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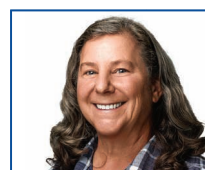
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Spring has sprung - not



Welcome to Hot Springs Village. (Jeff Meek photo)

Buds on the trees, birds in the air, trail walkers and golfers back at it, all a sign of spring. Oh, and pollen and an occasional severe storm too. April 2011 saw the first HSV tornado blow through.

I remember before we moved to Hot Springs Village in the summer of 2005, we had already gotten to know Dick and Sandy Paulsen. He and I shared a love of fishing and the Paulsen's were from our area in Illinois, so we hit it off right away.

I mention this because Dick told me several things about the Village that turned out to be very true. The fishing will really get going in April and spring in general is perhaps the most beautiful time of the year. He was right.

We lived on Lake Balboa and sure enough, come April the fish were swimming around the boat dock, the forest was thickening



t a minute too soon

up and I remember seeing cardinals and bluebirds in several trees. Deer stopping by in the backyard for a drink, blue heron stalking prey in the emerging lake vegetation and once we even watched 2 wild turkeys walk past the house.

April is a wonderful time of year. Nature comes alive, long awaited outdoor activities spring ahead (pun intended) and even the backyard grill gets fired up.

Along with you, the Hot Springs Village Voice looks forward to April in the Village and wishes you a great start to 2023.

Jeff Meek
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

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ON THE COVER:Smarty Jones, winner of the 2004 Arkansas Derby. It was the 100th anniversary of the opening of Oaklawn Park. Smarty now welcomes you to his favorite track, Oaklawn Racing Casino and Resort and the 87th running of the Arkansas Derby. In his honor, a Stakes Race was named after him. (Photo courtesy of Coady Photography)

ALL AROUND ARKANSAS

Historic marker at the site of the old Whittington Park.



THE LONGEST HOME RUN

Darrell W. Brown

Old Whittington Park was home to a great moment in baseball history

These days on St. Patrick's Day, Hot Springs is famous for its "World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade." But on St. Patrick's Day in 1918, the Spa City was famous for something much different — the home run that made baseball history, by one of the all-time greats, George Herman "Babe" Ruth.

Hot Springs hosted more than 300 major leaguers, including 137 members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, for spring training between the late 1800s through the early 1940s. What initially attracted athletes to the city was the warm climate and the city's thermal spring water, which supposedly cured a variety of ailments. Illegal gambling, bars, horse racing and other forms of adult entertainment also lured teams to the "Valley of the Vapors."

Major league teams began holding spring training baseball games in Hot Springs in 1886, when

businessman A.G. Spalding brought his Chicago White Stockings (now the Chicago Cubs) to the city to "boil out the winter," according to The Sporting News. The White Stockings practiced on a hastily built field at what's now home to the Garland County Courthouse. When the White Stockings won the National League championship that year, several other clubs took note. As a result, more and more teams came to Hot Springs for spring training, and more fields were built, including Majestic Park and Whittington Park.

It was Whittington Park where the most baseball was played in Hot Springs. Built in 1894 and used until 1942, Whittington Park (later renamed Johnson Field) was the hub of spring training. Future hall of famers who played there include Cy Young, Honus Wagner, Tris Speaker and Babe Ruth. Today, Whittington Park is now the employee parking lot at a Weyerhaeuser



Remnants of the concrete bleachers at the former Whittington Park.

Chad Fisher created the statue, estimated to weigh 1,500 pounds. It's believed to be one of only three Ruth statues in existence, with the others at Camden Yards in Baltimore and Tokyo.

For a state that's never been home to a major league team, it's amazing that Arkansas has played host not only to some of its most legendary players, but also to one of its most historic events.

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. Find him on Facebook and Instagram at AllAroundArkansas.

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On March 17, 1918, then Boston Red Sox pitcher Babe Ruth was pitching in a game at Whittington Park, when the team needed someone to bat. Ruth wasn't considered much of a hitter, but walked up to home plate and launched the ball over the fence, out of the ballpark, across the street, over a wall, and into the farthest pond of the Arkansas Alligator Farm. The hit changed Ruth's career. He became known for being a power slugger and not just an average pitcher. Ruth went on to play for the New York Yankees and become arguably the most famous baseball player in history.

By all accounts, everyone knew that day that Ruth's home run was special, but exactly how far Ruth's home run traveled was unknown until 2011. Thanks to modern technology, it was determined the ball traveled about 573 feet.

The location of the Whittington Park home plate, where Ruth swatted his record-setting homer, was marked in the Weyerhaeuser parking lot. Eventually, as part of the Hot Spring Baseball Trail program, a marker was erected there too, as well as across the street at the alligator farm where the ball landed. And if you look behind the Whittington Park marker, pieces of the old concrete bleachers are still visible among the weeds and trees.

On Feb. 6, what would have been his 186th birthday, a bronze statue of Ruth was unveiled and dedicated at the main entrance to the city's newly expanded Majestic Park baseball complex. Pennsylvania sculptor



The site of where Babe Ruth stood when he hit his record setting home run in 1918.



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Voices for the Voiceless

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*AWL works to save the
most vulnerable animals*

Local Women's
self-defense club
donates money
and items to AWL.
(Photo courtesy
of AWL)

Most of us have seen those heart-wrenching Public Service Announcements during our television viewing that show animal advocacy groups rescuing abandoned, neglected, and injured animals from hopeless and desperate situations. They evoke a strong feeling of pain for the animals involved and disbelief that humans can allow such dire situations to occur.

In 1991, eight residents of Hot Springs Village, united by their love for the welfare of animals, formed a nonprofit animal welfare organization. Initially, the organization had a limited scope of services – they provided volunteers and funding to assist the Property Owners Association (POA) Animal Control division.

The non-profit gained momentum and became a vital rescue group. In 2013 the Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League (typically referred to as

AWL) expanded its mission to reflect its strong presence in the community. Today, the AWL is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit rescue organization that continues to work cooperatively with the Hot Springs Village (POA) Animal Control. In addition to rescue, the AWL (a no-kill shelter) provides veterinary care and facilitates adoptions for all adoptable cats and dogs that come through the shelter. The AWL pays for food, veterinary expenses, and litter for all animals in the shelter building, including strays and lost pets and those available for adoption. The organization depends solely upon donations, memberships, and grants to sustain its programs. There are no subsidies by the POA or government entities. Donations are tax-deductible, and 100% of donations directly support the animals. The statistics from 2022 reflect

the scope of the work performed by the AWL and the sheer number of animals they helped. Here are a few highlights. Visit <https://hsvawl.org/statistics/> for complete statistics.

- 242 cats and kittens were adopted from AWL
- 108 dogs and puppies were adopted from AWL
- 87 dogs and puppies were transferred to partner rescues for placement with an adoptive family

Programs

The AWL has several vital programs that are instrumental in helping them carry out their animal-saving mission.

Spay/Neuter

8,875 cats and dogs have been sterilized to date - 2023 marks the 16th year of the Spay Neuter Program.

The AWL operates two low-cost two-day clinics each year for low-income pet owners in communities surrounding Hot Springs Village. The AWL uses a voucher system to send pet owners who need financial assistance to spay or neuter their pets. Two local veterinarians assist in providing these services. Persons needing low-cost vouchers may call Angela at 501-915-0832, Chari at 501-922-5269, or Nancy at 501-922-6444.

The goal is to reduce the number of unwanted puppies and kittens that ultimately end up in shelters or as strays.

Help Us Go (H.U.G)

The HUG program is all about road trips for dogs. Through great relationships with partner rescues, HUG helps larger dogs that may have a tougher time finding a forever home.

Education

The AWL strives to increase awareness of animal issues through education programs, including Kind News <https://kindnews.redrover.org/> a publication that promotes the humane treatment of all animals and appreciation of our environment

Looking Ahead for Pets (LAP) Program

Through the use of marketing and advertising resources to help facilitate adoption, the LAP program assists Hot Springs Village residents who must find a new home for their beloved pets

Lost Pets & Lily Alerts: If a pet is missing, immediately call the POA Animal Control at 501-922-6547. To expand the coverage, call the AWL at 501-915-9337



Cover photo for AWL Facebook page. (Photo courtesy of AWL)

and ask to participate in the Lily Alert program.

Adoption Stories

Adoption Coordinator (AC) Shelley Shepherd shares “There are many adoption stories that are close to my heart, but the one that immediately pops into my head is about Sport – a 15-year-old cockapoo who came to us when his owner passed away. He had serious medical issues and his coat was extremely matted. Sport wouldn’t allow anyone near his head



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Getting some love and attention from an AWL volunteer. (Robin Raborn Burns photo)

because he had a severe ear infection. He also appeared to be mostly blind and deaf. After receiving much-needed grooming and medical care, Sport felt much better, but it was hard to judge his quality of life due to the natural constraints of a shelter environment. We made Sport available for adoption and within a two-week period, he and his perfect adopter found each other! Sport's new mom reports that he completely enjoys his life; he loves going for walks and hanging out with his canine sister and the resident pot-bellied pig. Sport has a great life and we love him so much," reports his new mom.

Volunteer and dog-walker Julie Keck says her favorite foster story is about her own dog Boomer. "As a very young puppy, Boomer was found on a Hot Springs Village resident's porch. I knew this beautiful hound/lab mix was certain to get adopted quickly, so I took him home to potty train him. My husband fell in love with him and wouldn't let me take him back to the shelter so we adopted him. Boomer has been with us for over two years. He even helps me at the shelter when I run and exercise the dogs there."

Former long-time volunteer and Board of Director Member Nancy Kleck Harlan cites the adoption of OJ,

a longhaired orange cat as her favorite adoption story. "OJ had been in several homes. One day a mom and her teenage son visited the shelter looking for a cat. I introduced them to OJ, and they fell for him. After they adopted him, I followed the family on Facebook and saw how well-loved OJ was. He passed away at age 14, and they subsequently adopted another cat because of their love for him."

What goes into a successful adoption - one that is a good fit for the animal and the adopter? It comes down to the careful and thoughtful placement of animals in forever homes. All potential adopters complete an adoption application that is available at <https://hsvawl.org/>. Shelley adds "I put a lot of time and energy into finding the right family for each dog. When I see an animal thrive in their new home and get the adoration and love they deserve, it is the absolute best feeling in the world. Sometimes people tell me they don't think they could do what I do, I tell them that not doing it is not an option for me."

Any animal lover can directly impact the success of the AWL through a donation of time or money. Many people feel that if they can't adopt an animal, they can't support the mission of the AWL. Nothing

is farther from the truth. If someone cannot adopt, they can foster an animal. Fostering provides a safe transition from shelter to a forever home, as trust is gained, stability is introduced and the activities of day-to-day family life are present. For those who can't foster, being a dog walker (or a cat cuddler) can also help build trust for an animal, as they learn to feel safe with different humans.

There are also a couple of upcoming fun ways to support the AWL:

May 6, 2023 - Walk & Wag-A-Thon

Bring your four-legged friends to the Balboa Trail for a 1.2-mile (one-way) or 2.4-mile round-trip walk and help the AWL! Additional details including Registration information will be available soon. Rain date - May 13th.

September 25, 2023 - Girls Gotta Howl!

This popular annual event is something you don't want to miss. By popular request, there will be two identical events - a matinee and an evening gala! More information will be available on <https://hsvawl.org> as the date draws closer. A renovation of the building interior, exterior, parking lot, and fenced play area of the AWL has almost reached the completion stage. The improvements will greatly improve the quality of life for our animals and will offer enhanced accommodations for the volunteers. Harlan feels the following quote captures why she has always made a commitment to the welfare of animals, through her time as a volunteer and as a pet owner: "Animals have



Fun and frolic in the dog pen with a volunteer.
(Robin Raborn Burns photo)

no voice. They can't ask for help. They can't ask for freedom. They can't ask for protection. Humanity must be their voice." - A.D. Williams

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For dog adoptions: Contact Shelley at 314-520-8674, to schedule an appointment.

For cat adoptions: Contact Nancy at 501-922-6444, or Jill at 901-570-1430 to schedule an appointment.

Video of the September 2022 Adoptable Dogs Parade at Girls Gotta Howl

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*Group offers support
for those with
Parkinson's Disease*

Sandy Johansen
STAFF WRITER



Bob Newlin, group leader, Parkinson's Support Group, welcomes those with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers to monthly meeting.
(Sandy Johansen photos)

Do you or your loved one suffer from Parkinson's Disease? The HSV Parkinson's Support Group is a self organized group for people living with Parkinson's Disease and PD caregivers. Whether you are recently diagnosed or have been on a PD journey for years, you are not alone. There is a place waiting for you in this group.

The meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of every month at Good Samaritan Huckins Wellness Center (903 DeSoto Blvd, HSV) at 3:00 p.m. It is a time for those with the disease and caregivers to share information and feel comfortable.

Bob Newlin, who has Parkinson's and is a group leader said, "No one with Parkinson's needs to be alone on their journey. Given the increase of Parkinson's and the size of Hot Springs Village, the statistical probability of knowing someone with PD is very high. A goal of our group leaders is to increase awareness that an active PD support group exists for Villagers.

He said there were about 10 groups in Arkansas, but the one in HSV is easily accessible to those with

Parkinson's and care givers living in HSV.

Also in attendance was Toni Hobbs, speech therapist and Misty Parrish, Wellness Director and Rock Steady Boxing instructor. Each gave some short information on what is available to those suffering with Parkinson's.

Marketing Director at Good Samaritan in HSV, Eric Hushaw, presented a wealth of information regarding the many types of living arrangements at Good Samaritan from duplex private residences close to medical help, apartment residences, and full nursing care.

According to the Mayo Clinic: Parkinson's disease is a progressive disorder that affects the nervous system and the parts of the body controlled by the nerves. Symptoms start slowly. The first symptom may be a barely noticeable tremor in just one hand. Tremors are common, but the disorder may also cause stiffness or slowing of movement.

In the early stages of Parkinson's disease, your face may show little or no expression. Your arms

may not swing when you walk. Your speech may become soft or slurred. Parkinson's disease symptoms worsen as your condition progresses over time.

Although Parkinson's disease can't be cured, medications might significantly improve your symptoms. Occasionally, your health care provider may suggest surgery to regulate certain regions of your brain and improve your symptoms.

For more information please feel free to call or Email Toni Hobbs at: Toni.Hobbs@good-sam.com or 501-922-8045.



Eric Hushaw, Marketing Director Good Samaritan Society in Hot Springs Village, describes the many living arrangements available at the facility.



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Down & Derby

Racing Festival of the South concludes with the running of the 87th Arkansas Derby



Smarty Jones, winner of the 2004 Arkansas Derby. In his honor, a Stakes Race was named after him. (Photo courtesy of Coady Photography)

Sandy Johansen
STAFF WRITER

Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort, is located in beautiful Hot Springs, Arkansas, and has a storied history as one of the premier thoroughbred racetracks in the country since 1904. The inaugural Arkansas Derby in 1936 offered a total purse of \$5,000. The first winner was Holl Image, who was owned and trained by Jack Carter.

The Arkansas Derby is a thoroughbred horse race for three-year-olds. It is held annually and is a Grad 1 race over a distance of 1 1/8 miles (9 furlongs) on dirt. The American Graded Stakes Committee following Smarty Jones record-setting performances made the Arkansas Derby a Grade 1 race in 2004.

The Arkansas Derby offers 170 Road to the Kentucky Derby qualifying points with the winner getting 100, second place 40, third place 20, and fourth place 10. Top 19 or 20 point earners get a

place in the Kentucky Derby gate.

Other champions to use The Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn, the last race in the Racing Festival of the South, as a launching pad, include Temperence Hill, Cigar, Curlin, Paseana, Azeri, Tiffany Lass, Smarty Jones, Afleet Alex, Rachel Alexandra, Lookin At Lucky, Blind Luck, Zenyatta, Close Hatches, Work All Week and Will Take Charge.

The \$1.25 million Arkansas Derby (G1) is the richest Road to the Kentucky Derby prep race, awarding \$750,000 to the winner. It's also lucrative as far as Kentucky Derby qualification points are concerned, awarding 100-40-20-10 points to the top four finishers. It's no wonder that the 2022 renewal has drawn a promising field of nine horses, including star filly Secret Oath.

The Racing Festival of the South is legendary. The Festival offers Kentucky Derby contenders the

opportunity to compete for the top-level points at a distance of a 1 1/8 miles.

The Road to the Kentucky Derby goes through Oaklawn. To distinguish themselves as a top racehorse and earn a spot in the starting gate, contenders must travel the RTKD presented by Woodford Reserve. The Road to the Kentucky Derby (RTKD) is a series of races at tracks across the US and the world that take place from September through April. Points are awarded to the top four finishers in each race. The 20 horses with the most points will earn a chance to compete. Each race in the RTKD is at least a mile. The Arkansas Derby is critical for horses to earn points for Kentucky.

Track Announcer Vic Stauffer and Paddock Analyst Nancy Holthus will be busy 90 minutes before the first race scheduled post time. There have been only 6 track announcers in Oaklawn's 119 year history.

Lots of other chances have been made to Oaklawn including a major transition for the Main Line Sports Bar, Jockey Club, Post Parade and Carousel.

Following is the remaining schedule of races for the 2023 season:

April 1 \$1,250,000 Arkansas Derby
April 1 \$600,000 Fantasy Stakes
April 1 \$400,000 Oaklawn Mile
April 1 \$200,000 Hot Springs Stakes
April 2 \$150,000 Temperance Hill Stakes
April 8 \$150,000 Rainbow Stakes
April 8 \$150,000 Rainbow Miss Stakes
April 15 \$1,000,000 Apple Blossom Handicap
April 15 \$500,000 Count Fleet Sprint Handicap
April 22 \$1,000,000 Oaklawn Handicap
April 22 \$200,000 Bath House Row Stakes
April 22 \$150,000 Valley of the Vapors Stakes
April 29 \$150,000 Bachelor Stakes
April 29 \$150,000 Dig A Diamond Stakes
May 4 \$150,000 Natural State Breeders' Stakes
May 5 \$150,000 Lake Ouachita Stakes
May 6 \$200,000 Arkansas Breeders' Championship
May 6 \$150,000 Lake Hamilton Stakes

Oaklawn's 119th racing season runs through May 6, 2023.



Steve Asmussen continues to make memories, the latest coming on February 20, 2023 in the fifth race at Oaklawn, when the Hall of Fame trainer saddled favored Bet He's Ready (\$4) to win a \$40,000 maiden-claiming sprint under Ricardo Santana Jr. It made Asmussen, 57, the first trainer to reach 10,000 career victories in North America. (Photo courtesy of Coady Photography)



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Chuck meets one of Australia's inhabitants above. Ice fishing on Gull Lake in Minnesota, left. (Photos courtesy Chuck Miller)

The Traveling Guy

Villager plays golf in many world locales

Robin Raborn Burns
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"Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening – and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented." -Arnold Palmer

We suspect Hot Springs Village resident Chuck Miller would agree with Palmers' quote. Chuck loves golf – the mechanics, the camaraderie, the mastery of skill it requires, and the random elements of fate and luck it dispenses. Chuck values life in a locale with abundant opportunities for golf, as do the many golfers drawn to Hot Springs Village because of its nine beautiful courses. Chuck also views golf from an additional vantage point. He has traveled to, written about, and published articles about his experiences

as a golfer on the fairways of exotic locales such as Bermuda, Canada, Fiji, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Mexico, Morocco, and Switzerland. He has also golfed extensively on courses in all fifty states.

Chuck graduated from San Jose State University with a major in Public Relations. His resume reads like a who's who in the golf industry. From 2002 to 2007, Chuck was a regular contributor to *Grand Tour Magazine*, a luxury lifestyle publication in Southern California that was direct mailed to high-income demographic residential and business readers. Chuck penned golf-related travel, technique, and topography articles that earned him a reputation as the magazine's golf expert. Newport Beach, California,

publisher Bruce W. Cook described Chuck as “an asset to Grand Tour Magazine” and someone who continues to be a trusted voice on golf. Chuck has thirty years of domestic and international sales and marketing experience and fifteen years of experience as a freelance golf and travel writer. He managed international golf distribution networks for U.S. golf companies Alien Golf and Adams Golf. He maintains membership in the United States Golf Association (USGA), the Arkansas State Golf Association (ASGA), and the Golf Travel Writers Association (GTWA). As if that was not enough, Chuck is also a published author. He wrote “Golfing in the U.S. - Reflections on a 50-Week, 50-State Odyssey.” Drawing upon his vast experience as a travel writer, and his zeal for life, the book includes information about local points of interest, and suggestions for places to dine, shop, and enjoy local activities.

Chuck says the book offers readers suggestions for places to play and places to stay. He wants people to know his book is not a tutorial on the game of golf – it is

an account of his epic road trip, and all the adventures he had along the way. The book is an appealing read to golfers and non-golfers. Embarking on a major road trip and taking in as many golf experiences as he can is not out of character for Chuck. He has always been a bit of an explorer and has no fear of wandering off the beaten path in pursuit of adventure. After graduation from college, he “bummed around” Europe for several months, occasionally solo and often with a fraternity brother. During a memorable day of hiking in Italy, Chuck and his companion walked past sunset. A group of children they encountered used hand gestures to guide the two men to a place of respite for the night. Before falling asleep, Chuck and his friend anticipated what the new day would hold. The arrival of daylight brought with it the realization that they had spent the night in a mortuary.

Chuck is a member of the Hot Springs Village Players. He says he does not like memorization but loves acting, and bringing professional fun to any role he plays. Chuck reveals that people offer astonished praise when he shares that he speaks seven languages - English, French, Italian, German, Swedish, Russian,



Myrna and Chuck enjoying the Canadian Rockies.

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Chuck Miller on the golf course.

and Chinese. The astonishment changes to laughter when he adds that his level of fluency is gibberish. Chuck loves reading scripts in the HSV Players' radio theater productions. One of his favorite characters was Professor Kropotkin in the radio show *My Friend Irma*, which he performed with a Russian accent. He also enjoyed playing four parts in our *War of the Worlds* drama and as the organist in the Alfred Hitchcock dramas. The role of the organist did not involve speaking, but Chuck got to ham it up a bit.

He recalls that his decision to call Hot Springs Village home in 2012 confounded his son Mark, daughter Lisa, their families, and most of his friends. After spending time here, Chuck says "they understand my decision". Chuck met his wife of nine years, Myrna, in Hot

Springs Village in 2013. Myrna has been a resident of Hot Springs Village since 1990. She is a long-standing member of the Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church and choir. She is an active member and former President of her P.E.O. chapter, and a member of the Hot Springs Village Razorback Club and the HSV Players. Myrna plays Mah Jong, loves to dance, and, like *The Traveling Guy*, enjoys golf and loves travel. Myrna states "We are very fortunate to live here in Hot Springs Village. It is a wonderful place to enjoy life."

Chuck is also a motivational speaker who has given his *Success Is Achievable* motivational presentation to groups in Hot Springs Village. He feels a sense of gratitude and appreciation for the places he has traveled, the people he has met, and the friendships he has formed. He enjoys sharing that exuberance with others. When asked about a few of his favorite things Chuck shares: Chuck's go-to adult beverage: Tito's Vodka with a splash of Orange Juice. His favorite meal: Steak, salad, and baked potato. Movie he can watch again and again: *The Godfather* (first one.) The actor he gives major props: Clint Eastwood

The book he can't put down: Any James Patterson book. Chuck's Favorite Quote: "It's going in the hole." These words were shouted by Don Stokes, a player in Chucks' foursome as he made the second of two holes-in-one while playing the back nine at Cortez Golf Course in 2019. And, with that, it's back to golf again. So, what exactly is the story behind the two holes in one? Chuck had only recorded one hole-in-one in his life (in 1974) before the week of June 17, 2019. The first hole-in-one was a beautifully hit ball on hole No. 12. Chuck describes it as perfect. Then, an hour or so later, a hole-in-one on No. 17.

"I hit the ball on the heel of my club. It went about 70 yards on the downhill slope. Picking up speed, the ball rolled another 50 or 60 yards, then rolled past the bunker on the left and onto the green," Chuck explains. "Don, who I was playing with at the time, said 'It's going in the hole!' I thought, 'yeah right, I already had a hole in one, no way, but it rolled across and went in the hole.'" The odds of hitting two hole-in-ones in a single round are astronomical. "Sixty-nine million to one," said Miller. "And that doesn't take into account the fact that I'm a lefty."

What does the future hold for *The Traveling Guy*? Chuck and Myrna have several trips planned,

more than any year in the past. In June, Chuck will fly to Akureyri and Reykjavik, Iceland to participate in the Arctic Open Golf Tournament. Chuck will write an article for Golf Vacations Magazine about the tournament and, of course, places to play and places to stay. He and Myrna have a couple of cruises planned, including a family reunion cruise and a cruise down the Nile in Egypt. You may affectionately refer to Chuck Miller as a Guru of Golf, Fairway Ninja, or, by his moniker, The Traveling Guy. Whatever you call him, don't call him late for his next adventure!

Visit: <https://www.amazon.com/Golfing-U-S-Relections-50-Week-50-State/dp/0692731431/> to purchase Chuck's book.

Visit Chucks' website: <https://thetravelingguy.com/>

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Chuck and Myrna on their Honeymoon cruise.

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Neil Phelan has published six Christian books and two books for children. (Mary Eliades photo)

Mary Eliades
VOICE
CORRESPONDENT

Villager Neil Phelan has led a very productive life – he’s been a pharmacist, owner of two hearing clinics, an ordained pastor, and a prolific author.

Phelan was a pharmacist in Malvern for 25 years. He added to his thriving practice by constructing an adjacent building and opening a durable medical equipment store and an audiology clinic.

He and his wife of 42 years, Marilyn, moved to Hot Springs Village nine years ago and opened the Village Hearing Clinic, in the East Gate Shopping Center, in 2021.

Phelan said he never planned to become a pastor, but started going to Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Donaldson, Arkansas – where both Phelan and his wife grew up – and



Fulfillment in Writing

began writing weekly articles for the Malvern Daily Record and other church publications. The first of his six self-published books, “The Daily Record: The First Year in Retrospect,” is a compilation of those articles and “suitable for devotional material.”

**Neil Phelan
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six Christian
books**

His book “Family Devotions, with Helpful Hints for Parents,” Phelan said, was written to facilitate discussion among families or Bible study groups, and includes “questions at the end of the book to promote conversation and study.”

Phelan wrote “The Support of God’s Ministry” as a guide to church leaders in supporting their pastors, following commands in the Bible.

“Birthmarks of the Christian Church: Basic Fundamentals of the Christian Church” was his next endeavor and discusses the very beginnings of the church as described in the book of Acts.

Phelan’s fifth book, “A Manifesto of Grace,” which is now in its second edition, is about “salvation by grace,” and his most recent book, “Six Words that Satan Hates,” is a commentary on the book of Job. Phelan said the book was written to “help people going through suffering.” He considers “Six Words” his best effort and has gotten a lot of positive feedback on it.

All the books are available on Amazon, and the latest is also available as an audio book.

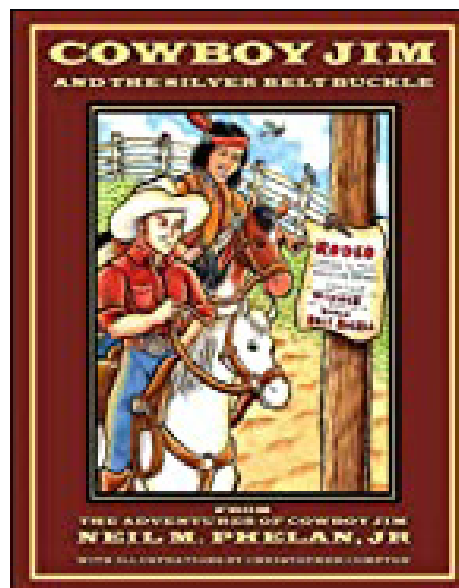
Phelan’s literary efforts have not been confined to Christian books – he has also published two children’s books (“Cowboy Jim and the Silver Belt Buckle” and “Cowboy Jim Finds Candy Mountain”) which started out as stories to entertain his children on family car trips. Phelan said the books were “a reflection of the Lone Ranger and Tonto.”

Phelan also enjoys writing music and singing (he

and Marilyn have regular karaoke nights for friends at their home). He wrote poetry and songs in college and has continued his musical career by writing songs about golf, including those old standards “A Redneck Down in the Sandtrap” and “Grandpa

Got Run Over by a Golf Cart” and a special song for a Diamante women’s golf team.

Phelan loves writing. “It’s a method of self-expression,” he said, “and a way to use whatever gift you have. For me, it’s very self-fulfilling.”



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Executive director Liz Robbins holds a photo kept in the archival storage area. Volunteers record all records digitally. (Lewis Delavan photos)

History Comes Alive

GCHS promotes programs, archives

Lewis Delavan
STAFF WRITER

One of Arkansas' best collections of local history resides at the Garland County Historical Society headquarters in Hot Springs.

Since 1960 the Garland County Historical Society

has collected, preserved and educated the public about the history of Garland County. With approximately 40,000 photographs and other items in its searchable database, numerous newspapers, manuscripts, maps,

books, and other materials, it has one of Arkansas' most outstanding local history collections, says executive director Liz Robbins.

Villager Carol Dyer is a board member.

The society encourages students, researchers, and the general public to visit and explore local history in the society's archives. Hours are 9 am.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday, excluding holidays.

The society conserves a large photograph collection, masses of transitory paper writings, newspapers, maps, books and memorabilia.

Besides helping local researchers and researchers from across the country, society members also provide local history through the website, Facebook page, monthly meetings and frequent programs to groups



Dignitaries greeted President Franklin D. Roosevelt during a Hot Springs visit during Arkansas' centennial visit in April 1936. After leaving Hot Springs, FDR worshiped Sunday morning in Rockport and was honored in a parade in Malvern, before returning to Little Rock.

and schools.

Members also hold special events to promote interest in local history

Membership of \$35 per year, or \$60 for a couple, includes:

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Garland County Historical Society is located at 328 Quapaw Ave., Hot Springs.

Alerts about items of interest to the historical community

Annual recognition in The Record as a supporter of the society

As well as its annual journal, The Record, the society publishes books illuminating the fascinating past of Hot Springs and Garland County.

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A look at a symbol on the Village's West Gate.
(Jeff Meek photo)

What Is That On The West Gate?

HSV is #4 on Cooper Communities list

Jeff Meek
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

Several months ago the Hot Springs Village Voice was contacted by resident Dennis Phelps about a logo – looking symbol on the west gate. Asking around, he and the Voice came up with no answers. However, later efforts proved more productive. After talking with long time POA employee Todd Noles and Neff Basore, Copper Communities Senior Vice President, we finally got some answers.

The symbol is what it looks to be, the Roman numeral four (IV). Why? Because Hot Springs Village is considered the fourth development done by Cooper Communities.

First on the list is Cherokee Village, developed in 1954. Next, Bella Vista is considered number 2, done in 1965. Between Bella Vista and Hot Springs Village comes property in Virginia that was being planned and

developed, but due to certain circumstances, did not continue to develop. Hot Springs Village, developed beginning in 1970, is considered number 4. There was also a property in Florida, called Sunnyland Village, in 1959, that was started, but 6 months later the company decided they did not want to be there.

So, what about the names of the different Cooper properties. Well, Cherokee Village was given that name because of all the Native American influence in that area as well as several Boys & Girls Clubs. Bella Vista was so named based on an English and Scottish theme. Because DeSoto was said to have found the hot springs, Cooper decided to go with the theme of Spanish explorers, thus the Conquistador helmet and head was seen as the best depiction for Hot Springs Village.

Basore told the Voice that no other Cooper development was given a number in terms of a marketing aspect. Numbers were only assigned for accounting purposes.



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Gardening - HSV Style

Village Gardeners offer tips for Spring

The Village Pines Garden Club and the Men's Village Garden Club not only have members ranking in Master Gardeners, but along with their own personal beautiful creations at their homes, but members also care for gardens all though Hot Springs Village.

Following are hints from these local gardening clubs:
VILLAGE PINES GARDEN GROUP:

- In March it is important to prune summer blooming shrubs.
- Cautiously remove mulch from perennials
- Cut back warm season ornamental grasses to a few inches above ground early in the month as well as liriopse.
- In April, fertilize roses once new growth starts.

Spray to control black spot of rose disease.

- Stake perennials clematis and other vines that might fall over from weight as they grow.
- Get your annual beds prepared by adding 2 inches (be sure to plant after the last frost.
- There is plenty of work to be done in the garden. From pruning summer bloomers like roses, crape myrtles, althea, abelia and fruit trees, grape vines and blueberry bushes, to planting new plants or fertilizing winter annuals and winter vegetables. If you have pansies and violas, they need some fertilizer to rebound and put on more blooms.
- Spring bulbs are in peak bloom. Fertilize if you haven't done so, to make sure they have the nutrition

they need for their green growing period following bloom. They replenish their bulbs after flowering, and need a minimum of six weeks of growth before you can cut the foliage off.

- Many perennials are up and growing. If you have summer or fall bloomers that need to be divided, now is the time to do so. Dig up the clump and use a sharp knife or pruning saw to cut through the root system. Leave at least two to three crowns per division.

- Pay attention to the weather forecasts. As plants are beginning to break dormancy and grow, is when they are often the most susceptible to a late frost. Covering with sheets or boxes can give you a few degrees of protection.

MEN'S VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB:

MAR:

- Control aphids with insecticidal soap
- Black spot on roses last year – spray weekly with Funginex
- Photinias leaf spot – spray with Daconil 2787 – 2 week intervals
- Hedges – Trim overgrown or uneven; base wider than top

- Cut back English ivy
- Fertilize pansies
- Fertilize boxwoods and camellias—camellias after they bloomed

- Mid March – apply super phosphate to iris, peonies & flower perennials

- Apply handful of aluminum sulfate per foot of plant around hydrangeas

- Add 1 cup of lime around each clematis

APR:

- Prune spring blooming shrubs after bloom

- Forsythia – remove 1/3 older, woodier canes at ground

- Flowering quince

- Spirea

- Fertilize lawn 2-3 weeks after it turns green with slow release fertilizer

MAY:

- Prune Azaleas after bloom and make first application fertilizer

- Fertilize roses with ½ cup of 12-6-8 every 4-6 weeks

- Fertilize spring bulbs after they bloom

- Plant summer blooms, like caladium and gladiolas



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- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons poppy seeds
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup (11/2 sticks) butter, softened (do not substitute margarine)
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 4 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Powdered sugar (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 325 F. Spray Stoneware Fluted Pan (or any bundt cake pan) with nonstick cooking spray. Combine flour, granulated sugar, lemon zest, poppy seeds, baking powder, and salt in a 2-quart mixing bowl; mix well. In a 4-quart mixing bowl, beat butter and cream cheese on high speed of hand-held electric mixer 1 minute. Add flour mixture; beat on low speed 1 minute or until blended (mixture will form a stiff paste).

2. In a small bowl, whisk eggs, milk and vanilla just until blended. Add egg mixture to cream cheese mixture in four additions, beating 2 minutes after each addition. (Do not undermix.)

3. Pour batter into pan. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until a cake tester inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan 10 minutes. Loosen cake from sides of pan; carefully invert onto a cooling rack, keeping pan over cake. Cool completely.

4. Place cake on serving platter. Sprinkle with powdered sugar or prepare a glaze, if desired.

ROASTED LAMB WITH ROASTED ASPARAGUS

Serves 8 to 10

Lamb:

- 1 leg of lamb or loin of lamb, about 4 to 5 pounds
- 5 garlic cloves, sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cups dry white wine
- 1 fresh bay leaf
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 4 to 5 sprigs fresh thyme

Cut small slits in the meat of the lamb with a sharp paring knife. Insert a slice of the garlic into each slit. Place the lamb in a large sealable plastic bag and add the olive oil, 2 cups white wine, bay leaf, rosemary, thyme, salt, and pepper. Seal the bag tightly and place in the refrigerator to marinate for 12 hours.

Remove the lamb from the fridge the next day, at least 4 hours before roasting. Keep the lamb sealed in the marinade bag and allow it to come to room temperature.

Heat the oven to 400 F. Remove the lamb from the bag with marinade. Place it on a rack in a roasting pan. Add 2 cups of wine. Roast for 1 1/2 hours or until the thermometer reads 150 to 160 F. Baste with drippings while roasting. Serve warm.

Asparagus:

- 4 pounds of asparagus, remove woody ends
- 2 cups coarse bread crumbs
- 1 cup grated Romano cheese
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder



- 4 Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
large eggs
Sea salt, to taste

Preheat the oven to 400 F.

Place the bread crumbs, cheese, garlic powder, and black pepper in a dish or bowl wide enough to hold the asparagus. Mix well to combine thoroughly.

Put the eggs in another dish or bowl of similar size and beat well. Working in batches, dip the spears into the egg, making sure they are coated well. Immediately place them in the bread crumb mixture and toss until each spear is fully coated. Transfer the breaded asparagus to a large baking sheet.

Place the asparagus in the preheated oven and bake for 30 minutes or until the breading is browned and crispy. Serve with wedges of fresh lemon.

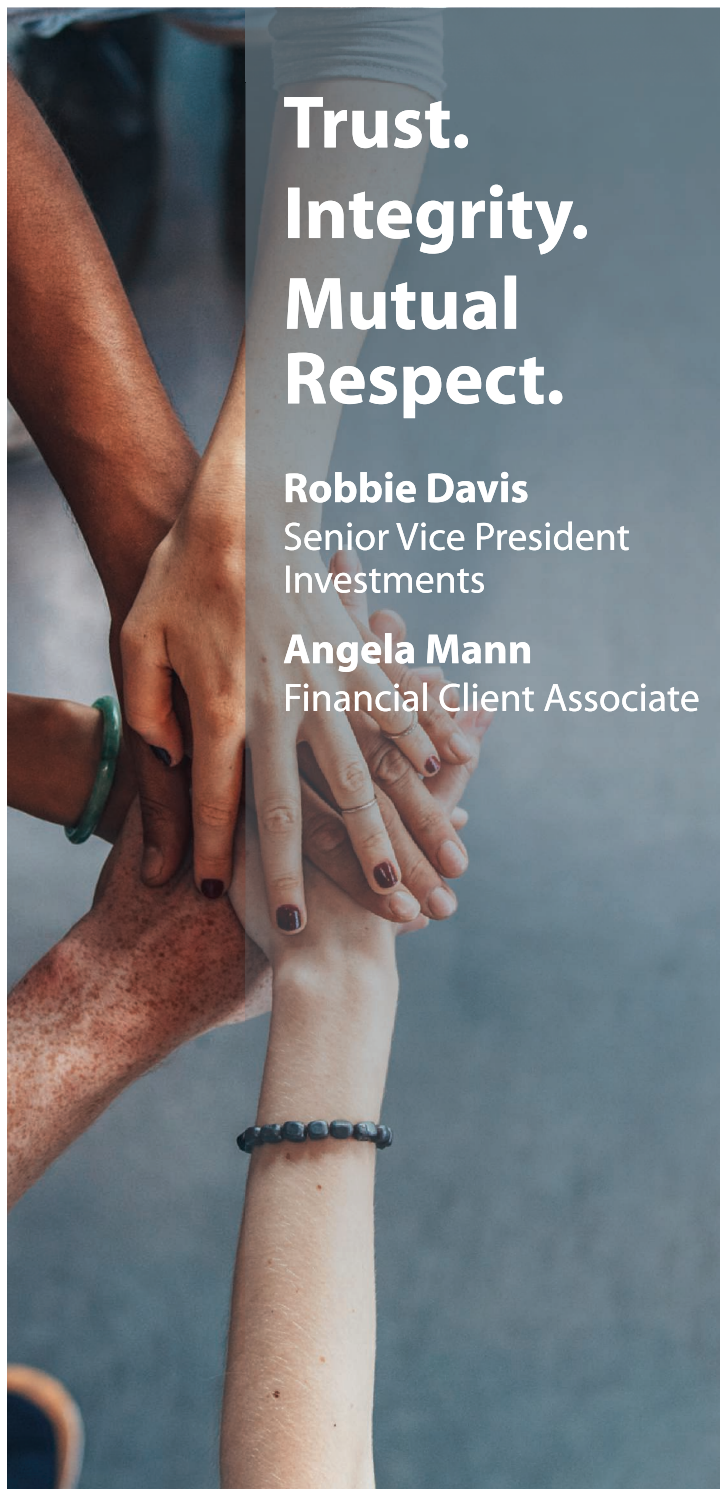
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