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Mr. Busch, Miss Allen

Allen, Busch

Rachael Lorraine Allen and Derick Lang Busch, along with their parents, are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Rachael is the daughter of Dale and Emelie Allen of Butler. She is a 2002 graduate of Patrician Academy and a 2006 college graduate of Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minette. She is employed by Dr. Joe Moody.

Derick is the son of

Roger Busch of Ft. Worth, Texas and Donna Morris of Odessa, Texas. He is a 2002 graduate of Boswell High School in Saginaw, Texas. He is employed at Ace Farm and Home in Butler.

The couple plans to marry at 3 p.m. on May 19, 2007 at the home of the bride's parents at 3689 Riderwood Drive.

All family members and friends are invited to attend. A reception will follow at the Senior Citizens Center.



Mrs. William Bradley Bowling

Bowling, Sherer

William Bradley Bowling and Tori Elaine Sherer exchanged marriage vows April 14, 2007 at First Baptist Church in Lafayette, LA. The Rev. Joshua Causey officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sherer, Jr. of Lafayette, and Mrs. Beverly D. Bowling and the late Dr. George Thomas Bowling of West Monroe, LA.

Grandparents of the bride are Mrs. Joyce Campbell and the late Grady Campbell, of Gilbertown, and the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sherer, Sr., of Cullomburg.

Grandparents of the groom are Mrs. Jean Downing and the late William Otis Downing and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Darden Bowling, all of West Monroe, LA.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a lace-over-satin strapless A-line gown with a corset back. The bodice was accented with an illusion lace insert panel, highlighted with scalloped lace. A satin sash accented the empire waistline and wrapped to the corset back finishing with cascading streamers. The bridal bouquet consisted of pink roses.

Kendra Sherer, sister of the bride, served as Maid of Honor.

Erin Bailes, Megan Kelly, Allison Richmond, Jamie Rabalais, Kate Mayfield, Misty McKay, Krista Ickles, Sarah Bowie and Kristina Peters, sisters of the groom, served as Bridesmaids. The bridesmaids' bouquets consisted of green hydrangeas with pink accent flowers.

Trey Bowling, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. Will Hatten, Josh Holstead, Kevin Carlisle, Justin Foster, Matt Yglesias, Adam Yglesias, Paul Spivey, Jon Bailes, and Jared Peters served as Groomsmen.

The bride is a graduate of Acadiana High School, Louisiana State University and LSU Paul M. Hertert School of Law. She is an attorney with Keogh, Cox and Wilson, Ltd. The groom is a graduate of West Monroe High School and Louisiana State University. He is employed by McArthur Mantles.

A reception was held at the Lafayette Petroleum Club. After a honeymoon trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple resides in Baton Rouge, LA.

BTAPC casting summer youth musical

GILBERTOWN — The Ballet and Theatre Arts Performing Companies will be casting No Strings Attached, a musical adaptation of the adventures of Pinocchio, during the month of May.

Our first audition will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 2:30 p.m. This musical has a large cast of

all ages. There are village children, school children, donkey children, Tonio Tuna and the Fishy Family and a large list of main characters. This is a summer youth production so we will not be casting any adults. We are thinking age range should be 2nd or 3rd grade through high school. Everyone should be able to sing.

Remember that auditions are painless and that almost everyone here at BTAPC started out never having done any acting before. All you need is a willingness to work hard and the ability to follow directions.

For more information call Fred Kimbrough at 251-843-5138.



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Former Choctaw Manufacturing employees enjoy reunion

SILAS — A very special reunion took place on May 5, 2007 at Mary's Café in Silas ... a get-together for former employees of Choctaw Manufacturing Co. who worked at the company from the time of its founding in 1950 until it closed in 2003. Those attending included: Ollie Beatrice Koen, Ruby Lassiter, Judy Worsham, Faye Chadwick Hudson, Norma Jean Williams, Fred Williams, Debbie Elmore, Peggy Myers, Joyce Giles, James Giles, Jackie Utsey, Joyce Smith, Juanita McGrew, Rosa Lee Sikes Stafford, Ruby Irby, Nell Mott, Jo Ann Stafford, Jean Holder, Jane Holder, Mike Utsey, Marjorie Bozeman Bennett Wynn, Dot Linder, Eunice Doggette Lassiter, Eathel Thompson, Brenda Philon Jones, Malene Johnson, Sandra Cox, Rosie Henry Marliese Williams, Carlissa Williams, Leslie Law, Gladys Jenkins, Walter McGrew, Edressa Everett, Betty Ann Jacobs, Lavenia Thompson Carlisle, Edna Earl Boykin, Barbara Rhodes, Bertie Jackson, Lucille Taylor, Annie Ruth Holyfield, Virginia Giles, Ginny Abate, Martha Mitchell, Margaret Moore, Dessie Hill, Ella Rene Hyatt, Mary Lindsey Williams, Hattie Bell Cunningham, Foy Campbell, and Janice Williams.

Historical Society to meet at old BES

By Ann H. Gay

BUTLER — The old Butler Elementary School will be the meeting place for the Choctaw Co. Historical Society on Sunday May 20 at 2:30 p.m.

President James D. Evans said the place should evoke lots of happy or miserable memories, depending on how obedient the student was!

The group will gather in one of the front classrooms facing Ala. Hwy. 10, the oldest part of the building.

Invited to reminisce will be former principals Betty McBride, John A. White and Mirian Heaton.

Former teachers and pupils are also urged to attend.

Dress will be cool and casual (shorts are acceptable) with sturdy shoes if a tour of the old rooms is to be part of your afternoon.

Bring a lawn chair and a cardboard fan for this once-in-a-lifetime meeting before the building is torn down or greatly modified. The meeting is open to the general public.

The Society would like to thank David Ezell for allowing the meeting to be held there.

Academy Avenue was probably named for the first school in town,

which in 1848/1849 would have been built and supported by parents, with tuition required for each pupil.

Mrs. Hanson's School behind the present wooden building was operating in the 1920s and 1930s.

The U-shaped brick building with two large rooms with a hall in the middle was constructed in 1937. Additions were made later to the front and sides of the original building. The brick-block classrooms behind the circular drive were constructed in 1960 and the cafeteria building in 1967.

Babysitting classes planned for youth

BUTLER — Local youth who want to learn skills for babysitting can take advantages of a workshop being offered by the Choctaw County Cooperative Extension.

On May 29th through 31st from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., youth ages 10 and up can participate in a workshop designed to help them become better caregivers for small children. The workshop will include instruction on fun activities they can do while babysitting, as well as instruction on safety issues. To aid in the instruction, members of the local fire department and Emergency Management Services (EMS) will visit the class. Students will learn basic first aid and techniques to use in emergencies.

The workshops will be held at the Choctaw County Cooperative Extension office in Butler. There is no charge for the classes.

For more information or to sign up for the classes, contact Jennifer Miller at 205-459-2133.

More calendar items

Sat., May 19th

FISH FRY, Yantley Volunteer Fire Department, 10:30 a.m. until. Plates and sandwiches will be sold.

Sun., May 20th

APPRECIATION DAY FOR REV. JOSEPH MASON, St. Mary United Methodist Church, 2 p.m. Rev. Joseph Fitch, Pastor of Little Zion A.M.E. Zion Church, will be the guest speaker.

MEMORIAL DAY, Wahalak Missionary Baptist Church, Butler, 11:30 a.m. Pastor James T. Steele will be the speaker. Revival Services will be held Monday-Wednesday, May 21-23 at 7:30 nightly.

Births



Ella Grier Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Archie E. Brown, Jr., are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Ella Grier, on April 26, 2007. Ella weighed eight pounds and 12 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Archie E. Brown, Sr., of Tusculumbia, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Burns, of Odenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Graves of Hoover.

Great-grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. James Agerton, of Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Graves, of Deatsville, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Horton, Mr. Archie R. Brown, and Mrs. Nell Briggs, all of Tusculumbia.

Great-great grandmother is Mrs. Vena Brown of Nacogdoches, Texas.

Mrs. Brown is the former Mia Graves.

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