



Choctaw Sun photo by Tommy Campbell

## Storage shed burns to the ground

GILBERTOWN — A large storage shed belonging to Don Coody, at 11271 Ala. Hwy. 17 South, was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. Members of the Gilbertown Vol. Fire Department responded to the alarm, which was called in to the Choctaw E-911 Dispatch Center about 2:41 a.m. on April 23rd, but found the structure had already burned to the ground. Mr. and Mrs. Coody tried to fight the blaze with garden hoses until firefighters arrived. Mr. Coody (pictured, white shirt) told the Sun that the shed was not wired for electricity and that he had worked around it until sometime Sunday afternoon. An exact cause of the blaze had not been determined at presstime but Mr. Coody said he felt that the fire may have been deliberately set. Also pictured is Gilbertown firefighter Billy Gardner.

## Deceased University of Alabama student had family ties to Choctaw County

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TUSCALOOSA — A University of Alabama student taking part in a scuba diving class and found dead last Tuesday at the school's Aquatic Center had family ties to Choctaw County.

Preliminary autopsy results show that Zachary Moore, a 21-year old junior from Fairhope, died Tuesday, April 16th from an air embolism, an often fatal condition caused when air bubbles form in a

diver's bloodstream and prevent blood from getting to vital organs. A spokesperson for the Ala. Dept. of Forensic Sciences in Tuscaloosa said Moore apparently ascended to the surface of the 18-foot deep pool too quickly and didn't exhale to release some of the air.

Rescuers pulled Moore's body from the pool but were unable to resuscitate him. He was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The student planned to attend Officer Candidate School in prepa-

ration to become a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps upon his graduation next spring.

Funeral services were held Sunday with burial in Memory Gardens of Fairhope.

The deceased was related to many of the Norton families in this area.

The family has requested that any memorial donations be made to the Zachary A. Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund at any Wachovia Bank.

## Man injured when car flips, burns

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PENNINGTON — John Sealey, of Gilbertown, received serious injuries in a one vehicle accident that happened just after midnight on Sunday morning, April 22.

State Troopers said that Sealey, 35, was apparently thrown from his vehicle which left Ala. 156 at the 2.2 mile marker between Pennington and Jachin, overturned and burst into flames.

Members of the Pennington Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the blaze.

Sealey was reportedly transported by Choctaw EMS ambulance to a Meridian hospital where his condition was not known at presstime. Because of federal privacy laws, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out a patient's personal information to the news media.

The accident happened about 12:50 a.m.

State Trooper Strickland was the investigating officer.



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## Library gets state funds

BUTLER — A check in the amount of \$13,500 delivered last week by State Sen. W.H. "Pat" Lindsey will help to pay for the Choctaw County Public Library's popular summer reading program. On hand to accept the check from Lindsey was (left to right) Ellen Evans (a member of the Library's Board of Directors), and library workers Dot Dixon, Dawn Pasley, and Elizabeth Habib. Mrs. Evans said that the Library struggles for funding and that the donation will definitely be put to good use.

## Mosquito fogging to begin in Pennington

PENNINGTON — The Town of Pennington recently awarded the 2006 Mosquito Fogging Bid to Twin-State Pest Control, Lavaca, AL. The truck mounted fogging will begin on Tuesday, May 1, 2007. Fogging begins at dusk and continues until all designated streets are fogged one way. The Town of Pennington will be fogged two days per week, preferably Tuesday and Thursday, adjusting to weather conditions when needed. We advise everyone to be indoors while fogger truck is working by your home. The fogger will be shut off if a pedestrian is approached. If there are any bee keepers

in the town limits, please contact Twin-State Pest Control. These are general precautionary measures that should always be taken whenever pesticides are being used.

Larviciding ditches along city streets will be done in areas where water stands for a period of time. Larvicides prevent mosquito larvae from becoming adults. The Town will do no larviciding on private property. Anyone needing more information about the Mosquito Reduction Program for Pennington should direct their inquiries to Twin-State Pest Control (205) 654-2564.

## 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. The deadline is 9 a.m. MONDAYS for that week's edition.

THE CHOCTAW CO. HISTORICAL MUSEUM is open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. For more information call 251-843-2501 or 251-542-9392.

### Entire month of April

BOOK FAIR, Choctaw Co. Public Library, order on-line at [www.noendbooks.com](http://www.noendbooks.com). Click on "Choctaw County Public Library" on the right before shopping. If you are local, you may order at the either the Silas or Butler library for no shipping fee. The Library will get up to 50% back in free books.

### Through Wed., April 25th

REVIVAL, Eureka Baptist Church, 7 p.m. nightly with Bro. Frank McLelland speaking and Bro. Brent Manasco leading the music. Bro. David Manasco, Pastor.

### Through Friday, April 28th

REVIVAL, Gilfield Missionary Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker, Rev. W.C. McNeil, pastor of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Mobile.

### Wednesday, April 25th

SPEAKERS FROM ALPHA Christian ministry will be at Mt. Mariah Baptist Church, Melvin, 6:30 p.m. Alpha promotes abstinence and educates young people about the consequences of promiscuous behavior through the S.A.F.E. (Sex And Family Education) program from a Biblical perspective. Boys and girls, grades 6-12, and parents from all area churches are welcome.

### Thursday, April 26th

CRAWFISH BOIL, sponsored by The University of West Alabama's Choctaw Co. Alumni Chapter, 6:30 p.m., Utsey camp house near Butler. All UWA alumni and friends are invited to attend. Proceeds will help fund scholarships for Choctaw Co. students to attend UWA. For more information contact Gayle McPhearson at 205-459-2618 or the UWA Alumni Office at 205-652-3552.

### Friday, April 27th

SOCIAL SECURITY representative will be at the Civic Center in Butler at 10 a.m. NEW HOPE RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM will be bagging groceries for tips at Piggly Wiggly in Gilbertown.

### Saturday, April 28th

BEAUTY PAGEANT, Southern Choctaw Elementary, 6 p.m. in the gym at SCHS. Admission \$5 each. This event is a fundraiser for the Parent Teacher Organization.

DIXIE YOUTH TOURNAMENT, sponsored by Regions Bank. Teams from Butler, Gilbertown, Livingston and other towns will be participating. Time not listed.

69th BIRTHDAY & LATE RETIREMENT PARTY for former Butler Policeman and Choctaw Co. Sheriff's Deputy Dean Roberts, 2 p.m., at his residence next door to Calvary Baptist Church, Butler. Friends and family members are welcome to attend.

SCRAPBOOKING MEMORIES, Ladies Conference, Calvary Baptist Church, 9:30 a.m. — 2 p.m., 113 Pickens Avenue, Butler. Contact Stephanie Bonner at [bonner2696@yahoo.com](mailto:bonner2696@yahoo.com).

SIP-N-SEE, South Choctaw Academy's Art Show. SCA Honors Choirs under the direction of Mrs. Phyllis Fulcher will perform. The event begins at 4 p.m. and the Choirs will perform at 5:30 p.m.

SPRING SING-SATION, 6 p.m., Millry Church of the Nazarene.

JADE COMMUNITY CLUB will be selling barbecue chicken plates for \$5 at Oscar Gray Park behind the old CCHS football field, 10:30 a.m. until. Sandwiches, \$3; whole chicken, \$10; and pig feet and pig tails, \$1.50. Barbecue by Dandy Brown and George Rackley. For more information call Bobbie at 205-459-3324, Remona at 205-459-4521, Bessie at 205-654-2182, or Judy at 205-459-3415.

### Sunday, April 29th

MUSICIAN APPRECIATION DAY, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, honoring Sis. Audrey L. Dixon and Bro. Ronnie Coleman, 3 p.m., with Rev. Lorenzo Carter, Pastor of Center Ridge Baptist Church in Quitman, as the guest speaker.

GILBERTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH movie night, 6:30 p.m. — "Facing the Giants". No admission fee.

GILFIELD USHER BOARD CONVENTION, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Jachin, noon.

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. EDWARD DUBOSE, 2 P.M., Fourth Creek Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Robert Webb and members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will be the special guests.

### Monday, April 30th

SCES PTO MEETING/PARENT CONFERENCES, 6 p.m., in the gym. Grades 4 and 5 will present the program. Election of new officers.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, Choctaw Co. Elementary School for the upcoming school year, 9 a.m. Parents will need to bring their child's Birth Certificate (Certified Copy), Social Security Card and Alabama Immunization Card.

### Tuesday, May 1st

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT WORKSHOP  
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