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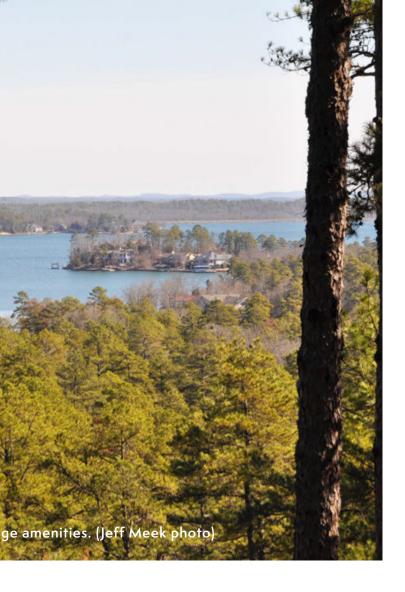
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ell, summer 2022 is here in full force and the temperature and humidity are high. It's a part of living the good life in Hot Springs Village. Golfers, fishermen, trail walkers, swimmers, boaters and other outdoor enthusiasts brave the temperatures to chase their love of activity as we at the Hot Springs Village Voice bring you another issue of our magazine, HSV Life.

In this August issue you'll learn about the surrounding school districts, Village golfer Pam Spikes, a bit of August history, Village Home Care, travel, the Gangster Museum and our fun Reader's Choice. It's our way of keeping you connected to community and share what we've recently learned.



We also invite our readers to connect with us with your ideas for stories, perhaps of a neighbor, achievements, accomplishments and whatever else you'd like to see the Voice consider. Some of the interesting people you read about in the Voice come from tips from our readers. We look forward to more of them as the Village is full of many amazing, talented, gifted people. We love sharing your stories from days gone by and serving as your #1 source of Village news.

> Jeff Meek **VOICE CORRESPONDENT**

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ON THE COVER: Pam Spikes teeing off at Ponce. (Sandy Johansen photo) Digitally enhanced in Photoshop by Michael G. Fox.



is open for business

Jeff Meek **VOICE CORRESPONDENT**

he DeSoto Club of Hot Springs Village is open and doing well. The Voice editorial staff had lunch there last month and all 6 of us were pleased with what we ordered.

The lunch menu includes starters like Wisconsin cheese curds, olive bruschetta dip, shrimp cocktail spinach/artichoke dip and more.

Lunch you say. How about a Muffuletta, BLT, 501 burger, chicken tenders, fish N chips, or a turkey club. Salads include Burrata Caprese, Grilled Corn, Caesar

Villagers and friends enjoy lunch at DeSoto Club. (Jeff Meek photo)

or a House salad.

Dinner options include a pork shank in a balsamic barbeque sauce, New York strip steak, penne pasta, pot roast, grilled salmon and smothered chicken.

And there are plenty of sides to choose from like Broccolini, onion rings, coleslaw, chips, and potato wedges. There is also a baked potato and salad bar with all the trimmings, served all day, along with soup.

DeSoto Club manager Logan McGear told the Voice the Club is busy with customers so he suggests making reservations a week in advance. That can be done by calling 501-204-4024. Better yet, McGear suggested emailing the Club at info@desotoclub.com. If not already up and running, McGear said a website will be in place to make reservations even easier.

The Club's hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to a last seating at 8 p.m. Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. McGear said at some point the Club will also be open on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Melinda's Coffee Corner & Cafe offers variety

Melinda's Coffee Corner and Cafe is ready to serve you. (Lewis Delavan photo)



Lewis Delavan **STAFF WRITER**

What started as a dream for coffee and coffee shop culture has grown into a desire for sharing quality beverages and gourmet food with Hot Springs Village area residents.

As a locally owned and operated business, Melinda's Coffee Corner & Cafe seeks to be an "integral cinder block in the fabric of the Hot Springs Village and the Highway 7 area."

The cafe at 3901 N. Highway 7 is open 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Among some offerings are frappes and smoothies, homemade Texas kolaches and a wide range of baked goods.

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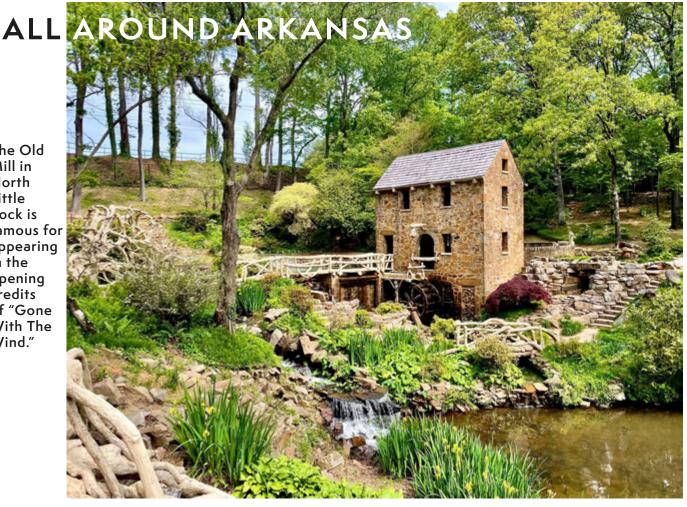
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The Old Mill in North Little Rock is famous for appearing in the opening credits of "Gone With The Wind."



NLR's iconic OLD MILL

Darrell W. Brown

 ${f N}$ orth Little Rock is famous for many things. It's where silver was discovered in the 1820s — hence its one-time name of Argenta, which comes from the Latin word for silver. It's also the home of the Arkansas Travelers baseball team (at least for now) and the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum.

But the city is probably most famous for being the home of the legendary Old Mill.

Through the decades, the Old Mill has been the site of thousands of weddings and the subject of countless photographs. While many believe it's an actual old mill, the truth is that it's a replica of the grist mills that dotted the landscape of rural Arkansas in the late 1800s.

The Old Mill was the brainchild of real estate developer and businessman Justin Matthews, who was responsible for the development of the Park Hill and Lakewood subdivisions in North Little Rock, as well as the Sylvan Hills community in Sherwood. Matthews also served on the Arkansas State Highway Commission and helped build Highway 107, which runs through North Little Rock and Sherwood, and the old Broadway Bridge.

Matthews' company built two other historic structures in central Arkansas: the Roundtop Filling



Station and the Sylvan Hills Golf Course, now known as The Greens at North Hills, both in Sherwood.

Around 1930, Matthews envisioned a working replica of a vintage grist mill and surrounding park as the centerpiece of his Lakewood subdivision in North Little Rock and a tribute to his friend and business partner, Thomas R. Pugh. In fact, the mill's real name is Pugh's Mill and the surrounding park is the T.R. Pugh Memorial Park.

Matthews asked his company architect, Frank Carmean, to design the mill and park. In 1932, he hired artist Dionico Rodriguez of Mexico City to sculpt the concrete work that was made to represent wood, iron or stone, and to design the parks' foot bridges, seats and benches.

Rodriguez was so secretive about the process by which he produced his work that he would mix the products in the trunk of his car and slam it shut if anyone approached him. He was also known to break the jars of his ingredients and remove the labels so no one could copy him. Not even the family members who worked for him knew all his secrets.

When the Old Mill was completed and officially dedicated by Matthews and Arkansas Gov. Charles Brough in August 1933, Rodriguez briefly spoke with the help of an interpreter. According to a report in the Arkansas Gazette, he told the crowd that the Old Mill and park was "his greatest commission ever in the United States" and that he "used only the finest

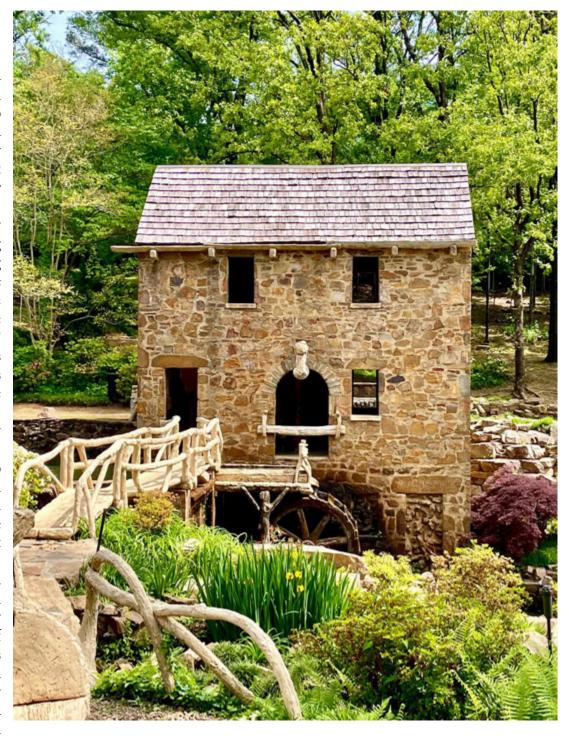




grade of cement and the best structural steel and copper so the creations would live in the sight of any who may live or visit in this community for centuries."

The mill is arguably most famous for being the last remaining structure to be featured in the classic 1939 movie "Gone With the Wind." The mill appears for about 6 seconds toward the end of the film's opening credits. No one knows why producer David O. Selznick chose to place the Old Mill in the movie or even how he knew of the structure, but trust me — it's in there.

The Old Mill and T.R. Pugh Memorial Park was officially given to the city of North Little Rock as a gift by the Justin Matthews Co. in May 1976 and was placed on the National



Register of Historic Places in October 1986. The mill and park are located on Lakeshore Drive in North Little Rock, open to the public free of charge from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. Weddings can be held there, but one needs to contact the city's Parks and Recreation Department for permission.

Speaking of Old Mill weddings, as an ordained minister, I've performed a few, including for one of my cousins. The ceremony was going smoothly until both rings fell out of my open Bible into the thick grass.

We had to search for a moment to locate the lost symbols of love. Now the only hidden treasure at the Old Mill is the beauty and wonder that reminds us of Arkansas' past.

A proud sixth-generation Arkansan, Darrell W. Brown is a lover of all things Arkansas. He served several years with the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, and worked in all three divisions. He lives on Lake Norrell in Saline County with his wife, Amy, and two beloved Boston Terriers. Find him on Facebook and Instagram at AllAroundArkansas.

Readers' Voice

Lewis Delavan STAFF WRITER

Local businesses to be honored at Arlington

Chosen by our readers, businesses in more than 100 categories will be honored at a Hot Springs Village Voice Readers' Choice banquet at the Arlington Hotel's Crystal Ballroom on Saturday, Aug. 27.

Also to be recognized will be the Man of the Year and Woman of the Year, as well as the Citizen of the Year.

Finalists for Citizen of the year are Sheila Beatty-Krout and Debra Fuller.

All winners will be announced in the paper on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Readers nominated businesses from May 10-24.



Top-three nominees moved on to the voting round. New this year is a Winners' Expo for the top three nominees' participation. It will be 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9 at Coronado Center, and will be free and open to the public.



COVER STORY

Villager Pam Spikes to be inducted into the Arkansas Golf Hall of Fame this September

Donna Lampkin Stevens ARKANSAS GOLFER MAGAZINE

Looking back over a very good life, Pam Spikes wouldn't change a thing.

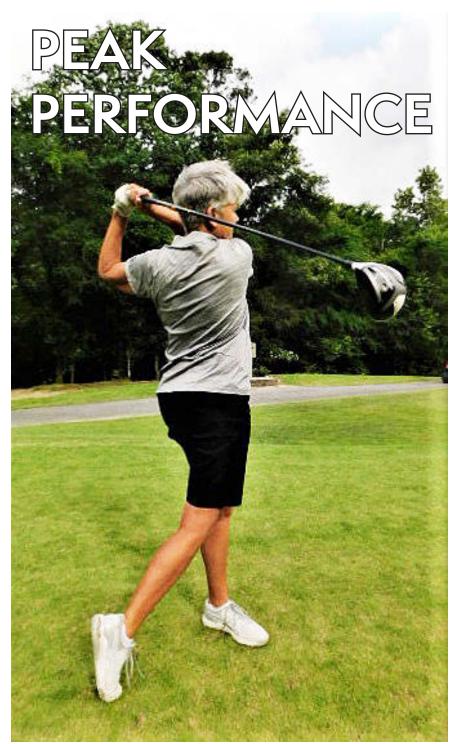
Spikes, who turned 70 in May, is an eight-time Arkansas Women's Golf Association state champion and four-time runner-up. She worked as a CPA before going to the University of Central Arkansas to teach accounting in 1980, taking leave to earn her PhD from Ole Miss before returning to UCA as Dr. Spikes. She retired in 2018.

"People say they wish they'd done this or that, and I've done what I've wanted to do," Spikes said.

Her induction into the Arkansas Golf Hall of Fame this fall will be the cherry on top of a fabulous career.

"You don't ever think about that; you just go along, and then when something like this happens, it's just nice for somebody to recognize it," Spikes said. "There's a lot of people out there that have been a big part of my golfing life. I have been on a lot of boards; I want to give back. It's a lot easier to play golf, but you need to make sure you do both. I hope I have been able to do both."

Spikes grew up in Crossett, where her pharmacist father introduced her



Pam Spikes teeing off at Ponce. (Sandy Johansen photo)

to the game. "He realized if I couldn't do something competitive, I'd probably jump out of my skin," she remembered. "He got golf clubs for me and got me started when I was probably 8 or 9."

In the early 1960s, there were a few junior tournaments around, and she met people who would become life-long friends. But with no girls golf team, she had no real chance to play golf for Crossett High School.

She was a couple of years younger than Brenda Scisson, a talented tennis player who hadn't been allowed to play on the boys tennis team. "So I didn't even try (to play on the boys golf team) when they wouldn't let Brenda play on the tennis team," Spikes said. (Scisson went on to become the first female sportswriter at the Arkansas Gazette before building a career as one of the state's top public relations professionals.)

In 1969, Spikes finished runner-up in the AWGA Junior State Championship and reached the round of 32

at the U.S. Junior Girls Amateur. After high school, she headed to the University of Arkansas to study accounting. Several of her golf buddies ended up there as well. In 1972, she finished runner-up in the AWGA Match Play Championship, and during her junior year, the university started a women's golf team. "Title IX had gone through, but there was just a little bit of money for (women's) golf, swimming and tennis," she remembered. "We had the makings of the (golf) team within the state of Arkansas."

One of the new team's claims to fame was that it didn't lose a match that first year. The punch line?

"We didn't play many," Spikes said, chuckling. She remembers the Arkansas team's first match at Springfield, Mo., against what was then Southwest Missouri State and Stephens College.

"We didn't have matching anything," she said. "I guess they gave us golf balls. Our coach, who was a PE teacher, drove us up there in a station wagon. We were sitting in the car and here came Stephens College with their matching bags and clothes, and we just sat there and said, 'We're not getting out.' Our coach said,



Pam Spikes (center third from left) is surrounded by her golfing buddies celebrating her induction in the Arkansas Golf Hall of Fame. Cheering and hands up in the air, Cherry Somers, Catherine Alacsot, Martha McAlister, Marge Harvey, Nancy Pfeiffer, Joan Archer, Tammy Hutchins-Frye, Sammie Root, Ann Alfson, Kay Gardenhire. (Sandy Johansen photo)



'Yes, you are; it's fine." And sure enough, Spikes said, "they were terrible." "They looked really good, but they could not play golf worth a flip."

That year Arkansas also won matches at Fayetteville and Oklahoma State. "What a wonderful thing to be a part of," Spikes said of the inaugural UA squad. "But it didn't last. I think after I left it was only there another two, three, four years, and that was the end of it until Lisa Cornwell's days (in the 1990s). "It was a great experience and a fun time."

After earning her degree, she moved to Tulsa where she worked in accounting for a year. She added a master's in accountancy at UA and then relocated to Little Rock to work in public accounting. She won her first AWGA Match Play Championship in 1979, but the accounting career didn't allow for a lot of time to play golf. That was about the time UCA was looking for a faculty member in accounting. "That worked out perfect for me," Spikes said. "I lucked into something that was probably the best thing that ever happened to me." She started teaching in 1980, knowing if it worked out on both sides, she would eventually need to go away to get her Ph.D. to add to her CPA license. She spent four years at Oxford, Miss., for her doctoral coursework and returned to UCA to work on her comprehensive exams and dissertation.

"I was back home," she said. "And when you teach, it sure made it easier to play golf when you have that kind of freedom. I loved teaching. I don't know many people in the world who could get up and be happy going to work. I enjoyed it, and I'm thankful I got down that path." Her stint as a doctoral student marked about the only time over the last 60+ years that golf hasn't been almost a daily activity. But once she finished the Ph.D., she made up for lost time on the course.

Spikes finished runner-up in the AWGA Stroke Play Championship in 1988 and won the Match and Stroke in '90, the Stroke in '92, '95 and '99. She earned medalist honors in the '99 USGA Women's Mid-Amateur qualifier and played in the Mid-Am; reached the round of 32 in the US Senior Women's Amateur in 2002 and '03; qualified again for the US Senior Women's Am in '11, won the AWGA Match Play in



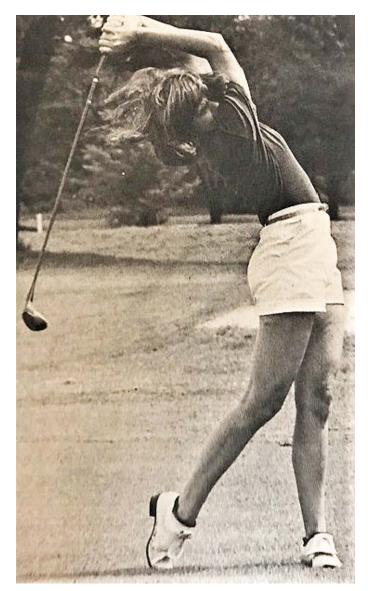
Always a regular at the HSV Razorback Tournament, Spikes chats with Jesse Branch, club president, before play begins. (Submitted photo)



2012 and '13 and finished runner-up in '14.

She also represented Arkansas at the USGA State Team Championships in 1997 and 2007 and was a member of the Fore States team from 1995-2008 and '11-17. Spikes was the AWGA Player of the Year in 2012, Senior Player of the Year in '02 and '06 and Super Senior Player of the Year in '12, '13, '15 and '17. She was inducted into the Ashley County Sports Hall of Fame in 1991 and the AWGA Hall of Distinction in 2005.

Along the way, she made seven holes in one. Off



Pam Spikes - THEN - collegiate play. (Submitted photo)

the course, she has continued to take seriously that obligation to give back, serving on the board of the AWGA in various roles, including treasurer, vicepresident, tournament chair, scholarship chair and course rating team member, from 1986-90 and 1996-2018; as board member, financial adviser and officer for the Arkansas Girls Golf Council; and as board member in a variety of positions of the Women's Southern Golf Association. She also served as volunteer golf coach at Mount St. Mary Academy from 2000-06.

But she said she never seriously considered pursuing golf professionally. "I never had that kind of golf game," she said. "It was fun for me. I think I've got the best

of both worlds. I used to tell my mother, 'You don't meet any bad people in golf. They're all nice people.' And that's the truth."

Spikes now splits her time between Hot Springs Village and Surprise, Ariz., a suburb of Phoenix.

"I come out here in the winter when it's cold in Arkansas," she said. "I hate cold weather, and I love not having to deal with it. My goal is for 365 days a year, I'm going to have shorts on." She plays golf four or five days a week and plans to play competitively again in Arkansas this summer.

What would her life have been like if not for golf? "I have no idea," she said. "Everybody finds their niche, and thank gosh I was able to do that."



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

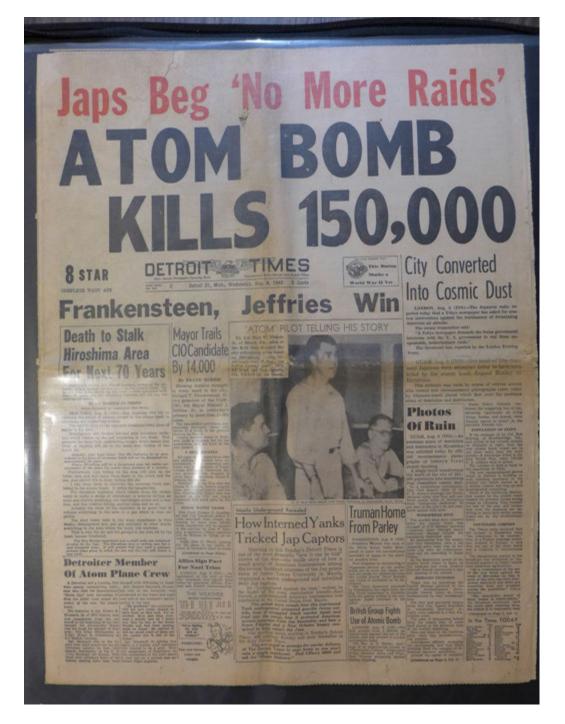
Front page of the Detroit Times, Aug. 6, 1945. (Jeff Meek photo)

Jeff Meek
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History is full of many significant events that impacted the world. Even only a month of history contains a large number of important events. Here are just a few that took place in August:

August 1, 1944: Anne Frank penned her last entry in her diary. Three days later she and her family were arrested. Anne died on March 15, 1945, at Bergen – Belsen concentration camp.

August 2, 1939: Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Franklin Roosevelt concerning



August Impacts

the possible use of an atomic weapon.

August 2, 1990: The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait, resulting in U.S. involvement, Desert Shield; then later the four day war against Iraq, Desert Storm.

August 5, 1861: President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax, a 3 percent tax on incomes over \$800 as an emergency wartime measure. The tax was never put into effect.

August 6, 1945: The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Three days

later another was dropped on Nagasaki, japan.

August 9, 1974: President Richard Nixon resigned from office as a result of the June 1972 Watergate break-in and resulting scandal.

August 14, 1945: V-J Day – the Japanese nation says it will surrender, which they formally did on Sept. 2, 1945 in Tokyo Harbor.

August 16, 1977: Elvis Presley died.

August 17, 1786: Davy Crockett was born in Hawkins City, Tenn. He later died at the Alamo in 1836.

August 18, 1920: The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is passed, granting women the right to vote.

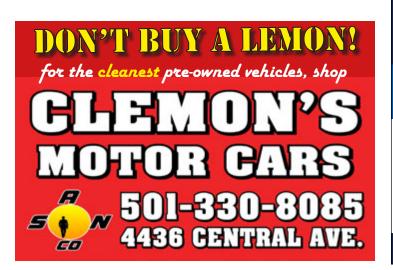
August 21, 1959: Hawaii becomes our nation's 50th state.

August 24, A.D. 79 – Vesuvius, an active volcano in Italy explodes and destroys several cities including Pompeii.

August 28, 1963: The March on Washington occurred as more than 250,000 people descended on Washington, D.C. for a Civil Rights rally. This is the event that spawned Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

August 31, 1786: Shay's Rebellion takes place. It started in Massachusetts. The rebellion prevented a court from holding a session in which debtors were going to be tried and maybe put in jail. Shay's troops also later stopped a Supreme Court session in Springfield, Mass. and they attacked a Federal arsenal in Springfield. Shay was later sentenced to death, but pardoned in 1788.

August 31, 1997: Britain's Princess Diana died in a high speed violent car crash, only 36 years old.





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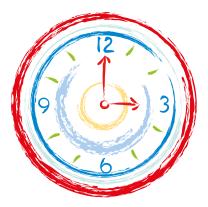


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One of the most requested services offered at Village Home Care is Respite Care. Respite Care is short-term care that provides temporary relief for primary caregivers of those who need assistance due to aging, illness, recovery, or rehabilitation. Caregivers seek respite so they can work outside of the home, complete personal tasks, or simply take a break. Respite Care can be especially useful in an emergency situation, such as if a caregiver becomes ill and cannot tend to their loved one's needs.

Village Home Care's aides provide supervision and companionship. They complete basic household tasks like laundry, grocery shopping, and light housekeeping. They assist with Activities of Daily Living (ADL's) which include dressing, bathing, oral hygiene, and eating. Aides stay at the



Cindy Lawrence-Price and Joe Price

client's home 24 hours a day, providing family members with the peace of mind of knowing their loved one is never alone.

Village Home Care aides are thoroughly screened, receive initial training, and complete continuing education throughout their tenure.

Lawrence-Price says she "cares deeply about the clients she serves. If I don't have the staff to immediately provide needed care, I will refer a client to another agency. My priority is ensuring that people receive the care they need."

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Cool Avocado Egg Salad saves supper

Suzanne Sweeten **VOICE CONTRIBUTOR**

Cooking a hot meal as summer descends upon Hot Springs Village doesn't necessarily create a pleasurable experience. Each year, the heat and humidity can transform one's kitchen into a sauna. I rather spend my time listening to the creek while lounging on my deck.

The husband and I prefer light meals on a day when a cool breeze is scarce. Out from my files comes my trusted Avocado Egg Salad recipe and within 15 minutes we're dining al fresco.

I use the KISS (keep it simple, stupid) method for making this dish. I start preparations in the early morning by boiling and peeling the eggs and maintaining them in the fridge inside a Zip-Lock bag.

I've purchased ripe avocadoes, scallions, fresh cilantro combining the ingredients with lime juice, and green chili salsa. Coarsely chop the eggs and fold the eggs into the avocado mixture. Stir in the salt, pepper, cilantro, and mustard and place all of it into a plastic container, stretch plastic wrap across the top, and replace the lid for storage inside the fridge.

When suppertime rolls around, I place the avocado egg concoction on a bed of sliced tomato and salad leaves, accompanied by crackers. We've tried Avocado Egg Salad with whole wheat toast for sandwiches or as a dip for fresh vegetables.

Avocado Egg Salad is a quick and easy way to avoid a hot kitchen during the sweltering heat of summer. (submitted photo)



Avocado Egg Salad serves four people and if stored properly, lasts about two days.

Avocado Egg Salad

Ingredients:

2 hard-boiled eggs, chopped

2 hard-boiled egg whites, chopped

2 small avocados, pitted and peeled

2 tablespoons green chili salsa

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

2 tablespoons chopped green onion

1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Cilantro to taste

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste



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Gangster Life

John Rizzuti presents Hot Springs' history of being a refuge for organized crime

Sandy Johansen STAFF WRITER

 ${\operatorname{F}}$ ormer Hot Springs Village resident, now living in Hot Springs to be closer to the American Gangster Museum, John Rizzuti, encourages residents, family members and their guests to visit the museum where he actively guides tours while presenting fascinating stories regarding Hot Springs being a gangster refuge.

The historic Arkansas Bank and Trust safe door opens the museum's galleries. "This is unlike any other museum or historical attraction," said Rizzuti. He said at that time, the city was wide open for gambling, bars, prostitution, and criminals were welcome as long as they didn't carry guns. "All the Garland County Sheriffs, Hot Springs Police, and even churches were being paid off."

The Owen Madden is one gallery about Ownie, the gangster who was exiled from New York. The mayor of NYC said Madden had two choices, remain in jail for the rest of his life, or move to Hot Springs. "He changed his life and became one of most giving people in the city, starting boys clubs, helping churches and many other charitable donations," said Rizzuti.

The Al Capone room is probably one of the most popular galleries, he said. Capone came to Hot Springs



John Rizzuti ready to open the door to rooms dedicated to American gangsters and their stories. (Sandy Johansen photos)

in the early 20's and after staying at the Majestic Hotel, he owned a suite in the Arlington Hotel. He is the most talked about resident of Hot Springs.

Gamblers loved baseball. Rizzuti said not only was there horse racing and gambling but plenty of girls. The Baseball Gallery reflects back to 1880 when the first team to start conditioning for the season was the Chicago White Stockings (Now the Cubs). The town was a mecca for hundreds of players each spring. Photos of legendary players grace the wall of the gallery.

"Moving from one gallery to another I always ask before I go into a particular room, does anyone here want

to rob a bank?" he said. Here I can introduce them to the most notorious bank robbers of all time including John Dillinger, the Barker Gang, Harvey Bailey, Freddy Hunter and numerous other bad boys, he said. There's a Dallas Morning News spotlighting Bonnie and Clyde the morning after they were shot and killed. "There were 35,000 people at Clyde Barrows funeral in Dallas. Isn't that amazing?" said Rizzuti.

Groups came to Hot Springs mainly from New York City and Chicago, include the infamous Genovese family.

The Casino room is a big hit with original Craps Tables and Slot Machines. The historic Thompson submachine gun is brought in. Yes, a "Tommy Gun." Capone's favorite. Capone's Kindle piano is on display.

"The gangsters were celebrities here and they didn't want to walk down Central Avenue, so an underground passage was created just for them from the Majestic and the Arlington," said Rizzuti. "My father was rather involved with underground activities in Chicago, so I grew up around gangsters, but I decided to take a different route. I've written a script



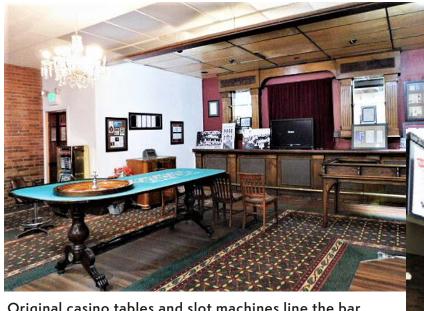
This piano luckily was delivered after his hotel room was on fire. Who? Al Capone, of course.





CENTURY 21

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Original casino tables and slot machines line the bar, above.

> The Gangster Museum of America at 510 Central Avenue. Hot Springs, right.



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called The Waning Moon, a story about 4 college freshmen at the University of Iowa in 1980 as they encounter many problems. Everything in their lives goes wrong, they ban together involving racial issues, drugs and the problems keep coming back. The Hot Springs Writer's Workshop really interested Rizzuti. He's worked in advertising in Dallas but loves this part of the country where it is relaxing, he can write his screenplays and enjoy passing on crime stories at the Gangster Museum. For more information on tours go to: https://thegangstermuseum.com/

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Fountain Lake gears up for 2022-23 school year

As the final bell rang and the last school bus left the parking lot in late May 2022, the Fountain Lake School District staff was preparing for a two-fold mission for the summer: Summer School and Back to School.

Only ten days after the school year ended, many teachers and staff members returned for an intensive four-week session of summer school, designed to continue to address learning loss incurred during the pandemic. Students and staff worked in small groups to deeply focus on individual needs during the summer sessions. Each week included a fun day activity to encourage attendance and participation.

At the same time, district maintenance and custodial staff worked diligently to prepare for the new year. Student athletes and band members were engaged in summer practice. The teaching staff was taking on additional professional development to improve student learning and to address the social and emotional needs of the students. Most days, the parking lots and buildings looked as if school were still in session.

With summer drawing to a close, an air of excitement is building as students and staff prepare to return for the 2022-2023 school year. While most of the staff members are returning, there will be some new faces and some familiar faces in new roles. Most of the Fountain Lake School District operations are returning to a pre-COVID "normal". A notable exception is the installation of water bottle filling stations throughout

the campus. Also new for 2022-2023 is a revised schedule at the middle and high school. Converting from a nine period day to an eight period day, middle and high school students will have fewer class changes and increased instructional time in each class period.

"We look forward to students and staff returning to campus in August," said Dr. Michael Murphy, "It is always enjoyable to see seniors begin their final year on campus and, at the same time, welcome the incoming kindergarten students. Our kindergarten enrollment is up significantly over last year-a fact that we attribute to the decline in the effects of the pandemic. That increased enrollment has led to the addition of another class section at the kindergarten level. It is a hopeful sign that we are now moving beyond COVID."

In reflecting on the past two years, Dr. Murphy added, "We have learned many things about teaching and learning during the pandemic. We can use that new knowledge going forward to improve what we do in our classrooms and throughout our campus."



AUGUST EVENTS

Green Market

Grove Park August 4, 11, 18, 25

Clint Black in concert

Oaklawn Racing Casino August 6 - 8 p.m.

Full Moon Walk

Balboa Spillway Trail August 11

Drink and Think - I Spy the Night Sky

Mid-America Science Museum August 11

Moonshine and Cheese Paddle

Waypoint at DeSoto Marina August 13

Private Eyes - Hall & Oates Tribute

Woodlands Auditorium August 18 - 7 p.m.

Newcomers Meeting

Woodlands Auditorium August 24 - 10 a.m.

Evening of Classical Piano with Thomas Sinclair

Woodlands Auditorium August 25 - 7 p.m.

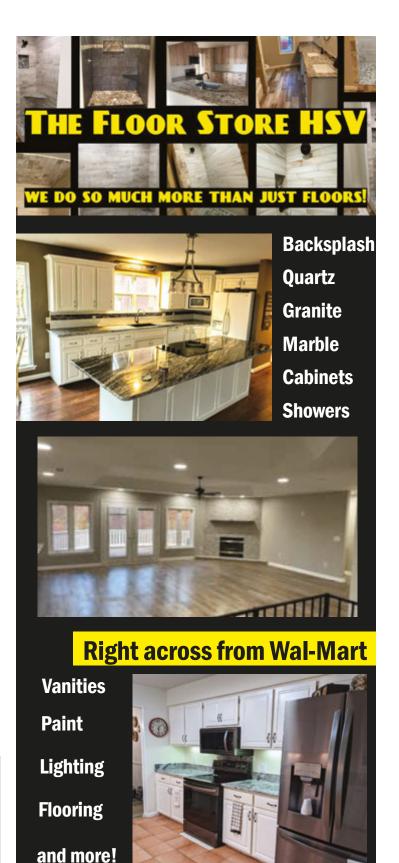
5th Annual Hot Springs Baseball Weekend

Hot Springs Convention Center - Horner Hall August 26-27

Trace Adkins in concert

Magic Springs August 27 - 7 p.m.





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We also love being at the Conqueror Gymnasium to support our teams in athletics. Aside from learning the value of team and developing a close bond with other students, our coaches teach character, integrity, and good sportsmanship while working through times of winning and losing. We currently offer Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Baseball, along with PeeWee Cheerleading for younger students. Being a Conqueror is so much fun and our students are like family. If you would like more information regarding Christian Ministries Academy, please visit our website. CMAHotSprings.com



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