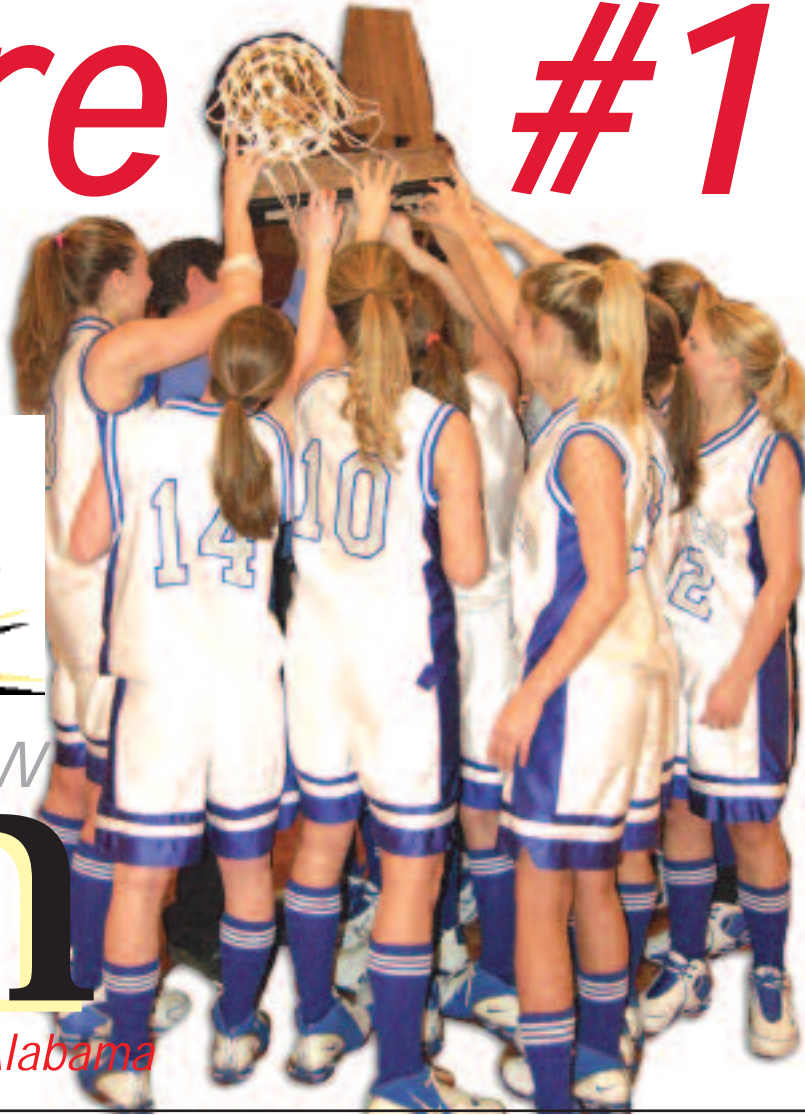


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Briefs



New \$1 coin features American Presidents

GILBERTOWN – Watch your change ... a series of new gold-colored one-dollar coins honoring America's former presidents made its debut last week.

The U.S. Mint said that the \$1 coins will feature the nation's Chief Executives in the order in which they served, beginning in 2007 with Presidents Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Madison. The Mint will issue four Presidential \$1 Coins per year, similar to the popular 50-States Quarters Series.

The coins are now available at local banks. For more information, readers may log onto www.usmint.gov.

Almanac

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

Thundershowers
Hi 71 • Lo 52
Rain chance 60%
Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.
Sunset: 5:44 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

Scattered showers
Hi 72 • Lo 53
Rain chance 40%
Sunrise: 6:30 a.m.
Sunset: 5:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

Partly cloudy
Hi 74 • Lo 49
Rain chance 20%
Sunrise: 6:28 a.m.
Sunset: 5:46 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

Cloudy
Hi 73 • Lo 58
Rain chance 10%
Sunrise: 6:27 a.m.
Sunset: 5:47 p.m.

Fire causes extensive damage



Choctaw Sun photo by Tommy Campbell
A rental house on Miller Avenue in Butler was heavily damaged by fire on Friday afternoon, Feb. 16th. No one was at home at the time of the blaze, which was reported to a neighbor by a passerby. Fire fighters from Butler and Lusk responded to the scene.

TOWN OF LISMAN

New VFD, street rehab projects only the beginning

By Tommy Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

LISMAN – Thanks to two state grants totaling more than \$700,000, the old Lisman Jr. High School gymnasium is being remodeled into offices and other use areas for the Lisman Volunteer Fire Department, and a brand-new station to house the departments trucks is being built on the east side of the gym.

Jim Grubbs, with Sentell Engineering – the firm that is overseeing

the projects — told the Lisman Town Council last Monday evening that he sees great promise in the community.

"Sometimes rural Alabama just gets beat down to where people think they have no hope, and it just isn't true," he said. "I can envision things, I am a dreamer."

Grubbs gave the council an update on the fire department projects and said that he has been talking to a real estate developer

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Tainted peanut butter found in county

■ Jars of recalled product believed contaminated with Salmonella reported in Butler, Gilbertown, Silas and Pennington

By Dee Ann Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

GILBERTOWN – Jars of tainted peanut butter that were the subject of a nationwide product recall last week have shown up in Choctaw County.

Silas resident Janice Williams told the Sun on Friday that she found a jar of Peter Pan® peanut butter in her cabinet bearing the product code that begins with '2111', the same batch that reportedly has caused outbreaks of Salmonella in 39 other states. According to Williams, the product was purchased from stores in either Gilbertown or Waynesboro.

Since that time, several other residents in

Gilbertown, Butler and Pennington have reported finding jars of the recalled peanut butter in their own cabinets. The Sun has also learned that there have been county residents who have gotten ill after eating peanut butter, but no definitive diagnoses of Salmonella have been determined.

According to Associated Press reports, nearly 300 people have fallen ill since August, and federal health investigators strongly suspect that the problem resulted from contaminated Peter Pan® peanut butter and certain batches of Wal-Mart's Great Value® brand, both of which are manufactured by ConAgra Foods, Inc. The peanut butter was produced at the company's only peanut butter plant, located in Sylvester, GA.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a recall on the product when investigators determined that many of the salmonella cases could be traced to the peanut butter. The investigators are still

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