



Choctaw Sun photo by Dee Ann Campbell

Ballet Theatre to be featured in documentary at University of Ala.

GILBERTOWN — Students from the University of Alabama visited Gilbertown last week to put the finishing touches on a documentary featuring the Ballet and Theatre Arts School, along with directors Fred and Svetlana Kimbrough. The documentary will include information about the Gilbertown area and its attractions, with an emphasis on the theatre. The film will be presented this week at the Bama Theatre in Tuscaloosa. Pictured are U of A students Mallory Morgan and Colin Rafferty filming portions of the documentary in Gilbertown.

Heritage Festival Pageant to be held for girls, boys in grades K-12

GILBERTOWN — Entries are now being accepted for the 1st annual Choctaw County Heritage Festival Pageant.

The competition will be open to boys and girls and will be divided into two age groups — Kindergarten through 5th grade and 6th grade through 12th. Contestants will compete by collecting donations from local businesses, individuals, and organizations, and those who collect the most donations will be crowned the winners.

Top winners in each category will make up the Heritage Festival Court, with overall winners to be crowned King and Queen. The King,

Queen, and court will be expected to participate in the Heritage Festival parade to be held on Saturday, June 2 at 9 a.m. and to represent the festival in events throughout the year.

In order to collect donations for the competition, contestants may place posters, pictures, and sponsor jars at local stores, businesses, and participating organizations, or they may find corporate sponsors in order to raise their funds. All money raised must be turned in by May 25.

In addition to earning their titles, the King and Queen will also receive 1/2 of all proceeds he or she has collected through the

competition.

Applications for the contest can be picked up at Gilbertown Town Hall, Alabama Southern Community College library, or at any local school. Contestants must also submit a picture with their application for news releases, advertising, and promotions. Pictures will not be returned.

This is not a beauty contest. Winners will be awarded based solely on participation.

The King, Queen, and court will be announced on Saturday, June 2.

For more information, contact Alice Carlisle, Gilbertown Town Hall at 251-843-2766.

Remembering the voyages of the Battleship USS Iowa

USS Iowa was the first ship (battleship) of her class, (The Iowa Class). Iowa was the third ship in the Navy to bear the name of the state.

Keel laid: June 27, 1940

Launched: August 27, 1942

Commissioned: February 22, 1943

Decommissioned: March 24, 1949

Second Commissioning: August 25, 1951

Second Decommissioning: February 24, 1958

Third Commissioning: April 28, 1984

Third Decommissioning: October 26, 1990

Builder: New York Shipyard, Brooklyn

Propulsion System: Eight Boilers, Four Geared Turbines

Propellers: Four

Length: 889 feet

Beam: 108 feet

Draft: 35.7 feet

Displacement: Light: Approx. 46,000 tons, Full 57,000 tons

Speed: 33 Knots

Aircraft: Parking for Four SH-3 or Four SH-60

Last Commissioning: 65 Officers and 1,501 Enlisted

World War II Crew: 134 Officers, 2,400 Enlisted

Last Armament: Eight Armored Box Launchers for Tomahawk, Four MK-141 Harpoon Missile Launchers, Nine 16-inch/50 cal. Guns, Twelve 5-inch/38 cal. Guns, Four 20mm Phalanx CIWS.

December 17, 1944 of the Coast of Ulithi, during

a typhoon Iowa's Plane washed over the side. The storm also damaged the shaft and required Iowa to return to the States for repairs at Hunter Point Shipyard, San Francisco.

April 19, 1989, off Puerto Rico, an explosion of undetermined cause ripped through Iowa's number two 16" inch Gun Turret killing 47 crewmen. Iowa was still able to deploy to Europe and the Mediterranean Sea. Number two Turret remained unrepared.

USS Iowa left for her shakedown along Atlantic Coast. August 27, 1943 she left Newfoundland to neutralize the threat of German Battleship Tirpitz, which was in Norwegian waters.

USS Iowa carried President Franklin D. Roosevelt to Casablanca, French Morocco, on the first leg of his journey to Teheran Conference returning the President back home.

As Flagship of Division Seven, she took part in many Battles of World War II. Then she moved to the Pacific for the War with

Japan. Again she took part in many Battles of the islands and home land of Japan.

After the War ended, she returned to the West Coast for training with the Naval Reserve, then she was Decommissioned March 24, 1949.

After communist aggression in Korea with expansion of the active fleet, USS Iowa Recommissioned August 25, 1951. Iowa reported to the Korean waters and took up duty on the Bomblines. The Iowa would make two more trips to the Far East for Duty.

Iowa Decommissioned in Norfolk, VA. for the last time October 26, 1990. USS Iowa is presently part of the Reserve Fleet, Berthed at the Naval Education and Training Center in Newport, R.I.

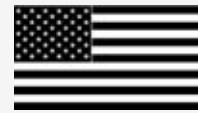
USS Iowa earned nine Battles Stars for World War II Service and two for Korean Service.

On board the USS Iowa in the Korean War was Aaron Crosby.



Our Veterans

By SFC Richard M. 'Pete' Allen (Ret.)



Gilbertown Center has new look

By Gilbertown Center Reporter

GILBERTOWN -- Come by and see our center, it is beautiful thanks to some volunteers such as Mr. Mike Martin, Mrs. Alice Carlisle, Mr. Bobby Graham, Mr. Tobie Mosley, Mrs. Betty Todd and Charlene Adams. It all started Friday morning when I got to work they

were already there ready to get started painting. By noon it was almost finished.

There are some parts that still need the new look, but its coming together. Come by and see the progress. There will be some added attractions so keep an eye on the place and see the progress. We are proud of our center and of the people that

make it a Senior Center. Come by and visit with us.

To qualify for lunch you need to be 60 years young. Come and see the fun that we have. Some of the ladies put puzzles together, but the guys they just shoot the breeze, sometimes it gets pretty breezy, but its all fun. Need fun and a hot meal.

You know where to come.

GOOD LUCK, GRADUATES!

Hats Off to the Graduates!

2 Column x 2

The Choctaw Sun

2 Column x 4

Graduation Salute!

2 Column x 4

Honor your student with a Graduation Ad in The Choctaw Sun. Deadline is Friday, May 4th. Publication will be Wednesday, May 16th.

2 Column x 3

GOOD LUCK, GRADUATES!

Ad Sizes:

2 column x 2" deep = \$22 (not large enough for picture)

2 column x 3" deep = \$30.50 (large enough for one picture)

2 column x 4" deep = \$39.00 (large enough for two pictures)

Other sizes Available --Ask for prices!!

Ad Sizes:

Information needed for Ad

Name _____

Ad size _____ Cost _____ Method of payment _____

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Congratulatory message: _____

Outstanding achievements: _____

Pictures: _____

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NOTICE

The Choctaw County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for items below:

• Bleachers	Old Choctaw County High Football Field
• Lights, Poles, and Panel Boxes	Old Choctaw County High Football Field
• Four Foot Chain Link Fence and Poles	Old Choctaw County High Football Field

Bid sheets are available at the Choctaw County Board of Education. You may contact Mr. Randy Boggs or Bobby James at (205) 459-3015 to view surplus items. Please mark envelopes in the lower left hand corner **Surplus Items Bid**. Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 10, 2007.

Submit Bids To:
Choctaw County Board of Education
Attn: Beverly Skinner
107 Tom Orr Drive
Butler, AL 36904

The Board reserves the right to reject any/all bids and waive technicalities.

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