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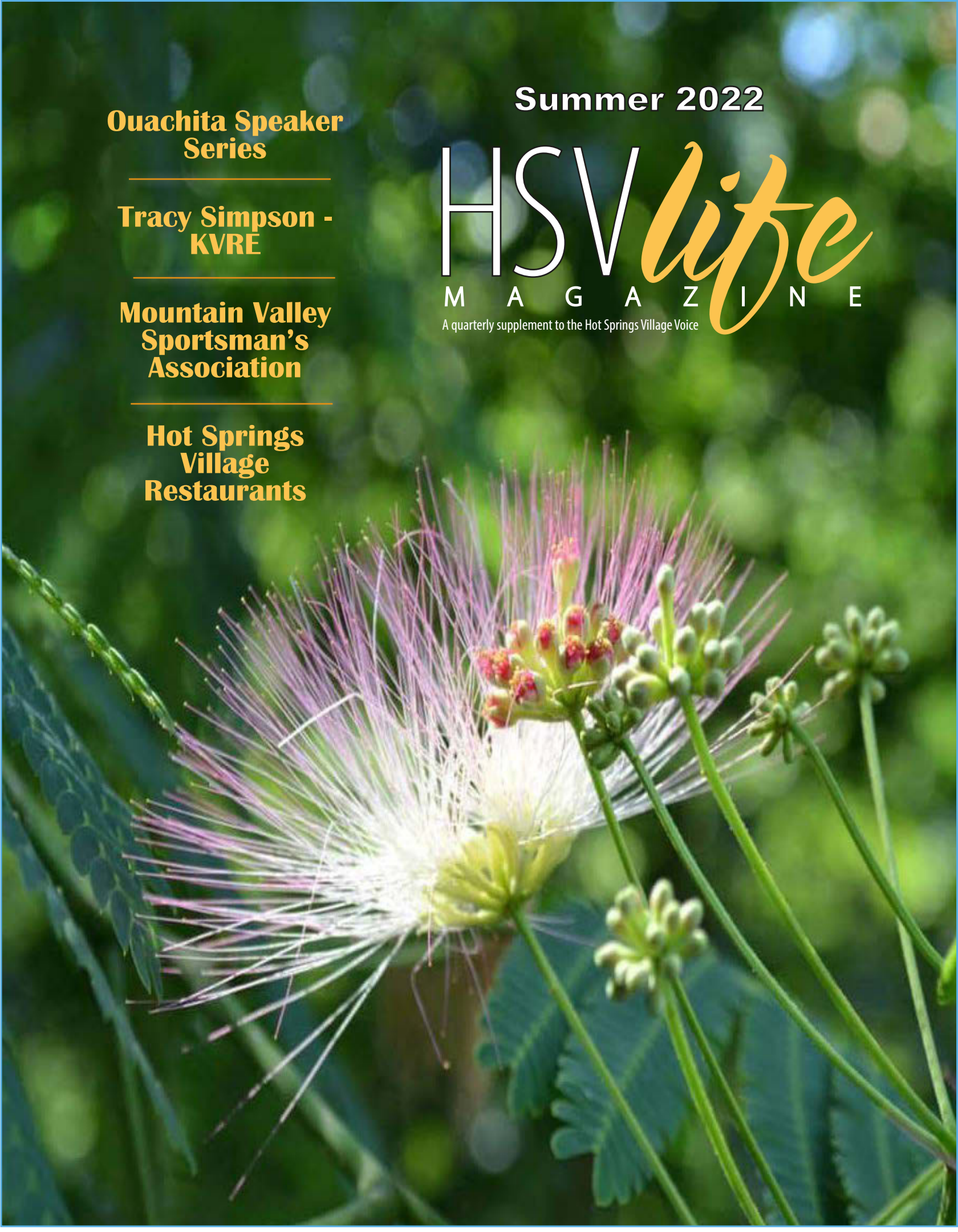
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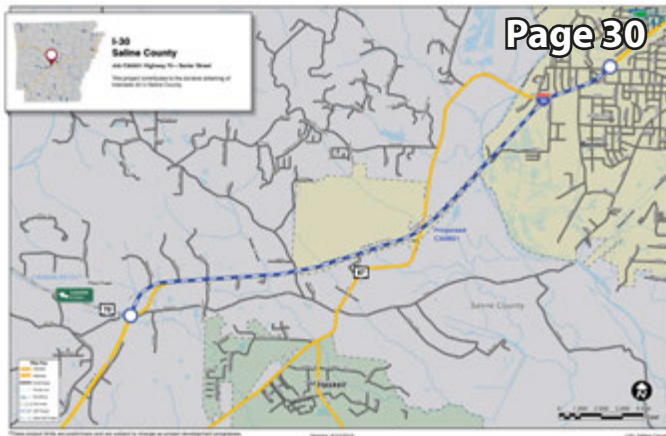
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ON THE COVER: A Mimosa in bloom on the DeSoto Spillway Trail. (Photo by Joesph Stansel)

With **spring** comes many thoughts, activities

Introduction

By **JEFF MEEK**
Voice
correspondent

As you receive this latest edition of HSV Life my guess is you're already getting outside more often. When I think of spring I think of the outdoors and all that is coming in terms of the many Village activities available to residents and guests. Planting flowers, fishing, tennis, pickleball, long walks on trails and much more picks up steam about now.

A quote by Susan J. Bissonette comes to mind, "An optimist is the human personification of spring." I think that's true. An optimist sees hope, has expectations and change. That's also true of spring as the days get longer, colorful flowers bloom, birds seem to be everywhere and oh yes, there's that thick layer of pollen that blankets everything. Oh well, nothings perfect, not even spring.

Spring also brings big weather changes, some of it dangerous like the April 25, 2011, EF-1 tornado that came through the Village. But even that was followed by brilliant sunshine two days later and a gratefulness that no one in the Village was seriously injured.

And there is evidence that love is in the air as more weddings take place and nature's creatures reproduce. Tom Bodett has said, "They say a person needs just three things to be happy in this world – someone to love, something to do and something to hope for.

May hope and newness fill your spring this year. We at the Hot Springs Village Voice wish for you a spring full of happiness, expectation and adventure.



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Interview with the Board Chair

A look back at 2021 in the Village

By JEFF MEEK
Voice correspondent

Hot Springs Village saw many changes in 2021 - a red hot real estate market and an assessment increase to name a few. Wanting to understand a HSV Board of Director's perspective, the Voice reached out to Board Chairperson Joanie Corry for her thoughts.

"Over the past several years it seems as though there have been three recurring topics on the minds of Village property owners' minds - financial stability, much better communication and qualified management," said Corry.

"When the board was seated last April, the Future Revenue Analysis Task Force (FRATF) had begun their work reviewing and analyzing data to get a better picture of our current and future financial needs with the end goal of making a recommendation to the Board on ways to improve our financial situation. Our property owners wanted to understand how their money was being spent. Where was it going? They wanted communication from the Board on this and other Village issues. And while we had been fortunate to have a great interim GM (John Paul), we needed to identify a permanent effective GM. The board was hit with all three major issues in one year and during most of the time the staff was battling Covid."

Further explaining financial stability Corry continued by saying, "While FRATF was completing their analysis of the financial data and the deferred maintenance, they held four forums and monthly public meetings that were also live streamed so owners could learn the facts and ask questions. When they made their presentation to the board and offered recommendations for improving and sustaining financial strength, the Board determined that an assessment increase



Joanie Corry

was needed along with other financial actions. This would require a property owners' vote, which was set for November (2021). A volunteer marketing committee went to work to inform property owners on why the vote was so important and the ramifications of voting yes or no. They had the facts."

An issue that has been many times discussed over the years is a lack of board-to-resident communication and Corry addressed this in our interview as well. "Communication with property owners has always been a challenge, but this year the Board made strong communication a priority. Board meetings and discussion sessions could be attended in person, viewed by live stream or viewed at any time on the HSV You Tube channel. A "Village Digest" is sent out electronically every Friday afternoon to property owners who have signed up for it. The Digest includes information on projects currently underway, current and future events - from shows and concerts to recreational activities - and tournaments. The Digest is the work of the POA Marketing Department."

"The communication efforts were still not getting to property owners so the "Board Brief" came about so



A recent POA Board meeting.

that property owners would have the facts concerning projects and issues and understand the why's for actions taken by the Board. So far 13 "Board Briefs" have gone out to property owners to keep them updated on things like the GM hiring process, the Board, the GM and staff."

Asked to talk more about what Corry calls qualified management, Corry said, "The relationship between the Board and the interim GM (John Paul) was always good. He kept the Board updated on a weekly basis and sometimes more often if circumstances warranted it. This represented an important new step in the relationship between the Board and future GMs."

"Over this past year the Board began requiring more detailed information from POA managers before an expense would be approved. This as a part of the effort by the Board to better understand how finances are managed and approved. More of a business-like approach was established."

"In June, the Board began working on a job description for a new GM. This took a while because the requirements were different from past GM job descriptions. A search firm started researching qualified candidates in September and October, with interviews held in October and November. The GM selected had all the qualifications we were looking for. Mr. (Kelly) Hale has hit the ground running in the last several months, from implementing a new inclement weather procedure after two-and-a-half days that benefitted all residents with twice daily updates, to the GM "Meet and Greet" to hours and days spent looking at details of our complex HSV infrastructure. Kelly Hale also continues to provide the Board with an update every Friday, just as the interim GM did."

Concluding Corry said this, "Looking back on this year the Board, the Administration and the Village residents are moving closer to being a well-functioning team and the expectation is that it will continue into the future."



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Ouachita Speaker Series

Series kicks off 10th year with wide variety of speakers

Inspired by the SMU Tate Lecture Series, Hot Springs Village resident, Wilbur Smither along with his wife, Martha, began an effort in 2012 to bring the same type of program to Hot Springs Village. Thus was born the Ouachita Speaker Series, which hosts, each season, six speakers who engage the audience on a wide variety of topics.

His vision was to bring stimulating, provocative and thought provoking speakers to the Village for people to enjoy, be inspired by and to create a time for lively interaction between speaker and Villagers. He considered the speaker series as different and complementary to the many other cultural and entertainment activities the Village has to offer.

MICHAEL PAKKO - MAY 10 - 7 p.m. Woodlands Auditorium

Arkansas Economic Conditions - Up? Down? Pakko can answer

For over fifteen years, Dr. Michael Pakko has made it his mission to monitor economic conditions in the state of Arkansas, analyzing how our state's economy interacts with the national and global economies.

From 1993 until 2009, Dr. Pakko was a research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, where he published research on a variety of topics, including international trade, economic growth, macroeconomics and public policy. During his last three years there, he also served as the 'Little Rock Zone



Wilbur Smither

Expert,' monitoring and reporting on economic conditions in Arkansas.

In 2009, Dr. Pakko joined the Arkansas Economic Development Institute (AEDI) whose mission is to provide research and strategies to state, community and industry leaders to promote economic growth and enhance the quality of life in Arkansas. They provide economic development information for communities and industry in Arkansas.

Dr. Pakko organizes the annual Arkansas Economic Forecast Conference at UALR and serves as the host and moderator for the Arkansas Economist website, a forum for information and analysis about the Arkansas economy that is sponsored by the AEDI.

DAN TURNEY - JUNE 14 - 7 p.m. Woodlands Auditorium

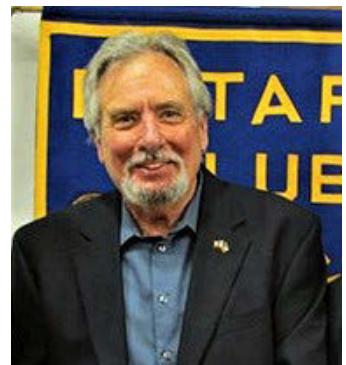
Naval photographic intelligence tech - up in the air and on the ground

Turney's service began in 1972 when he joined the Navy as an authorized Photographic Intelligence Technician. He was relieved of duty in 1976 and afterward enlisted into the United States Air Force in 1979, retiring in 2003. Turney subsequently spent another seven years on the AFSOC/A5R staff as a civil servant (GS-12), working in squadrons, wings, and commands.

Among his many achievements, he received the Air Force Distinguished Graduate Award in the Army's primary helicopter training school at Fort Rucker. His initial duty was to help the Department of Energy develop and test top-secret weapons at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site. He would later become known as a top pilot with the MH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter. He is credited with developing squadron tactics, techniques and the initial qualification course for the bird. He would also become the first special mission planner for the 1st Special Operations Wing, chief CSAR



Michael Pakko



Dan Turney

planner for Operations Just Cause and Desert Storm, and a Combat Aviation Advisor. Source: <https://hsvvoice.com/Content/Default/News/Article/Dan-Turney-enters-Air-Commando-Hall-of-Fame/-3/9/1070>

FRANCIS GARY POWERS JR. - JULY 12 - 7 p.m. Woodlands Auditorium

The 1960 U-2 Incident: A son looks back on his father's ill-fated flight over Russia

Gary is the author of Letters from a Soviet Prison (2017) and Spy Pilot (2019) which both helped dispel the misinformation surrounding the U-2 Incident. He founded The Cold War Museum to honor Cold War veterans, preserve Cold War history and educate future generations about this time period. As Chairman of the Presidential Advisory Committee for Cold War Study, he works with the National Park Service and leading Cold War experts to identify historic Cold War sites for Commemorating, interpreting and preservation. Recently, he consulted for a Stephen Spielberg Cold War thriller, Bridge of Spies, about James Donovan who brokered the 1962 spy exchange between KGB spy Rudolph Abel and CIA U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, Sr.



Francis Gary Powers, Jr.

REX NELSON - SEPTEMBER 13 - 7 P.M. Woodlands Auditorium (Pre-Show Dinner at 6 p.m. Ouachita Room)

Rex Nelson is a long time college sports broadcaster, columnist, reporter, author, political appointee, and chronicler of Arkansas history. He is a Senior Editor and columnist for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. He was policy and communications director for governor Mike Huckabee. In 2005 Nelson was appointed by U.S. president George W. Bush to the Delta Regional Authority. Nelson is a native of Arkadelphia. He graduated summa cum laude from Ouachita Baptist University in 1982 and he announces their college football games. He received a B.A. in Mass Communications from the school. Nelson was inducted into the Arkansas Sportscasters



Rex Nelson

and Sportswriters Hall of Fame and was named Rural Advocate of the Year for the state of Arkansas in 2016 by Governor Asa Hutchinson and the Arkansas Rural Development Commission.

LAIRD HAYES - NOVEMBER 1 - 7 P.M. Woodlands Auditorium

Are you inside or outside of the line? He can spot it and rule on it.

Dr. Laird Hayes (born in Newport Beach, California)[1] is an American football official in the National Football League (NFL) since the 1995 NFL season, who wears uniform number 125. He currently works as a side judge. For the 2017 NFL season, Hayes was the side judge on the officiating crew headed by referee Walt Anderson. Hayes retired following the 2017 season.

Hayes' officiating career started with basketball, baseball, and football games in high school and community colleges. In 1983, he was elevated to the Pac-10 as a football official. This was followed with a 1995 appointment to the National Football League roster of officials and his designation as a side judge. During his career in the NFL, he has officiated in three Super Bowls: XXXVI in 2002, XXXVIII in 2004, and XLVI in 2012 (where he made a call which might be considered one of the greatest calls in Super Bowl history).[4] He



Laird Hayes



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Lake Ouachita State Park is full of adventure



A picturesque view of Lake Ouachita (Photo courtesy of Emily Stubblefield)

By **JEFF MEEK**
Voice correspondent

Nearby Lake Ouachita State Park was established in 1956 by the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, with land leased from the U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers. Park interpreter Emily Stubblefield told the Voice the park's focus is to provide recreational opportunities while preserving natural, cultural and historical resources of the area for future generations. The lake was completed in the 1950s by the Corps and was built to control the Ouachita River, thus creating the lake and Blakely Mountain Dam. Stubblefield is a wealth of information and the Voice thanks her for sharing information on the many opportunities available to park visitors.

Those opportunities include camping. "The park offers a variety of camping options, with over 93 campsites. Fifty-eight are full service sites with 50 and 30 amp electric hookup, water and sewer. All sites provide campers picnic tables, a fire ring and a grill. For campers that don't need full service sites, we have 35 primitive tent sites," said Stubblefield.

"These sites have shared water, but no electric. The

walk-in sites give campers the opportunity to camp lakeside directly on the shores of Lake Ouachita. The benefit of these sites is that they offer campers spectacular views while camping and can provide an easy kayak and paddleboard launch at the sites."

The park also has eight fully furnished cabins available year-round. The options are two or three bedroom cabins that are set among the trees that overlook the lake. "Two of the eight cabins are also dog friendly. These fully equipped housekeeping cabins are very popular and often require advanced reservations," said Stubblefield. One room camp cabins, with a screened in porch, are also available and open year round.

And of course there is the lake's marina. It's full service with bait, tackle, fuel and a variety of boats for rental. Kayaks, canoes and pedal boats are also available as are occasional interpretive boat tours. Boat ramp usage is free.

Stubblefield said one of the most popular attractions is Three Sisters Springs, discovered by John McFadden in 1875 and named after his three daughters. The waters are said to have healing properties.

Day Trippin



Lake Ouachita State Park interpreter Emily Stubblefield shared many details with the Voice. (Submitted photo)

Three Sisters swim beach is also a popular location near the Springs Fishing is allowed there as well.


Hiking you say? The park has two trails. The Caddo Bend trail, located near the visitor center, is a four.5 mile loop that offers spectacular views of the lake. “There are different variations that you can hike if you don’t want to walk the whole trail. The highlight is the overlook located on the western end of the park. The overlook provides you with stunning views. We recommend visitors take water and allow a minimum of three hours to complete this hike,” Stubblefield explained.

And there is Dogwood trail for lighter pace. This is a half-mile loop which provides woodland views of foliage and wildlife. “This is a great trail for families or to get a quick walk with your dog. And it provides great views of the Ouachita National Forest. The trailhead is located across from camping area B.”

Interpretive programs are also available, offering hikes, boat tours and programs for visitors. Sunset and evening cruises are also available. Stubblefield noted that this is a great way to experience the park.

In the summer months, snorkeling and swimming tours take place as well as a tour to Bird Island where up to 50,000 Purple Martins gather in late July through mid-August. Bald eagles and other migratory birds also frequent the lake.

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By **SANDY JOHANSEN**
Staff writer

Tracy Simpson's teen years started with performing and taking care of horses. What he loves still goes on for him today along with sharing his excitement with wife, Wendy and their sons.

Simpson is proud of his Irish and Indian background and growing up in Hot Springs, Arkansas. "I have a long history of family in Oklahoma and how they all moved to Arkansas for more work," he said. "My grandfather started shoveling coal for a railroad company and moved himself up to an engineer and six generations later, we're all still in Hot Springs."

Simpson attended several schools as his family's construction business was based in Hot Springs, but sometimes they had to take a temporary home at a site. "Junior and Senior High in Hot Springs was my home school system."

Simpson said he worked with his family in the business while in school. He spent many hours at the Boys and Girls Club in Hot Springs. "I learned so much about sports at the club. There was always a coach around me because I was big. The club helped raise me. It was so instrumental in my life and a lot of good things came out of it."

He took his boys regularly to the Boys and Girls Club. He said there's no book on how to raise kids, but the Boys and Girls Club is the best teacher.

His communications skills began as a youngster participating in school plays. "I was always getting

the leads and then I started doing the school's radio programs." He was happy to be the president of his class through junior high and high school.

"I'll never forget Mrs. Childs in 8th grade. I helped write a play, 'The Bicentennial Extravaganza,' we all performed. It was an election year and the bicentennial, so we all celebrated it on stage at school and were asked to present it at the Convention Center." Simpson said at this age he was so proud of his roots and history and he wanted to pass it on to others as he wanted everyone to feel blessed to be an American. "Veterans Day should be 365 days a year. Somewhere there is someone putting their life on the line to give us our freedom." Simpson said he tried to enlist during the Gulf War, but his age was above the cutoff line.

Tracy received his degree in communications from the University of Texas. In the late 80's early 90's, attending college in Dallas, he would audition for commercials. His contacts would send him to California for shootings. "I did a Sonic Commercial with Frankie Avalon, which started it all and the next thing you knew, I was 'the Sonic guy'." He did many with Avalon asking him "Hey Frankie, how about the steak special?" he joked. His agent, Mary Collins, kept him busy, he said. He's done bit parts in movies and TV, including many in Walker Texas Ranger, filmed in Allen, Texas. "I was making a good living, but I missed my mother and my family and Arkansas."

I was in Texas and I wanted to get back to my roots, he said. I'd done so many interesting things across

the country, but it wasn't home, it wasn't Garland County. Simpson said they moved back and his children were at Fountain Lake School District (FLSD) and they didn't have a radio program for their football show, so he created one asking for the 6:10 spot on KVRE. There's great loyalty in his family as he also acknowledged his wife, Wendy, who has been at FLSD for 33 years serving as a special education instructor.

After several years covering FLSD football, he was approached to do a morning show on KVRE. "I was always up early on my farm with the horses, so the morning spot would be just perfect. That was nine years ago."

With his background in construction it was an easy move for him. He worked on homes, sold them and continued with this boys at his side. "In high school, I would work part time at Oaklawn because my friend's father was a trainer. I'd be scooping up horse droppings in the barns early in the morning, go home, clean up, go to school and then go back to the track for more shoveling." His construction company grew in Arkansas for years until the radio communications grew for him. He continues to do training videos for large companies including Exxon Mobile and Dillard's.

He always wanted a farm, so he purchased some land in Mountain Pine and built their first family compound where everyone lived together. Later, he found a 26 acre track in Fountain Lake, "that I just fell in love with."

The farm has grown to 100 acres now where he's watched his children grow and started bringing in horses. Simpson reminisced about how he and his friend spent a great deal of time at Oaklawn. He helped break two-year-olds at a nearby farm as a student and he knew he had to get back to horses. Starting small, he grew his stable. Along with brother, Bruce, they started Midsouth Racing and have approximately 30 well trained racing horses. "The racing would not survive if everyone had a Secretariat, so there's a niche for us and we always keep hoping for the big horse winner. We're happy we've already had several winners this season at Oaklawn. Our goal is to continue with Arkansas bred horses."

Simpson said working with all his brothers and family members and loving all the beautiful horses, is very, very special. "It's humbling to know we set out a goal and it's coming together." Tommy Vance and Paul Holthus are trainers for Midsouth and have known each other for many years.

As far as favorites jockeys, Simpson said, "They're all athletes too and have their ups and downs. Consistency is vital and John Court, even though he is a personal friend of mine, seems to have it on nearly every ride. He's our go-to guy." Simpson said own-



Dr. Forman. Winner of two races at Oaklawn. Paul Holthus trainer and Kylee Jordan riding. Tracy Simpson hugs wife, Wendy.

ers, trainers, jockeys, and stable assistants are all like a big family. "Thoroughbreds are just like other athletes. It's one thing to be training and in the locker room, but once on the court, football/baseball field or on the track, it's time to go, go, go."

Simpson is still active with the Cedar Mountain Boys and Girls Club and area youth at Fountain Lake. He enjoys sharing his love for Arkansas every weekday morning on KVRE and treasures walking through the barns at Oaklawn petting his favorite athletes who are anxious to get out of the barn and on the track.



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Located on nearly 130 acres of scenic mountainous terrain, it is approximately halfway between Hot Springs National Park and Hot Springs Village.

At this time membership is approximately 800 with 48% from HSV and 32% from Hot Springs. There are 13 persons on the board of directors. There are no employees at MVSA. All events, competitions, services and maintenance is performed by volunteers and members. MVSA Action Shoot Ranges has 10 bays. There is also an air conditioned building, pavilion and restrooms. Each bay has a covered staging area with target stands. At the far side, the Action Range has developed with wooded shooting areas in small valleys and rifle range with targets from 100 to 400 yards from a single position.

The Action Range is also used for training courses for local law enforcement agencies. Concealed Handgun Cary License (CHCL) courses, by state-authorized instructors who are MVSA member, are also conducted.

Founded in 1996, International Defensive Pistol, IDPA, is a handgun-centric shooting sport based on simulated self-defense scenarios. The format is



Cowboy shooting area at MVSA. Each bay is part of a cowboy theme including saloons and stables. (Sandy Johansen photos)

Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association - A skeet shooter's delight

designed to be enjoyable for shooters of all skill levels, with a premium on the social interaction and camaraderie of the participants.

Multi-Gun is a fast-moving, action-oriented shooting sport that typically requires the use of semi-automatic pistols, modern sporting rifles, and auto-loading shotguns on stages with multiple types of steel, clay, and paper targets set up over 3 to 4 courses of fire. Rules and equipment are designed to ensure the safe enjoyment of multiple weapons on each stage, at distances from 10 to 400 yards, and set up at MVSA's various Action Shooting ranges.

The MVSA Cowboy Action shooting is a multi-faceted shooting sport in which contestants compete with firearms typical of those used in the taming of the Old West: Single-action revolvers, pistol caliber lever-action rifles and old-time shotguns. MVSA has 12 frontier-town shooting platforms on which the match

is held. The shooting competition takes place in unique, Old West-style shooting stages, and requires each participant to adopt a shooting alias and wear clothing typical of the late 19th Century. Matches consist of shooting four to six "stages" using two single-action pistols, a lever-action rifle, and a shotgun on each stage. Contestants shoot lead bullets at steel reactive targets with scoring based on accuracy and speed.

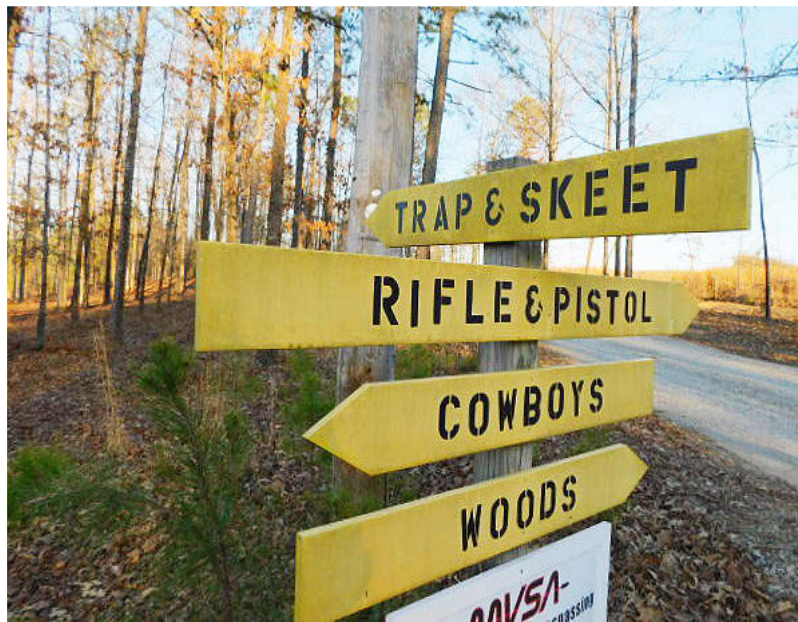
Trap & Skeet at Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association has two lighted Trap and Skeet ranges operating under rules and guidelines of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) and the National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA). Trap and Skeet fields are open for member & non-member shooting on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. MVSA holds a registered ATA event monthly and can be scheduled for private events.

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- \$60 Jul-Sep;
- \$30 Oct-Dec.

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Annual Renewals:

Annual Renewals for members are due no later than December 31 of the year for the subsequent calendar

year, and are \$120.00/year plus sales tax (currently 8%) for a total of \$129.60.

Late renewals made during the grace period of January 1-31 will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee: \$120.00/year plus \$25.00 late fee, plus 8% sales tax for a total of \$156.60.

Any membership not renewed by the last day of January will be terminated effective February 1. If membership is lapsed, it can only be reinstated by reapplying as a new member, subject to new member charges (including the initiation fee), review by the Board of Directors, and attending the new member orientation. The renewal period for 2022 is closed; 2023 renewals can begin on Oct. 1, 2022.

New Member or Annual Renewal Registration and Payments are made online by using the links on the buttons below. For those who cannot pay online, contact Membership Chairman Jim Patton at MVSA-PRES@gmail.com, or 708-728-5172, for other options.

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Croquet involves strategy, finesse



Ralph Butler prepares to strike the ball. George Gwyther, up next, prepares his strategy for striking Butler's ball.

By LEWIS DELAVAN
Staff writer

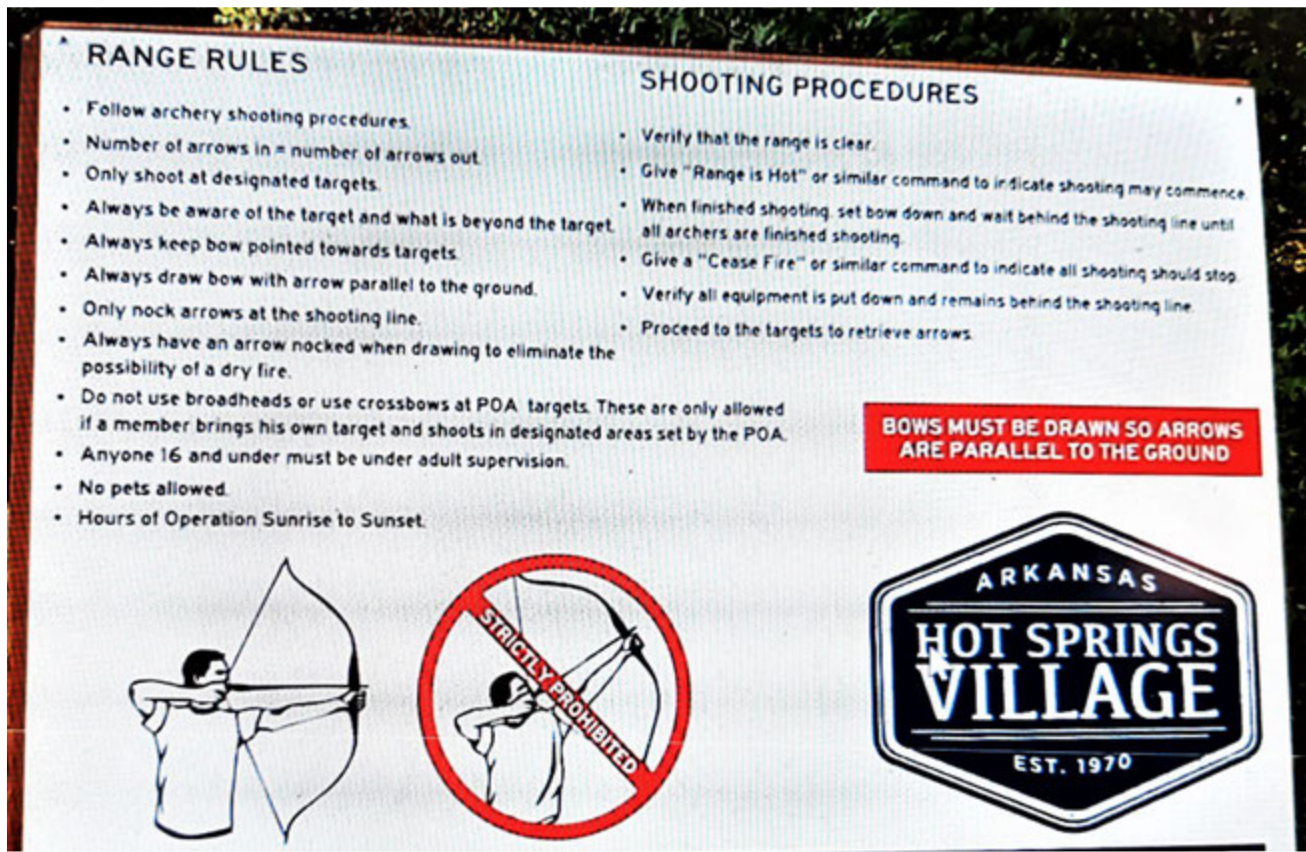
Hot Springs Village Croquet Club is dedicated to improving Villagers' quality of life through the enjoyment of croquet, offering both the American (six-wicket) and golf versions of the sport. "We hope you'll join us for fun, fresh air, and a bit of exercise. Croquet can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. The sport takes minutes to learn but leads to hours of fun," Serena Gonzales told the Village Voice in an email.

Members play on an artificial turf court at 200 DeSoto Park Lane, across from DeSoto Dog Park and next to the bocce ball courts. In croquet, a player uses a mallet to hit a ball through hoop-shaped wickets. The sport is great for those looking for a game that is easy on the joints and requires moderate physical activity.

Croquet requires only one basic skill, that of propelling a ball with a degree of accuracy. The principal difference between croquet and most other outdoor sports is that croquet requires delicacy and skill, rather than speed or strength. It also requires tactical ability and forward planning rather than quick reflexes.



JoAnne Amerson playing with her team in the winter. (submitted photos)



To learn croquet, just register to play on Nextdoor under GROUPS: Village Croquet. The first few visits are on a free trial basis.

Joining is \$50 per year for one player and \$37.50 for additional household members. Annual memberships can be bought online or at the POA administration building.

Play time slots are available at 11 a.m, noon, and 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays (6 wicket) during the winter season and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays (golf version) (October through April). The club can accommodate 12 players per one-hour time slot.

From May-September, croquet is scheduled at 6 p.m., 7, p.m., 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Mondays for golf croquet and Wednesday and Thursdays for six wicket.

One can form a team of four to six people and register for a regular time slot, or a new day/time might be created for the team.

Due to the artificial lawn, play is limited to POA members who have bought the annual croquet pass and joined the Village Croquet Club. The Village Croquet Club provides the mallets, balls and specialty wickets required to play on the artificial lawn.

People with regular croquet sets may not play on the

Another recent POA recreational amenity is archery. The range at 10 Fenix Lane is for POA members who have bought the pass, although open houses may be held. A sign at the range provides safety rules. For more information, contact Mark Quinton.

artificial lawn. The artificial lawn is restricted for the use of the Village Croquet and Village Lawn Bowling clubs.

General information, and play times are updated at <https://hsvcroquet.org/> and <https://www.explorethevillage.com/lifestyle/calendar>.



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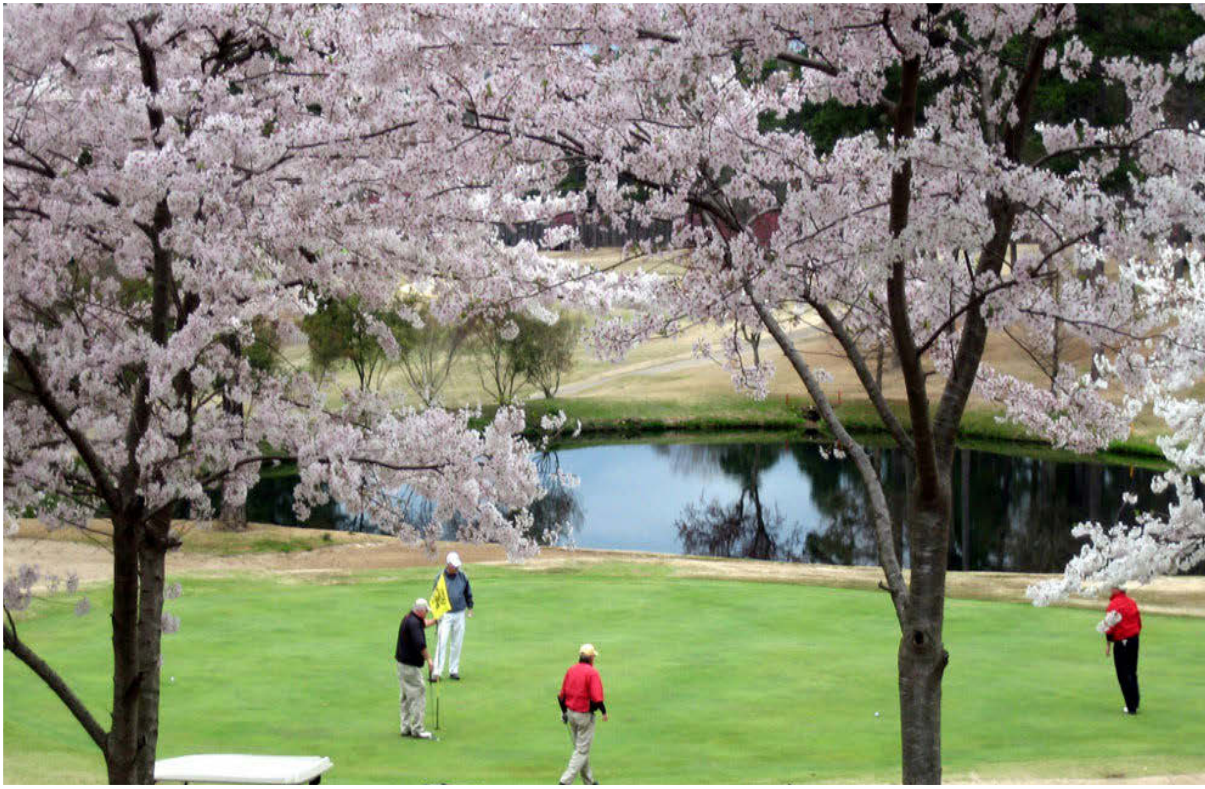


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Busy tourney schedule at HSV courses in 2022



The #4 green at DeSoto

By **SANDY JOHANSEN**
Staff writer

Hot Springs Village, home to 7 spectacular golf courses and 1 private track, welcomes private and corporate golf tournaments. Large groups of visiting golfers may also arrange outings for particular dates and tee times. Scheduling these events is organized by Matt Lewarn, Golf Department Tournament Coordinator. He can be reached at: 501-922-5549 or by Email at: mlewarn@hsvpoa.org

The following schedule of tournaments may change. Please contact the golf department at 501-922-5549 for more up to date and detailed information regarding a particular tournament.

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2022

(Does not include HSV resident club member tournaments)

JUNE

Bumper to Bumper - Friday 24 (Magellan), Saturday 25 (Balboa) 26 (Granada)

JULY

WGA18 Invitational - Thursday 21 (Cortez)

AUGUST

Arkansas Amateur Tour - Saturday 27 (Ponce de Leon)

Knights of Columbus - Saturday 27 (Magellan)

SEPTEMBER

Arkansas Police Foundation - Tuesday 6 (Ponce de Leon)

Kiwanis - Saturday 10 (Magellan)

Kappa Alpha Psi - Saturday and Sunday 17 & 18 (Balboa)

AAA District 7 Championship - Monday and Tuesday 19 & 20 (Magellan)

Adult Teen Challenge - Thursday 22 (Magellan)

Arkansas Girls State Championship - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 26, 27, 28 (Magellan)

Member Guest - Thursday and Friday 29 & 30 (Balboa and Isabella)

OCTOBER

Member Guest - Saturday 1 - (Granada)

AAA State Championship - Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 2, 3, 4 (Magellan)

AR Environmental - Wednesday 5 - Granada

Spa City Wounded Warriors - Thursday 20 (Balboa)

NOVEMBER

Clear Creek - Monday 7 - Granada



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Village Card Club is the place to be for bridge players



Greg Frank, president of the Hot Springs Village Card Club, with electronic devices used by the Duplicate Bridge Club. (Mary Eliades photo)

By **MARY ELIADES**
Voice correspondent

The Village Card Club (VCC) was formed in 1985 as the “parent” of the Duplicate Bridge Club of Hot Springs Village. Although membership has dwindled in the past few years, in no small part because of the Covid-19 pandemic, at one time it boasted close to 600 members.

The Club originally met in various rooms in the Coronado Center and the Ponce de Leon Center, but eventually wanted its own space. Working closely with the POA, the new “Casa de Carta” was built, adjacent to the Ouachita Activities Building. The large area can hold 42 bridge tables and has storage areas, a kitchen, and restrooms.

The VCC is a member of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), District 10 (a five-state area), and “directors” (who run the sessions) must be certified. Players pay a per game fee to participate.

The Club has been using electronic dealing and scoring devices for many years. The card-dealing system shuffles and deals the cards and loads them into cassettes, saving time and ensuring that the same distribution is played at each table. The Bridgemate scoring devices look like calculators, but allow players to enter scores wirelessly, which are ultimately submitted to the ACBL.

When the pandemic struck, the Club began sponsoring online bridge games, using Bridge Base On-

line. Players pay a small fee, and the VCC gets some revenue from this. The results of the virtual games are also uploaded to ACBL and posted on the Club’s website, (<https://www.bridgewebs.com/casacarta>).

Club president Greg Frank, a bridge player for 50 years as well as the Club’s webmaster, said that bridge seems to be a dying interest, and the Club is currently working on leadership continuity.

Although the pandemic put a crimp in the activities of the group, education sessions and tournaments are still going strong. The first post-Covid tournament will be held March 25-26, and a special session on defense is in progress (there is a fee for the course, and it is open to the public).

The Club is offering beginner bridge classes, starting April 5. The classes will run every Tuesday for 12 weeks (skipping May 31) from 9 to 11 a.m. The student workbook is \$15, and the first four lessons are free. The remaining eight classes are \$56. The classes will be held at Carta de Casa at the Ponce de Leon Center (across the porte-cochere from The Woodlands. Contact Annie Dethardt with questions or to register for the class at 501-984-2049 or adethardt@gmail.com.

The Club is also home to rubber bridge, cribbage and pinochle groups, and a calendar and results are posted on the website.

For more information on the Village Card Club, visit the website or contact Greg Frank at 501-922-6710 or hgfrank@icloud.com.

Food, family, friends - Time to dine out in the Village

HSV Restaurants

By **SANDY JOHANSEN**
Staff writer

It has been a complicated year for scheduling celebratory events and even for a spontaneous lunch with friends, snacks after golf, and evening dining. Restrictions have now relaxed. Many local restaurants have shortened their hours and needed to close a few days they usually opened. Many are returning to normal, so it's time for everyone to enjoy beverages, food with friends again in many of our favorite local restaurants. Following are updates. At this time, owner/operators may change and/or offer special events. Be sure to call and check days and hours open, reservations and specials they may be serving. Please remember to support inside HSV gate restaurants and two of HSV resident's favorites, one near the East Gate and one near the West Gate. Perhaps you have favorites outside the gates and even in Hot Springs or Benton. Support them wherever they're located.

ARTFULLY BAKED AND BREWED

Greg Jones and wife, Trish, operate two venues. Artfully Baked and Brewed and the Beehive Neighborhood Hang-out. Melody Edmonds, a skillful baker, offers not only her best, but all is warm and fresh baked daily. Located at 1398 DeSoto Blvd, Ste A, HSV,



Melody Edmonds,
Manager

open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Closed on Sunday). Along with fresh pastries, they offer lunch sandwiches and salads. Melody's carrot cake is a favorite along with her chocolate croissants.


Call 501-777-3195 for special orders or takeouts. Visit their site at: www.artfullybakedandbrewed.com

BALBOA MARINA

This is a perfect place to enjoy a light breakfast, lunch or early dinner. Located at 480 Ponce de Leon Drive, it is open 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Grill is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is also a short stop for some household and grocery items you may need quickly. Offerings on the menu are prepared fresh daily and two of the most requested are the Philly Sandwich and Burgers. Seating inside is limited, but seating outside is a beautiful view of Lake Balboa. Takeout orders are welcomed, just call 501-922-3435.



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**Trish and Greg Jones,
Co-Owner/Operator**

BLUE ELEPHANT BAR & GRILL AT GRANADA

Joseph and Jennifer Stansel made their way from Florida recently, and were very excited to take over the closed dining facility at the Granada Golf Course. As they both have professional background in many aspects of business and customer service including Greenville Market and Restaurant serving the freshest of food in Florida, Granada was well suited for them. Blue Elephant started with takeout orders only and later featured a Sunday brunch. At the time of this posting, Stansel said expansion of services, menu, and hours will continue to change as they continue interviewing and hiring competent staff members. Diners have praised the Smash Burgers. Also in their plans are more frequent live music to accompany evening dining. Located at 250 Maderas Drive, they are open Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 501-922-1372 or go to <https://blueelephantclub.com>



**Joseph Stansel,
Owner/Operator**

CADDIES ON CORONADO

Troy and Patti McKee are long-time restaurateurs. They groomed and expanded the popularity of Mulligan's at Ponce. Deciding to limit their working hours, they recently moved to Coronado Golf Course and now operate Caddies, a quick place to grab a deli-

cious bite from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 199 Surtidor Way. Dining is inside, outside on the deck or takeout. The menu varies from breakfast omelets to old fashioned burgers with all the fixings and other favorite sandwiches. Call 501-922-0007 to pre-order or takeout. You won't be disappointed. It's always busy at Caddies. For detailed information go to:

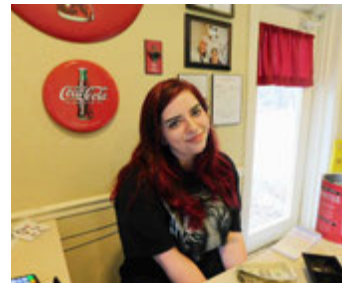
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**Troy and Patti McKee,
Co-Owner/Operator**

DEBRA'S SOUTHERN EATS

Debra Keller has owned this popular breakfast/lunch nook for over 11 years. The breakfast menu is plentiful and lunch is right on target. Located at 198 Carmona Drive and open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. serving both breakfast and lunch and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. serving breakfast only. If you're interested in chicken fried steak, meatloaf, fried green tomatoes, great country cooking like your grandma and her great sandwiches, this is the place to go. If you want to order ahead or takeout, call 501-984-6677. Complete menu details are on line at: <https://www.yelp.com/biz/debras-southern-restaurant-hot-springs-village-2>



**Stormi Morgan,
Manager**

DOLCE VITA

Yes, La migliore cucina Italiana (Italian cuisine at its best). Nearly 5 years at 111 Ponderosa Lane, Bruno Begiri's Dolce Vita makes dining feel like you're in Rome or Florence, not only with the taste of delicious homemade recipes, but also seated in esthetic surroundings. Open only Tuesday through Saturday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. for seating to enjoy fine wines along with many special Italian creations. Appetizers to desserts you won't be disappointed. Some of the most popular are Br-



**Holly Randall and
Bruno Begiri, Manager/
Owner**

uschetta, Greek Salad, along with pastas including Lasagna, Manicotti, Fettuccini Alfredo. Desserts are many including Limón Cello and Italian Cream Cake. They also offer popular American culture dishes like meatloaf and mashed potatoes and cheesecake. Call 501-226-3377 or go to www.dolcevitahsvillage.com

DIAMANTE COUNTRY CLUB - MEMBERS ONLY

If you are not a member of Hot Springs Village's only private golf and country club, you don't have to live on the premises or hold a full golf membership to enjoy dining. A Clubhouse Membership provides the member, spouse and dependents under the age of 21 use of the clubhouse for dining privileges and all social events. Dining is casual, no denim and at times requires jackets. For more information contact Membership Director Terri Socha at 501-922-1114 or to: <https://diamantecc.com>. Chef Bowles brings a long history of food and beverage to the club in-



**NoraLee Bowles,
Executive Chef**

cluding her signature dishes. Casual and fine dining experiences in the club's restaurant and bar feature local recipes and members' favorites on a varying menu. In addition to the indoor dining options, a new outdoor patio and waterfall are available for members to enjoy a drink in the open air views overlooking the Ouachita Mountains.

EL JIMADOR

Sporting a 7 page menu, El Jimador offers every diner all of their favorite Mexican dishes. Reviews of their cuisine are as follows: "So my go to Mexican dinner is Arrozcon Pollo and their version is the ranchero and it's delicious." "We moved here from San Antonio and I will put El Jimador up against any Tex-Mex in Texas." "My family was here for visiting on vacation and needed a nice little place by our house in Hot Springs Village and this place was perfect." El Jimador is located at 107 DeSoto Center, just off Calella Road across the road from the



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CAFE ISABELLA

Happy to reopen the cafe at Isabella, Gavin and Kristy are scheduled to be open 7 days a week 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. Located at 110 Iniciadia Way, they offer a variety of appetizers, salads, and sandwiches. Golfers and diners enjoy dining indoors and on the patio as they enjoy their libations and food as they watch players coming into and putting on #18. Some of the favorites are the onion rings, Isabella Club Sandwich, patty melt and California Club Salad. You can call for takeout at 501-226-3334. If you want to see their full menu, go to: https://www.explorethevillage.com/images/menus-20-08-10/Cafe_Isabella_Menu.pdf



Gavin Kelsey and Kristy Kellogg - Operators

HOME PLATE CAFE

Not located inside the gates but many HSV residents have indicated this is one of their favorites on the west side of HSV. Owners Jim and Aundrea Sparks sold their venue to Marty and Tonya Porterfield in February 2022. Marty was excited to begin as he said he ate at Home Plate almost every day as he owned Superior Dry Cleaners on Hwy 7. Porterfield said he would continue serving all items enjoyed by locals, but he is in the process of expanding a new bakery kitchen and will offer fresh baked goods each day inside and out for pickup. The Porterfields are former owners of Mueller's Bakery in Hot Springs. Home Plate offers a variety of breakfast, lunch and dinner items on their menu you can see on their website at: <https://www.homeplatecafehsv.com/about-us>. Takeouts are welcome by calling 501-984-6969, Hours are Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Jim Sparks, previous owner, shakes hands with new owner, Marty Porterfield

MAGELLAN DELI

Marcie Christman has been creating and serving delicious deli sandwiches at many venues in HSV. In

March 2022, she signed the papers for owner/operator for the Magellan Deli. Located at 451 Ponce de Leon Drive just down the hall from Magellan Pro Shop, it is a convenient place to stop for a quick sandwich or beer and wine after playing 18. Specializing in fresh deli sandwiches, club wraps, hot dogs, brats and polish sausages. Serving wine and beer and you can enjoy free popcorn. Daily specials are featured (except during winter shotguns). Hours may vary depending on traffic, but at this time Marcie indicates she's open 9 a.m. to 6:30. Call 501-922-5040 to check and order takeouts. Christman has talked about having special evening game nights perhaps to include trivia and poker. Look for the snow cone machine she's bringing in.



Marcie Christman (R) - Owner/Operator with sister Betty Griffin

MULLIGAN'S AT PONCE

Curtis took over the popular Mulligan's at Ponce in March. He's up to the challenge and promises the great food presented in the past by Troy McKee (now at Caddies on Coronado). Located down the hall from Ponce de Leon Pro Shop at 300 Ponce de Leon Drive, hours at this time are Monday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9 am. to 7 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (All you can eat catfish night) Closed on Sunday. Serving lots of appetizers, soups, burgers and sandwiches, Mulligan's will continue to offer their homemade pizza, the favorite of many HSVers. Call for more information or takeout at 501-922-1623 or visit their website at <https://hsvmulligans.com/home>



Matt Curtis- Owner/Operator

RAFFAELLA ROSE

Carl and Iva are hands-on, owners/operators offering delicious food in a casual atmosphere where diners can be seated inside or on the patio overlooking the beautiful #9 green on the Cortez course. Located at 299 Cortez Road, the restaurant shares the Pro Shop location. Duncan's celebrate their 5th year ownership anniversary. Iva is creating signature tables as her original paintings grace all the tables to welcome diners. The restaurant was named after

Iva's mother, Raffaella Rose Baedaro. Raffaella is Italian for "God Heals." Raffaella Rose has a full-service bar and is wheelchair accessible. Reservations are welcome and preferred for parties of five or more. Walk-ins are always welcome. Take-out is offered for those desiring at-home dining. For all inquiries and reservations call (501) 915-0855. For more information to go: <https://www.yelp.com/biz/raffaella-rose-hot-springs-village>



Carl & Iva Duncan - Owners/Operators

wiches including Turkey Melts and Reuben's to name just two, starters include quesadillas and a list of new dining entree's is in the near future. The full service bar has 8 televisions and live entertainment is regularly scheduled. Takeouts are welcome by calling 501-226-0340. For updated information go to: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Turn-Sports-Bar-at-Balboa-108188804896560/> or <https://www.explorethevillage.com/community/restaurants>.



Brandon and Ashley Kogut - Owners/Operators

THE TURN AT BALBOA

Located at 111 Balboa Way along with the Balboa Pro Shop, the Kogut's took charge in 2021 with the lounge and started renovating the restaurant upstairs. Currently, The Turn is open seven days a week with the following hours: Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Karaoke 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.) Friday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Karaoke 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.). Serving a long list of oven baked sand-

TANNER'S NEIGHBORHOOD BAR AND GRILL

Daniel and Alanna Owen are happy to join co-owners Joey and Lynn Clampit when they purchased the very popular restaurant at the east end of HSV. Located at 25255 Hwy 5, Tanner's is open Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The venue is closed Sunday and Monday. Lunches offer plentiful sandwich choices, luncheon salads, lunch platters and luncheon specials each day. Add



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to the menu numerous appetizers, house special salads, featured dinner sandwiches and wraps, burgers, with even more dinner entrees and sides. The house special dine-in or take out is the Broaster Chicken cooked to perfection and extremely popular. Call 501-915-9880 for takeout and questions or go to <https://www.tannersneighborhoodbarandgrill.com/>. Alanna is a noted chef and baker. She also operates Melinda's Coffee Corner on HSV's west side at 3901 North Hwy 7. For more info on Melinda's call 501-984-5393 or go to <https://www.melindashsv.com/>



**Alanna & Daniel Owen
- Owner/Operators**

cluding small breakfasts, hamburgers, hot dogs and a variety of sandwiches. They have beer, wine, and frozen wine margaritas.

Umbrella-covered tables are available on the deck and there's limited choice for indoor seating. Serving is as follows: April 1 - May 8, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; May 10 through August 28, Tuesday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and September 2 through October 30, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call for information during open hours at 501-922-5511 or visit their website at <https://restaurantguru.com/The-Waypoint-At-Desoto-Marina-Hot-Springs-Village>.



Waypoint Cafe

WAYPOINT CAFE

Announced by Ginger Ladoff, HSVPOA Marina & Outdoor Program Supervisor, Waypoint Cafe, part of the Lake DeSoto Marina, opened its season April 1 and will continue into late October. Located at 120 Marina Drive, Waypoint serves many choices in-



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I-30 work may extend into 2023

By **LEWIS DELAVAN**
Staff writer

Originally scheduled to be completed in November, it appears that widening of Interstate 30 between exits 116 and 111 will extend into next spring.

The contractor cited issues with the drainage plan and soil as the main cause of the delay. This necessitated reworking plans for Exit 114, the contractor told officials in a February meeting in Benton.

The group included state Sen. Kim Hammer, state representatives Lanny Fite and Tony Furman, Benton Mayor Tom Farmer, Benton Area Chamber of Commerce CEO/president Gary James and representatives of Arkansas Department of Transportation and the contractor and engineering companies.

It spans 5.4 miles of I-30 from U.S. Highway 70 at Exit 111 to Sevier and South streets at Exit 116 in

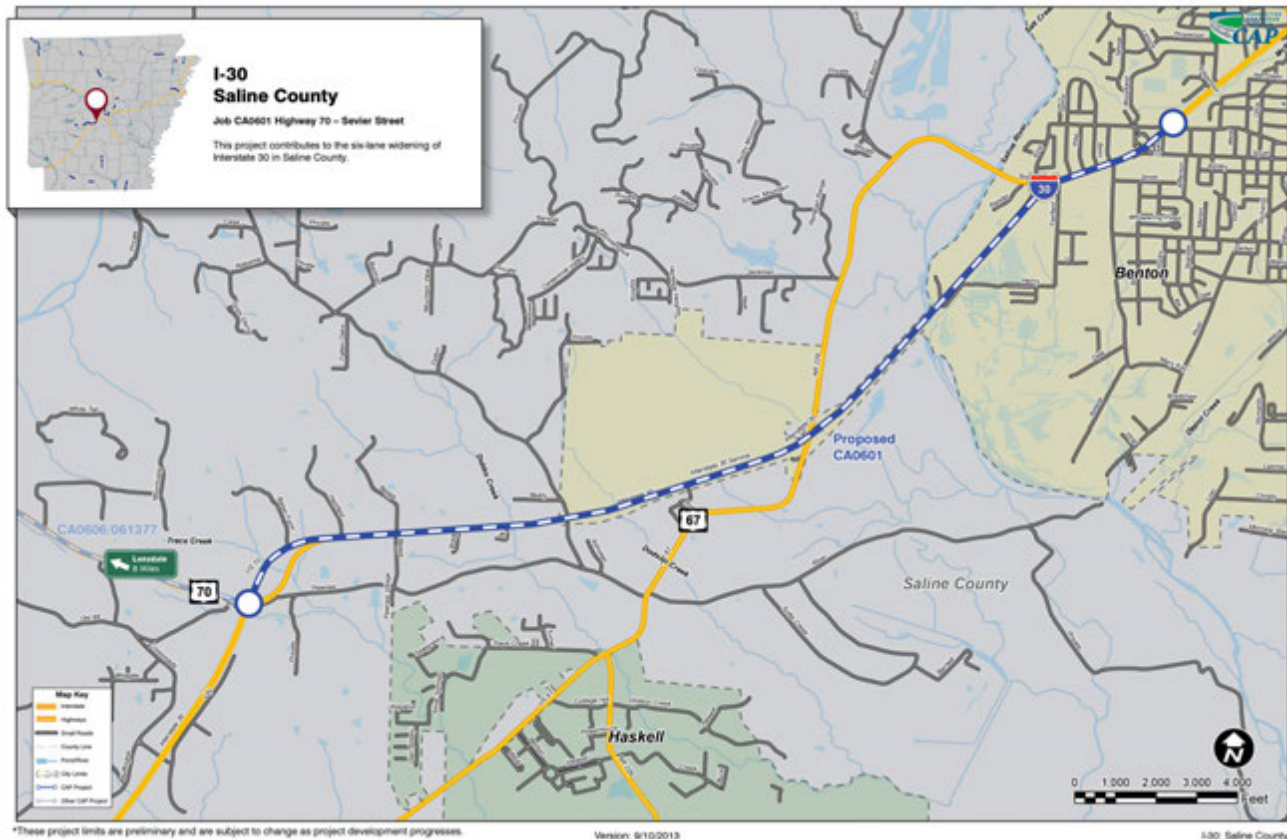
Benton, and is part of Part of ARDOT's 10-year Connecting Arkansas program. I-30 will widen to six lanes, with new interchanges at U.S. 67 and U.S. 70 and new bridges over the Saline River and the Saline River relief.

An average of 85,000 vehicles travel the sector daily, with 78,000 vehicles crossing the Saline River on I-30.

A current priority was completing a new Exit 114 bridge in April, so that a temporary bridge could be removed.

Safety was also discussed. The contract requires the contractor to have a wrecker truck on call and a vehicle with miscellaneous tools to aid motorists.

ARDOT's Arkansas Highway Police unit has worked more than 450 accidents in this area since the project began, and the contractor had asked that the speed limit be lowered below the current 60 mph.



Chamber to host business expo May 6

By LEWIS DELAVAN
Staff writer

Hot Springs Village Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 6 in the Village True Value Home Center parking lot, 4650 N. Highway 7, north of the West Gate.

Administrative assistant Cheryl Fullerton said that when more information becomes available, it will be posted on the Chamber's website, <https://www.villagechamber.org/>.

The Chamber's calendar is at <https://www.villagechamber.org/calendar#!calendar>.

The annual expo showcases local businesses, service providers, and non-profits.

"We encourage the public to come and spend some time getting to know the variety of businesses and offerings presented by business owners or general managers. Learn about and meet our local businesses. See what they can do for you and what you can do for them. This affordable forum may be one of the best marketing values available to local businesses. This is a great way to support our local and small businesses," promotional materials from the 2021 expo said.

The Chamber celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2021.

HSV Paddlers Club plans activities

By LEWIS DELAVAN
Staff writer

After holding paddling activities last year -- including a float on north Lake Ouachita -- the Hot Springs Village Paddlers Club officially formed Jan.31, and elected officers at its first meeting on Feb. 11.

Membership stood at 32 at the first meeting.

Last year's activities included a float on the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Lake Ouachita water trail, and a successful swap meet.

A swap meet was held in March at the Lake Colorado boat ramp was also successful, and a number of activities are planned for this year.

While not an official amenity, president Calvin Doody said the paddlers have been working very well with Property Owners' Association Recreation Department staff.





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Events

Kiwanis Ice Cream Social and Concert
Coronado Center
May 1 - 2 p.m.

Village Chorale Americana
Woodlands Auditorium
May 3 - 7:30 p.m.

HSV Players - Titanic
Coronado Center
May 5 & 7 - 5 p.m.

Josh Johnson & Friends
Vapors
May 6 - 8 p.m.

George Thorogood & the Destroyers
Oaklawn
May 6 - 7 p.m.

Arts & The Park
Hot Springs National Park
Through May 8

Rotary Club Mother's Day
Coronado Center
May 8 - 12:30 p.m.

A Night with Elvis
Woodlands Auditorium
May 19 - 7 p.m.

Trails Work Day
HSV Trails
May 19 - 1 p.m.

Aaron Goodvin
Vapors
May 20

Dance City Studio Recital
Hot Springs Convention Center - Horner Hall
May 21 - 3 p.m.

Don McLean 50th Anniversary of American Pie
Oaklawn
May 21 - 7 p.m.

Memento Mori Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre
Vapors
May 21 & 22 - 6 p.m.

Newcomers Meeting
Woodlands Auditorium
May 25 - 10 a.m.

Bombers & BBQ
Hot Springs Memorial Field
May 27 & 28

Rock Porch at Grove Park
Grove Park
May 28

Memorial Day Fireworks
Hot Springs Memorial Field
May 28

Arkansas Lavender Festival
Hot Springs Farmer's Market
June 3 & 4

Liverpool Legends - Beatles Tribute
Vapors
June 4 - 8 p.m.

Spa City Classic Pickleball Championships
Bank OZK Arena
June 7-10

Hot Springs Bike Fest
Bridge Street Entertainment District, Hot Springs
June 9-12

Lone Star Skynyrd Tribute
Vapors
June 10 - 8 p.m.

Electric Light Orchestra Tribute
Woodlands Auditorium
June 16 - 7 p.m.

Muses - The Music Man
Woodlands Auditorium
June 17

Gypsy Soul Holistic Fair
Hot Springs Convention Center
June 25 & 26

Comedian Barry Whitewater and Friends
Vapors
July 1 - 8 p.m.

Colt and the Old 45s

Coronado Center
July 2

Stars and Stripes Kids Fishing Derby

Cortez Pavilion
July 2

Stars and Stripes Angler Fishing Tourney

Balboa Beach
July 3

Independence Day Fireworks

Hwy 7 South Bridge, Lake Hamilton
July 3

Stars and Stripes 4th of July Celebration

Balboa Beach
July 4

TobyMac Live

Magic Springs Theme & Water Park
July 9

Spa City Classic Pickleball Tournament

Bank OZK Arena
July 7-10

HSV Players - Old Time Radio

Coronado Center
July 14-16

Bill Whyte and Brent Burns

Woodlands Auditorium
July 21 - 7 p.m.

Forgotten Space - Grateful Dead Tribute

Vapors
July 29 - 8 p.m.

Comedian Daryl Felsberg and Friends

Vapors
August 5 - 8 p.m.

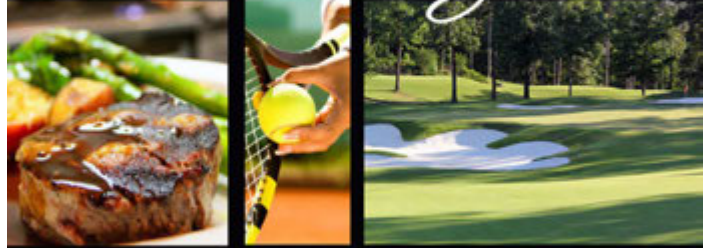
Private Eyes Hall & Oates Tribute

Woodlands Auditorium
August 18 - 7 p.m.

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“My name is Bob and I’m an alcoholic.” For over thirty years, this is the manner in which Bob O’Dowd introduced himself in Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) meetings, prior to becoming a member of Village Church of Christ’s recovery ministry. Back in 2010, addiction counselor Jimmy Allen and congregation member of the Village Church of Christ, started a weekly class modeled on the Christ-centered program “Celebrate Recovery.” Then, in 2011, two very important facts about our community came to light:

1. The primary cause for 911 calls in Hot Springs Village is spousal abuse as the result of alcohol or prescription pain medications
2. Over 50% of Jessieville School District’s student body were living with grandparents in Hot Springs Village. Their parents had lost custody of their children due to substance abuse.

The nation’s number one public health problem had settled right on the doorstep of our serene retirement community. Not everyone understands the need for a church-based recovery mission, due to the shame-based nature of the disease of addiction. If you are one of the few families that has not been directly affected by this disease, it is likely that you will have no idea the devastating effects it brings into family life.

Several of the Village Church of Christ congregation championed discussions to help families in our community through the recovery process, chiefly Bob O’Dowd, Gary Bennett, and Myron Hall. From these discussions grew the possibility of creating SOZO, what would become a recovery program that included inpatient residency for addicts

and alcoholics. Bob O’Dowd’s prior experience with A.A. had produced a spiritual awakening in him, and in helping to create the SOZO program, wanted to blend the experience and wisdom contained within A.A.’s 12-step program with the teachings of Jesus.

The Village Church of Christ congregation stepped up to the plate, and these loving Christians provided our community with SOZO Recovery Center, a faith-based environment where spiritual awakenings and experiences can be born and sustained. SOZO started with just one home that could accommodate four to five clients and one residential manager who stayed there night and day.

Since February of 2012, Village Church of Christ members Frank Wells, Johnny Jones, James Johnson, Roger McMennamy, and Jerry Hunt, have been coming to SOZO faithfully every week to teach SOZO client’s favorite class, daily Bible study. SOZO staff believe that addiction is a spiritual malady and the healing process requires not only a spiritual awakening, but a series of ongoing spiritual experiences to sustain lifelong sobriety— a life that is happy, joyous, free and purpose-driven. Although it is not part of the curriculum or a requirement for admission to SOZO, over eighty men have chosen to be baptized and added to the church congregation.

Today, SOZO Recovery Center has three recovery homes on a six-acre campus that can accommodate twenty-one men. Many of the SOZO staff are successful graduates of SOZO’s recovery program. SOZO Recovery Center also hosts A.A. meetings on campus weekly, which are open to our local recovery community. At SOZO, the immediate full immersion of our clients into the life of the church is a true revelation to these once hopeless men. To paraphrase Jesus, loving one another is the most powerful healing in the world.

Healing Addiction

Through God's Love

Located in a serene country setting, on a secluded 6 acre campus just 10 minutes from Hot Springs Village, SOZO Addiction Recovery Center is achieving amazing results in treating drug and alcohol addiction in men.

“We do this by organizing an interactive Bible study for our residential clients so that, in addition to receiving mental health and addiction counseling in small groups and one-on-one sessions with their personal counselor, our residents also become an integral part of the congregation of a Bible based church in Hot Springs Village.

This has resulted in over forty men choosing to become baptized as a core part of their recovery experience at SOZO in the last four years.

This is particularly exciting in light of the fact that we only take between 10-15 men at any one time.”

— Bob O'Dowd,
SOZO Executive Director



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