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Briefs

Choctaw-Washington LL signups start Saturday

GILBERTOWN — Signups for the Choctaw-Washington Little League begin this Saturday, Feb. 3rd at the Gilberttown Sports Complex on the Paragon Road.

Signups will be held from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Feb. 3rd, and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 10th.

All registered players MUST attend tryouts which will be held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 10th.

A player may also register at any time between now and Feb. 10th by going by Sammie Bonner Construction Co., in Toxey, or NAPA Auto Parts in Gilberttown.

All players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and a \$40 registration fee.

Signup begins Saturday for Butler Dixie Youth teams

BUTLER — Signups for Butler Dixie Youth baseball and softball teams begin this Saturday at the Butler Civic Center.

Players may sign up from 8 a.m.-noon. The signups will continue on Sat., Feb. 10th and Sat., Feb. 17th.

Boys ages 5-12 (as of 5/1/07) and girls ages 4-15 (as of 5/1/07) are eligible to play.

All players must bring to the signup day a copy of their birth certificate; boys must also have proof of insurance. There is a \$40 per player signup fee.

For more information on girls signup, call Steve Kliebert at 205-459-4039 or Shane Jimerson at 459-3348; for boys, call Lindy Long at (205) 654-2651.

Almanac

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Cloudy
Hi 50 • Lo 28
Rain chance 10%
Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.
Sunset: 5:29 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

Partly cloudy
Hi 54 • Lo 30
Rain chance 10%
Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.
Sunset: 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

Sunny, few clouds
Hi 59 • Lo 31
Rain chance 10%
Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.

Ty's new CD on sale now

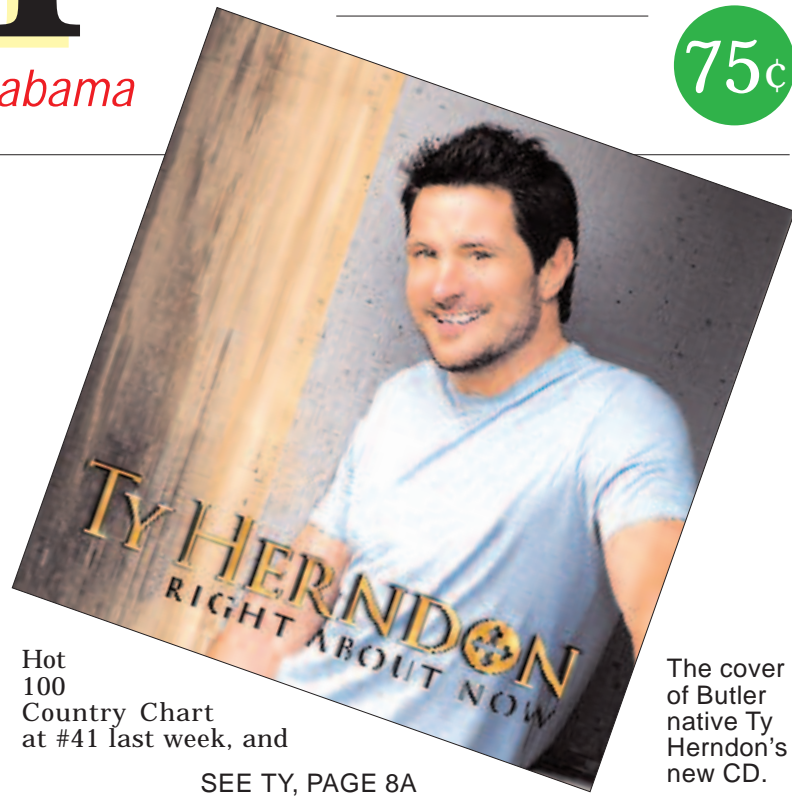
By Tommy Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

NASHVILLE, Tennessee — Right about now, Ty Herndon is a happy man.

His musical career is getting back into swing after a long hiatus, he has a brand new "come-back" CD out that is selling out as

fast as WalMart and other retailers can stock it, and he feels more focused on his life and his music than ever before.

His new CD — "Right About Now" — contains 11 songs that the Choctaw County native says he feels are among his best work. The title track by the same title debuted on Billboard magazine's



Choctaw Sun photo by Tommy Campbell
Dr. Seba Mazumder, front left, was honored with a retirement dinner on Wednesday evening. Among those in attendance were Charles White, CEO of Franklin Primary Health Center; Mayor Bobby Graham, and former mayors Betty and Marvin Merritt. In addition to being instrumental in bringing Dr. Mazumder to the town, Mr. Merritt still serves as Chairman of Franklin's local Advisory Board. A full-length feature story on Dr. Mazumder's almost three-decade career in Gilberttown can be found elsewhere in this edition of The Choctaw Sun.



Choctaw Sun photo by Tommy Campbell
GILBERTTOWN — Pastor Doug Chapman and the members of Gilberttown Assembly of God Church are celebrating the beginning of the construction of their new sanctuary. Site work got underway late last week, and by Wednesday of this week, the large hill behind the current church — where the new sanctuary will soon start to take shape — had been leveled. The church is located on Ala. 17 on the south side of Gilberttown. Watch the Sun in the weeks ahead for more information on the building project.

Past-due property taxes listed

■ With penalties and interest added, unpaid ad valorem taxes add up to more than \$113,000.

By Tommy Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

BUTLER — The amounts range from as little as six bucks to more than \$12,000, but they all have one thing in common ... the figures represent taxes that are now past due on real property in Choctaw County.

Revenue Commissioner David Sparrow said that the list of more than 1,078 parcels of property owned by 741 persons or companies that appears in this edition of *The Choctaw Sun* amounts to \$108,543.07 in actual taxes, plus another \$2,140.94 in interest and \$3,705.00 in penalties so far.

Penalties are added on a monthly basis so the longer the tax bill goes unpaid, the more a person will owe.

"This is just a courtesy listing," Sparrow said. "Our intent is not to embarrass anyone. We do this every year as a friendly reminder that people need to come by and take care of their taxes."

Sparrow explained that ad valorem taxes are due each year on Oct. 1st and become delinquent after Dec. 31st. If not paid by a certain date this spring, the county must order a sale of the property to pay the amount that is owed in taxes, he said.

"But we certainly don't want to do that, which is why we make every effort to find and notify folks that their taxes are due," he said.

Sparrow said that if the taxes remain unpaid, the cases will eventually be forwarded to the Probate

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