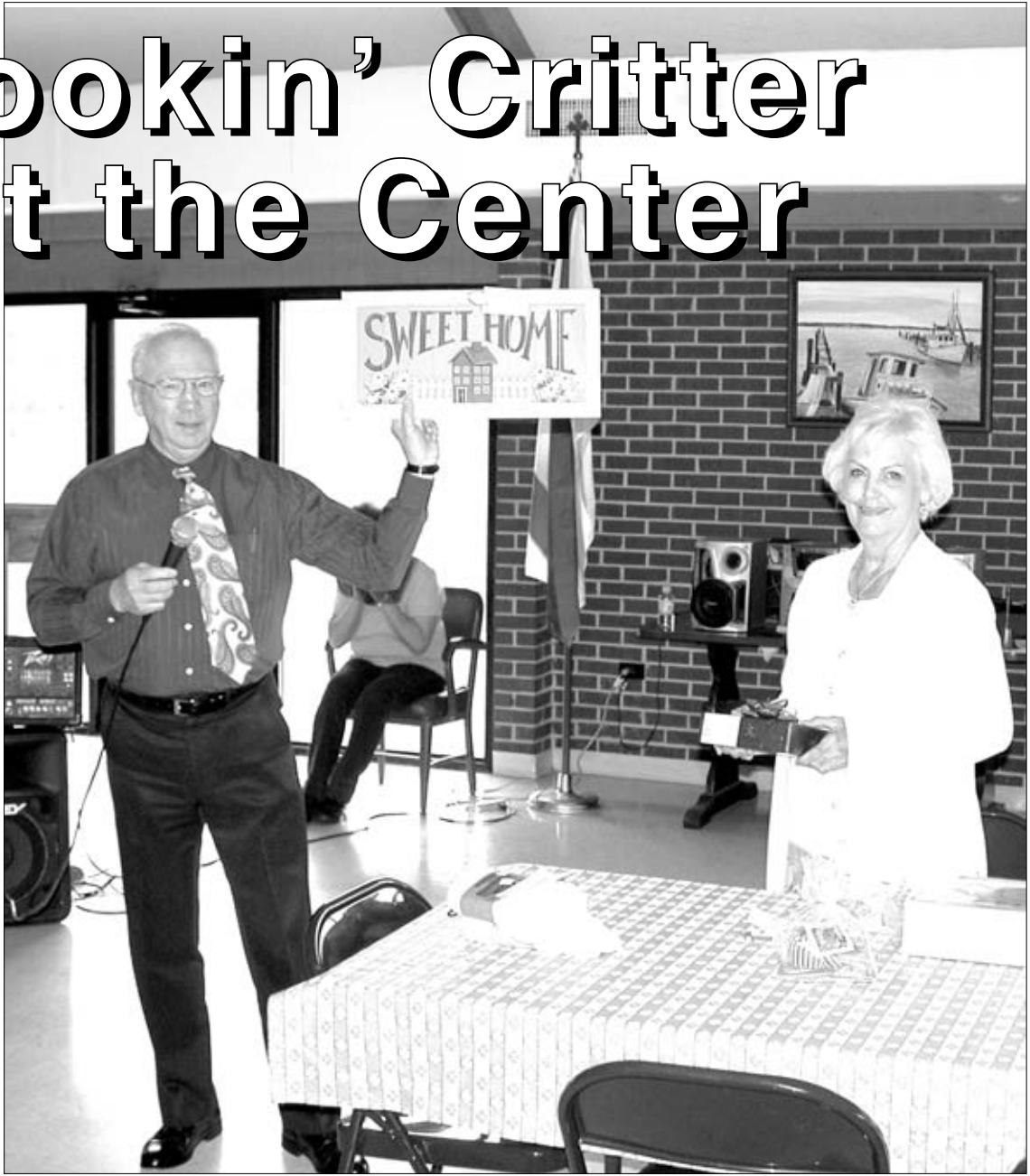


Cookin' Critter at the Center



Choctaw Sun photos by Dan Melvin
 BUTLER -- The annual Critter Dinner at the Butler Senior Center was a huge success on Saturday, with a crowd turning out to sample the critter, listen to music, win a few prizes, and support the fund-raiser. The event is the largest fund-raising project for the center each year. AT RIGHT: Bobby Jackson and Jessie Wright (center director) give away one of the many door prizes. ABOVE: The cooks get the critter ready for the hungry crowd.

Center thanks those who helped with Critter Dinner

By Jessie Wright
 Center Director

BUTLER -- The Critter Dinner was a great success thanks to so many.

The AARP did a wonderful job of getting things together. I want to thank all the merchants who donated door prizes. I want try to name all of them. I might forget someone, but we do thank all of them.

Mary Ann Hall of Ezell Fish Camp donated the fish and Brenda Doucet the chicken. Thank you.

Paul Todd and James Hall was our fry cooks, thank you. Joe Dasis cooked several things and brought to the center for us to serve. Thank you Joe, Joe has been coming to help cook each year, his wife had surgery and he was not able to come this year.

All the entertainers, Rachael Allen, Bonnie Norton and Tommy Campbell, they all did a wonderful job of entertaining us. Bobby Jackson has been our MC for all the years that we have had the dinner, he always does a great job and we just appreciate him taking time out of his busy schedule to come and do this for us each year.

We especially want to thank all the one who bought tickets and made donations, without then there would

not be a successful dinner.

If I have forgotten anyone, please know I do thank anyone who was part of the day.

There will be another Bingo Day here at the Center on April 16 at 10 a.m. and everyone is invited to come and enjoy the day.

Charie Tillman comes every month and brings prizes and calls the Bingo Games, we really appreciate her doing this for us, the winners last month were Sue Moseley, Mae Hampton, Mary Catherine Hampton, Mary E. Dukes, Edna Anderson, Nita Gilbert, Claudette Gibson, and Jewell Gibson.

We also have Bingo on Monday and Friday, Claudette Gibson calls these Bingo Games, we have exercise on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sue Mosley leads these exercises. Anyone who wishes to be a part of any activities at the center are welcome. If anyone needs to come for lunch, please call the center and let us know.

We were glad to have Mayor Ben Smith stop by yesterday and have lunch, he could not be here for the day. The County Clear-up Day was going on at the same time we had dinner and I am sure he was very busy, he is doing a great job. Thank him for all his hard work.

Calvary to hold ladies retreat

By Dee Ann Campbell
 The Choctaw Sun

BUTLER -- Local women who are looking for a unique opportunity for Bible study and fellowship are invited to attend a dynamic retreat for ladies only.

On Saturday April 28th, Calvary Baptist Church in Butler will hold its first annual ladies retreat called "Scrapbooking Memories". The event will feature devotional opportunities, words of encouragement, fellowship with other local Christian women, music, and lunch.

Guest speaker for the event will be Robin Noland of Atlanta, Ga. Noland has a bachelor's degree in French

from Samford University and a master's in Religious Education from New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Her accomplishments include serving as a teacher in both public schools and for homeschool students, writing for LifeWay Christian Resources, and leading ladies' Bible study classes.

She is married to music and worship minister Tom Noland, and the couple have two children, Julie, 18, and Nick, 9, who are both involved in various ministries at their home church, Eastern Shore Baptist in Atlanta.

Registration for Calvary's ladies retreat will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the event, with the first

session beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow at 11:30 a.m., and the second session will begin at 12:30 p.m. The sessions will conclude at 2 p.m.

Early registration is now in progress, with forms available through the church from now until April 14. Cost to attend the conference is \$10 per attendee. Nursery services will be provided for children up to age 6 with advance registration.

For more information, contact Stephanie Bonner at 1-877-640-2873 or email bonner2696@yahoo.com. Registration forms can also be mailed to Diane Barlow at 605 Gibbons Blvd., Butler, AL 36904.

Johnsons minister at Morning Star Baptist Church

BUTLER -- Morning Star Baptist Church featured Butler native Dr. Tonjanita Johnson and her husband, Rev. Tony Johnson, as the guest speakers for the Men and Women's Day program held on Sunday, April 1.

The Johnsons, who have been engaged in ministry since 1999, served as singles pastors for Covenant Church in Destrehan, LA, until they moved to Greenwood, MS, in 2001. Since moving to Mississippi, they have been heavily engaged in



Rev. Tony Johnson

their own evangelistic



Dr. Tonjanita Johnson

ministry, which carries

them to churches throughout the Southeast and other parts of the country.

Tonjanita is a 1987 graduate of Choctaw County High School and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Communication from the University of Alabama. In addition, she holds a Ph.D. in higher education from Jackson State University. When she is not working as a senior level administrator at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena or

speaking for various churches and other organizations, she spends her time freelance- and ghost-writing for numerous religious and business publications.

Tony, who currently serves as assistant vice president for marketing at Mississippi Valley State University, is a 1991 graduate of North Panola High School in Sardis, Miss. He earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Alabama, where he was

also a member of the University of Alabama football team. Tony, who is retired from the National Football League, will launch his own business in sports marketing at the beginning of April.

Tonjanita is the daughter of Odis and Christella Butler of the Mt. Sterling community. They have a six-year-old daughter, T'Anna, who is a kindergarten student at Bankston Elementary School in Greenwood, Miss.

Restaurant Review : J&K Junction

All aboard for J & K Junction's Thursday night menu!

TOXEY -- Arriving each Thursday through the month of April at 4:00 pm is the "Beef Eaters Express". This delicious incredible all-u-can meal is loaded with great taste. Choose from Hamburger Steak, Beef Brisket, or Pot Roast served with made from scratch, hand-peeled and mashed potatoes, corn bread and biscuits along with your choice of two sides from a list of 16 vegetables! All this food for

just \$7.99 per person. Or have an 8 oz Rib eye cooked how you like it with two sides for \$11.99 or a 16 oz Rib eye with two sides for \$17.99.

And get on board with J & K Catering for this summer's class reunions, company parties, family gatherings, rehearsal dinners or any other special event. There are several options available for catering. Their "U-Pick Up" is designed for you to

pick up and feed 30 or more people for \$6.99 per person if you choose smoke chicken, pulled pork, beef brisket, or shrimp pasta salad. Add \$1.25 per person more and eat their blue ribbon ribs, or boiled Hobo shrimp. All catering prices include choice of meat, choose 3 out of nine sides, rolls, and tea. They provide the plates, cups, utensils, napkins, and condiments. Or they will deliver your food

for a small fee just call Ms. Kathy for details.

J & K Catering will also do the set-up for your event including tables, décor, serving dishes, condiments, and personnel serving. Ms. Kathy is experienced in serving huge crowds of hungry refine "folks" and she will even bring out linens and chinaware, decorative food displays, and more. Contact Ms. Kathy or Kaye Stafford at 251-843-3199

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