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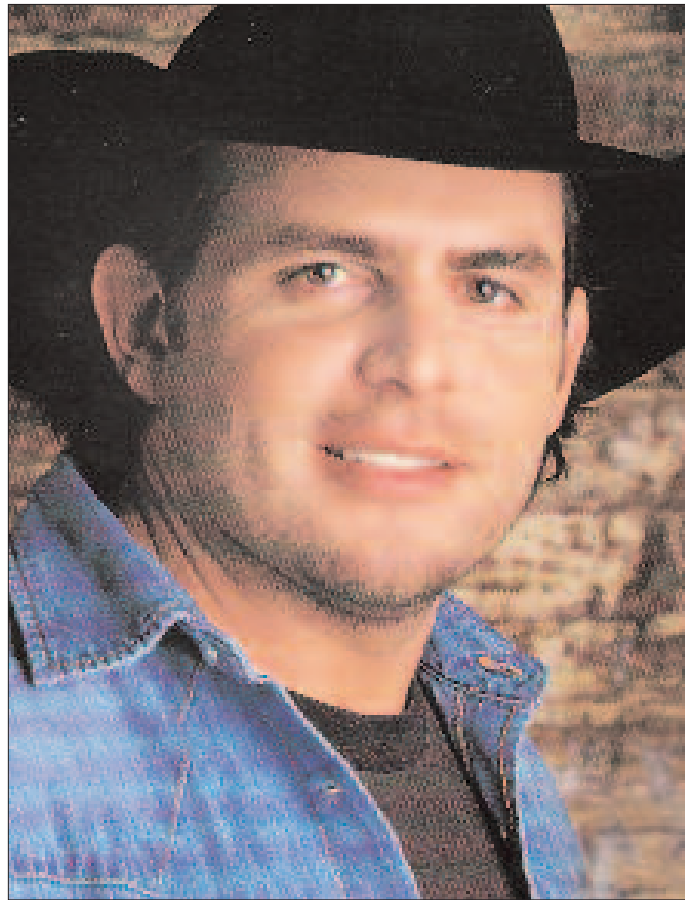
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Stars coming to Gilberttown!



Submitted photos

Country music stars Clay Walker (left) and Rhett Akins (right) will be appearing at the Southern Choctaw High School Football Field on Saturday, June 2nd. Tickets (\$25 per person, all ages) will go on sale later this month at several locations in Choctaw and surrounding counties, and online through www.ticketweb.com.

Clay Walker, Rhett Akins will headline Heritage Fest

By Tommy Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

GILBERTTOWN - Two of the most popular stars in country music today are coming to perform at the 2007 Heritage Festival in Gilberttown.

Gilberttown Mayor Bobby Graham and members of the Festival committee announced this week that Clay Walker and Rhett Akins will headline the Saturday

night finale which will cap off four full days of concerts and other events.

Curb Records star Clay Walker, whose string of eleven #1 hits include "If I Could Make a Living (Out of Loving You)", "Live Until I Die", "Chain of Love", "I Can't Sleep", "Dreaming With My Eyes Open", "This Woman and This Man", and "Rumor Has It", will be the headline artist and will close out the June 2nd show at the Southern

Choctaw High School football field. Walker's newest CD — "Fall" — was released nationally on Tuesday of this week, and includes his latest hit single, "Fore She Was Mama".

Opening the show at 6 p.m. will be several local acts, including the winner of the Colgate Country Showdown talent search, which will be held that morning in downtown Gilberttown. Taking the stage at 7

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Meth lab found

By Tommy Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

CHARITY CHAPEL COMMUNITY, Washington County - All of the component parts necessary to operate a clandestine methamphetamine lab were found last week in the Washington County community of Charity Chapel.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

See page 4A for a list of items you should be on the lookout for that are tell-tale signs of unlawful "meth" activity in an area.

The information was obtained from a local citizen who noticed suspicious activity and called authorities.

District Attorney Investigator Donald Lolley,

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Commission to meet in special session, April 24

By Tommy Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

BUTLER - The Choctaw County Commission will hold a special-called meeting on Tuesday, April 24th at 9 a.m. to discuss three items of business - the Choctaw Co. Parks and Recreation Board, legal representation for the Commission, and the Choctaw Co. Airport and Airport Authority.

Members of the public and all interested citizens are welcome to attend.

Town of Toxey dedicates its new Walking Trail

By Dee Ann Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

TOXEY - "A lot of people worked hard to get this done," Rodney Oglesby of the Toxey Town Council told the crowd that gathered for the grand opening of the Toxey Walking Trail on Sunday afternoon.

To celebrate the culmination of years of work, Toxey residents, along with visitors from across the county, were on hand for the ribbon cutting of the latest project in their ongoing effort to beautify their town. The event was a time to celebrate the completion of the walking trail

and a time to thank those who had a hand in bringing the project to fruition.

"We could not have done this without the help of all of these people," Oglesby stated, listing such individuals and organizations as Southwest Alabama Construction, ADECA, the Ala-Tom RC&D Council, Connie Lee Johnson, the Choctaw Co. Parks and Recreation Board, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Armistead, Commissioner Clyde Dixon, the local news media, former county engineer Jason Sturdivant, and Nancy Gibson of the Choctaw Co. Chamber of Commerce,

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AT RIGHT -- Mayor Jeanette Carney, Council Member Rodney Oglesby, Town Clerk Inez Nelson, Council Member Patricia Mosley, Council Member Brenda Carlisle, Council Member Marshall Oglesby, and Carlisle's grandson, Elijah, cut the ribbon to formally dedicate the new walking trail.

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