

## Letters

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thought. But I let it go — until later that afternoon when we found out that a burial had taken place on Gin Creek Road. But it was not at my church, Gin Creek Baptist Church. Instead it was at Bethel Cemetery, a small burial ground used by white people to lay their loved ones to rest. According to our recollection, this cemetery has not been used in years.

That's when I put two and two together and realized that I had not witnessed a miracle after all, but yet another deliberate, calculated display of mistreatment, by the road commissioner toward the residents of the Gin Creek Road and the members of the Gin Creek Baptist Church.

How many times have we requested the road be graveled, raked, and repaired for major events at our church or for the residents to simply get in and out from their homes to work and back? We've even had our concerns addressed and published in the newspaper! We get no response, but even more neglect, but this one burial, this one time that people who do not even live on the road need to have access is enough to get a response — and that on a Sunday morning when county offices are usually closed?

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see what is going on. The county commissioner doesn't care about this road, the members of the church, or the residents who live on Gin Creek Road. I guess our votes nor our voices matter.

Sadly disappointed and tired of bad roads,  
**Mrs. Ruby P. Coleman**

Thank you very much for the ePaper. Thanks for all your support and giving Choctaw County's sons and daughters overseas their hometown

news online.

**Clayton Bivens**

Many parents and other concerned citizens are speaking out about the impact of school uniforms on their families. The overwhelming majority of people that I have spoken to about school uniforms feel strongly that mandatory uniforms have had a negative effect on their family.

My heart was touched by a call that I received this weekend from a grandmother who is struggling to raise her granddaughters on a fixed income. She shared with me the burden, financial and otherwise, that the school uniforms have placed on her and asked that something be done about it before the next school year.

I heard from a family who recently had a catastrophic illness in their family resulting in lost income and huge medical bills. They feel constantly harassed by their school because their son's heavier jacket is not the right color. I think worst of all is the story of the 11th grader who was suspended from school for uniform violations. He was reportedly a good student. He had challenges at home but so much potential. Well, that potential may never be realized because he was suspended over an incident involving the color of his jacket. That kid, with all that potential, has still not returned to school. He just gave up. Now, the school may think they won in that situation but in reality everyone lost.

Stories like these have me convinced more than ever that we are fighting a just fight. Please share your stories with me by calling (251) 846-3170 or e-mailing me at dyessli1@millry.net. I am

listening, Washington County is listening, and eventually the Washington County School Board will listen too.

As requested, a petition has been prepared requesting that the school board abolish mandatory school uniforms. If you would like to sign this petition please contact me as indicated above.

I would also like to thank **The Choctaw Sun** for allowing this lively public debate. This is so American!

**Lisa Dyess**  
Millry

We would like to thank the Nanafalia Community Association and the residents of the area for the huge support we received this past Saturday with the Brunswick Stew Cooking in Nanafalia at the Old School.

The funds raised from this event will go a long way in helping us try to provide fire, rescue, and emergency medical assistance to our community. Thanks again for "Helping us to Help you."  
**South Marengo Fire and Rescue Squad**

The family of Eunice Thompson wishes to thank Rev. and Mrs. Burke and Butler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church Family for their many acts of kindness during our bereavement.

Special thanks to Rev. Shirley Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Tim Pearson, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Matthews and their church families, Mrs. Margaret Underhill, Mrs. Doris Homes and the Retired Teachers, Rev. Willie Vines and the West Alabama Bank and Trust Bank employees.

We pray Gods blessings on each of you.

**Robert Thompson,  
Charles L. Chaney  
and the Alice Towner family**

## SoundOff

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blue jeans and so do I. The first thing that takes place after school is changing clothes! Now I wash uniforms AND casual clothes. Would allowing jeans really alter the school's uniform intent? Designer logos come on khakis also! This is Choctaw County, not New York City. Our incomes are limited just like our choices. I vote to add jeans!

As a business owner I want to thank District Attorney Spencer Walker for publicizing the names of people who have written bad checks and then refuse to come and take care of what they owe. By gosh, their names should be printed in the papers! If people don't have the money in their account, the answer is simple ... DON'T WRITE A RUBBER CHECK and then your name won't be in the paper and you won't be arrested for NWN.

(ED. NOTE: Just so that readers know, the term "NWN" is an acronym for Negotiating a Worthless Negotiable Instrument), or, in layman's terms, issuing a "bad" check.)

If the county is so worried about the roads passing inspection they need to worry about fixing the potholes instead of striping the roads. The potholes filled in would look better than the striping. Also, they could use the \$810 they are giving (Commissioner) Ruffin to go waste time and money in Washington.

Recently my family had an emergency which required the use of our emergency blinkers. Boy, was I surprised at the blatant disregard people had for this! We even blew our horn at people to pull over so we could get by. Do you think they paid any attention? NO! Some even slowed down, but would not get out of the way. A few showed respect and pulled over. Thank you to the ones that did. Shame on you who didn't! It may be you needing to get to a family member with an emergency next time and you will know how it feels to be ignored. People, please pay attention to what is behind you and if the emergency blinkers are on, MOVE OVER!!

When an adult decides to have a drink and relax, that is what they should do. No matter if that person is a teacher or preacher, it is the right of the individual to decide what he or she does on their own time. Sure, there are limitations within moral code, but to those who want to hang this poor person for what he or she LAWFULLY does, then shame on you. We as educators are burdened with the great responsibility of molding the minds of tomorrow. As a 26-year veteran of the educational system,

I too enjoy a refreshing spirituous beverage in a place of social gathering otherwise known as a bar.

Why was there no RABIES CLINIC held in Choctaw County last year? Isn't there a law that requires this? And, will there be one held this year? I think this is a shame. We have too many dogs and cats that are going without their shots.

We love the **Sun** and thank your entire staff for a job well done in the coverage you gave the SCA Rebels' Girls Basketball team.

Regarding the article about a teacher visiting saloons. You people think that you know everything when in fact you're completely oblivious to what goes on in your own county. As a previous statement was made, the teacher doesn't even teach in Choctaw County, that's why I don't understand why it's any of the Sun's business what goes on in Washington County. Let the Call-News take care of that. I was involved in what happened that night, and the teacher who is being put down was not actually at the nightclub you are speaking of. What makes the world a bad place is reporters like the ones at the **Sun** thinking everyone needs to know everything. Before you try to ruin somebody's career, get your facts in order. Try writing about something good once in a while instead of picking the bad out of society. Don't blame the general public for not providing articles for your crappy newspaper. I really thought Tommy Campbell had more class about what went on in his newspaper, but I guess he's just like any other slandering, two-faced reporter.

(ED. NOTE – FYI, what a teacher does on his or her own time is their business. When that extracurricular activity allegedly involves students and alcohol, my friend, that makes it this newspaper's business. Even though it might involve persons from another county, we have many readers in other counties, and students from Choctaw County cross county lines every day to attend school in other counties. The Sun staff has not written an article on this particular situation. The comment you refer to was a SoundOff from a concerned parent, which, by the way, did not specifically mention names or places. SoundOff comments are readers' OPINIONS which is completely different from a "news story". But, if we do get reliable, factual newsworthy information regarding this or any other incident that we feel the public needs to know about, then yes, we will publish that information. That's what any responsible newspaper should do. One last observation ... the **Call-News** is a Citronelle-based newspaper, which, in case you didn't know, is in Mobile County. The newspaper in Chatom is the **Washington County News**. – Tommy.)

# ATTENTION Worthless Check Writers

The District Attorney's Worthless Check Unit is conducting a BAD CHECK ROUNDUP. The roundup will continue through March, 2007. Any person with outstanding checks are advised to take care of them at once. There will be NO agreements and NO extensions in these cases. Beginning April 2, 2007, the Check Units along with the sheriff's deputies will gather ALL outstanding warrants and conduct a raid to arrest and jail as many of these individuals as possible.

If your name is listed on these ads that will be published YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR DEBT NOW! Payments can be mailed to Spencer B. Walker, District Attorney, Worthless Check Unit, P.O. Box 850, Grove Hill, AL 36451 or you may visit the DA's office. Remember, the grace period ends March 30th pay your outstanding debt now and avoid the embarrassment of being arrested and having to pay high court costs!

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