

Motorcycle ride to benefit Relay for Life

BUTLER — The Lemonade and Friends Relay for Life Team is sponsoring a Motorcycle Ride this Saturday, May 5.

The cost to participate is

\$20 per bike. Pre-registration is not necessary. All interested bikers should meet at GoCo in Butler (on Ala. 17 south) at 9:30 a.m.

The ride will follow Ala. 10 to Ala. 69 in Nanafalia, go south to Coffeeville, west on U.S. 84 to Silas and then north on Ala. 17 to Butler, where the ride will

end at Radio Shack with hot-dogs and snacks for all of the riders.

Gift certificates, shirts, and other items will be given away.

If you enjoy motorcycling and raising money for a good cause, please be a part of this special event!

Obituaries

Hazel Campbell Jenkins

TOXEY — Services for Hazel Christine Campbell Jenkins, of 750 Ararat Road, Toxey, were held April 27, 2007 at Bumpers Funeral Home Chapel in Butler with Rev. Jake Williams and Rev. James Young officiating.

Interment was in the Mosley Cemetery near Gilberttown.

Mrs. Jenkins, 80, was a retired nurse's aide. She died April 24th at her home in the Morgan Chapel community south of Butler.

She was born Jan 14, 1927 in Brandon, Miss., but had lived in Choctaw County for 78 years. She was a graduate of Choctaw Co. High School.

Mrs. Jenkins was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas "Tommy" Lenoir Campbell and Lottie Henrietta Tyson Campbell Sims, and one brother, Thomas J. "T.J." Campbell, Sr.

Her great-grandfather, Rev. William Campbell, was a pioneer Baptist minister in Choctaw County in the 1800's.

Survivors include her husband, Heyward Edward Jenkins, of Toxey; one daughter, Sandra J. Little (husband, Gerald) of Mobile; one son, Curtis Lenoir Jenkins, of Toxey; five sisters, Norma J. Geoghegan (husband, Bob), of Oldsmar, FL, Doris Boyd (husband, Talmadge), of Houston, TX, Katy Sims and Sarah Roberts (husband, Bobby), both of Toxey, and Susie Baker of Asbury, WV; four brothers, Charles "Pete" Sims (wife, Susan), Russell Sims (wife, Mickey), Thomas Earl Sims (wife, June) and James M. Sims, all of Toxey; one grandchild, Kristina M. Johnson (husband, Bruce), of Madison, MS; and two great-grandchildren, Grayson Banks Johnson and Carlisle Brooke Johnson, of Madison, MS.

Pallbearers were James Donald Tyson, Paul Jenkins, Tommy Campbell, Liston Tindle, Thomas Sims, and Barry Roberts. Honorary pallbearers were Bruce Johnson and Gerald Little.

Bumpers Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Dudley Russell Faile

PENNINGTON — Services for Dudley Russell Faile, of Pennington, were held April 30, 2007 at Witch Creek Baptist Church at Campbell, Ala., with Pastor Anita Wilburn and Rev. Lewis May officiating. Interment was in the Witch Creek Cemetery.

Faile, 67, died at Guardian Angel Hospice, Inc. in Marion, MS on April 28.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Katherine Jenkins Faile, of Pennington; two daughters, Renee Faile (Kerry) Richardson of Fayette, and Rebecca Faile Larkin, of Meridian, MS; three granddaughters; one sister, Darlene Faile (James) Maten, of Womack Hill; two brothers, Gilmer Devon Faile, of Pennington, and Danny Neville (Betty) Faile, of Butler.

Pallbearers were Ryan Beck, Steve Beck, Steven Beck, Donald Daniels, Glenn Daniels, Robert Daniels, Harold Daniels and Gaines Carter.

Honorary pallbearers were members and friends of Trinity United Methodist Church and Playhouse, and the Oncology Staff of Princeton Baptist Medical Center.

Bumpers Funeral Home in Butler was in charge of arrangements.

Hilda Scarbrough Oliver Davis

PENNINGTON — Hilda Scarbrough Oliver Davis, a homemaker, died April 25th at her home. She was 73. Services were held April 28th at Trinity United Methodist Church in Pennington.

A native of Thomasville, she was a resident of Pennington and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women's Group.

Survivors include her husband, Coleman Davis of Pennington; one daughter, Debra Oliver Julian of Demopolis; one son, James Michael Oliver of Thomasville; two stepdaughters, Rhonda Goodman of Pennington and Rachel Lindsey of Grove Hill; one brother, James Clifford Scarbrough of Thomasville; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grand-

children.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church.

O'Bryant Chapel Funeral Home, of Linden, was in charge of the arrangements.

Dorothy Graham

LISMAN — Dorothy Graham, 41, died April 11, 2007 at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, MS.

Funeral services were held at Shiloh C.M.E. Church in Lisman on April 18 with Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

Survivors include one daughter Ladaysha Graham; her mother, Mary Kate Graham; one brother, Willie Earl Ruffin of Meridian, MS; and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were family members and friends.

Hayden and Butler Funeral Home, of Lisman, was in charge of arrangements.

Thomas W. Henderson

LISMAN — Thomas W. Henderson, 80, died April 20, 2007 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS.

Henderson was retired from Owens-Corning and was a veteran of World War II.

Services were held April 23 at Barham Funeral Home Chapel in Meridian, MS, with Rev. Parker Chancellor and Rev. David Manasco officiating. Interment was in the Meridian Memorial Park Cemetery in Meridian, MS.

Survivors include wife Jean Leatherwood Henderson of Lisman; Tommy and Cindy Henderson of Meridian, MS., Debbie and Lee Cermak of Greenville, TX., and Bill and Beverly Leatherwood of Beaumont, TX.; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Doug Cermak, Michael Henderson, Rick Nowell, Matt Smith Jimmy Keenan, and Kenny Smith.

Barham Funeral Home, of Meridian, MS, was in charge of the arrangements.



Choctaw Sun photo by Tommy Campbell
Probate Judge D'Wayne May (seated) signs a proclamation declaring Thursday, May 3rd as the National Day of Prayer in Choctaw County. Standing are Commissioners C.D. "Budd" Ruffin, Henry Lovette, Clyde Dixon and Dandy Brown.

Thursday a Day of Prayer for America

GILBERTTOWN — A schedule of events has been set for Gilberttown's observance of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3. There will be opportunities for prayer all day in various places. People of all faiths are urged to gather and share in a time of prayer at one or more of the following events.

7-9 a.m. — Gilberttown Baptist Church will be open for prayer.

12:20-12:40 p.m. — Citizens will gather at City Hall for prayer.

5:30-6 p.m. — Prayer time will be held between ballgames at Gilberttown Sports Complex

6-8 p.m.; Heritage Church of God will be open for prayer.

9 p.m. — family prayer time at your home

For more information, contact Rev. Douglas Chapman at 251-843-5391

In Butler, the main observance will be on the Courthouse Square at 6 p.m. Thursday evening.

Preparations being made for Memorial Day at Barrytown

By Lula Helton and Connie D. James

BARRYTOWN — The Barrytown Community Cemetery Association announces that May is Clean-Up Month in preparation for the Memorial Day Service on May 28.

Everyone is asked to bring trash bags and clean their lots. (It is against the law to throw trash over the fence onto private property and the Association will be fined if this happens.)

Thanks to John Henry Abston, Sam Lewis, and Winston McIlwain, many improvements have been made over the last year and more improvements are planned for the near future.

The Association has a fund set up for the upkeep of the Cemetery, and your donations are always welcome.

The Memorial Day Service will be May 28th at 8:00 a.m. at the gates of the Barrytown Community Cemetery to honor the veterans of Choctaw County. All Veterans and their families are invited to attend.

Thursday is last day to register for Customer Service Workshop

GILBERTTOWN — Thursday, May 3rd is the final day to register to the Customer Service Workshop planned by the Choctaw Co. Chamber of Commerce for Wednesday, May 9th.

The workshop starts at 9 a.m. with registration at the Alabama Southern Community College Campus in Gilberttown and will continue with lunch and closing remarks at 1 p.m.

The cost to attend is \$59.

"This customer service workshop is with facilitator Ramona-Marsalis Hill of Workshops, Etc!, Inc.," said Chamber Director Nancy Gibson. "Ms. Hill, who does numerous workshops yearly, has a unique approach to assessing your customer base and helping business grow. Many that attended the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting in the fall would have heard Ms. Hill speak. This could be the best five hours of professional development a business owner could use."

"Increasing competition requires local businesses to pay much more attention to satisfying customers, including providing outstanding customer service," Hill said. "How is your service? What is your service strategy?"

Mow Down to feature Dog Show

By Tommy Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

SILAS — Powder up those puppies! The Old Town Silas Mow Down, which is coming up on Saturday, May 19th, will feature something new this year ... a dog show.

Pet owners are encouraged to enter their small-frame dogs (up to 18 pounds of weight) in the show. The entry fee is \$8, or at least \$10 in sponsor fees (\$5 per sponsor, minimum of two sponsors). All dogs must be on a leash

and must have proof of current rabies vaccination.

Each animal will be judged on "Most Beautiful" or "Most Handsome", "Best Dressed", "Best Postured", "Best Behaved", and "Best Trained".

The Mow Down events begin at 10 a.m. and will end "when everybody gets tired and goes home," according to town officials.

The day will celebrate all things rural, and will also feature the popular lawn mower races, singing, Choctaw Co. Cruisers Car & Truck Show, 18-foot slide

for the kids, much more.

Arts and crafts and food vendor spaces are available (priced at \$20 and \$25).

Registration for the lawn mower races will be from 11 a.m. — noon in front of Town Hall, with an entry fee of \$50 (8-22 HP mowers). The races begin at 1:30 p.m. and spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, but leave alcohol at home.

For more information call Town Hall at 251-542-9505.

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