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Hats galore at Willow Trace



Choctaw Sun photos by Dee Ann Campbell

Easter bonnets take prizes

BUTLER – Hats, hats, and more hats! About 40 Willow Trace residents donned their finest creations for the Easter Hat Contest held on Good Friday. With decorations ranging from the extravagant to the just plain fun, the residents showed off their hats in competition for trophies and prizes. In the women's division, winning hats belonged to: (left to right) Minnie Fitch – Best Overall; Lois Shannon, Best Hat; Velma Lindesmith – Most Creative; Edith Doggett and Ella Horn – 1st place awards; Nell Stoker (modeling the hat for Mary Barnes) and Viola Gibbs – 2nd place; Mildred Sorrell and Ivon Conner – 3rd place.

In the men's category, winning hats were worn by: Joe Holcomb – 2nd place; Lane Lassiter – Best Overall; and Jesse Wallace – 1st place.

Relay for Life is opportunity to support our 'Fighting Heroes'

By Jeanette Kearley
Publicity Chairperson

BUTLER -- May 11 will soon be here and fundraisers are already underway! Be sure to check out this newspaper's Calendar of Events to find the upcoming events in our area. There are also several teams offering tickets for drawings on free things, so be sure to check out the different businesses around the county to see who is sponsoring us and get yourself some tickets!

New Hope is offering

tickets on a gas grill, donated by South Alabama Gas. DHR will be giving away a basket of goodies for Mother's Day the night of Relay.

Several businesses around Butler are selling chances on a Crimson Tide football autographed by UA Coach Nick Saban and the entire football coaching staff along with UA autographed memorabilia by baseball Coach Jim Wells.

One of the questions often asked is, "where are the donations used?" Often we first think of research. Even though

research is a large part of what American Cancer Society is all about, there are also support programs and services that are provided free of charge. One of these support services I want to focus on at this time is Hope Lodge.

Hope Lodge provides a home away from home for cancer patients who live far from a treatment center. Traveling to and from treatments can create even more of an emotional and financial burden during an already challenging time.

The American Cancer

Society is trying to make a difficult situation easier for cancer patients and their families through 22 Hope Lodges. The Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge in Birmingham, provides housing free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis to cancer patients and their families. It also provides a much-needed supportive environment. This lodge was named in honor of longtime volunteer leader and supporter, Joe Lee Griffin, who lost both his first and second wives to cancer before losing his own battle with cancer in 1998. He was a

life member of the ACS's Board of Directors.

The Griffin Lodge provides a temporary home for about 700 families per year. There are 33 guest rooms with private baths and sleeping accommodations for two. It also has a dining room, kitchen, library with computer access and recreational areas. Each floor has a day room and guest laundry with 24-hour access. The lodge also eliminates the travel; you

can be taken to and from the hospital. Patients must have a referral from their doctor and be capable of caring for themselves in order to stay at Hope Lodge. They are also required to maintain their own room. For more information about staying at the Hope Lodge, call the ACS at 1-800-ACS-2345.

OK, Choctaw County, let's get out and continue to support our teams, our "Fighting Heroes"!

■ Toxey

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as well as members of town council, Mayor Jeanette Carney, and local residents who put in their time and effort for the

project.

The project began seven years ago when then-mayor Oglesby initiated plans for a Town

Park that would include moving and renovating the Lodge to use as a Community Center. An application for the initial grant was submitted in 2001, resulting in \$100,000 in funds for the renovation project.

When the renovation was complete, Oglesby then began to work on a grant application through ADECA to garner funds for the walking trail. After working through issues related to the property deed, the town received the grant in April of 2006 and immediately began working on the project.

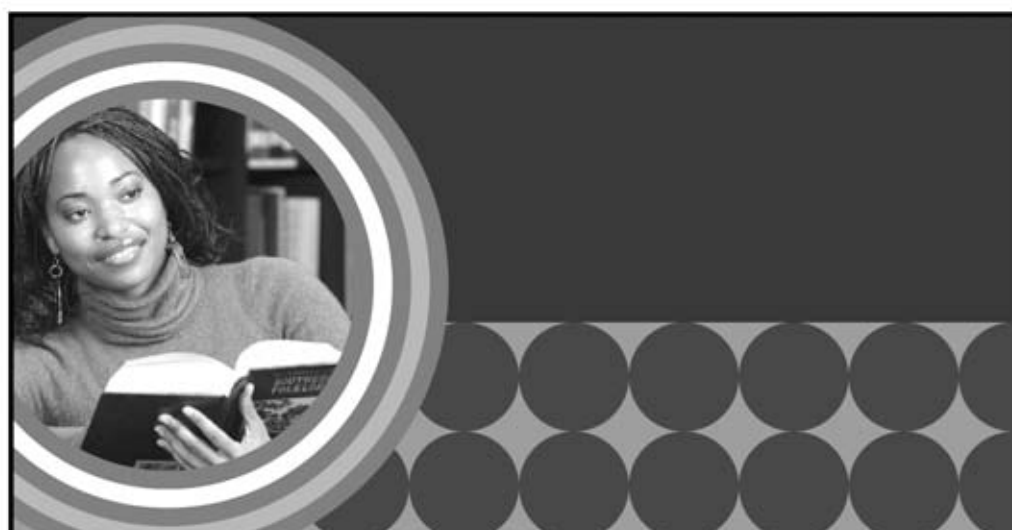
About 80% of the funding for the walking trail came through an ADECA/Recreational Trails Program Grant, with the remaining 20% coming from the Town of Toxey and the Choctaw County Parks and Recreation Board.

The quarter-mile walking trail, which winds through the wooded area surrounding the recently-restored Toxey Masonic Lodge, is lined with azaleas and other foliage, and picnic tables have been placed among the trees that fill the property. The trail contains picturesque bridges over small streams that run through the area, making it a trail that offers more than just an opportunity for exercise.

"We want people to come here and use this trail," stated Mayor Jeanette Carney. "It's a beautiful place to walk, and it's something to be proud of."

Mayor Carney told the *Sun* that the town has also restored the nearby tennis courts, and they are now available for use by the public.

With the new walking trail and the beautification of the property, the Town is planning to hold the annual Toxey Reunion on the Lodge grounds. The event, which will feature singing, arts and crafts, and fun and games for all ages, will be held this Saturday. The public is encouraged to attend.



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