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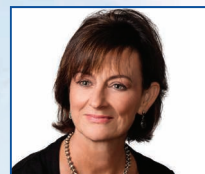
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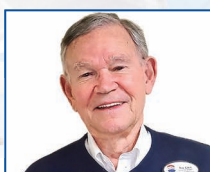
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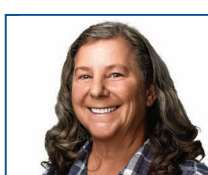
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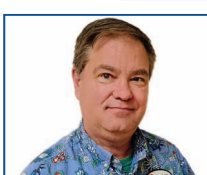
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At the end of a rainbow is the treasure of Hot Springs Village. (Jeff Meek photo)

The temperatures are up, the pollen is gone, and Hot Springs Village lights up with a multitude of fun activities. The recreation area finds youngster shooting hoops, pickleballers continue to play, trail heads are nearly full of parked vehicles as walkers enjoy the trails, pontoon boats, skiers and fishermen enjoy Village waters, tennis is in full swing as life abounds outdoors in Hot Springs Village.

June also features many programs and concerts. June 5 -July 10 the POA is offering summer youth swimming lessons at Coronado fitness center. A Fleetwood Mac tribute and dinner takes place the next day at the Coronado Center. June 22 – 25, The Players perform "Into the Woods" at Woodlands Auditorium and on June 30 there is a family movie night at 8:30 at the outdoor pool. Call 501-922-4231 for details of these and other upcoming events.

June also has its share of historical happenings. Here are just a few examples: during World War II, on June 4, 1944, Allied troops liberated Rome and on June 6, 1944, the Allies began the invasion of France as 47 Allied divisions landed on the beaches of Normandy to attack the German's "west wall." That same day in 1968, Robert Kennedy died from gunshot wounds received the previous day.



age – activities galore

On June 13, 1971, the “Pentagon Papers” were published exposing U.S. strategy in Vietnam. June 17, 1972, burglars were caught in the Democratic National Headquarters at the Watergate, leading eventually to the resignation of President Richard Nixon who tried desperately to cover it up. June 25, 1876, Custer’s Last Stand took place as General George Armstrong Custer and his 250 troopers were wiped out by approximately 3,000 Indians. And on June 30, 1971, the 26th Amendment was enacted granting the right to vote in all elections for American citizens 18 years or older. The age had been 21 prior to the amendment.

Summer is also a time when the Village fills with guests and vacationers looking to “get away from it all.” I can’t think of a better place to do just that. That is exactly what happened to me and my wife back in August 1982 when we made our first visit to HSV, bought a lot, and fell in love with the place. Life in HSV is as good as it gets, so enjoy HSV Life.

Jeff Meek
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

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ON THE COVER: Jessieville’s Payton and Noah Futch. (Photo courtesy of Futch family)

ALL AROUND ARKANSAS

Entrance to
Prairie Grove
Battlefield
State Park.



THE DEADLIEST DAY *Prairie Grove Battlefield pivotal in Arkansas Civil War history*

Darrell W. Brown

Recently, I took a trip to north Arkansas during my spring break.

One of the places I visited was one of my favorite state parks, Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park, just outside of Fayetteville. The park was the site of a major conflict between Union and Confederate troops on Dec. 7, 1862.

The Battle of Prairie Grove marked the deadliest day in Arkansas during the Civil War and was the last major Civil War engagement in northern Arkansas. The park is considered by many historians as one of America's most intact and well-preserved Civil War battlefields.

In 1908, the United Daughters of the Confederacy purchased 9 acres where the battle was fought. The organization maintained the land as a meeting spot

and held commemorations of the battle on the site for nearly 50 years.

A local businessman and state representative, J. Sherman Dill, sought money during the 38th Arkansas General Assembly to expand and make improvements to the park. Dill was successful in obtaining \$10,000 in state funds, which helped pay for the construction of the stone archway at the park's entrance, a wooden bandstand and a gravel driveway to the park. These additions and improvements were made in 1925. Unfortunately, due to the lack of money and maintenance, the park fell into disrepair during the Great Depression and was banned from public use for several years.

In 1953, the local chapter of the Lions Club adopted Prairie Grove Park and raised money through the community to clean up the park and build benches, picnic tables and sidewalks. In 1957, the 55-foot stone chimney from the nearby historic Rhea's Mill



Log cabin and horse drawn wagon at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

was moved to the park site as a monument honoring the fallen soldiers from the 1862 battle. Other historic buildings from the Prairie Grove area, including an 1834 log home and a blacksmith shop, were moved to the park site in the following years.

A museum interpreting the battle was built in the park at the urging of Biscoe Hindman. Hindman's grandfather, Confederate Major-General Thomas C. Hindman, commanded the 1st Corps, Trans-Mississippi Army, during the battle of Prairie Grove. Later named Hindman Hall, the museum was officially dedicated in May 1964. The park was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in September 1970. Prairie Grove Park was added to the Arkansas state park system in 1971 by then-Gov. Dale Bumpers.

Hindman Hall museum features several exhibits about the history of the battle, including artifacts recovered from the battle site. The museum was temporarily closed to the public in 2010 for renovations and reopened in 2012. Officially known today as Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park, the park has expanded several times over the years through the acquisition and donation of land.

Now operated by the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism, the park offers walking and driving tours, living history programs, and other

special events. Arkansas' largest Civil War battle reenactment takes place during even-numbered years on the first weekend in December. Admission to both the park and museum is free.

If Civil War history — particularly Arkansas Civil War history interests you — I can't think of a better place to learn and experience it for yourself than at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

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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Expressions of Life



Alexandra Mathews-Woodcock loves taking photos of people's 'fur kids'

Mary Eliades
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

Alexandra Mathews-Woodcock is a professional photographer with a love of nature and animals. Alex is shown here with her fur babies, Chance, Remy and Megan.
(Submitted photos)

Alexandra Mathews-Woodcock is a photographer with a big heart.

She has always loved animals and wildlife, which, of course, includes pets of all types.

She is also an accomplished photographer. "I have always loved photography," she said, adding that both her father and grandfather were influential in stoking her interest from an early age. Her father specialized in "people pictures," using an old Kodak, and bought her a 35mm when she was in college.

Ten years ago, she retired from her career as a

librarian and "wanted to do something meaningful." A good friend suggested that she combine her love of animals with her photography skills and try her hand at pet photography.

Woodcock belonged to a camera club in Redlands, California (where she's from), and was asked by the local animal shelter if she would take photographs of adoptable pets. She agreed, and continued this service for several years, contributing "pet of the month" photos to the community newspaper.

Her best friend had a beloved golden retriever,

Bailey, that had cancer, and Woodcock offered to take some photographs of the pair. This kind service to a friend became her first “end of life” shoot, and the start of a passion that continues to this day.

After a stint in Las Cruces, New Mexico, where she and her husband, Bruce, decided they “were not desert people,” they moved to Tyler, Texas, to be near their daughter. Bruce – her partner in life and photography – is the “techie” in the family, helping with lighting and sometimes driving, and is a photographer in his own right.

After a quick trip to Hot Springs Village last June to adopt a sheltie from the Animal Shelter, they decided to return to the Village in November for the fall foliage. Like many visitors to the Village, they fell in love with it and, almost before they knew it, were signing papers for their new home.

Since arriving, Woodcock has joined the HSV Camera Club, and volunteers at the Animal Welfare League and the Coronado Center Library. She has also continued her “end-of-life” photography sessions and would like to offer this service to Villagers.

Woodcock lost her “heart dog,” Chance, last year but was lucky enough to have great photographs to remember him by. “Thankfully, I’m a photographer, so taking photos of my boy came second nature to me,” she said. “Many pet owners take photos of their ‘fur kids’ with cell phones or cameras, but it’s harder to get those special pictures of owners with their pets.”

As pets age or grow ill, photographs become more precious. “Before you know it,” said Woodcock, “our pets start getting old and slowing down. They can get sick almost overnight and then they’re gone.”

Woodcock offers these sessions (“Life Expressions”) free of charge. She recently became a member of the Tilly Project, a network of photographers that provides end-of-life photography to pet parents.

Woodcock urges people “not to wait until it’s too late” – it’s better to capture pets while they’re still happy and relatively healthy. She noted that owners of older dogs often have large vet bills to pay, and that is one of the reasons she offers her professional services free of charge.

Woodcock will take photos either at home or at a location that is special to the pet and owner such as a park, lake, or favorite place to walk. She processes the photos and posts them on her website gallery for



Woodcock captured a beautiful moment between Donna and Toby as part of her “end-of-life” service.

owners to download and print (she will also do the printing, if requested). Holiday photos are especially popular.

Woodcock is also available for “just for fun” pet and family photographs, and said she will photograph any type of pet, EXCEPT snakes: “I don’t do snakes.”

She also loves to photograph birds and led “Bird Photography 101 and Beyond” at the Audubon program in May.

Woodcock can be reached via her website (alexpressionsphotography.com), Facebook page (alexpressionsphotography), by email at alexpressionsphoto@gmail.com, or by phone at 909-705-9540.



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HSV ARTISTS

Glass artist Scott Finnell in his garage workshop, laying out a new piece. (Mary Eliades photos)



Tripping the ‘Light’ Fantastic

Local glass artist captures light in unique ways

Mary Eliades
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

Scott Finnell and his wife, Kim, moved to Hot Springs Village about two years ago after searching for a retirement home for four years. They were enroute to Kentucky, drove through Arkansas, and Scott said, “This place is beautiful!”

And so is Finnell’s glass art.

After a successful career in the fuel distribution business in Brawley, California – a farming community

in southern California – the Finnells moved to Idyllwild (California), where they lived for 12 years.

Finnell wanted a stained glass window in his kitchen and, when he couldn’t find the perfect piece, decided to make it himself. That led to many more pieces, art shows, commissions and, ultimately, running a juried art show in Idyllwild, California – Idyllwild Art in the Park – for eight years, along with his wife. “The show



These pieces were inspired by Native American blankets of the Southwest United States, above.

This piece takes its inspiration from the natural forms of manzanita wood, right.
(Submitted photos)



grew and grew,” said Finnell, and is “a true art show.”

Finnell’s stained glass pieces represent abstract forms and incorporate geode slices from Brazil and other interesting materials.

Eventually he moved on to fused glass art, in which pieces of glass are joined together at a high temperature, usually in a kiln. Finnell learned the hard way that many factors go into the process, including compatibility of the various pieces of glass – if the glass pieces are not compatible, structural integrity will be compromised and the resulting artwork may shatter

or fracture. Finnell said most manufacturers rate their glasses for compatibility, and glass artists often stick to one or two manufacturers for materials.

Finnell is completely self-taught. “I learned everything by trial and error,” he said.

Finnell had a studio in California, where there is a big market for original glass art, but he’s not working as much since he and Kim have moved to Hot Springs Village.

“I’m now hooked on golf,” he said, “and know I’ll be frustrated for the rest of my life.”

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Beautifully crafted wind chimes catch the breezes on Finnell's deck, left.

Finnell began his work as a glass artist by producing stained glass pieces like this one, which incorporates Brazilian geodes, right.

Finnell has many beautiful pieces of his work in his home and a nice workspace in his garage (next to the golf carts), including three kilns.

He would love to talk to anyone interested in glass art, including glass jewelry, and would even be willing to offer a class at his home. He can be contacted at scottfinnell13@gmail.com.





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HSV SPORTS

Tickled with Pickleball

Sport is growing in HSV and across the nation

Lewis Delavan
STAFF WRITER



Opportunities for pickleball exist on at least three venues in Hot Springs Village.

A competitive, social blend of badminton, ping-pong and tennis, players say it is easy to learn and promotes physical fitness.

Beginner lessons are available at all three HSV venues.

Hot Springs Village Pickleball Club in April started holding free beginner clinics weekly from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays at DeSoto Recreation Area, east of the DeSoto Club. Call the DeSoto Recreation Clubhouse at 915-3512 or email pickleball@hsvpoa.org to sign up.

HSV Pickleball Club, founded in 2013, plays at DeSoto Recreation Area.

Participants must pay the HSV Property Owners' Association recreational fee and a \$10 club fee.

More than 400 members play on 14 outdoor pickleball courts. A staffed clubhouse offers rental equipment, restrooms and snacks. Several courts have lights for nighttime play, and the club holds regular tournaments.

Village Church of Christ, 210 Balboa Road, has designed a pickleball program in its Family Life Center as a community outreach. Darrell and Jane Riffel are the church's current pickleball coordinators.

Beginner lessons are each Saturday morning, free of charge, from 9:30 to 11:30.

Other daily schedules are posted at the courts. Monday nights are reserved for Village Church of Christ members and their invited guests.

Participants enjoy pickleball at the Balboa Baptist Outreach Center.
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Balboa Baptist Church, 415 Ponce de Leon Drive, offers three indoor pickleball courts and participation is available without membership.

Open play pickleball is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Courts can also be reserved at various times throughout the week. Balboa Baptist has coaches to teach beginners how to play, or give tips on improving one's game.

Anyone interested in more information may call the Balboa Outreach Center at 501-204-5023.

The sport is growing in Arkansas and the nation.

Arkadelphia, Bella Vista, Danville, Fort Smith, Hot Springs, Little Rock, Percy, Plainview, Rogers and Russellville are among other Natural State communities offering pickleball courts.

And the Sports & Fitness Industry Association's



Players participate at DeSoto Recreation Area's field. (Lewis Delavan photo)

Topline Participation Report for 2022 declared pickleball as the fastest-growing sport in the U.S. over the last two years; reportedly growing 39 percent to more than 4.8 million participants.

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How one local company thrived by creating a

Culture of Caring

Dan and Angela DeLong (pictured above) founded Natural Hearing Centers in 2010. What started as a single-location business has now grown into the largest hearing aid network in Arkansas with 14 clinics – one of which is inside the Village gates – and many satellite locations throughout the state.

The DeLongs attribute their success to one simple thing – their focus on creating what they call a “culture of caring.”

Let’s rewind a bit. How did Natural Hearing get its start?

Dan: I got into the hearing healthcare industry by working as a regional manager for a hearing aid manufacturer. I spent nearly a decade traveling around the country helping other hearing aid dealers with their businesses before eventually being relocated to Arkansas.

Angela: At that point I had just given birth to our fourth child and we were ready for a change of pace. It didn’t take long for us to decide that Arkansas was where we wanted to call home.

Dan: So, in 2010 we took a leap of faith and purchased a hearing center in Hot Springs – what would become the first Natural Hearing Center.

Was the plan always to grow into a larger company?

Angela: Not necessarily. Dan has always been a big believer



in setting goals and sticking to them. The original goal was to own a company and run it in a way we could be proud of. To us that meant focusing on company culture above all else. The growth we’ve seen has been truly amazing to us.

Many successful companies focus on sales figures, KPIs, or other clearly measurable metrics. What does it look like to focus on culture?

Dan: It’s essentially just prioritizing relationships. If we’re good at building lasting relationships with our patients we know everything else will fall into place.

Angela: Exactly. We like to call it a culture of caring. And it goes for our staff just as much as our patients. We’re very intentional about creating a family-like work environment and we have incredible buy-in from everyone. They know the work we do is very important. Better hearing can be life-changing for people. We see it every single day.

Dan: It’s easy to be passionate about your work when you get to see how impactful it is. Helping people reconnect to their loved ones and things they love never gets old.



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Superior Siblings

Basketball -
Always a part of
the Futch family
dynamic

Sandy Johansen
STAFF WRITER



Payton and Noah Futch. (Photo courtesy of Futch family)

Brother and sister, Noah and Payton Futch, Jessieville High School basketball players, have recorded record breaking statistics. Not only is their athletic performances superior, but they offer a story of family, friends, and teacher's supporting both their academic and athletic abilities.

Father and mother, Duwayne and Shawn Futch, Noah and Payton live in Hot Springs Village. Noah and Payton attend Jessieville, Noah a 2023 graduate and Payton is in the class of 2026.

Duwayne and Shawn Futch cannot resist talking about their close family relationships both on and off the basketball court. "We never missed a game either Noah or Payton played," said Shawn.

Duwayne and Shawn have a busy life as owners

and operators of Big Red Realty for the past 17 years. They support Noah and Payton's academics as well as basketball. "I video each game they play, so we have many DVD's in the house," laughed Shawn. When I'm filming, they ask me 'Mom, did you see that?' and I say no, I was busy filming." "If we're coming up to play a team we've already won or lost, we have the video to see what we did right and what we did wrong," said Noah.

"We both started playing basketball at the Boys and Girls Club," said Noah. "I first played basketball when I was about 4 years old." Sister Payton joked, "I started playing about age 5 and got lots of help from my brother who was even taller than me at the time." Obviously, these siblings have practiced together for



Celebrating his scholarship, Noah shares the day with his family Shawn and Duwayne (seated) and Uncle Shane, Grandfather Jim, Grandmother Linda and Sister Payton.

many years before playing on the Jessieville teams. Both participate in Summer Travel basketball games. Not a surprise, their father played basketball at the University of Southern Colorado, and is always close to them on and off the court.

Payton was a freshman starter this season, when asked about her experiences playing basketball, Payton replied, "When playing at All State, it was so exciting with the big crowd watching and we had a school section cheering us on. My teammates and coaches make the experience a whole lot better for me." As far as Noah, "I scored 53 points against Bismarck in January. They said I beat a record. It was exciting." Shawn added, "This past year there were many players taunting Noah, but he's learned how to tune them out. It's always work - mentally and physically." When off the court Payton also enjoys tennis and Noah enjoys golf. "We live on Ponce, so it's the one I play most frequently," Noah said. They both participated in Junior Tennis and Junior Golf. "There's so many wonderful things for kids to do in Hot Springs Village," said Shawn.

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With Noah over six feet and Payton closing in on him they are more than ready for next season, Payton at Jessieville and Noah at Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska, where he was offered a full scholarship. "They just reached out to me. I like the campus and I like the coaches." He plans to major in business.

When asked what encourages them to play so hard and so well, "That's all I think about is to win the game," said Noah. "I do my best to get all my teammates involved to win." Shawn added, "They eat a very balanced diet and each have something specific they want prior to every game they're playing." Both said they like chicken or chicken sandwiches, nothing heavy like pizza, and they drink lots and lots of water.

The Futch family attends Christian Ministries Church and enjoy the camaraderie with other members. The family takes many frequent vacations together. Celebrating Noah's birthday this past year, both brother and sister saw their first professional

basketball game, the Memphis Grizzlies and the New Orleans Pelicans. "Professional basketball is so different in person. We were surprised players were not only tall, but much bigger in person than we thought," Noah said.

Duwayne Futch encourages his children. "Both took to basketball at a very young age. Seems like they were born bouncing a ball. My earliest memories of them is bouncing a ball in the kitchen while Shawn cooked and hearing her yell at them to not bounce a ball in the kitchen while she was cooking.

Each bedroom and bathroom door in our house has a rim hanging on it to this day. Noah's first Christmas present was an indoor 6 ft. tall basketball goal that is still here in our house today. They used to get white t-shirts and have me write a number and a NBA's player's name on it, then I would have to referee their one on one game. They were highly competitive and the loser would usually run to their room crying. To

I scored 53 points against Bismarck in January. They said I beat a record. It was exciting. - Noah Futch



Noah Futch celebrates with his Jessieville High School Basketball teammates including a few elementary students who never missed a game, now wearing his college tee shirt.

this day they still love working out and building their skill set outside of practices and games. Looking back I remember telling my wife that they both would be playing at a very high level and would go on to play in college. Best memories ever!”

Noah’s record setting scoring has been printed numerous times and Payton earned underclassman of the year. Their accomplishments are well deserved.

Payton Futch - Class of 2026 - Freshman starter on Varsity.

- 3A Region 5 All Conference
- 3A Region 5 All State
- 3A Region 5 All State Tournament Team
- Arkansas Democrat Gazette All Arkansas Preps Girls Earned Underclassman of the Year
- SBLive Newcomer of the Year
- Team went to State Tournament
- Averaged: 21.9 points - 4.7 rebounds - 2.4 assists - 4.9 steals

Noah Futch - Class of 2023 - Senior played on the Varsity Team all 4 years.

Freshman Year:

- Team went to State Tournament
- Received 3A Region 5 All Conference and All Garland County Honors

Sophomore Year:

- He earned a 3A Region 5 All Conference and Honorable Mention All State

Junior Year:

- Received All Garland County Player of the Year
- Democrat Gazette Newspaper Player of the Week
- 3A Region 5 Conference Player of the Year, All State, 3A Region 5 All Conference
- Voted Team’s Best Offence Award

Senior Year:

- 3A Region 5 Player of the Year for his conference
- 3A Region 5 All State
- 3A Region 5 All Conference
- Scored 2,007 total points for his Varsity High School career
- Scored a career high of 53 points in one game against Bismarck January 2023 (possibly set a school record)
- Jessierville won their Conference 2023
- Jessierville won the District Tournament 2023
- Senior Year averages: 30.9 points - 7.2 rebounds - 3.4 assists - 2 steals
- Committed to Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska.



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Classic Treasures

Holly Classics' remarkable collection part of Gasoline Alley

A Ford Roadster, a Plymouth Coupe, a Chrysler and an Oldsmobile are part of Holly Classic's collection.

Lewis Delavan
STAFF WRITER

Classic treasures await inside Holly Classics.

An ordinary steel building at Gasoline Alley, 105 Deposito Paseo, in Hot Springs Village hosts Holly Classic's remarkable collection of cars that appear in original showroom condition.

A photo above owner John Hollansworth's desk shows the "Green Dragon," a 1917 Peerless that he restored with Armour Titus. They drove the Peerless in The History Channel's Great American Race in 1988 - part of a lifelong love of cars and driving.

Camaraderie is an essential component of Holly Classics. He and his buddies enjoy wrenching and restoring classic cars, driving classics and just hanging out together. "There's been an awful lot of guys visit

here over the years," he says.

Hollansworth, 91, enjoys a lifetime of great memories. "I've got great kids, a great wife, a super church - Village Bible Church. I have great memories."

Born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, Hollansworth says he was blessed with good parents and a Christian home.

He developed a strong work ethic, starting as a Western Union messenger boy that led into a full-time job at Western Union.

Serving the Army Reserve two years, then two years on active duty, his Western Union assignment to the Oklahoma City office was fortuitous.

"That's where I met Jane (my wife)," he said.

Future years took the couple to New York City – Western Union’s home office – and cities including Colorado Springs, Bellville, Illinois; back to NYC, Boston and Washington, D.C.

Hollansworth served Western Union as corporate vice president for government systems in the capital city.

Retirement continued to take the couple to various cities – the cellular phone business in Dallas, aircraft motors in Annapolis, Maryland; back to Dallas, Raleigh, North Carolina; and later to Hot Springs Village.

Jane’s experiences with living in so many homes led her from a stay-at-home mom to a Village real-estate career, where she has enjoyed work as a Realtor and broker. After selling ReMax-Hot Springs Village, Jane Hollansworth continues her success at the agency.

Sons John Jr. and Jeff inherited a love of motors. The sons enjoyed racing cars, continuing their father’s youthful tradition.

The elder Hollansworth’s parents came to Hot Springs while starting a restaurant in the 1920s. “They

traded a farm in Missouri for a restaurant in Hot Springs,” he recalls.

They later returned to Kansas City, but maintained ties to the Spa City, which is how John and Jane came to discover HSV, buying a model home at Coronado Golf Course in the 1980s.

Village developer Cooper Communities Inc. built the home in stages, Hollansworth said, so that potential buyers could see the quality of Cooper’s work.

Memorabilia abounds at Holly Classics. A Chuck Bracke painting immortalizes “Cabbage Heads,” a group of long-time friends who gather at Holly Classics. Hollansworth laments that the memory board of Cabbage Heads keeps growing.

What’s a Cabbage Head? You have to be one to know. The only rule: Don’t get too uptight.

Today, restored convertibles, rumble-seat coupes, sleek racers, and stately roadsters continue to return to life at Holly Classics, despite a devastating fire in 2015.

John Hollansworth reflects on life and sees a life well spent.

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A Man of Many Hats

John Cones works as a film finance attorney, author, lecturer and more

Sandy Johansen
STAFF WRITER

Recently moving to Hot Springs Village, John Cones, with more than 23 years experience in Los Angeles, as a film finance attorney, author and lecturer working in the broad field of film finance with a focus on the legal work associated with investor financing of independent entertainment projects (primarily independently produced feature and documentary films) and business start-ups. He and his wife, Donna Patton, decided to enjoy semi-retirement in the beautiful Ouachita Mountains.

His producer client film finance offerings have successfully raised the investor financing to produce some 63 feature and documentary films. In November of 2021, the State Bar of Texas Entertainment Law Institute honored Mr. Cones with its annual Texas Star award, given for contributions to the field of entertainment law.

Film finance legal services include investor financing of independent films; film finance contracts, film finance books, film finance articles, lectures and seminars. "I'm very interested in working with the Arkansas Documentary Film Institute and producers creating low cost film productions and completion of all the documentation required," said Cones.

According to Cones' biography: "Cones' film finance related consulting concerns the choice of finance method as well as a multitude of choices relating to: form of production company, investment



John Cones and wife, Donna, enjoy golfing in HSV. (Photos courtesy of John Cones)

vehicles for raising investor funds, the advantages and disadvantages of securities versus non-securities offerings (passive investor versus active investor), federal and state securities law compliance, proper marketing of the offering, use of the Internet and expanding the pool of prospective investors for private placement offerings. In addition, he works with producer clients in developing the associated financial projections for such offerings, in preparing and submitting state and federal notice filings, creating the selected entity, box office comparables and other disclosures required to be included in the securities disclosure document (PPM, offering circular or prospectus).

In addition to the above, Mr. Cones has prepared film finance offering disclosure documents for feature film development, packaging, production, completion fund and distribution activities. His experience extends as well to live stage plays, infomercials, television pilots, music projects and other business start-up and project financing needs. Lastly, his work encompasses the preparation of film finance business plans for active



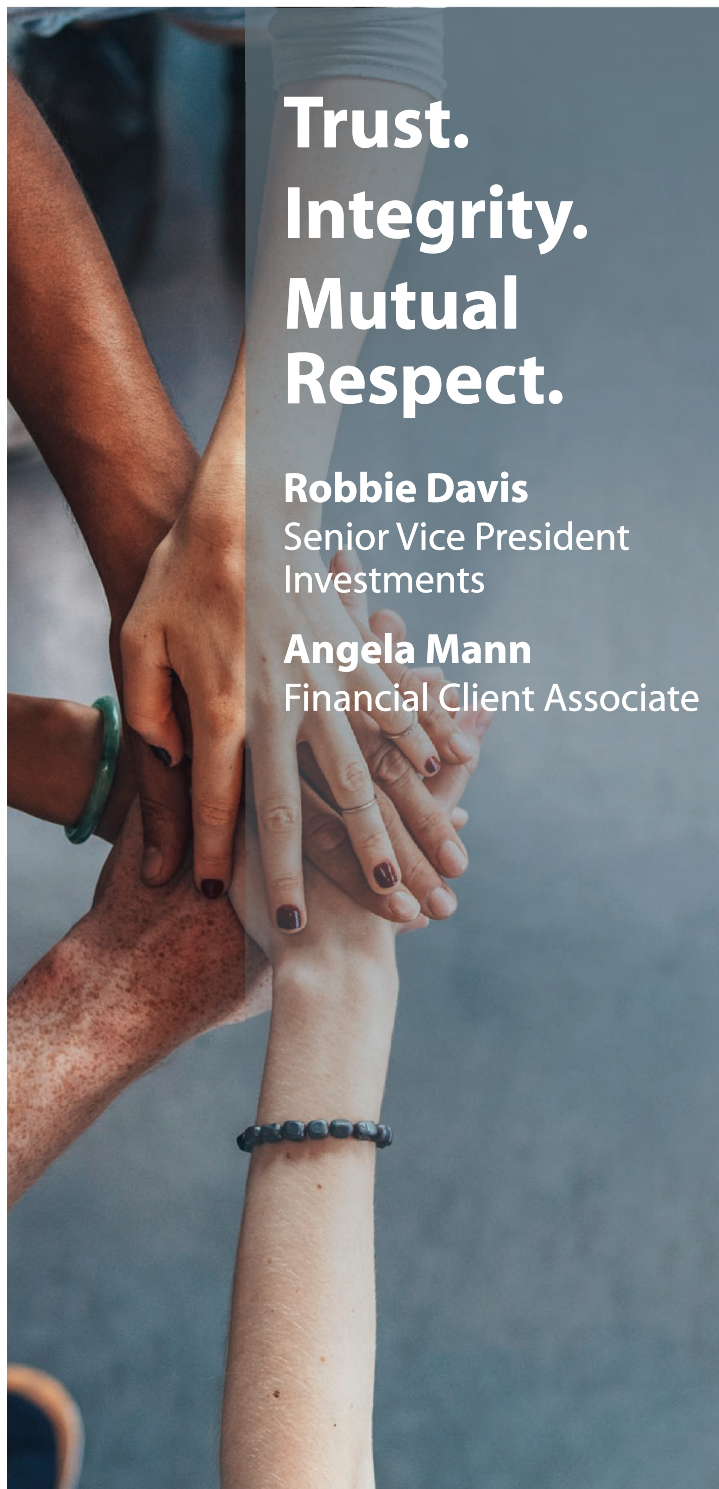
Atlanta Entertainment Attorney Lisa Moore introduces keynote speaker, John Cones, for the Women in Film and Television of Atlanta Seminar.



Two award-winning films John Cones was recognized as financial consultant. *Better Luck Tomorrow* and *The Letters*, above, (the untold story of Mother Theresa).

investor solicitations, as well as the conduct of limited liability company, limited partnership and corporate stock offerings.”

He is also the author of sixteen books relating to film finance and distribution. For 15 years, he has also answered thousands of questions from independent filmmakers all across the country at his question and answer website focused on Film Finance. More information can be found at his website: <https://www.filmfinanceattorney.com>



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The first SOZO Naloxone Community Project was held on campus for their residents. (Sandy Johansen photos)

Community Heroes

SOZO awarded \$57,000 grant for Naloxone treatment

Sandy Johansen
STAFF WRITER

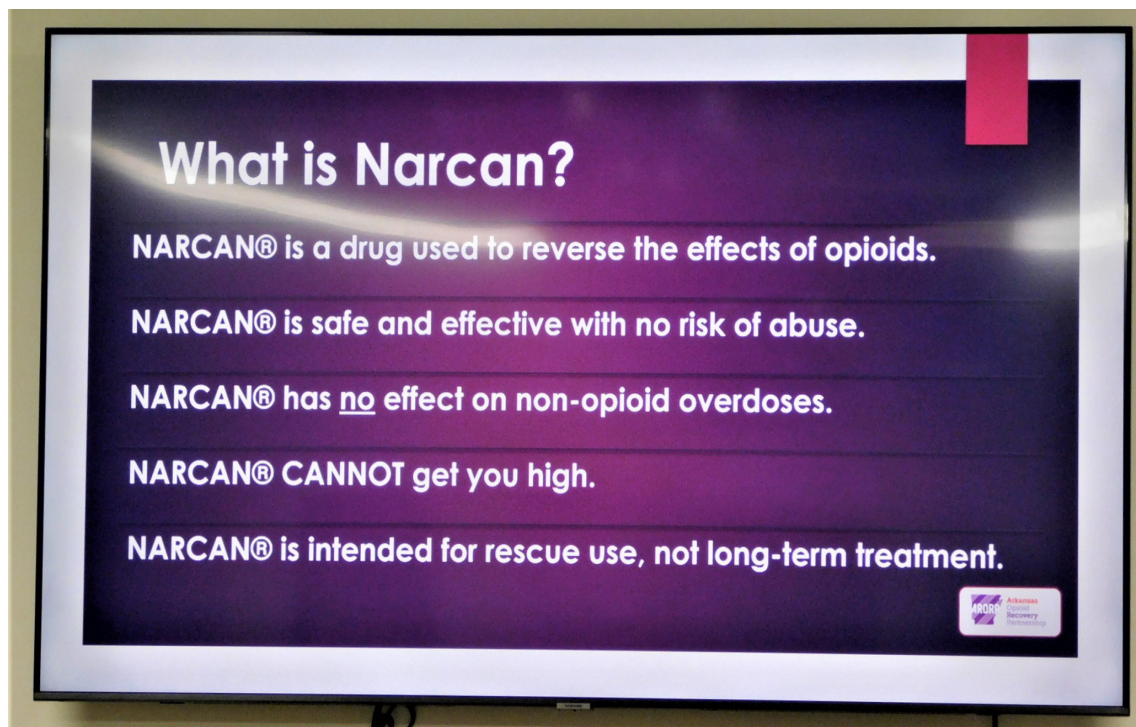
SOZO Addiction Recovery Center announced they have been awarded the Naloxone Community Hero Project grant for Garland, Saline, and the surrounding counties. The \$57,000 grant allows SOZO to distribute 1200 free doses of the life-saving medication, naloxone, to members of our community.

The grant is funded with opioid abatement money through the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership (ARORP). “The opioid epidemic is the greatest

healthcare crisis facing our nation today, and Sozo sees the devastation firsthand as a drug and alcohol treatment provider,” said executive director Brad Lovan. “It is our focus and intention to make a difference in this fight that took the lives of over 109,000 Americans last year alone. The ARORP is empowering the state of Arkansas and giving our citizens the opportunity to fight back.”

Anyone who is at risk of overdose, family members of

Starting with "What Is Narcan?" class attendees learn all procedures that can save a life from an overdose of opioids just by using Narcan.



those at risk of overdose, and anyone in the community who is interested in carrying naloxone to help prevent overdose deaths are eligible to receive free doses and training through the grant. If you or your organization would like to request naloxone or would like to learn more about the importance of education and prevention in battling the opioid epidemic, please contact Brad Lovan at SOZO Addiction Recovery Center, phone number (501) 984-5317.

ABOUT SOZO ADDICTION RECOVERY CENTER

SOZO Addiction Recovery Center is a men's faith-based drug and alcohol treatment center located in a serene setting just outside Hot Springs Village. Sozo is a highly intensive program that utilizes a variety of services and approaches in the treatment of chemical dependency. Each man that walks in the door at SOZO is highly regarded as a child of God, and our passion and commitment to a holistic approach which treats the clients mind, body, and spirit provides a unique opportunity for healing. We consider the best available evidence from research, client feedback, and the intelligent clinical observation of our staff in developing a curriculum that treats not just the addiction itself, but ultimately offers the client a reasoned therapeutic experience with the flexibility needed to cope with the infinite range of human problems. To learn more about SOZO, visit the website at sozorecoverycenters.com.

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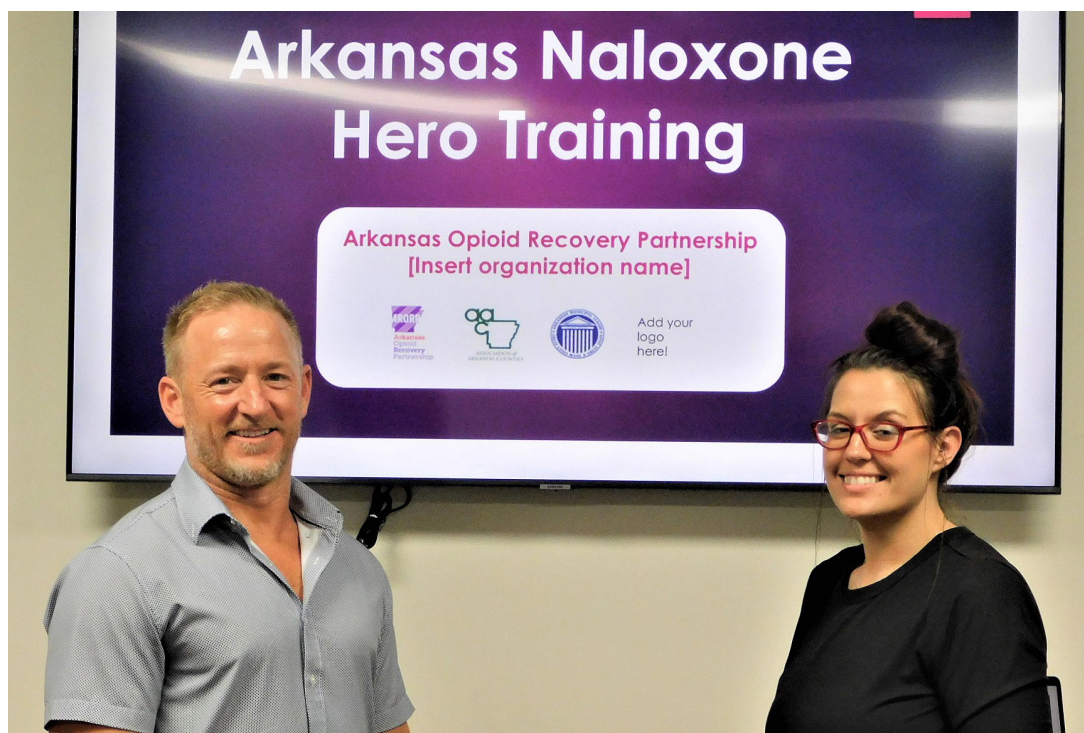
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ABOUT THE ARKANSAS OPIOID RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP

The Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership (ARORP), an initiative of the Association of Arkansas Counties and the Arkansas Municipal League, represents a network of organizations committed to providing support for Arkansans in recovery, neighbors suffering from a substance-misuse disorder, and families who have experienced loss due to the opioid epidemic. The Partnership, formed by the Association of Arkansas Counties and the Arkansas Municipal League, oversees the strategic disbursement of opioid settlement dollars at the city and county levels. ARORP's message is simple: be bold, stand together and commit to abating opioid misuse and addiction in Arkansas. To learn more, visit their homepage at www.arorp.org.

WHAT IS NALOXONE AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids—including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications—when given in time. Naloxone is easy to use and small to carry. Naloxone quickly reverses an overdose by blocking the effects of opioids. It can restore normal breathing within 2 to 3 minutes in a person whose breath has slowed, or even stopped, as a result of opioid overdose.

Over 109,000 people died from an opioid overdose in the US last year alone. That is one person every

five minutes! One study found that bystanders were present in nearly 40% of overdoses involving opioids. With the right tools, bystanders can act to prevent overdose deaths. Anyone can carry naloxone, give it to someone experiencing an overdose, and potentially save a life. Naloxone is completely harmless and won't have any effect on someone who isn't experiencing an overdose.

To reduce the risk of death from opioid overdose, the FDA recommends that these people carry naloxone:

- People who are prescribed opioid pain relievers.
- People who are prescribed medicines to treat opioid use disorder.
- People who are at increased risk of opioid overdose, such as people who also use alcohol or other drugs such as benzodiazepines.
- Caregivers of people who are at risk of an opioid overdose.

Due to the growing number of opioid overdose deaths and a recent CDC study that found 80% of overdose deaths occurred inside a home, it is becoming more and more likely that everyone could potentially witness an opioid overdose, regardless of whether they use opioids themselves or know someone using opioids. By putting naloxone in the hands of all our citizens, we are empowering our local communities and giving them the opportunity to fight back against one of the greatest healthcare crises our nation has ever faced.

Leading Woman

Tami Jones, DeSoto Superintendent, inspires in a man's world

Reprinted courtesy of Jay N. Fox, Executive Director, Arkansas State Golf Association.

Tami Jones is a woman in a man's world – and this is not a chauvinistic statement. In the world of golf course superintendents, it would simply be the truth.

Jones is the only woman in Arkansas that is a golf course superintendent and last October, she became the first female president for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Arkansas.

“Tami has been a breath of fresh air for Hot Springs



Tami Jones recently honored by USGA Arkansas Golf Magazine (Photos courtesy of USGA and Jay N. Fox, Executive Director, Arkansas State Golf Association)



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Tami Jones was selected superintendent at the 2021 US Open.

Village,” PGA Director of Golf Tom Heffer said. “Her skill set showed as she took over as superintendent at DeSoto Golf Club. She transformed the course in a short period of time into one of the best in the area.”

It’s not just course conditioning, Jones excels leading her team and inspiring others.

“Since moving from Disney in Florida to Hot Springs Village, Tami has also fine-tuned the safety program and helped the other superintendents buy into our new policies and procedures,” Heffer said. “Tami has been a great asset helping with every aspect of Hot Springs Village Golf and is helping plan the future of the Golf Department in Hot Springs Village.”

Her start in becoming a turf professional was simply an act of necessity. Growing up in southwest Florida in the Fort Myers/Naples area, she was looking for a summer job while she was in high school.

“I got started in the industry because I wanted to go in early, get off early and go to the beach with my friends,” she said, in a Golfdom.com interview featuring women in turf. “I really didn’t know what I was doing at first, I had a car and that car needed gas – that’s how it all started.”

Now 40 years in the industry, she can reflect on how she went from “weed eater queen to Superintendent.”

A typical day at DeSoto Golf Course in Hot Springs Village, where she has been since 2018, starts at 6:00 a.m.

“I normally come in, get my coffee and go to my office while the Assistant gets the crew going for the day. Once everyone is out and about, I head out checking the details and process to ensure a quality day for our golfers. After the course is set up and the crew is out performing their second job (of the day), the assistant and I get together and make a plan for the next day or how we will tackle any projects that need to be done.”

DeSoto Pro Shop General Manager Tim Burke raves about the work Tami and her crew have done.

“In four short years, DeSoto has gone from a transformation into a golf course highly rated for its playability and outstanding conditions,” Burke said.



“Through her hard work and dedication of the staff to reach the goals she puts out, the course is the best shape it has been in decades.”

Overseeing a staff of nine, Jones relishes the role of a leader.

“I just love leading a team,” she said. “I don’t really look at myself as a superintendent, I look at myself as team leader. I handle the purse strings; the assistant (superintendent) handles the crew and he and I together make up the plan. He executes the plan and I make sure it is paid for, that about sums it up.”

“Weekly, I get customers come into the shop after their round and ask me to pass on their thanks and appreciation for the tremendous work accomplished to keep DeSoto looking and playing great,” Burke said. “I’ve had golfers say they have never seen the course in such great condition, and they have lived here over 15 years. As pro shop manager, I speak with her everyday and Tami makes my job much easier. We have great communication and she is extremely proactive concerning any problems on the course.”

In 2021, she received an all-expenses paid invite to Olympic to join 29 other female turf professionals assisting the full-time crew of 48 for the U.S. Women’s Open at The Olympic Club.

Troy Flanagan, The Olympic Club Superintendent

greeted Jones with “Wow, you’re the only female selected from Arkansas.” Little did he know she was the only female superintendent in Arkansas.

Famed champion Bobby Jones once called The Olympic Club “best in the west” with forest lined fairways and spectacular views of San Francisco. Busses left the hotel as early as 4:30 a.m. each day and Jones first job was to “fluff the rough” or make the grass stand up straighter. Jones called it “immaculate, almost unreal” in a feature article in the Hot Springs Village Voice.

As GCSA of Arkansas President, her time management has gotten more intense. She attends Arkansas Chapter Meetings as possible, mostly the ones that don’t include golf since she is not a golfer.

“I had to stop for a minute and realize that she is the only woman Superintendent in Arkansas and just happens to be our President,” GCSA of Arkansas Vice-President Jed Spencer, who is a Certified Golf Course Superintendent at Chenal Country Club, said. “For me I hadn’t given this much thought as she is so active in our association and been a huge part of the success we have experienced over the past couple of years. I never stopped to think that a small chapter like ours is being led by a woman who leads by example.”

While making arrangements for this interview, she was attending the Golf Industry Show in Orlando and also recently attended a meeting at the GCSAA National Headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas.

“Being given the opportunity as a delegate representing Arkansas at a national level was an experience I will always treasure, not just because I was the only woman delegate but to represent our state chapter gave me great pride to be an Arkansan,” she said. “We were given the red-carpet treatment along with hearing what national GCSAA is planning for the future and how it will affect our chapters and members professionally. It is something to be a member of an organization that wants to promote each members’ professional image and move forward and upward.”

From meager beginnings as assistant superintendent at Highland Wood Golf & Country Club in Bonita Springs, Florida to superintendent at Osprey Ridge Golf Course adjacent to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Jones has always carried a positive torch.

“Above all else, believe in yourself,” she said “and if any young women want to get into this business, get to know your local chapter and show people you want to work. Once you get involved, never stop.”



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Paula Breshears
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