

Seven SCHS students nominated as ambassadors

GILBERTOWN — Seven Southern Choctaw High School students have been nominated to serve as People to People International Ambassadors.

Because of their academic achievements and leadership potential, Paige Dempsey, Jessica Taylor, Dominique Hill, Keith Coker, Phillip Turner, Jennifer Carlisle, and Kristen Campbell have been nominated to attend the People to People Leadership Summit in the summer of 2008.

Summits are held in such places as Washington, D.C. and New York in the United States, and in countries around the world. The exact destination of the Summits will be made available when the students receive their official written invitations from the People to People program.

As potential ambassadors, the students will be able to apply for scholarships and grants to attend the Summit, and they will be able to earn high school credit for attending the program.



Choctaw Sun photo by Dee Ann Campbell
Pictured are SCHS students who have been nominated as People to People Ambassadors. They are: (seated, left to right) Paige Dempsey, Jessica Taylor, Dominique Hill, (standing), Keith Coker, Phillip Turner, Jennifer Carlisle. Not pictured, Kristen Campbell



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Local teachers chosen to serve on state committee

GILBERTOWN — Renae Carter and Sandra Alexander, teachers at Southern Choctaw Elementary School, have been chosen to participate on an Alabama Dept. of Education committee to develop a Curriculum Guide to the Alabama Language Arts Course of Study. This curriculum guide is a companion resource to the Language Arts Course of Study, designed for students who need instruction in prerequisite skills before they are ready to learn the grade level standards. The development of this curriculum guide is an initiative of the special education section of the state department of education. The committee will meet in Montgomery during the week of June 11-15, 2007. Carter is a third-grade teacher and Alexander is a Special Education lead teacher.

Armisteads speak to CCHS students



Tara Armistead

BUTLER — Michael and Tara Armistead visited Choctaw County High School on March 16th to talk to the classes of Elaine Chapman and Kim Mosley.

The local attorneys presented information that included the educational requirements needed to become an attorney, how the court system is set up, and the steps that are taken during a court process.

During the presentation, the Armisteads encouraged students to look into a career that

include some type of law degree, and to make sure that they were on the right track, stay in school, and keep their grades up.

They talked about the difference between a felony and a misdemeanor and the sentencing that a person could face if sentenced for a crime. They concluded to say that a person determines the trouble that they get into or stay out of.

The classes would like to thank the Armisteads for sharing their expertise on the law.



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Brownies meet at SCA

TOXEY — An investiture ceremony for Brownie Troop 272 was held at South Choctaw Academy on March 7, with seven new Brownies taking part. Pictured are (left to right): Michele Brown, Morgan Coody, Tehya Downey, Chloe Robinson, and Caleigh Smith. The troop is under the leadership of Carol Mason and co-leader Janet Downey. BELOW: Troop 272 attended the 2007 Camporee at Girl Scout Camp in Scoutshire Woods in Citronelle on Saturday, March 17.



Retired teachers meet at Rush

GILBERTOWN -- The March 13, 2007, meeting of Choctaw County Retired Educators met in the conference room of Rush Family Medical Center in Gilbertown on a balmy Tuesday in early spring. President Margaret Underhill called the meeting to order, welcomed those attending, and provided inspirational thoughts focusing around the practice of our constantly making excuses. Among the most common excuses rendered are the failure to complete the work we need to do, inactive church participation and attendance, and not being interested and involved in community betterment. We were admonished to put first things first in our walk of life. Ms. Underhill concluded with an appropriate prayer.

Mrs. Catherine Maten, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. We were informed by the secretary that membership in the organization now stands

at 61 which is a record. A new member, Mrs. Annie Tyson, was welcomed into our membership.

Mrs. Alice Townner's treasury report gave the financial standing of the retired teachers. A thank you note from Bayou Fund acknowledged a \$100 donation from the local unit to assist in rebuilding three schools in Bayou territory. Also acknowledged were get well wishes mailed to sick relatives to our group.

We were informed that retirees can expect a cost of living this coming November. The amount of the COLA will be derived by multiplying the number of months an individual served by two.

Mrs. Ruby Nettles, elected delegate to the 2007 assembly shared briefly with us some of the highlights of the recent Birmingham.

President Underhill distributed pertinent information about long term care insurance. Statistics prove that 60% of

Americans who reach the age of 65 will eventually need long term care. Stunning statistics place the cost of a year's stay in a nursing home at \$70,912.00. It is imperative that we consider this option for our retirement years.

A discussion ensued concerning the proposed hospital to be built in Choctaw County. Local residents are eager to see construction begin on this much needed facility.

Periodically, retirees fill in community service sheets listing the activities they were able to perform to make the community a better place. The report filed by our organization enabled us to be rewarded with a check for \$100.00.

With all business being transacted, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Maten. The group went to King Chick where they enjoyed food and fellowship.

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