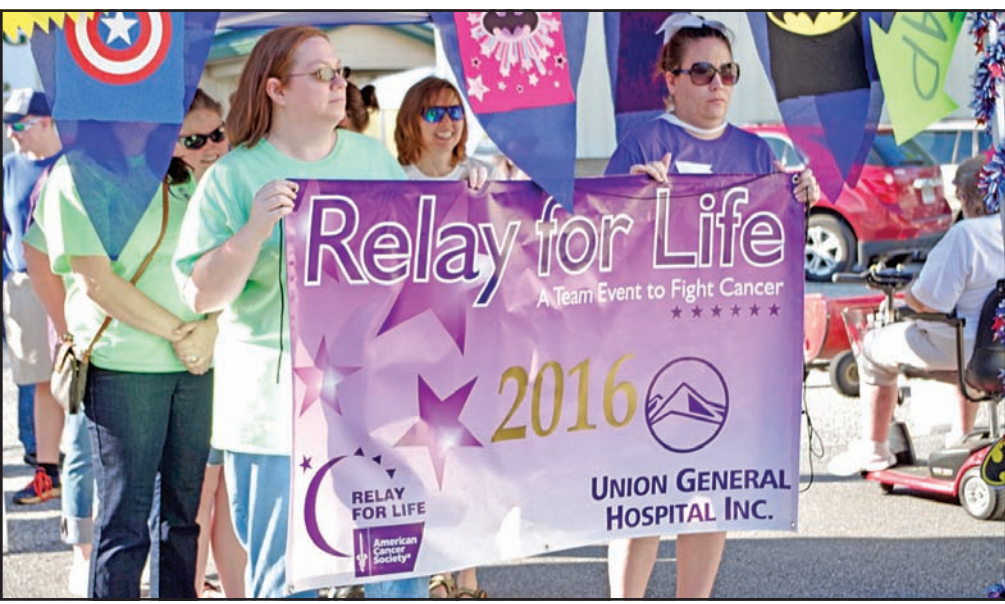


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A view from the 2016 Union County Relay For Life.

Photo by Lowell Nicholson

this gave the children a way to hopefully not start smoking, and we have seen a decrease in that.

"We're still fighting that battle with the tobacco industry, but those of us that are

volunteers, especially the ones that I know in our county that have seen our Relay, this being No. 24 that we've had, they've seen the dedication in our community as very generous."

The Relay For Life can

be traced back to 1985, when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Washington surgeon specializing in cancer, walked and ran a track with family and friends to raise more than \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Klatt put in 83 miles in that 24-hour period, and the following year, 19 teams joined his efforts to raise even more money to fight cancer. And the Relay continues to this day.

The theme for this year's event will be "Lasso A Cure," and the local members of Relay For Life have scheduled an exciting list of activities for all to participate in.

The Relay For Life event will include a DJ, a "Survivor Dinner," a barbecue cookoff with plates for sale, line dancers, a Smokey Mountain Harmonizers quartet, Mickey Lindsey singing, the Coosa Muppets, the Carlton Shaw Memorial Bare Leg Contest for ages 14 and up, and a 14-and-under bare legs contest for boys.

There will be plenty of activities for children, too, including a bounce house, a train, games and face painting.

Take It to The Track registration begins at 5:30 p.m., where anyone can register to take a walk or run on the track to support Relay For Life.

Inclement weather plan for UCHS Graduation on May 25

In the event inclement weather is forecasted for Friday evening, the UCHS Grad-

uation Ceremony will be held 8 p.m. at the Union County Fine Arts Center. A decision

regarding this change will be made at the earliest on Friday, May 25th.

Graduating seniors will be given five tickets for guests who attend the ceremony at the Fine Arts Center, and each guest will be required to present a ticket upon entering the ceremony. For all other guests, the ceremony will be streamed live at the UCHS gym. You may also find a YouTube link at the Union County Schools website, www.ucschools.org, to watch the ceremony live.

Mountain Shelter Membership meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Humane Society's Mountain Shelter will be held Tuesday, June 19, at 5:30 in the Conference Room of United Community Bank in Blairsville. All members are invited to attend.

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