

Farmers travel to DC

WASHINGTON – Several Choctaw County farmers were among more than 230 members of the Alabama Farmers Federation who traveled to the nation's capital as part of the Federation's annual Washington Legislative Trip on March 13-16. The farmers met with U.S. senators, congressmen, U.S. Department of Agriculture officials and American Farm Bureau Federation experts about the 2007 Farm Bill and other important legislation. Seventh-District Alabama Congressman Artur Davis is shown here with members of the Choctaw County delegation, including Earlae Nealey and Federation State Board Member Leo Allen.



Spring Fling to feature music, arts, crafts

BUTLER – The Town of Butler is sponsoring a two-day "Spring Fling" festival on April 6 and 7 at the old Vanity Fair site across from Bumpers Funeral Home.

Music from bluegrass to country to rock will featured with free admission.

Bluegrass performer Claire Lynch will perform at 6 p.m. on

April 6 as well as singer-songwriter Steve Forbert, a native of Meridian, Miss., at 7:30 p.m.

Blues guitarist Willie King of Pickens County will be on the schedule for 7:30 p.m. on April 7 as well as bluegrass gospel couple Jerry and Tammy Sullivan (6 p.m.) and Birmingham country rock band Foot of the Hill (3 p.m.). Other

musical acts will be announced soon.

The town has booked carnival-type amusement rides for the event, and applications are being accepted now for food and craft vendors.

For more information persons may call Butler Town Hall at 205-459-3795.

Rep. Davis in county next Monday evening

BUTLER – U.S. Congressman Artur Davis will host a Town Hall meeting in Choctaw County from

6 until 8 p.m. on Monday, April 9th at the Choctaw County Courthouse. Davis represents the Seventh

Congressional District of Alabama which includes Choctaw County. The public is invited to attend.

Silas to dedicate Veteran's Memorial Park

SILAS – A dedication ceremony for the Silas Veterans Memorial Park will be held at 2 p.m. on Sat-

urday, March 31st at the Community House in downtown "Old Town" Silas.

The public and all local veterans and their families are invited to attend.

Reunion to feature egg drop from airplane

TOXEY – The ninth annual Toxey Reunion will be held Saturday, April 21 at the park in downtown Toxey from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Special attractions this year will be an Egg Drop from an airplane (one egg will contain a \$10 prize!), giant slide and bouncer for the kids,

a dunking booth, drawings for two children's bicycles, and live country and gospel singing featuring Rodney Turner and band, Dr. Jim Matthews (a/k/a ELVIS), and others.

Plenty of good food will be available – thanks to Chef E.O.

Campbell – such as grilled chicken plates, hot dogs, hamburgers and more. This year, the event is being moved from Skinner Park to the new park around the historic renovated Toxey Masonic Lodge. For more information contact Town Hall at (251) 843-5222.



Jail Log

DUI – Elmer Alan Anderson, 44, 130 Anderson Road, Toxey, arrested on 3/24/07 by

Pinkerton and Miller. Released on bond.

Domestic violence – Philip Aberette, 32, 242 Busby Road, Needham, arrested on 3/26/07, arresting officer not listed. Released on bond.

DUI, reckless driving, attempting to elude police officer, no driver's license, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of a controlled substance – Cedric Shidell Blanks, 25, 1777 Lasca Road, Thomasville, arrested on 3/22/07 by Gates.

Harassment, assault (3rd degree) – Johnny Curtis, 40, 1849 Cyril Road, Lisman, arrested on 3/27/07 by Gates.

Public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest – Robert Dettwiler, 47, 242 Plantation Drive, Melvin, arrested on 3/24/07 by Gates. Released on bond.

Probation violation – William Jaloe Fendley, 23, P.O. Box 1243, Thomasville, arrested on 3/23/07 by court order.

Possession of forged instruments (2nd degree) – Ronnie Lee James, 33, 511 Vanity Fair Avenue, Butler, arrested on 3/22/07 by Huckeba and Adams.

Probation violation – Tonya B. Turner, 27, Ala. 17 South, Butler, arrested on 3/21/07 by Gates.

Assault (3rd degree) – Rhonda Turner, 28, 611 Vanity Fair Drive, Butler, arrested on 3/22/07 by Cottrell.



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Sun Country Calendar

There is no charge to list an upcoming non-profit or charitable event for your church, school, civic group, fire department, etc. Meetings of governmental entities may also be included. Send your announcement as far in advance as possible. Calendar items may be mailed, faxed, emailed, delivered in person to our offices in Butler or Gilberttown, or left in our drop box at The Country Corner in Butler.

Friday, March 30th
SOUTHERN CHOCTAW ELEMENTARY will hold registration for Kindergarten and students in other grades who are transferring from other schools in the fall.

CHOCTAW CO. DHR RELAY FOR LIFE fundraiser, Boston Butts and turkey breasts, \$20 each. Place your order by March 30th. Will deliver on April 7th. Call 205-459-9710. Leave message if no answer.

Saturday, March 31st

COUNTYWIDE "CLEAN SWEEP" DAY! All churches, fire departments, schools, civic groups, businesses and individuals are encouraged to organize a "clean up" effort in your own neighborhood, 8 a.m. til noon (or whatever time you or your group can work). Call The Choctaw Sun to "register" your group's involvement so that "before and after" photos can be made of your area. If you cannot clean up on this day, any day during the week before or the week after will be fine. Dumpsters or trucks will be provided free of charge at select locations around the county for collecting and disposing bags of trash on Saturday. For more information, call Tommy Campbell at 251-843-6397.

CRITER DINNER, meal and live entertainment, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Butler Senior Citizens Center, Ridewood Drive.

DEDICATION OF SILAS VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, 2 p.m. downtown "Old Town" Silas.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Mission Dept. will sponsor a yard sale and also sell barbecue chicken and fish plates at James Everett's residence in Silas (at the 4-Way Stop at 17 and 84).

SHARE THE GOSPEL FISHING TOURNAMENT, Coffeerville Service Park, registration at 4 a.m. at the landing; entry fee \$80 per boat which includes big fish and parking fee. For pre-registration or general information contact Rev. Howard Gaston at www.stgospel.com.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS will broadcast the 177th Annual Conference of the church, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. each day. The four different sessions of conference being broadcast in the morning and evening on each of the two days will be broadcast thru the BYU channel (Dish Network, ch. 9403, DirecTV ch. 374).

Sunday, April 1st

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY reception for Tommie and Patricia Conner, 2 to 4 p.m. Shady Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church, 503 CR 632 Quitman, MS.

MEN AND WOMEN DAY, Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church, 3 p.m. Guest speaker Rev. Kelvin Boykin, the choir and congregation of New St. Matthew's Baptist Church in Jackson.

HOMEcoming and DEDICATION SERVICE for the new addition to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on CR 25. Lunch will be served and singing in the afternoon. Bro. Jimmy D. Singleton is the Pastor.

MEN AND WOMEN DAY PROGRAM, Morning Star Baptist Church, Butler, 11 a.m. Guest speakers will be Rev. Tonjanita Walker Johnson and husband Tony Johnson of Greenwood, MS.

WOMEN DAY PROGRAM, Mt. Mariah Missionary Baptist Church, Lisman, 2:30 p.m. Rev. James T. Steele, guest minister.

EASTER PROGRAM, Shiloh Baptist Church, Silas, 11:15 a.m. Rev. Ennes Rankins, Pastor.

Mon., April 2nd – Fri., April 6th

SPRING REVIVAL, Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m. nightly. Rev. Kendall Washington, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dayton, OH will be the guest evangelist. Rev. Marvin L. Dixon, pastor.

Monday, April 2nd

CHOCTAW CO. COMMISSION meeting, 8 a.m., Courthouse.

Friday, April 6th

SPRING REVIVAL, Mt. Mariah Missionary Baptist Church, Lisman, 7:30 p.m. nightly. Rev. Joseph Patterson, guest minister for the week. Rev. Jasper Irby, pastor.

Friday, April 6 and Sat., April 7th

BUTLER SPRING FLING AND TRADE DAYS, music, food, vendors, carnival and fun for the whole family. Old Vanity Fair location.

Saturday, April 7th

YARD SALE, Gilberttown and Friends Relay for Life Team, 6673 Melvin Road, something for everyone! All proceeds to the American Cancer Society; NO early bird sales. For more information call Michael Martin, 251-843-5446.

Sunday, April 8th

THE JOYFUL SOUND, from Selma, will present a musical program at Little Walker C.M.E. Church in Butler, 5 p.m.

HOMEcoming, Gilberttown Church of God, 10:30 a.m., with lunch will be served afterward. Pastor Rev. Fred Wiley, Associate Pastor Rev. Scott Loper. Located at 3666 Barrytown Road.

Monday, April 9th

TOWN HALL MEETING, Congressman Artur Davis, Courthouse, Butler, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, April 12th – 15th

A.O.H. CHURCH OF CHRIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, Silas, 7:30 p.m. on April 12th

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