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Springtime Nears in Hot



A bluebird perches on a chair. (Jeff Meek photo)

Spring is upon us. St. Patrick's Day and daylight savings time arrive soon. In Hot Springs Village, the month of March can see snow, 70-degree temperatures and everything in between.

Typically, this month is when I noticed more birds chirping and more fish biting, more folks on the golf, pickleball and tennis courts and maybe even a few hijinks are being planned for the soon to arrive April Fool's Day. Some golf course fairways begin to green up and buds appear on trees.

Being an amateur historian, I've noticed March is full of milestone events. They include the March 5, 1770 "Boston Massacre," passage of the Equal Rights Amendment on March 22, 1972, and the shooting of President Ronald Reagan in D.C. on March 30, 1981.

Will there be milestone events in our lives, in our nation, in 2023? My guess is yes, but what will they be? I remember seeing an old



episode of “The Twilight Zone” in which a man was given the ability to see into the future and it terrified him. He begged to be rid of this previously thought of blessing that he now saw as a curse. There was nothing new, no excitement, no hope.

At the Voice we hope your March 2023 brings you something special, something new, something memorable, something you might perhaps want to share with us as a personal interest story or photo of a special gathering. We look forward to being that place to share with the community your special happening.

Jeff Meek
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

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ON THE COVER: Justin Moore, Arkansas’s Country Music Superstar was named Celebrity Grand Marshall, St. Patrick’s Day Parade 2023. (Photo courtesy of Visit Hot Springs)

ALL AROUND ARKANSAS



Arkansas
Municipal
Auditorium in
Texarkana.

Legendary Venue

*Elvis Presley, Johnny
Cash performed at
Texarkana landmark*

Darrell W. Brown

My wife and I spent this past Christmas with her family in their hometown of Texarkana.

During our stay, my mother-in-law took us to the downtown historic district to an old venue where she and her musical family performed in the 1960s — the Arkansas Municipal Auditorium. Emory Dale and Mary Sorsby and their three daughters often played on the auditorium's stage at concerts and variety shows.

But my mother-in-law wasn't the only entertainment legend who played there. After our conversation and

some quick research, I learned all about the colorful building and the amazing talents that graced its stage through the decades.

Built in the late 1920s, the auditorium was part of the Texarkana, Arkansas Municipal Building, which also housed city hall, a fire station and a jail. The city, which straddles the Texas-Arkansas line and was home to a major railroad junction, began to experience a significant population boom, prompting the need for a multi-use municipal facility.

City officials hired the local architectural firm of Witt Seibert & Holley to design the building and the McGehee Construction Co. to build it. Construction began in 1927. The 950-seat auditorium opened in June 1928, and the other portions of the building completed in 1930. The municipal building was built in a prime location at 3rd and Walnut Streets near the heart of Texarkana, Arkansas.

With its large capacity and central location, the auditorium became the hot spot for all kinds of performances, ranging from concerts and fashion shows to dance recitals. It was the primary stop for performers appearing on the Louisiana Hayride, a radio (and later television) country music show broadcast from the Municipal Memorial Auditorium in Shreveport, Louisiana. The program helped launch the careers of several famous musicians, including Hank Williams, Sr. and Elvis Presley.

Presley performed at the Arkansas Municipal Auditorium several times in the mid-1950s, as did other legends like Arkansans Johnny Cash and Harold Jenkins, who would become known by his stage name, Conway Twitty. Presley and Cash once performed together at the auditorium on Nov. 17, 1955.

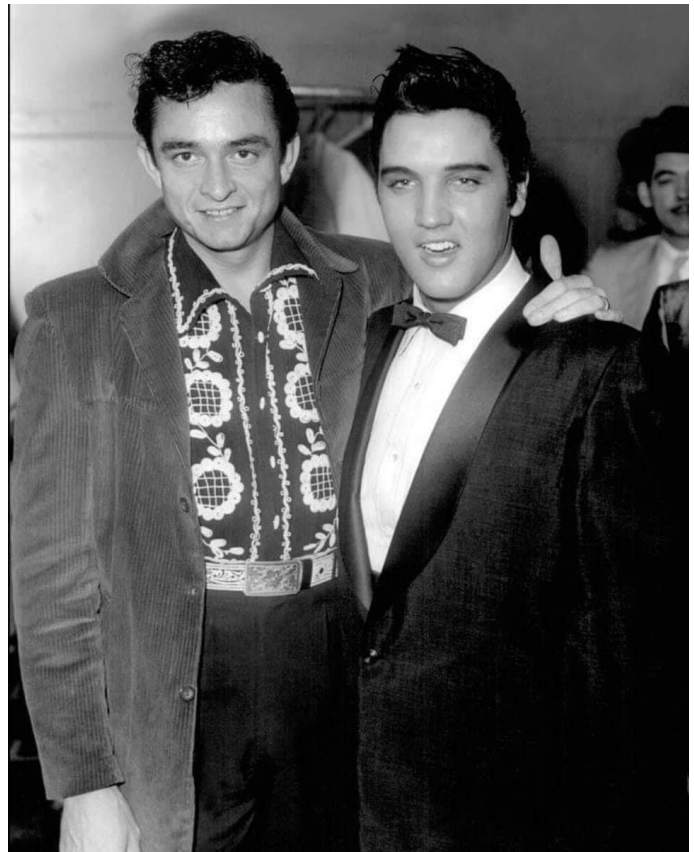
Other musicians of note that graced the auditorium's stage include Louis Armstrong, Fats Domino, George Jones (he apparently showed up that time), Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins, who reportedly debuted his signature song, "Blue Suede Shoes," on the auditorium's stage. Even the sultry star of the stage and screen, Mae West, performed there.

But over time, entertainment at the auditorium became more locally focused, featuring high school plays, baby pageants and beauty pageants.

In 2002, the city's board of directors created the Texarkana, Arkansas, Municipal Auditorium Commission, which aims to "enhance community pride through the renovation of the Arkansas Municipal Auditorium."

The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2004. On Nov. 17, 2015, city leaders and members of the auditorium commission unveiled a plaque honoring Johnny Cash at the building he helped make famous.

Throughout the years, with a combination of grants, city and state funds and private donations, the commission has made significant improvements to the building, including a new roof, asbestos



Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley performed at the Auditorium on Nov. 17, 1955.

removal, and a wall of fame park next to the building.

Perhaps one day, another young girl will make her own special memories on that historic stage, just as mother-in-law did not so long ago.

A proud sixth-generation Arkansan, Darrell W. Brown is a lover of all things Arkansas. He lives in Saline County with his wife, Amy, and their beloved Boston Terrier, Dixie. Brown teaches broadcasting and history at a private school in Bryant. Find him on Facebook and Instagram at AllAroundArkansas.



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HSV BUSINESSES

A cozy place to dine at Sykora Shared Space. (Courtesy Of Designs Group Consulting)



SHARED SPACES

Robin Raborn Burns
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

Sykora Shared Space provides unique opportunity for HSV businesses and organizations

If you are the owner of a spacious commercial property in a great location, the conventional wisdom would be that leasing the space would be the only viable option, right? If you are an individual who is accustomed to and comfortable with thinking inside the box, that statement could ring true. Kimberly Sykora, of Sykora Investment Properties, LLC, prefers a more creative approach when contemplating ways to utilize her building.

Sykora Shared Space (<https://hsvspaces.com>), located at 4501 N Hwy. 7, Suite 17, provides a unique opportunity for businesses, organizations, and residents in Hot Springs Village. The well-designed, functional space is perfect for private parties, business meetings, conferences, seminars, and workshops. Additionally, it is ideal for video production and vlogging, photo shoots, video marketing, recording testimonial clips, and conducting zoom meetings. There is even a kitchen prep space. It is not a stretch to say Sykora Shared Space is one size fits all. “We saw

the need in our community for an affordable venue that worked for meetings as well as parties and events. Our Shared Space is the solution,” says Sykora.

The Sykora Shared Space venue is a collaborative effort. Dannet Botkin, owner, and CEO of Designs Group Consulting (DGC) provided the appealing interior design. Shareable dishware, office supplies, a presentation projector, and photo/video equipment are available for use - on loan courtesy of DGC. The Betterment Group, LLC also added select style elements. (The Betterment Group was formed when Botkin and Jennifer Allen, owner of the Hot Springs Village Voice, joined forces. The two businesswomen created CommercialHubspot <https://commercialhubspot.com> to provide easier access to information on available commercial property in the Hot Springs Village area.)

The colorful and contemporary décor of Sykora Shared Space makes it ideal for “pop-up events.” These events are taking the retail and marketing worlds by

storm. Pop-up events are temporary, unexpected events in unique spaces. They pop up, make an impact, then leave after a few hours or days. Pop-up event venues are a perfect fit for marketing events as they generate a lot of talk and anticipation. The element of surprise distinguishes these “flash” events, and individuals and businesses from a variety of industries can use them.

“The great thing about pop-ups that we find all across the board — whether it’s a pop-up store, pop-up restaurant or event — is that they have this ‘fear of missing out’ quality to them,” said Jeremy Baras, the CEO of PopUp Republic. “Customers are attracted to exclusivity. They are attracted to a here today, gone tomorrow type of concept.”

Caterers and chefs who host a pop-up event can try new recipes. Perspective restaurateurs can experiment and create unique and fresh dining experiences. Retail fashion stores can introduce new clothing lines or feature seasonal items. Artists can display and sell their masterpieces and demonstrate how they work their magic to create their craft. Recent pop-up events at Sykora Shared Space have included delicious baked goods from Ambrosia Bakery Company, Village Coterie (a monthly local business owners’ lunch and meet-up), and Ladies Night, which featured wine from Cork and Bottle, and delicious food catered by Melinda’s Café.

Botkin adds “Space that made everything easier. Partnering with Kim on the innovative, upbeat Sykora Shared Space was the perfect solution for both my companies, and I am confident it will be for others. Plus, it is also a great space for fun...game nights, parties, anniversaries, baby showers, birthdays, and so much more. It’s about making the Sykora Shared Space a win for all - my companies, Kim, and the community.”

Whether you are looking for a warm and inviting place to host a party, a professional and comfortable environment for a presentation, or an eye-popping, trendy spot for a pop-up, Shared Space can meet your needs. Sykora Shared Space can be rented hourly or daily from Sykora Investment Properties, LLC. Ample parking is available, and prices range from \$25 an hour for a small conference or video room, to \$35 an hour for a large conference room. For parties,



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HSV VETERANS



Vietnam Veterans march in the 2012 parade. (Jeff Meek photos)

Jeff Meek
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

I remember back around 2011, I heard of an event called “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.” Being so engrained in all things military-related in Hot Springs Village, I decided to learn more. I learned that, surprisingly, it was a special day that began way back in 1973 and was to be held on March 29 or 30 of each year. However, this special day was, to say the least, little known, gaining no traction, and I thought to myself, that’s something we could do for Hot Springs Village Vietnam vets.

In 2012, my wife Jeanne and I began to plan, and contacted Jeff Hollinsworth for financial support. Jeff was very enthusiastic and immediately on board. Next, we gave thought to a method of honoring HSV

Hot Springs Village honors its Vietnam Veterans with a luncheon on March 30

Vietnam veterans. We came up with the idea of having a parade from Community of Joy Lutheran Church on Balboa Road to the nearby Woodlands Auditorium where veterans and their supporters could gather to recognize the day and the vets.

I contacted Major General Tom Arwood and asked him to be keynote speaker. He said yes and from there we added the Fountain Lake High School band, the HSV American Legion/VFW Honor Guard and the Akansa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to tie yellow ribbons on trees along the parade route. Next came planning for the meal. As the event was advertised in the Voice, we required registration to know how much food to provide.

As the initial thought to this undertaking took place, I wondered what the response would be. Knowing that Vietnam veterans had been treated badly upon their return home, I wondered if the Vietnam vets would want anything to do with a parade and luncheon. And I definitely knew they would not appreciate any politicians attending, seeing as the Vietnam War turned political.

I will never forget 2 of the first 4 phone calls I received concerning registration. They were very similar in tone. Those 2 calls, in no uncertain terms, were very negative, saying (I'll clean up the language here), "I appreciate what you're trying to do but no (expletive deleted) parade is going to assuage my feelings about how I was treated," click, the phone went dead. I can't say those 2 calls surprised me, but Jeff, Jeanne and I went ahead with our plans and I'm glad we did.

DeSoto Blvd closed as the parade, led by Dr. Walter "Bubba" Smith in his vehicle with flashing blue lights made its way to the Woodlands where chairs were placed, a podium set up and nearly 100 people stood with banners and signs, cheering, as they veterans came in and sat down.

I remember seeing Tom Cotton there greeting the vets as they made their way from those chairs to the luncheon inside the Ouachita room. Smiles, memories, and a few tears filled the room that day. Jeanne and I heard from several Vietnam veterans over the next few weeks thanking us for their special day.

Dr. Smith, being senior pastor at Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church, invited us to have the event at his church the following year. We accepted and for the next 7 years we held a luncheon for the veterans and a guest. Over those years we had between 120 and 170 people attend.

The last "Welcome Home Hot Springs Village Vietnam Veterans Day" event was held in 2019. Covid shut down our country and thus no event took place in 2020, 2021 and 2022. But we are back.

If you served in the military during the Vietnam War era, regardless of service location, service branch, rank, etc. you are invited to attend (along with one guest per veteran) this next event. It is being held, thanks



Major General Tom Arwood gave the welcoming address.

to Senior Pastor Sieg Johnson, on March 30, beginning at 11:30 a.m., at Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church, 700 Balearic Road.

To register, contact Dr. Smith at 1-870-904-4767 or email him at drbubbaque@hotmail.com.

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COVER STORY

Justin Moore, Arkansas' Country Music Superstar was named Celebrity Grand Marshal, St. Patrick's Day Parade 2023. (Photos courtesy of Visit Hot Springs)



Arkansas Superstar

Sandy Johansen
STAFF WRITER

Arkansas's own country music superstar Justin Moore will be the celebrity grand marshal of the First Ever 20th Annual World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade on 98-foot Bridge Street in downtown Hot Springs on Friday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m.

"All of us here in Hot Springs consider Justin almost a hometown boy since his hometown of Poyen is only a couple of miles down the road on Highway 270," Visit

Poyen's Justin Moore will be the Celebrity Grand Marshal of Hot Springs' world famous St. Patrick's Day Parade

Hot Springs CEO Steve Arrison said in announcing Moore's selection. "He'll be a great Grand Marshal as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our huge little parade."

Moore joins actor Chris McDonald, who starred as Shooter McGavin in the iconic "Happy Gilmore" movie and who will fire the starter's pistol as the official starter for the wacky little parade that has



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The musical acts for the 2023 parade will be The Molly Ringwalds, an '80s tribute band performing a free public concert immediately following the parade, and Village People, the iconic superstar band that will perform a free public concert the evening of March 18 on the Bridge Street Stage.

"The 20th anniversary edition of the parade will be pretty special," Arrison said. "We'll want the crowd to enjoy Hot Springs in celebrating our city's equivalent of New Orleans' Mardi Gras. Hard to believe it was 20 years ago when a bunch of us were sharing a beer at Spencer's Corner and wondering how to take

advantage of the fact that Bridge Street, right outside the door is recognized as the shortest street in the world in everyday use. It dawned on me that we could have a 98-foot parade and bill it as the world's shortest.

"That was 20 years ago, and for years now our wacky little parade has brought international attention to Hot Springs as a really great place to have a good time."

The parade annually attracts crowds of upwards of 30,000 people to watch a zany collection of Irish Elvis impersonators, marching units, floats, dancers and the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, as well as other unique units cover the 98-foot length of Bridge Street. For more info: www.hotsprings.org/events/worlds-shortest-st-patricks-day-parade/

“ The 20th anniversary edition of the parade will be pretty special - Steve Arrison, Visit Hot Springs



Get ready to sing "Y.M.C.A" along with The Village People.



Christopher McDonald of "Happy Gilmore" fame is the official starter for the parade.

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Robin Raborn Burns VOICE CORRESPONDENT

Children are the hope of the future. They will inherit the responsibility of building a better place for the world. As adults, we have the responsibility to ensure that they learn the essential values and skills needed to become confident, capable citizens. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Saline County strives to give children the confidence and empowerment they need to reach their full potential. Their mission statement is:

“The Boys and Girls Clubs of Saline County’s mission is to enable all young people in Saline and North Garland County, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.”

The staff of The Boys and Girls Clubs of Saline County follow this mission every day. They provide

thoughtful care and attention to meet the needs of the children they serve. In December 2015, the North Garland County Paul Bewie Boys & Girls Club merged with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Saline County. On January 4, 2016, it was renamed the Cedar Mountain Club. At that time, 39 children attended the Club. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Saline County is made up of four entities: The Cedar Mountain Club, Great Futures Pre-School and Childcare, Riverside Club, and Covenant Connections. Each program offers a variety of academically tested programs designed to empower kids and teens to excel in school, become good community members, and lead healthy, productive lives. Programs are tailored to each age group (ages 6-18) to meet interests and developmental needs. They are also customized to meet local community needs.

Here are the highlights of each club:

Cedar Mountain Club

6060 N. Highway 7, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Club Director: Susan Clark - Susan@scbgclub.com

The Cedar Mountain club offers the following programs:

Sports Programs; Flag football, basketball, T-ball, and baseball.

After School Program: Fountain Lake and Jessieville school districts deliver the students to the Club after school where they participate in a variety of activities from 3:30-6:00 pm. Summer Program: The summer program consists of eight weeks of fun-filled activities, breakfast, lunch, and field trips. The hours of the program are 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM Monday through Friday. Cedar Mountain offers a safe and clean environment for local children to attend while their parents work, was developed using a multi-faceted and multi-environmental approach. Academic enrichment, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs, and interactive learning

activities are integral components of the educational program.

During the school year, after-school snacks and a meal are provided. During the summer months breakfast, lunch, and a snack are offered. The backpack program provides food for long weekends, school holidays, and school breaks.

Great Futures Pre-School and Childcare

203 Carmona Road, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Club Director: Susan Clark - Susan@scbgclub.com

In November 2017, The Boys and Girls Club of Saline County assumed ownership of an established daycare called Simply Kids. The facility became known as Great Futures Pre-School and Childcare. They continue to operate under that name, providing care for children six weeks to five years of age. Great Futures has the distinction of being the only daycare located in Arkansas owned by a Boys and Girls Club. The hours are 7:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

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Riverside Club

1810 Citizens Drive, Benton, AR, 72015

Club Director: Kenny Lowman - Kenny.Lowman@scbgclub.com

As the flagship location, the Riverside Club serves around 450 members after-school and in the summer. They offer:

Sports Programs; Spring and Fall Soccer, Basketball, and Flag football.

After-School Program: For Children Ages 6-18. Hours of operation are 3:00 PM-6:00 PM. Snacks are provided, and recreational opportunities for school-aged children in Saline County.

Summer Program: The summer program offers fun-filled activities, meals, (breakfast & lunch),

and more! The Riverside Club is a safe and clean environment for local children to attend while their parents work. Youth are provided with academic intervention, academic enrichment, and interactive learning activities.

Covenant Connections

2501 Woody Drive, Alexander, AR 72002

Club Director: Tyrone Fogle - Tyrone@scbgclub.com

In 1998, a new unit opened at the Alexander Youth Services Center called Covenant Connections. Educational enrichment and recreational activities are provided for all youth on campus.

You can support the Boys and Girls Clubs of Saline County (and have fun, too) by attending these upcoming events:

Spring Gala Presented by Relyance Bank

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2023

TIME: Doors open at 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Coronado Community Center
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Riverside Club Golf Tournament
DATE: Friday, April 14, 2023
LOCATION: Hurricane Golf & Country Club
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DATE: Saturday, April 15, 2023
LOCATION: First Baptist Church of Benton
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Visit <https://www.scbgclub.com/news-events> to register.

Cedar Mountain Club
Car & Bike Show
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“As a single mom of three boys, I have to provide for my family and one of my biggest concerns is their care while I work. When I drop my boys off I know that they will be encouraged, challenged, protected, and loved.” -Club Parent

The support and services provided by the Boys and Girls Club are essential to the well-being of children and families in our community. Visit <https://www.scbgclub.com/> to donate to this exceptional organization.



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Revitalizing Hot Springs



Hot Springs Central Theater, at right and Restaurant, above, after facelift.



Sandy Johansen
STAFF WRITER

Many Hot Springs residents and business executives continue to restore and upgrade many historic sites on Central Avenue. Christopher Rix, owner/broker Rix Realty, has done more than his share to keep Hot Springs history on the ground.

Rix's family history includes his great grandfather, Charles N. Rix, who was instrumental for many years restoring the Arlington Hotel. Charles is honored on a special plaque in the entry of the hotel.

"I was born and raised in Hot Springs and I am dedicated to restore and keep the history of this

Chris Rix brings the Central Theater back to life

wonderful city in place," said Christopher. "I've been in real estate for 18 years and have joined in the push to reinstate and renovate every significant building full of Hot Springs' past."

December 2020 began Rix's dedication to Hot Springs Central Theater. Opening in 1910, the theater showed first run Hollywood films. Since that time, the theater has become home not only to movies, but documentaries, live shows and music.

"We've completed many renovations including entirely new lighting and sound systems. Our



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Chris Rix, owner of Rix Realty.



Chauvet lighting system is the best in the business,” said Rix. Central also has a full bar, small restaurant, and watch for the opening of the formal restaurant adjoining the theater. We’ve done a lot of hard work to get the theater in place and scheduling regular performances and now the two-story building housing the restaurant. Rix focuses programming on Jazz, Blues and embraces all performing arts. For more information go to: www.CentralTheatreHS.com for full lineup. When the restaurant is completed, he said. “We just wait for the necessary city permits to open.”

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For the Sake of Sake

Cultural exchange leads to Sake Brewery

Lewis Delavan
STAFF WRITER

A 30-year relationship between Hanamaki, Japan and Hot Springs has led to a new sake brewery in the Spa City.

Origami Sake recently hosted the local 30th-anniversary celebration of the Hot Springs Sister City Program. A celebration was held simultaneously in Hanimaki.

The idea to bring a sake brewery to Hot Springs arose a decade ago after a Sister City business delegation to Hanamaki, Japan.

Hot Springs Sister City's educational and cultural exchanges led to Ben Bell spending around two years in Japan learning about traditional Japanese sake

brewing.

Bell, a graduate of the Arkansas School of Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts, returned to Arkansas with hopes of producing sake in the Ouachita Mountains.

Matt Bell heard of Ben Bell's idea, thought it intriguing and the two partnered to create Origami Sake.

A private well tested as "perfect for sake" provides Origami's water.

Arkansas rice grower Isbell Farms, known for growing sake rice, supplies the grain. And solar energy powers the brewery.

CEO Matt Bell aims to make the brewery at 2360 E. Grand



A tour given of the brewery by Justin Potts and Cassidy Harris during the Sister City 30th Anniversary celebration.



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Origami Sake will open its doors in the spring and offer private tours by reservation.

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Developed in Japan more than 1,500 years ago, sake accounts for 8 percent of Japan’s alcoholic beverage sales – but only 0.2 percent of U.S. alcohol sales. Origami hopes to boost U.S. awareness of sake and believes Origami’s “delicious taste” and its “visually stunning” appearance will win customers. The goal is to distribute the craft sake to restaurants and add it to the wine list.

Origami will launch three flagship brands: A

Thousand Cranes, White Lotus, and Whistling Duck.

After opening, Origami Sake will offer private brewery tours that include sake tastings for those interested in learning more about this ancient, revered beverage.

Hanamaki is located in the Iwate Prefecture of Japan. Known for its beautiful natural scenery and rich cultural heritage, the city is home to the International Origami Center and the Hanamaki Sake Brewery.

For more information, visit www.origamisake.co.



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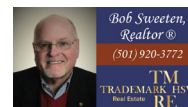


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The Hot Springs Reservation, established by legislation in 1832, was the first unit in what is now the National Park Service. (Courtesy of the Garland County Historical Society)

Hot Springs Reservation

Hot Springs National Park is oldest 'unit' in National Park system

Mary Eliades
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

The Garland County Historical Society recently welcomed Dr. Cane West, education coordinator for Hot Springs National Park, to its monthly meeting to discuss Hot Springs' influence on the creation of the National Park Service in 1916.

West has worked as a park ranger and historian for the National Park Service at locations all over the United States, but feels "tethered" to Arkansas and the Hot Springs area in particular.

In addition to his ranger duties, West is still conducting research on the park. "Hot Springs National Park has the longest-managed history of all the national parks," he said. "There are still stories to be told."

Cane calls what is now Hot Springs National Park

the oldest "unit" in the National Park system, because it predates the actual National Park Service. In 1832, in recognition of the healing waters and potential as a health resort, President Andrew Jackson signed legislation establishing the "Hot Springs Reservation" and setting aside "...four sections of land including said (hot) springs, reserved for the future disposal of the United States (which) shall not be entered, located, or appropriated, for any other purpose whatsoever." This predates the creation of Yellowstone National Park by 40 years.

At the time of its establishment, Hot Springs had the hottest water in North America (recorded at 143 degrees) and its medicinal properties had been known for centuries.

From the early 1800s, sites with mineral springs were becoming more and more popular – Saratoga Springs (New York), French Lick (Indiana), etc. – but Hot Springs had all the components that made it into a first-class health resort: drinking water, medicinal baths, nature walks, huge hotels, and entertainment.

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The Visitor Center at Hot Springs National Park is located in the Fordyce Bathhouse, which is currently closed for renovation.

In addition, it was the “first year-round destination – an all-season resort,” said West. There was even a government bathhouse in Hot Springs – free to users – as well as an Army-Navy hospital, making Hot Springs “the” health destination, with more than 20 bathhouses, a chief medical officer, and certified bath attendants, leading to “demonstrable health outcomes” for the 100,000-plus annual visitors.

A growing interest in federal protection for natural and cultural sites in the United States led to notable legislation in the early 1900s.

Although agencies were already in place to manage the nation’s forests, the U.S. Forest Service was created in 1905, during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt, to protect the nation’s forests and watersheds. The Ouachita National Forest was created in 1907 and is one of the oldest National Forests in the country.

The Antiquities Act of 1906 paved for the way for the establishment of the National Park Service by authorizing the President “to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic

or scientific interest” on public lands in the United States. The focus at the time was on archaeological sites, rather than “natural or cultural attractions,” said West. Devils Tower (in Wyoming) was named the first National Monument by President Theodore Roosevelt, and between 1906 and 1916, 20 National Monuments were proclaimed.

Some of the earliest National Parks began as state parks (for example, Yosemite and Yellowstone) and were set aside primarily for recreational use, rather than preservation of cultural artifacts – “for the benefit and enjoyment of the people,” a quote from the Yellowstone Organic Act of 1872, emblazoned on the Roosevelt Arch at the north entrance to Yellowstone.

Before the National Park Service was established, several issues made management of Hot Springs Reservation and other fledgling national parks a challenge. At the time, there was no unifying mandate, all the parks were administered separately, there were limited funds and few employees, and there was a conflict between the aesthetic and utilitarian aspects of conservation.

The National Park Service Organic Act was passed in 1916, creating the NPS under the Department of the Interior. Yellowstone National Park was the first park designated under the federal umbrella, and the Hot Springs Reservation became Hot Springs National Park in 1921. During the Congressional debates about the forming of the National Park Service, former Secretary of the Interior W.L. Fisher said, “Perhaps one of the most remarkable and one of the most useful of them all is one with which you are especially familiar, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where the medicinal waters have been the principal attraction.”

According to Wikipedia, the National Park Services now includes “430 natural, historical, recreational, and cultural areas throughout the United States, its territories, and island possessions.”

Decades before its official designation as a National Park, Bathhouse Row in Hot Springs already had a system in place of facilities management and became a model for the parks in other areas, including Thermopolis (Wyoming), Saratoga Springs, Platt National Park (in Oklahoma), and even Banff National Park in Canada. West described it as a good “example of effective management and utilitarian design.”

Stephen Mather, the first director of the National Park Service, loved Hot Springs, according to West, and compared it favorably to European spas. And, as a selling point to government accountants, Hot Springs National Park was “revenue neutral” (i.e., self-sufficient), even generating income for the area.

West showed his audience charts from the National Park Service (NPS), showing that from 1910 to 1915, one-third of the visitors to National Parks came to Hot Springs – the largest number by far. One-third of National Park Service employees were also located in Hot Springs – gardeners, bathhouse attendants, etc. The first women at the NPS were probably in Hot Springs, and it was the first integrated workforce in the NPS.

West calls Hot Springs a “notable example of the bridge between the two mandates of the Organic Act – conservation of historical areas and enjoyment by the public.



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