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Nurse now available on Mondays at Health Department

Butler office still open five days per week

■ Changes in scheduling based on numbers utilizing services

By Dee Ann Campbell Sun-Advocate Publisher

BUTLER – A nurse is available on Mondays at the Choctaw County Health Department after changes were put in place by the state.

the numbers of days when a nurse is on duty, and according to Suzanne Terrell, who serves as Assistant Administrator for the Alabama Department of Public Health for the area that includes Choctaw County, the changes are related to a decline in the numbers of residents who have been utilizing such services and the need to use funds

'The numbers have decreased," Terrell said. "Not just in Choctaw County. There has been a decrease in clients, statewide on

The local office has seen a reduction in average. We looked at the numbers and based services on need."

Terrell said that the local office is still open five days per week, from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., offering information about copies of birth, marriage, divorce, or death certificates, and other services. Residents can call the department to schedule appointments with the nurse or get other in-

"If they need services, they will direct them to where they can go to get it," Terrell said. "It's really scheduling changes."

formation about services.

Terrell said that the overall goal is to see an increase in numbers and re-adjust the schedule to address that increase.

"We are still here, providing the same service," she explained. "Our job is to pro-mote, protect, and improve Alabama's health, and we need to be good stewards of the funding we receive.'

Information about the Choctaw County Health Department is available online at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/choctaw/in dex.html, or on FaceBook at www.facebook.com/ChoctawCHD.

County to purchase new motor grader

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BUTLER – The Choctaw County Commission is set to purchase a new motor grader for the Road and Bridge Department to replace aging 1997 equipment, and the older grader will be placed up for auction.

During their January 7 meeting, the commission voted to approve the purchase, based on a quote provided by county engineer Lance Jordan.

Jordan told the commission in December that the new equipment would cost just over \$220,000. He added on Tuesday that the older equipment was in need of repairs that would cost

"We have to have another machine," Jordan said. "It's either this, or spend \$30,000 to repair the old one."

Jordan said that, if the commission approves

the purchase, the equipment would be delivered within a month.

District 4 Commissioner Horace Mosley asked how the purchase would affect the budget. Probate Judge Michael Armistead responded that the county would likely finance the purchase and declare the older model surplus, sell it, and use the money toward the new purchase.

Between that and not spending money to repair the old one, we should be okay," Jordan added. "Also, it will be under warranty and that will help us save money on expenses.'

Jordan said that the department has two motor graders with only one operational at this

Following a vote in favor of the purchase, Armistead asked Jordan to get financing options and interest rates from local lenders to provide financing for the purchase. The commission is set to hear those options at their next meeting.

when the infamous April 27

storm tore up the state, includ-

ing areas of Choctaw County.

Altogether, there were 145 tor-

nadoes in Alabama that year

alone, setting a record for the

Governor awards funds to help low-income residents with energy bills

MONTGOMERY— Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded grants totaling \$46.2 million to assist low-income families in Alabama with energy

Included in the funding is \$5.42 million awarded to the Community Services Programs of West Alabama Inc., to benefit Bibb, Choctaw, Dallas, Fayette, Greene, Lamar, Perry, Sumter and Tuscaloosa counties.

The grants will enable 21 community service agencies throughout the state to provide emergency funding to help low-income families heat their houses this winter.

"Many low-income families in Alabama are forced to weigh between staying warm in their homes or having food and prescription medicine," Gov. Ivey said. "These grants will help many elderly, disabled and families with children not have to make those choices. I am pleased to provide this assistance to help those most in need."

The Alabama Department of **Economic and Community Affairs** is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

LIHEAP helps eligible low-income households afford the energy required to heat their houses. Residents apply for assistance through local community service agencies who determine eligibility based on income, family size and available resources.

'Gov. Ivey understands the crucial importance of this funding for helping qualified families heat their homes during cold weather," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "ADECA is pleased to join with the governor to make these funds available as we enter what are typically the coldest months of the year in Alabama."

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County, Mississippi, through the Hinton and Scott Mountain areas, toward Lisman, and on to areas near Edna before leaving the county and later causing damage in Demopolis.

The storm was part of what has become a list of December tornadoes to be recorded in the state over the past several years, and some areas of the state now rank at the top of the nation in numbers of tornado warnings issued over the past ten years.

According to a report on al.com, which cited data from the Washington Post, Washington County ranks number one in numbers of tornado warnings

were 122 tornado warnings listed for that county from January of 2010 until December 31, 2019, including an EF3 storm that caused three deaths on April 15, 2011. The small community of

Yarbo was under warnings 51 times during that time period, the most in the county, and the Town of Chatom was reported as having seen 50 warnings, making it the incorporated town with the most tornado warnings over the decade nationwide.

The article listed a total of 595 tornadoes statewide since 2010, including 62 that were reported within one 24-hours period in 2011

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Cromwell / Halsell			1						
Gilbertown					1				
Lisman									
Lusk					4				
Melvin					1				
Needham / Land									
New Hope					1				
Pennington									
Pleasant Hill					2				
Scott Mountain									
Toxey			1						
Yantley	1	2							
Silas					1				
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