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Local groups unite for Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's

Southwest Kansas residents raise funds for Alzheimer's Association care, support and research programs

Special to the Leader & Times

Mark Dahl, Chairman of the Southwest Kansas Walk to End Alzheimer's, announced that Citizens First National Bank, Wheatridge Pool, Law Center and Liberal Good Samaritan Center will be sponsoring the Southwest Kansas Walk to End Alzheimer's in Liberal. Walk is scheduled for Oct. 26 at Eisenhut at Liberal Springs, located at 1500 Tamara Lane, Liberal.

Those businesses are expected to join 300 residents from Southwest Kansas in the 1- or 2-mile Walk to End Alzheimer's to support the Alzheimer's Association.

Alzheimer's disease affects 5.4 million Americans, one in nine people 65 and older and one in three people 85 and older. Without breakthroughs, it is projected to nearly triple by 2050. Walk to End Alzheimer's events help fund the care and advance important research

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Drama teacher takes to the stage

Chambers moves to Wichita for full-time theater work

By RACHEL CULPHAN
Leader & Times

When Alison Hodges Chambers left her life as an actor in New York City and came to Liberal to teach drama at Seward County Community College, it was the settled nature of life in the Midwest that drew her. She longed to escape the fast pace of the big city and the pressure of a steady paycheck with benefits was alluring.

"I was completely unemployed and overthinking. But I was," she said. "There was no reason to say I do."

Now, after directing and co-owning two years in the Red confluence for dramatic, and the artistic. With her encore-ready husband Lewis Allen Chambers will make to Wichita, as a full-time theater artist. The Allen Chambers Theatre Alley, an actor based and owned member of the Wichita Theatre Alley, will be the revived elementary projects Chambers said.

Doubling has been at SCCC, Chambers invigorated the drama department, directing and acting in the an excellent performances of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" and, the "Tempest," the dark directorial twist "Arsenic, The new directorial twist loved other like, "Little Women" and "A Christmas Carol." Chambers directed drama club on campus, inspiring several students to settle on a theater career.

"It's been good," she said. "SCCC has been wonderful to me, and I feel

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I'm made an impact here."

Though she has spent her life wanting to perform, Chambers said teaching "has taught me a lot about myself." She said she has come to think I'm meant to work in the theatre, and not in academia. It's been a great experience, but I'm ready to get back to something else now."

Chambers isn't worried about how her departure from SCCC will impact acting in the absence.

"My very good friend Gloria Goodwin has just accepted the job at [illegible] at the college," she said. "So, just knowing that she's there is wonderful. They're lucky to have her."

Though Chambers lost the leading role in the upcoming play, she announced her resignation, she will be on campus through the end of the semester. She will continue to direct the Strachery Academy of Performing Chambers has a dwarfacting summer camp, which has had a student ages 12 to 25. She began as a camper herself, then assumed the job of director when ESD still operated on the campus of Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

When ESD started in SCCC, Chambers came along, and that relationship led to her job offer for the education of the local college.

Because Goodwin is "a huge fan of the theater," the drama department summer camp will continue to call Liberal home.

"It's a big asset, because it's such a wonderful opportunity for the kids who

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Kan. court remands case of gun shop liability

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press

TOPEKA — Panzarino dealers must see the highest degree of care in preventing the sale of guns to a felon, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled Friday.

The court's decision reinstated a family's suit that filed a negligence lawsuit against the owners of a northeast Kansas gun shop for selling a shotgun later used in a murder-suicide that killed a man and his wife. The case goes back to district court for further proceedings.

The lawsuit involves the 2005 murder-suicide of Russell Graham of Shutter Springs Graham used a shotgun bought by his grandmother to shoot himself and his wife, Tammy.

Elizabeth Shaley, wife of Russell Graham, filed the liability lawsuit against Joe and Peter George, the owners of Joe's Gun Shop in Topeka. Shaley argued that the Georges were negligent in preventing the sale of the gun to the grandmother when Graham was known to be a convicted felon who was prohibited from possessing firearms from possessing firearms.

Jonathan Lowy, an attorney from the Brady Center to

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Obama's remarks on race resonate with many

By CHRISTINE ARMENIO
Leader & Times

ADAMS — When President Barack Obama told the nation Friday that Trayvon Martin could have been him 35 years ago, many black Americans across the nation nodded their head in agreement, including here.

Like the president, they've been seen people walk across the street and lock their car doors as they get close. They've been followed in stores, or taken to be followed while shopping in a department store.

In many ways, it was the harsh talk on what it can be like to be a black man in America that many Americans had been waiting to hear from Obama, especially since a Florida jury last weekend acquitted neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman in Martin's shooting death. And it generated a range of reactions from people who have also had their own experiences the conversation on race in the U.S. yesterday.

Obama said he was trying to give the other side of the equation. Angela Hammond, 50, an administrative assistant who lives in New York City said "Black men are feared by most people everywhere but like they've been feared."

Others felt his comments, while helpful, still only scratched the surface of a problem that is extremely more complex than the color of one's skin.

"I was really happy with what he had to say [and] he was very honest," said Jeanette Zimmerman, living, multi-ethnic, yet really distinguished when we talk about black and white. "But I feel like he could have gone deeper because of his race and history."

In the unscheduled appearance before reporters at The White House, Obama said the nation needs to look for ways to move forward after the shooting and that he hoped Americans could have a more civil searching about their attitudes on race.

It was the first set of extended remarks Obama has

President Barack Obama speaks Friday in the Brady Press Briefing room of the White House in Washington about the verdict in the Trayvon Martin case. Obama spoke in a surprise appearance at the White House, in the first time appearing for a statement on the verdict since it was issued last Saturday. AP photo/Carolyn Kaster

made on the Martin case since Zimmerman was acquitted Saturday of second-degree murder and manslaughter charges in Martin's death last year. Jurors found that Zimmerman had acted in self-defense when he confronted and shot Martin, who was black. Zimmerman identifies himself as Hispanic.

Obama also issued a statement after the verdict that said in part, "I know this case has incited strong passions. And in the wake of the verdict, I know those passions exist. So reasoning even higher. But we are a nation of laws, and a jury has spoken.

He went much further on Friday.

Obama said he could understand that the African-American community is looking at this case through a set of experiences and a history that doesn't go away.

"Those and that before becoming a senator, he himself experienced walking across the street and hearing the locks click as doors, among other similar situations. It's that set of experiences, he said, that informs how of the black American interprets what

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