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An inside look at the new cottage at Raintree Village.

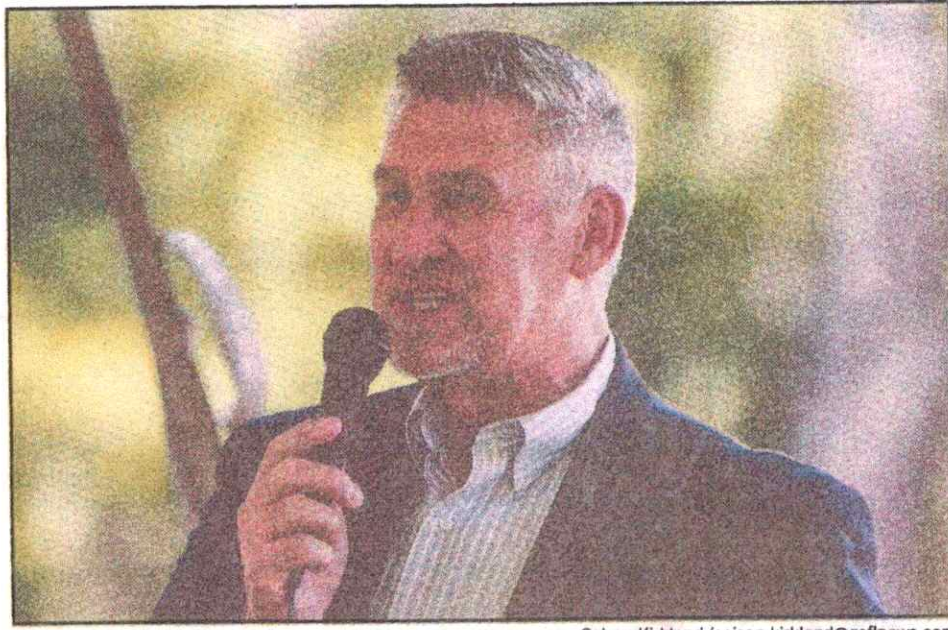
Raintree Village unveils new cottage at open house event

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DASHER — Raintree Village, a sanctuary for vulnerable children, celebrated the unveiling of its newest cottage during an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday. The event marked the community's ongoing commitment to providing a safe environment where children can improve their lives. Raintree Village has been a refuge for children facing challenging circumstances for over 50 years. Through comprehensive care, including educational programs, emotional support, and medical support, Raintree Village equips children with the tools they need to overcome adversity and build brighter futures, officials of the organization said.

The new cottage, a beautifully designed addition to the campus, represents more lives that can be improved. It provides a warm and welcoming space that encourages personal growth and healing, and each child has the opportunity to thrive in a supportive setting.

Community members, local officials, and staff attended the open house ceremony. Executive Director Kenny Holton welcomed the attendees and spoke about Raintree Village's history and its impact on the lives of the children it serves. Gail Fin-



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Executive Director of Raintree Village, Kenny Holton, greets attendees as Monday's event started.

ley, the director of Lowndes County Division of Family & Children Services, passionately spoke about Raintree Village's significance, emphasizing its crucial role in the community.

Finley praised the organization for its unwavering commitment to transforming the lives of children, noting that the comprehensive care and support offered at Raintree Village align perfectly with DFCS's goals of fostering resilience and hope in young lives.

"It takes a village. It takes all of us to be able to come together in our different entities to make a better life for our

children," Finley concluded, saying, "Continue to soar. You'll encounter challenges, but that's all part of it. We're in this together." Attendees toured the new cottage, met with the dedicated staff, and learned about the programs and services offered. Raintree Village's mission is to provide children with a loving and safe community. The new cottage is a step forward in ensuring that every child at Raintree Village can thrive and achieve their full potential, officials said.

The open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony not

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Gail Finley, the director of Lowndes County Division of Family & Children Services, addresses the audience about the importance of taking care of children in need.

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only marked the opening of a new facility but reaffirmed the community's dedication to transforming lives.

After the ceremony, Holton discussed the day's importance and the motivation behind

helping Raintree Village residents.

"I believe it's the Christian responsibility. It comes from a service-ministry-type mindset. It has got to come from the heart," he said.

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pressures to the point that sometimes they have to close. Several largely rural states have some of the lowest number of pharmacies per ZIP code, according to an AP analysis of data from 49 states and the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs.

The closest pharmacy to Basin Pharmacy is eight miles away in Greysbull, and Jones and two other pharmacists opened it after the department store chain that ran its predecessor went bankrupt.

EFFECTS OF A CLOSURE

When a pharmacy does close in a rural area, communities feel the absence.

front of the store was not making enough money.

Pharmacy access is an important consideration, CVS spokesman Matt Blanchette told The Associated Press, but the company also weighs local market dynamics, population shifts and the number of stores in the area selling similar products. He confirmed the meeting with Sweeney, but did not directly answer a question about what financial issues led to the store closure.

Tammy McLearn came to the CVS twice a month to pick up medications for her blood pressure and cholesterol on her way to and from work near Kankakee.

She moved her prescriptions to the CVS near work because she doesn't want to get them through the mail; her village isn't a top priority

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personal details about their struggles with addiction as the 2024 election looms, all while the first lady watched from the front row of the courtroom.

Jurors will hear testimony from the president's brother James Biden, who is close with Hunter and helped his nephew through rehab stints in the past. They will also hear how Hallie Biden, the widow of the president's late son, also became addicted to crack during a brief relationship with Hunter. Hallie took the gun from Hunter and tossed it into the garbage at a nearby market, afraid of what he might do with it. The gun was later found by someone collecting cans and eventually turned over to police.

The president was in Washington on Tuesday, announcing an immigration order and hosting a picnic for congressional leaders before a scheduled departure for France later in the day. He will be gone the rest of the week. Jill Biden planned to meet him in Europe.

The president's allies are worried about the toll the trial may take on the elder Biden, who's long been protective and deeply concerned about his only living son and his sobriety and who must now watch as those past mistakes are publicly scrutinized. And the president must do so while he's campaigning under anemic poll numbers and preparing for an upcoming presidential debate with Trump.

Prosecutors on Tuesday

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