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Briefs

Club plans horse show

BUTLER -- The Choctaw Co. Saddle Club will sponsor a horse show on Saturday, March 3rd at the Arena (three miles west of Butler on Hwy. 10) Butler. Timed events will start immediately following gaited and western classes. For more information call Dale Allen at 205-459-3245 or Pete Gibson at 251-843-5262.

Free food, health care services to be offered

GILBERTOWN -- The Spirit of Luke Foundation will offer free medical screenings, free food, free medicine, and free clothes to anyone needing these goods or services on Saturday, March 3rd at the Gilberttown Senior Citizens Nutrition Center beginning at 10 a.m.

Black history program at CCHS

BUTLER -- A Black History Program will be held Wednesday, Feb. 28th at Choctaw County High School, beginning at 2 p.m. Rev. O.L. Sealey, President of the Choctaw County (Indian Springs) Chapter of the NAACP and Pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church in Butler will be the guest speaker.

Almanac

- TUESDAY, FEB. 27**
Sunny
Hi 73 • Lo 41
Rain chance 10%
Sunrise: 6:23 a.m.
Sunset: 5:50 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28**
Mostly Cloudy
Hi 72 • Lo 54
Rain chance 20%
Sunrise: 6:22 a.m.
Sunset: 5:51 p.m.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 1**
Scattered thundershowers
Hi 74 • Lo 47
Rain chance 70%
Sunrise: 6:21 a.m.
Sunset: 5:51 p.m.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 2**
Partly cloudy
Hi 65 • Lo 45
Rain chance 10%
Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.
Sunset: 5:52 p.m.

Reappraisal flip-flop?

By Tommy Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

MONTGOMERY – *Question:* If you own property in Alabama, would you rather that property be reappraised once a year or once every four years?
According to a recent survey conducted by the Associated Press, it appears that a majority of state legislators favor ending annual property reappraisals and going back

■ Choctaw among last counties in Alabama to switch to annual reappraisals of real property; now, majority of Legislators want state to return to four-year cycle

to the old four-year schedule. But that doesn't necessarily mean that

such a flip-flop will happen when the Legislature begins its 2007 regular session on March 6th.
In Choctaw County, the move to annual re-appraisals won't even happen until next year (2008) because of a phased-in schedule of when the change takes effect in each of the state's 67 counties.
The controversial change, which was an issue in last year's governor's race, began in
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"My dad, my rock .."

BUTLER — Lt. Col. David Allen, Jr. (right) returned to Butler last Friday to share his retirement from the U.S. Air Force with his family, in particular, his father David Allen, Sr. (seated, left). The senior Allen is undergoing rehabilitation at Willow Trace Nursing Center following a car accident last year. The two family members shared an emotional moment when Lt. Col. Allen placed the American flag he had been presented in his father's lap, calling him, "my rock." See page 8A for the full story.

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Jury rules in favor of former janitor

By Tommy Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

BUTLER – On Monday, a local minister got what he has waited on for more than five years ... his day in court. A jury in Circuit Judge Stuart Dubose's courtroom deliberated for about 45 minutes on Feb. 27th before awarding Michael Angelo Ruffin \$30,000 in damages (plus the costs of court) against William Weakley, a former principal at Choctaw Co. High School.
Afterward, Ruffin told the Sun that
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Schools to share \$47,000

By Dee Ann Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

BUTLER – Choctaw County public schools will be receiving just over \$47,000 through funds released by Governor Bob Riley on Friday. According to the Governor's office, school systems across the state will receive portions of some \$17 million from the Education Trust Fund, with each system gaining an amount based on the number of state-funded teacher units within the system.
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