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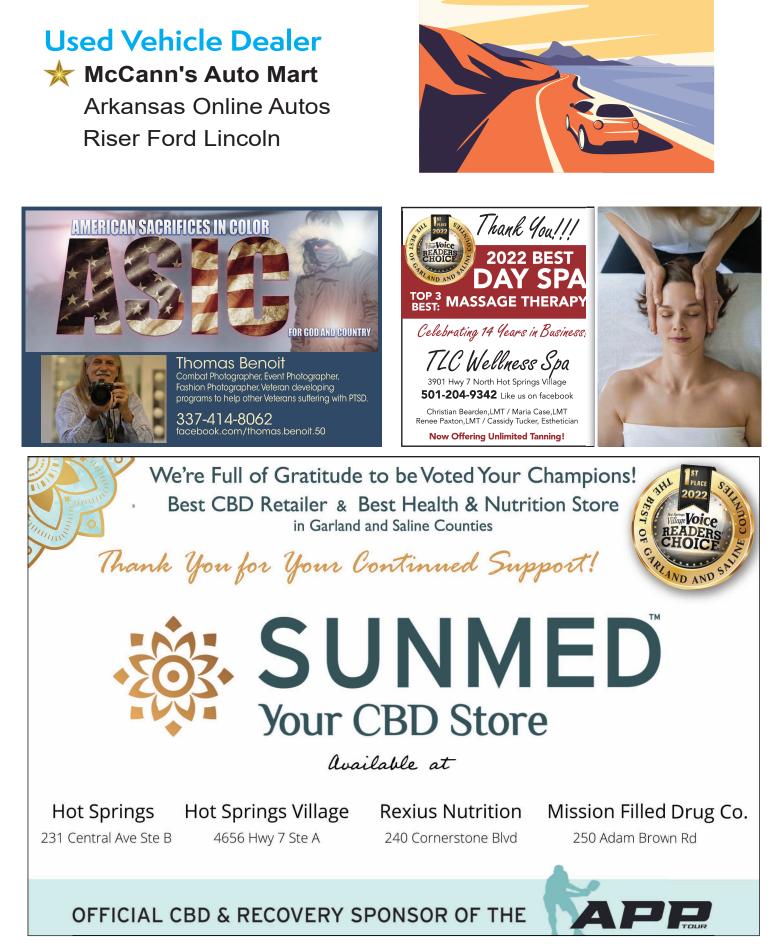
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David McCann waits on a customer. (Stephanie **Highfill photo**)

Buy, sell, consign at McCann's Auto Mart

By JEFF MEEK Voice correspondent

McCann's Auto Mart, located on Highway 7 across the street from Walmart, is the place to go to consign, buy or sell just about anything. "We have fishing boats, RVs, cars, golf carts, motorcycles, kayaks, canoes, just about everything you can think of except airplanes", said owner David McCann.

McCann came to Hot Springs Village in 1981 to play golf. His father owned (and still owes) a country club in Minnesota, so together they would come down to the Village to play golf. "Then a friend took me out on Lake Ouachita, and I was sold on the place," he added.

for the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association, working on DeSoto Golf Course. Three months later he and his father decided to lease the Top-of-the-Hill Shell station on Highway 7. Then in 1985, he bought out his father and vehicle make.

ran the business fulltime.

Business was good as more and more people brought in cars, boats and more for him to sell. He very much enjoyed the work and in 2013 bought property at the current location, then selling the Shell station in 2014.

"We are a family-owned business that loves the Lord and enjoy helping people. We consign, buy, and sell. We also help facilitate financing with banks and other lending institutions," McCann said.

So, other than airplanes, if you have something to sell, give McCanns a look. McCann's is located at 3629 Highway 7 North. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Sunday. If you have For employment, McCann first went to work something to sell, visit David or call 501-984-6240. You can also visit their website (www. mccannsautomart.com) to see what's in his inventory. There is also a "car finder" aspect to the website where a visitor can search by

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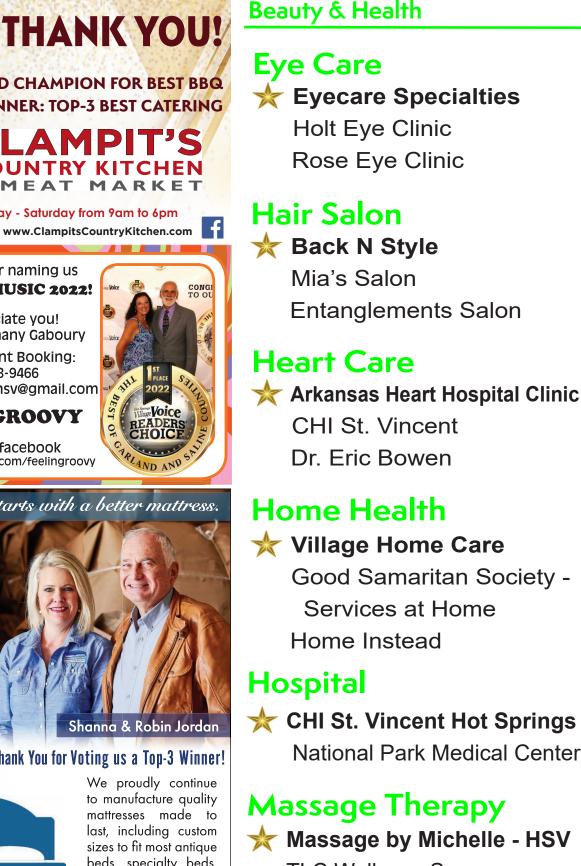
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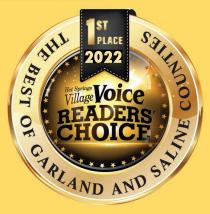
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Maria Case



After living in Hot Springs, Arkansas for thirty nine years I have recently moved here to the Hot Springs Village area and couldn't be happier. Since a little girl I've had the dream of being a massage therapist. My grandparents would tell me daily how my dream was bound to happen and I was perfect fit. Now here I am today knowing they are

looking down from heaven, smiling with joy, as they watch me fulfill my dream! I specialize in mind, body, and soul. I love working with deep tissue, essential oils, hot stones, and mediating.

Cassidy Tucker

I am 20 years old, born and raised here in Hot Springs and started my journey in this field in 2020. Grow up, this trade was always a passion of mine, and I always admire those who eventually became my role models. I strive to help clients look and feel their absolute best. What sets me apart is the ease and convenience of my services, as well as a full commitment to high quality services, perfectionism, and professionalism. With life being hectic, I guarantee to be here when you need me the most.



Renee Paxton



Renee Paxton is a licensed massage therapist who recently moved to the Hot Springs area from Texas. She received her license in April 2021. At the age of 3, Renee knew one of her callings was to be a ballerina. As her training increased, so did the number of iniuries she en-

dured. While most of these were minor bruises, she suffered one hard injury seven years ago. She was introduced to massage therapy, which soon became an important role in her recovery. She learned the importance of healing the whole person with positive self-image through relaxation and meditation, as well as healing the body from the muscles out. Renee focuses on strengthening the whole body and building a strong mind through relaxation, relieving stress and sore muscles through PNF Stretching/Stiff Muscle Relief, and soothing tissue damage through Swedish Massage, Therapeutic Massage, and Deep Tissue Massage. Renee looks forward to serving her clients and meeting each one of their needs as best she can.

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By SANDY JOHANSEN Staff writer

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The Wizard Of Oz is scheduled for November 17, 18, 19, 20 at Woodlands Auditorium. This is a favorite for all ages and a perfect event

Cast and production staff ready for The Wizard of Oz. Mark your calendars for November 17 through 20 at Woodlands Auditorium. Tickets will be available online soon at https://hsvplayers.com/



to usher in the holidays. The yellow brick road will lead everyone to some great entertainment. Production staff as follows: Directors Sam Sacco and Barbara Byler; Assistant Directors Cloe Bayer and Herm Dobscha; Producer Damon Schleuse and Assistant Producer Linda McAteer. Hot Springs Village residency is not required. Yearly dues are as follows: Adults - \$25.00, Couples - \$40.00; Adults 80 yrs+ - \$10.00; Students - \$11.00

Meeting are scheduled for the second Monday of

each month starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodlands Presbyterian Church, 11 Ecustre Drive. (behind Woodlands Theater)

The Hot Springs Village Players is a non-profit organization 501(c)(3) and donations are taxdeductible in many cases (see your tax professional). Players have presented 141 productions since its inception and will soon be celebrating their 42nd anniversary of entertaining audiences with professional quality theater.



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By LEWIS DELAVAN Staff writer

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The branch opened in 2007, and Relyance also has a local





Relyance Bank serves the Village with the Ponce de Leon Drive branch and one near the West Gate. (Lewis Delavan photos)

branch at Village Square, 4579 N. Highway 7. Milroy's favorite thing about the banking business is developing relationships and helping others. "At some point everyone will need a banking relationship of some kind. This allows for a unique relationship where I am able to help the customer reach a goal. I love having that opportunity," she says

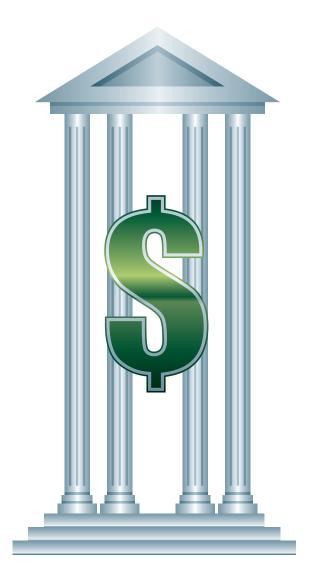
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Milroy has been with Relyance for more than nine years. In June, her term as Rotary president for the Scenic 7 Rotary Club concluded. She is a graduate of the Jeff Farris Leadership Academy.

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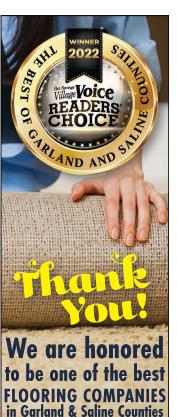
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Home Plate will open bakery in October

By MARY ELIADES Voice correspondent

Home Plate Café & Bakery has been a Hot Springs Village institution since 2003 and is now gearing up for a new era.

Marty and Tonya Porterfield bought the restaurant in March and have been making many upgrades, while keeping loyal customers happy with favorite meals and attentive service.

Marty Porterfield, who had been a longtime customer at the café, said that when the former owner mentioned that he was thinking of selling, he leapt at the chance. "I'm always looking" for opportunities, said Porterfield, the owner, with his wife, of Superior Cleaners. The Porterfields are also former co-owners of Mueller's Bistro and Bakery in Hot Springs.

One of the most exciting changes coming to Home Plate is the addition of a bakery. Porterfield will build on his experience at Mueller's to provide mainly "European-style" baked goods, with a large display area and seating. General manager Jason Hunt will run the bakery, along with Porterfield. "The bakery will feed the restaurant," said Hunt, with

fresh rolls, breads, and desserts. The bakery is expected to open mid-October, in time for the end-of-the-year holiday boom.

Hunt, who holds culinary and hospitality management degrees, is primarily interested in pastry-making and baking, but also handles social media for the restaurant and has launched a new website, homeplatecafeandbakery.com. The site lists daily specials, catering information and job opportunities.

Home Plate employs around 50 staff, many of whom have been at the restaurant for years. "I love the customers and the wonderful atmosphere," said front-of-house manager Theresa Davis, who has worked at Home Plate for 17 years. "I'm excited about a fresh, clean start for the restaurant."

The Porterfields have purchased all new kitchen equipment, including a wood-fired grill and smokers.

Chef Nico Carroll, the kitchen manager, also has a culinary degree and is "extremely excited" about experimenting with the new kitchen equipment,



Home Plate owners Marty and Tonya Porterfield are excited about adding a bakery to the well-established restaurant. (Submitted photo)

although "we're keeping the old toaster," he said. Carroll has worked at Home Plate since he was 14 years old, after moving to the Village with his parents from Hawaii.

The menu has been redesigned and will include new items such as a fried chicken sandwich and interesting salads, but Chef Nico emphasized that it will always include all the old customer favorites. The addition of smokers will allow him to prepare innovative dishes, like smoked salmon Benedict, with the salmon smoked on-site.

He is in the process of testing new recipes and plans to introduce "real" barbecue nights with ribs, chicken, etc.

Hunt acknowledged that about 60% of the clientele consists of regulars – some of whom eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner at Home Plate. "Everything everyone has always loved about Home Plate is not going away," said Porterfield, and customers can still expect great home-cooked food, with new additions to the menu coming regularly.

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Welcome to Camp Diggity Dogs in Hot Springs. Staff members and volunteers promise to give your pets the finest services they deserve plus lots of love and attention. (Submitted photo)

Camp Diggity Dogs, located at 1850 Higdon I picked up my big boy Standard Poodle! Ferry Road, Hot Springs, Arkansas, is the perfect place to drop your pup off for day care, vacation 5*? This place was amazing for my two pups! boarding and much more. They have 2 large indoor playrooms for inside fun along with large outdoor playgrounds for lots of off-leash and carefree fun. Pups can play ball, Frisbee or even jump into the pup pools.

Duration and grooming fees vary the size of your pet and styling needed.

Details of all services can be found at: https:// www.facebook.com/campdiggitydog or at the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce website: https:// web.hotspringschamber.com/Pet-Grooming/ Camp-Diggity-Dogs-9470. Pet lovers are free to call: 501-525-3647. They are open Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and also 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Camp Diggity Dogs scores a 4.9 rate on a scale of 5 and many pet owners highly recommend all their services:

Kim Davis Taylor said "Today was my Jack's first grooming appointment. I'm new to the area. Previously, I used mobile grooming because of his anxiety. They did an absolute FANTASTIC job! Jack looks great, the staff was so friendly and attentive and none of them seemed stressed after bestest!!

Brady Sasser said "Why can't I give more than They had a wonderful time and on day 2 of their day care they ran towards the door trying to get there as fast as possible!! Their staff was by far the best staff of any facility I have ever been to! Thank you for taking care of my babies and we can't wait to come back!

Kelley Small said "First time groom today on my chocolate labradoodle here today. Her cut is the best she's ever had! Excellent job, Camp Diggity!"

Teresa Ann said, "My Magi literally gets me up on the days she goes to Camp Dggity Dogs, she will go wait out in my car until it's time to go. They are the Best and I do have to say she loves her time that she is there usually 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Eleanor Sherfield said, "We have two senior dogs, and they totally enjoyed their 8 day stay! It's so wonderful to be able to go on vacation knowing your beloved pets are well taken care of and are having a vacation too at Camp Diggity Dogs!"

Victor Williams said he loves their grooming. They are professional. The staff and everyone is so cordial. Go see Jackie. She has been grooming our little "Precious" for 5+ years. She is the

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<u>2020 Citizen of the Year</u> Fuller a catalyst for tennis growth

By LEWIS DELAVAN Staff writer

After moving to Hot Springs Village in 2019, Debra Fuller quickly became active.

"Deb," as she is known to friends, chairs the Hot Springs Village Property Owners' Association Parks and Recreation Committee and volunteers to organize group tennis play at the Coronado Tennis Center throughout the week, year round.

Despite working full time, actively works to boost interest and participation at Coronado Tennis Center.

Fuller loves to see Villagers engaged in the various Village amenities. "I had never played tennis before coming to the Village and am now addicted to the activity and have made numerous friends as a result," she told the Village Voice.

Tennis Association membership had declined due to the Covid pandemic and needed help with membership and getting new people involved in tennis.

On her own volition, Fuller began weekly tennis roundrobins for players of all skill levels, so no one would be turned away.

Deb Fuller

When asked to schedule the Tennis Fun Day, Fuller prepared the menu and food for several events last year at the tennis center. Friends said that boosted tennis membership because she made it so much fun.

She welcomes all players, new or seasoned. Friends say she leads in her volunteer role with kindness, encouragement and support for others, and is a role model.

She is currently partnering with the Parks and Recreation Department and annual events subcommittee for the first Yak Run, on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Fuller advocates for community service, one reason she serves on the committee. She has also volunteered with HIV/AIDS service providers in Houston, Texas, Habitat for Humanity in both Texas and New Mexico, and was chair of the Continental Airlines employee assistance fund, "We Care."

As a committee chair, Fuller actively works on recreation projects of all kinds and encourages all committee members to be involved.

Last July, Fuller told members the committee's mission is to "find solutions and work together in accomplishing them. We, as the Parks and Recreation Committee, have a great opportunity to make a difference in Hot Springs Village."

The committee advises the POA on matters of recreation, cultural operations, facilities, and fee structure relative to Parks and Recreation.

Fuller, a native Houstonian, moved to Hot Springs Village with her spouse in 2019 after a diligent search for beautiful places to live the latter part of their lives, she says.

"Getting to the Natural State was a priority to be able to decompress from her daily work life and immerse into a new community, new adventures and new friends," she says.

Holding a masters in human resource management, she began her early career as a technology trainer for the Harris County HIV Services division. She then moved her focus to human resources and airport technology at Continental Airlines.

She now works full-time for Alight Solutions, a global benefits and human resource outsourcing firm, serving as the director of customer care product strategy and deployment.

2021 Citizen of the Year Works on behalf of veterans

By LEWIS DELAVAN Staff writer

Touching many lives, Sheila Beatty-Krout continues to work on behalf of veterans.

Although proud of all the causes/projects she has given to, she says one of the most rewarding was leading the effort of identifying unclaimed cremains and determining if veterans were eligible for military honors and burial. "It was an honor to do this work and something I will always remember," she says.

The work to identify possible unclaimed veterans began in earnest October 2020 at the Garland County Coroner's office. Previous meetings were held with Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs staff prior to the initial Garland County investigation.

The initial investigation concentrated on 23 cremains being held at the

coroner's office. All required research to determine if any cremains were veterans.

"Of the initial investigation, four were reunited with family; two with one spouse were deemed eligible for honors; 15 not eligible and one still being investigated. The investigation required hundreds of hours," she said.

She checked Garland County Funeral homes to ensure none were holding any unclaimed cremains, called county Cases. Only one FH held any – it had 25, and one was found to be a World War II veteran.

About this same time, the Pulaski County Coroner's office conducted its own investigation and turned in several who were interred in March 2021 without military honors. It was decided the program would encompass honoring not only those needing internment, but those already interred without proper honors.

Working with ADVA, she wrote the program, the public service announcement and the bios of each veteran read at the ceremony. On Oct. 13, 2021, representatives from veterans' service organizations gathered to honor 32 Veterans and one spouse as they were laid to rest with full military honors at the Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery in North Little Rock.

Her passion for helping active-duty military and veterans arose from the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Since then she has sent many care boxes to deployed military, stood in flag lines with Patriot Guard Riders at funerals and other events and served as a representative for the United States Daughters of 1812 at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System.

Recognized for her work, the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 asked that she implement a national committee within the organization to serve as representatives to concentrate on veterans' needs. Sheila wrote the training guide for the organization to be used by their representatives.

A California native, she retired from General Telephone & Electronics after 31 years. She and her husband, Ron Krout, moved to Hot Springs Village in 1998.

She is a life member of the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America (OTHSA) where she served on the national board of directors for several years. Her father, Edward Beatty, was an Orphan Train Rider. OTHSA honored Sheila with its Charles Loring Brace award for her work in preserving the history of the Orphan Train Riders.

She has received honors from the Sons of the American Revolution including the Daughters of Liberty Medal and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for her work with our active-duty military and our veterans; she received the Arkansas Governor's Excellence Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service and was honored by being named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Hot Springs Rotary. The National Society United States Daughters of 1812 awarded her the Spirit of 1812 Award and the Historians award. The Central Arkansas VA Volunteer Services named her the Female Volunteer of the Year in 2018.

Sheila Beatty-Krout

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