of Life Funeral Service was held Jan. 6, 2007 at St. Mark CME Church in Lisman with Minister Bonds officiating interment followed in the church cemetery.

Survivors include children; Fred E. Scott, Gail P. (Lucious) Hale, H. Jeanie Martin, Gloria J. (Hurmus) Sturkey all of Cleveland, Ohio, Diane (Rayford) Williams of Birmingham, Lucius (Betsy) Scott of Charlotte, NC., and Lovonnia Donsha Scott of Jacksonville, Fla.; twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Hurmus Sturkey, Andrew Martin, Rayford E. Williams, James Spencer, Lucious Hale, and Darrin Kirby.

Lucas Memorial Chapel, Inc. of Bedford Heights, Ohio was in charge of the arrangements.



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