



PA names National Senior Beta Club members

BUTLER -- Members of the National Senior Beta Club at Patrician Academy are: (in no particular order) Robert Anderson, Meagan Busby, Misty Cobb, Katie Jill Gibson, Kalyln Hall, Kayla Houlditch, Trace Lewis, Benjamin McBride, Kyle Scott, Savanna Smith, Codi Stafford, Staci Vice, Jessie Boykin, Jenny Carney, Brittany Cook, Whitney Fuller, John Graham, Shayna Jimerson, Ben-Will McBride, Drew Overton, Allie Roach, Ciara Smith, Melissa Snow, Lindsey Williams, Suzanne Adams, BJ Bonner, Haley Buchanan, Neal Cook, Nancy Dasis, Anna Drinkard, Alex Glass, Anna Lewis, Kylie Lewis, Tiffany Lewis, Nikki Miller, Katelyn Mosley, Tony Randolph, Kaila Rios, and Jenna Singley.

Choctaw Sun photos by Mickey Bryant



Honor Society members at Patrician

BUTLER -- Senior Honor Society members at Patrician are (no particular order): Meagan Busby, Misty Cobb, Katie Jill Gibson, Kalyln Hall, Trace Lewis, Kyle Scott, Savanna Smith, Staci Vice, Jessie Boykin, Jenny Carney, Whitney Fuller, Shayna Jimerson, Benjamin McBride, Will McBride, Ciara Smith, Melissa Snow, Haley Buchanan, Neal Cook, Nancy Dasis, Anna Drinkard, Anna Lewis, Kylie Lewis, Nikki Miller, Tony Randolph, and Kaila Rios.

Rest Review

Good times, good food at Old Buddies

By Marcus Gates
The Choctaw Sun

BUTLER — No matter if you're looking to eat in or take out, Old Buddies has familiar faces, a friendly atmosphere, and plenty of good food waiting for you on the east side of Butler just across from Western Inn.

"Food that keeps you fueled," such as steaks, wings, pasta, and daily specials for breakfast, lunch and dinner are all served with great service.

Come in and meet Manager Margaret Bradford, tell her how you liked the food, or let her know what you might like to see on the menu in the future.

They also have appetizers, salads, sandwiches, pasta entrees, kids' meals and free refills.

This Sunday, March 18th, the lunch special will be grilled ribs and chicken with new potatoes, baked beans, potato



Choctaw Sun photo by Ashley Downing
Jamie, Doris, Amy, Patricia, Patrice are lined up and ready to serve you plenty of delicious home-cooked food at Old Buddies in Butler.

salad, cole slaw, and fruit pie. Kids can get chicken fingers or hot dogs with plenty of fries.

Old Buddies even has a TV set in the front of the restaurant, so you can catch the news or your favorite sporting event.

Remember their slogan — Just Killin' Time with Some "Old Buddies" of Mine!" — good times and good food await you at Old Buddies.

Located in the former Lafferty's building at 1206 East Pushmataha

Street (Ala. Hwy. 10), Old Buddies is open Monday-Saturday from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m., and Sundays for lunch from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Readers may call in orders by phone at 205-459-3440.

Rumley is National American Miss Alabama finalist

BUTLER -- LaQueta Rumley, the 16 year-old daughter of Danita H. Washington, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Alabama Pageant to be held May 28 at the Sheraton in Birmingham.

The pageant is held for girls ages 16-18 and the winner will receive a \$1,000 cash award, a crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland® in California.

The pageant is dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Each year, the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assist the development of young women nationwide. All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

The National American Miss pageant are for "Today's Girl" and "Tomorrow's Leader." The pageant program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise and presentation, and offers an "All-American spirit of fun for family and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining



LaQueta Rumley

self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Miss Rumley's enjoys playing softball, performing in the CCHS Marching Band as a majorette, being a member of the BETA Club, JROTC Drill Team, SGA, Choir, TGIF, and was the 2006 Miss CCHS Beauty Queen.

Head Start asks for state funding

By Dee Ann Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

MONTGOMERY — Federal funding cuts that could potentially affect Head Start programs in Choctaw County and around the state are prompting program officials to request \$1 million in state money for the program.

According to an Associated Press report, appropriation cuts by the U.S. Congress have reduced funding to the 31 Head Start programs in Alabama by more than \$1 million. On Tuesday, Head Start officials issued a request to state legislators for help in order to fully fund the preschool program.

According to Anita Humphrey, president of the Alabama Head Start Association, about 18,000 children participate in the programs statewide, with most of those children from low-income families who cannot otherwise afford pre-school for their children.

Choctaw County has two Head Start centers, one in Shady Grove and one in Butler. The two centers collectively serve about 80 children.

State Rep. Laura Hall (D-Huntsville) is currently preparing a bill that would appropriate the \$1 million from the education budget for Head Start, which has not previously received state funding.

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