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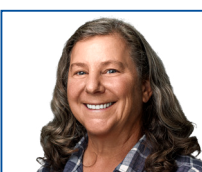
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October - a month of changes, events and more



HSV's Isabella Golf Course.

The fall season is around the corner. You can almost smell all the pumpkin spice products coming our way. Football season is now in full swing and Halloween will cap off a month of better, cooler weather.

As is the case with all the other months, there are special days in October like Breast Cancer Awareness Month that brings awareness of this condition that affects over 200,000 women a year. There's Mental Awareness Week that does the same for this condition. Fire Prevention Week is another week of note and a time for all of us to give thanks to all the Hot Springs Village volunteer firefighters and their Chief Jason Miller. Columbus Day comes on Oct. 14. Nowadays it's also known as Indigenous People's Day.

On a less serious note, did you know that Oct. 4 is typically Taco Day and Oct. 21 is Make a Difference Day. This day calls for something all of us can do and it doesn't cost a penny. Find a cause or get to know a person that you can associate with and have a positive impact on, whatever it is you choose. As many of you know, for 18 years I've been writing



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stories about veterans, slightly over 400 of them, and I can tell you that it means a lot to them when someone just takes a mere second to say thank you. When we take a moment to recognize people and our Village leaders it helps bond a community, creates “buy in” and positivity. Be a part of that.

And as noted earlier in this introductory article, Halloween is just weeks away. Kids and adults love it. Costumes galore appear, treats are made, and parties mark the occasion. I read once that 800 million pumpkins are purchased in October. I first lived in Illinois and was told that Morton, Illinois considers themselves the Pumpkin Capital of the World. Not sure why I remember that.

So, enjoy the month of October, gear up for another beautiful fall season. If I were you, I'd head up to the northwest corner of the state that turns absolutely magnificent with color.

Make it a part of life in Arkansas and HSV Life.

Jeff Meek
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

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ON THE COVER: Friends enjoying the silly moments: Cheryl White (l) and Christine Edwards.
(Photo courtesy of Christine Edwards)

ALL AROUND ARKANSAS



This photo of the Sultana was taken on April 26, 1865, when it was docked on the Mississippi River at Helena, Arkansas.

The Sultana Disaster

Darrell W. Brown

The worst maritime disaster in American history occurred on the Mississippi River near Helena (Phillips County) on April 27, 1865, when a commercial side-wheel steamboat named the Sultana exploded, claiming the lives of its 1,167 passengers.

The wooden vessel was built in 1863 by the John Litherbury Boatyard in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was officially launched into service on January 3 of that year. The boat was intended for the cotton trade on the lower Mississippi River. It weighed 1,719 tons and could carry a crew of 85, along with approximately 375 passengers.

For its first two years in operation, the Sultana ran a regular route on the Mississippi River between the two major port cities of St. Louis and New Orleans. It was also used to carry troops during the Civil War.

Even though the Sultana was designed with a

capacity of only 375 passengers, it was carrying 2,128 when three of the boat's four boilers exploded and caused it to sink near Memphis. The tragedy was largely overshadowed in the newspapers of the day due to the events surrounding the end of the Civil War, as well as the murder of President Lincoln's assassin John Wilkes Booth, which took place the day before the Sultana disaster.

The Sultana explosion was officially attributed to boiler water level mismanagement, which was made worse by the ship's extreme overloading and top-heavy design. The steamer listed badly from side to side as it traveled north, following the river's many curves. The Sultana's four boilers were positioned side by side and connected so that water would tend to drain out of the topmost boiler if the boat toppled sideways. Hot areas were generated by the fires still burning against the empty boiler. A quick increase in pressure would result from water pouring back into the empty boiler and hitting the hot areas, instantly flashing to steam when

the boat tipped the other way. Maintaining high water levels in the boilers may have minimized this careening effect. The official inquiry found that the boilers exploded because of the combined impact of careening, low water levels, and the faulty repair made a few days earlier.

Through the years, several monuments and historical markers commemorating the Sultana disaster and its 1,167 victims have been placed in Memphis; Muncie, Indiana; Vicksburg, Mississippi; Cincinnati; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Marion (Crittenden County).

An archaeological expedition, led by Memphis lawyer Jerry Potter in 1982, uncovered what was believed to be the remains of the Sultana. Blackened wooden deck planks were found about 32 feet under a soybean field on the Arkansas side of the Mississippi River. The river has changed course many times since the Sultana disaster, leaving the wreckage under dry land and far from the river's present course, as the Mississippi's main channel now flows two miles east of its 1865 position.

In 2015, on the 150th anniversary of the disaster, an interim museum dedicated to the Sultana was opened in Marion. The museum was only meant to be temporary while funds were raised to build a permanent museum. Featured in the museum are artifacts from the Sultana, such as shaker plates from the boat's furnace, furnace bricks, and pieces of metal and wood from the ship. The museum also features a fourteen-foot model replica of the boat. One wall in the museum lists the names of every soldier, crewmember, and passenger who lost their lives in the disaster. The current museum is located at 104 Washington Street in Marion.

Recently, the non-profit Sultana Historic Preservation Society, Inc. acquired the 1939 Marion Public School auditorium and gymnasium for renovation as the future home of the permanent



The Sultana Disaster Museum located in Marion, Arkansas.

museum. A team of architects, exhibit designers, and planners is working on concepts for the 17,000-square-foot facility. With a more accessible location, the historic building with its 35-foot ceilings will offer ample capacity for a new, state-of-the-art museum that will educate visitors about the Sultana tragedy and honor the memory of its victims.

For more information about the Sultana museum and how you can contribute, visit its website at www.sultanadisastermuseum.com.

A proud sixth-generation Arkansan, Darrell Brown is a lover of all things Arkansas. He lives in Saline County with his wife, Amy, and their Boston Terrier puppy named Tucker. Find him on Facebook and Instagram at AllAroundArkansas.

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New sporting clay business opens near HSV

Lewis Delavan
STAFF WRITER

Shooting the sporting clays at Smoke N' Chips Clay Shooting Park is fun exercise, says owner Cory Moore.

Open to the public, the 12-station course is near the Mountain Valley Sportsman Association, at 451 10 Mile Road, south of Hot Springs Village. "It's like golf with a shotgun," Moore said.

Shooters can participate for day rates, or take a monthly membership. Family and group memberships are available.

Never shot sporting clays? Lessons are offered.

Each station has three or four throwing machines, with two clays ejected simultaneously. "So that

really makes it fun," Moore said. Shooters must watch the entire field, just as they would while hunting.

"It's fully automated, with wireless controls," he said.

Shooters may bring their own shotgun, or rent a semi-automatic Beretta A400. And participants may walk, bring their golf cart or rent a golf cart.

It's a family operation. Moore grew up in the family's clay shooting park in Sylmar, California. He and his wife Dana and their sons, Noah and Elliot, all work at the park.

Dana Moore runs the concessions and events. Ammo, cleaning supplies, food, snacks, clothing and souvenirs are available.

Smoke N' Chips is available for private events with catering.



Noah Moore watches for sporting clays.
(Submitted photos)

Every month, Smoke N’ Chips hosts two different events. A registered National Sporting Clays Association event is on the second Saturday. And the non-registered Southern Belle is on the third Saturday.

Women shoot for half-price in the Southern Belle, but men are welcome to participate. There’s also a chance to win a Beretta A400 shotgun every June and December.

Event participants receive a raffle ticket and shoot 100 sporting clays, and enjoy lunch at the end. “Dana prepares all the food, and it’s absolutely delicious,” Cory Moore said. “Some say the shooting is just a formality to enjoy lunch. Both events are great fun for shooters of all levels, and everyone is welcome.”

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All gourmet nuts come in resealable 1-pound bags priced at \$14.00/bag. These nuts freeze so well that you will want to order extra to use and enjoy through 2025. Not only do these nuts enhance your baking and entertaining, but they also make excellent gifts for friends, family, and social/business groups.

Our selections will include: Mammoth Pecan Halves, Large Pecan Pieces, Whole Jumbo Cashews (roasted and salted), Praline Pecan Halves, Chocolate Amaretto Pecans, Chocolate Peanuts (Double Dipped) and Deluxe Mixed Nuts (roaster cashews, pecans, almonds, filberts and Brazils)

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P.E. O. Scholar Awards are merit-based awards for women in the US. or Canada who are pursuing a doctoral-level degree. P.E.O STAR Scholarship is awarded to exceptional women in the final year of high school to attend an accredited postsecondary

educational institution.

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Our local P.E.O. Chapter CH thanks everyone for their support in the past and looks forward to your continued support for our P.E.O. Gourmet Nuts Fundraiser.

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History, Veterans and More



Jeff Meek
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

From left at the Caddo District meeting on Flag Day are Judy Robbins, Becky Brewton, Susan Veal, Jackie Patton, Joy Schaeffer and Vi Berry.

If you read the Hot Springs Village Voice with regularity, you have many times seen the work done by the Akansa Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR or NSDAR for short. It's a lineage-related organization of women who are directly descended from a person or persons involved in the support of the American Revolutionary War. It's a non-profit that looks to promote history, education and patriotism.

In the Village is the Akansa Chapter, headed by Regent Jacqueline Patton. The chapter was first organized in September 1986 and confirmed by the national organization a month later. Elizabeth Heaton Case was their organizing Regent. October will be their 38th birthday. "Akansa is the word that was given to an Indian Nation, later known as the Quapaw," Patton told the Voice. "We are a gathering of people who came from elsewhere, just as the Akansa Indians did."

The 80-member Akansa Chapter stays busy with a myriad of activities. In 2023, to name just a few, they participated in the Hot Springs Village Patriot Walk, assisted in gathering Holiday Veteran Shoe Boxes,

hosted a program and luncheon for Carl Flowers on the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

This year has kept these patriotic ladies busy as well. In January they held a program on lineage research and what constitutes proof. In February they made Valentine bags and goodies. They went to area preschools and asked the children to make Valentines, then delivered them with cupcakes to the Veterans Administration in Little Rock.

In March, member Mary Ellen Larson spoke at American Legion Post 0123 on the DAR Star of Valor Quilt Program. "We also had Brigadier General Tamhra Hutchins-Frye as a speaker. She spoke to us about her career and coming up through the ranks," Patton said.

April 2024 was another busy month for the ladies as they once again assisted at the annual Welcome Home Hot Springs Village Vietnam Veterans Day program and luncheon and focused on conservation when speaker Cindy Faulk gave a presentation on Revolutionary War Gardens.

DAR also donated and helped with a veteran's baby shower at Towbin Healthcare Center. After a

summer break they will recognize, as they do every year, Constitution Week, this year running Sept. 17 to the 23. An HSV proclamation of the week occurs each year and Patton will be there to accept in full colonial attire.

Akansa DAR will be giving dictionaries to third graders at Mountain Pine School in October and participate in a Day of Caring. "This activity varies. Last year we collected and provided funds for the Garland County Boys & Girls Club each month to have birthday cupcakes," Patton said.

On Nov. 11 the group will again participate as a supporting organization with Village Veterans Day held at Woodlands Auditorium. "We pass out flag pins and flags to those who attend," said Patton.

Other activities include making Veteran Holiday boxes, maintaining flag drop boxes at HSV fire stations, partnering and placing of flags on each veterans grave in Cedar Vale Cemetery on both Memorial Day and Veterans Day. They assist with collecting clothing for St. Francis House and assist in preparing applications for potential membership in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

That's a lot, but there's more.

Patton: "We participate with other lineage societies, such as SAR in holding grave marking ceremonies. These are a meaningful way to honor the memory of Revolutionary War patriots. The first DAR marking took place at Fairview Cemetery in Arkansas in 1909 by the Mary Fuller Percival Chapter. It recognized James Phillips."

"Akansa would be honored to recognize other Revolutionary War patriots so if you know of anyone who has a revolutionary war soldier, please let us know and we will make it happen."

Akansa DAR also tries to collect homeless Bibles to preserve their history. They celebrate George Washington's birthday each year along with other lineage societies in Hot Springs, to keep alive the spirit of history. And finally, Akansa has a scholarship program with the Arkansas Community Foundation. "This fall will be our first giving and we are looking forward to helping make a difference," said Regent Patton.

The Chapter is also supportive of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Officers of Akansa Chapter are: Patton - Regent, Chaplin - Violet Berry, Becky Brewton - Secretary, Linda Bearden - Treasurer, Nancy Patton - Registrar, Patricia McLemore - Librarian and Judy Robbins - Parliamentarian.

For more information about Akansa Chapter, membership and more, contact Jackie Patton at jpattondar@gmail.com.



From left at DAR State Conference are Jackie Patton, Judy Robbins and Pat McLemore.



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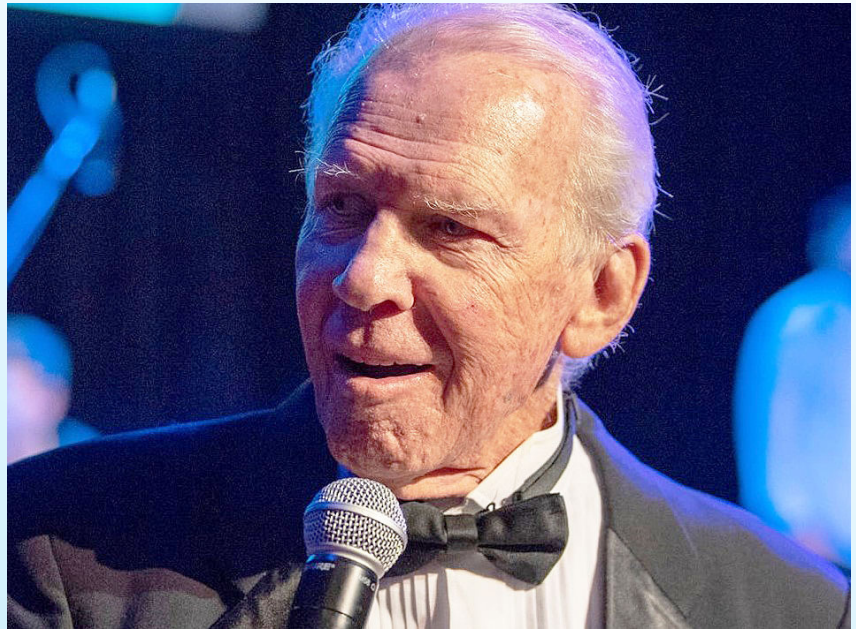
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HSV PEOPLE



Larry Venable

**Coach,
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Larry Venable has been invited to speak at many functions. (Submitted photos)

Jeff Meek
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

Not many Hot Springs Village residents have been more active in their retirement years than this month's featured resident, Larry Venable. He was born in Springfield, Illinois, went to junior college for a short time and then went into the Navy in 1951 during the time of the Korean War. "The funny thing is, I was never on a ship," Venable said.

After his time in service, as a civilian he's been an accomplished speaker at many events, a trainer and coach that has spent 40 years helping others. Folks like CEOs, sales professionals and executives of many types, in an effort to improve results and teach them helpful skills.

As an executive coach he has logged over 2,500 hours of working one on one with CEOs helping to clarify their vision and objectives and improve their ability to lead and develop other people.

For 10 years he was Chairman of a TEC/Vistage CEO group in Sarasota, Florida. "Vistage is the world's largest organization of CEOs, close to 30,000 members," Venable said. Prior to becoming a professional speaker, he was chosen as Manager of Sales Training for 3M Company. "I spent 10 years teaching 2-week classes on Professional Selling and developing field sales managers," said Venable.

Interestingly, he had interviewed with 3M as he was graduating from the University of Illinois but was not offered a position. Then the school's Placement Office told him of an opportunity to selling for a company making a new product, copy machines, made by, you guessed it, 3M. "So, I went to work for 3M going sideways," he said. He worked in Iowa and later in Minnesota. Still later came another new product, overhead projectors, and Venable sold and taught about those as well, responsible for covering 6 states.

Then a new opportunity came up. He was asked to go to work for Fred Pryor Seminars. His friends cautioned him about leaving 3M, but Venable felt the timing and the job was right for his next step in life. "They said how would you like to work less and make more money?" Right away Venable was doing 120 seminars a year.

As a speaker he conducted nearly 1,500 seminars on a variety of leadership and sales topics around the world. "I've been to Australia 4 times and to England maybe 11 times," he noted. His seminar topics included speaking about "Power of Purpose," "Essentials of Leadership," "Don't Sell Stuff," "Create Partnerships" and "Become Famous for Customer Service," to name just a few. Over the years he's been rated on those 1,500

seminars. On a scale of 1 to 5, Venable has averaged a 4.6 to go along with participant's comments such as humorous, captivating, stimulating and most importantly to Venable comes the comment many times of "real." That's a true mark of an effective speaker.

After "retirement," Venable has become active in many ways inside the gates of Hot Springs Village. One aspect has been his involvement with the Village Players. With this acting group he has acted in 8 plays. "My favorite role was as the hired killer in Dial M for Murder, in which I ended up being killed by my target, played by Sandy Johansen," he explained. That's not all.

For 5 years Venable served on the Players Board of Directors, chaired for 10 years the group's fund-raising team, been a producer 3 times and was the Players President in 2021.

At his Church, Christ of the Hills Methodist, he has sung in the choir for 8 years, narrated Christmas and Easter cantatas 8 years, been a member of the Staff Parish Committee, a marketing assistant, speaker coordinator for Men's Breakfast and fundraiser for United Methodist Men.

But wait, there's still more.

Venable served on the Hot Springs Village Chamber of Commerce Board for one year, been an active member of the Village Men's Chorus for 6 years and a Master of Ceremonies for numerous events including Village Chorale for 6 years, Friends of the Coronado Center Library 4 years and at those cantatas at Christ of the Hills.

Venable moved to Hot Springs Village from Sarasota, Florida in January 2013 and as you have seen has stayed very busy. "I flunked retirement," this active HSV resident said.

So why does this very accomplished, talented and successful man do all this? "Well, I guess I feel like I have value to give to organizations and I want to give



Venable narrates at a Christ of the Hills Methodist Church cantata.

my time and talents to them and be relevant to the world," he replied.

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Decades of friendship:(l-r) Jeanne Ballard, Karen Laib, Janice Harvey, Janie Jeffries, Carrie Thomsen, Holly Berry, Char Blue, Debbie Schug, Barb Walker, June McWalter, Jo-Ann Dobscha, Charlotte McCarthy, and Gail Forsythe. (Photo courtesy of Carrie Thomsen)

The Ties that Lift Us

Celebrating
the power of
friendship

Robin Raborn Burns
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

Friendship is to the soul as sunshine is to flowers - providing nourishment, warmth, and attention to encourage our growth. Friendship is a light in the darkness, easing loneliness with shared laughter, deep conversations, and the comfort of knowing someone truly cares. Even in the quietest moments, the presence of a friend reminds us that we're never alone.

The appeal of best friends (aka besties, BFFs) lies in a deep bond of trust, loyalty, and shared experiences. Besties and BFFs become our go-to people for celebrating victories, comforting us in tough times, and simply enjoying life's little moments. These relationships feel like a second family. The connection

is often effortless, marked by a unique understanding that transcends words. For women, friendship offers a profound sense of connection, support, and understanding. It's a trusted space where emotions can be shared freely, creating a bond that helps navigate life's ups and downs with strength and solidarity.

Our besties help provide a crucial sense of belonging. Our loneliness is eased with shared laughter, deep conversations, and the comfort of knowing someone truly cares. Even in the quietest moments, the presence of a friend reminds us that we're never alone. In Hot Springs Village, as in any community, there are countless pairs of besties, friend groups, and gal pals who exemplify the timeless bonds of friendship.



Friends with the same spirit of adventure: Amy Moncrief (l) and Dannet Botkin (Photo courtesy of Dannet Botkin)

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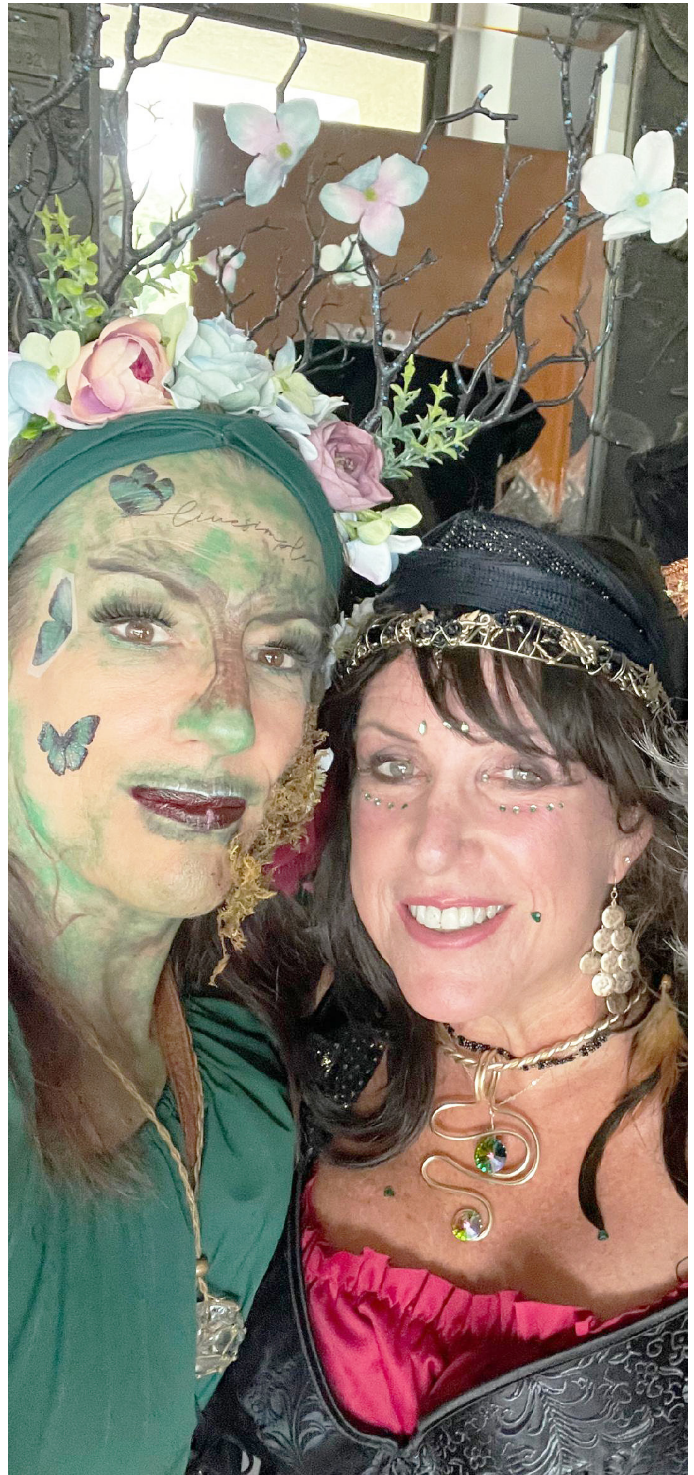
Cheryl White and Christine Edwards are self-described BVFs (Best Village Friends). They first met at a show at Woodlawn Auditorium, where their love for music sparked an instant connection. The two friends value Christian faith, trust, and laughter. They enjoy sharing activities like crystal hunting, dance parties, and quiet chats. Their friendship thrives on thoughtful gestures like sneaking cards and small gifts into each other's mailboxes. For them, the soundtracks to their memories range from KC and the Sunshine Band to Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon."

An example of enduring friendship is the group of buddies Carrie Willey Thomsen is proud to call her friends. "We are a close-knit circle of golfing buddies who have been there for each other through thick and thin, including my four brain surgeries," Thomsen says. Their friendship goes back decades, strengthened by shared experiences and a commitment to being there for one another. For this group, the song "Lean on Me" perfectly captures their reliance on each other.

Newer friendships are also blossoming in the Village, like the one between Linda Fajardo and her new "Peacock Sister," Vicki Fritz, who bonded over matching shoes, shared interests, and custom-made mementos celebrating their connection.

Denise Griffin and Susan Hasselstrom were neighbors who became fast friends despite their vastly different backgrounds. Griffin admires Hasselstrom's free spirit and unwavering positivity. "I value the fact that no matter what I tell her, I know it will remain just between us. She is not a gossip and won't be repeating something I've told her in confidence," Griffin says. "She is a true 'love child' straight from the 60s and believes in freedom of expression and never judges or criticizes. You be you no matter what others think. Somehow she just makes this philosophy work," Griffin adds about her friend. Though life has gotten busier, they still find ways to connect and cherish their shared moments, from kayaking to dancing to "Brown Eyed Girl." Griffin says "You can never have too many friends" and also still enjoys a close friendship with three women she first met in high school in Shreveport, Louisiana. Two of those friends live in Hot Springs Village, and one lives in Benton.

Friendships like the one shared by Dannel Botkin



Friends enjoying the silly moments: Cheryl White (l) and Christine Edwards (Photo courtesy of Christine Edwards)



Denise Griffin and Susan Hosselstrom (Photo courtesy of Denise Griffin)

and Amy Moncrief highlight the effortless ease that connections bring. “We met six years ago at Beehive and quickly bonded over our love for adventure, food, and the ocean,” Botkin says. Despite busy lives, they prioritize quality time, keeping their friendship strong with mutual support and a shared spirit of positivity. These stories remind us that friendships, whether newly formed or decades-old—are lifelines of love, laughter, and resilience. In the Village, where a sense of community is cherished, these bonds shine as a testament to the power of having someone to lean on, confide in, and celebrate the journeys of life with.

If your life is enriched by the power of friendship, why not reach out to those special people and remind them how important they are to you. If you would like to let friends into your life, you can begin by creating

opportunities for connection. Start by saying “yes” more often—whether it’s accepting an invitation or reaching out to someone for a coffee or chat. Engaging in activities or hobbies you enjoy can introduce you to like-minded people. Hot Springs Village is brimming with clubs, activities, and of course, nature at its most beautiful, so opportunities abound. Be open to different types of friendships; sometimes, the most unexpected connections turn out to be the most meaningful.

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An HSV success story

Sandy Johansen
STAFF WRITER

Every town or village in life's journey can be tagged with a one-liner that reflects its personality. Hot Springs Village can be easily described as a community that radiates a giving and caring heart. For the past 47 years Jackson House has served those in need with daily meals, food pantry and thrift store. "During that time, support from Hot Springs Village, Hot Springs Village churches, businesses and individuals has been nothing short of incredible," said Tammy Jones, Assistant Director.

Starting on a shoestring budget as a soup kitchen, Jackson House has grown to touch the lives of those in need in many ways. Today, Jackson House provides \$3.8 million in support to local families and they do

it with no government support. For example, Jackson House serves 200+ lunches per day and distributes 1000 pounds of food from their pantry each month. The House also gives 200 + Easter baskets and children receive Christmas thanks to HSV Knights of Columbus, REMAX, W.I.N.G.S. and individuals providing warm items, hygiene kits, family games and toys for 1700 needy children.

JH's success story is a HSV success story. Each day of the week 6 volunteers prepare and serve the meals. Credit belongs to the churches, their youth programs, civic organizations and hometown folks. Many of those volunteers have been serving the community for 20 years. Phil and Sandra Stevenson from Sacred Heart of Jesus are just one couple to be honored for their service.

Jackson House couldn't do anything without the amazing support of local businesses. Regular

donations from local restaurants like Honey Baked Ham, Jose's, Taco Pronto, Paradise Donuts, and more along with individuals provide the bulk of what they need, supplemented by monetary donations from private individuals.

REMINDER - SUPPORT JACKSON HOUSE "OVER THE EDGE" -OCTOBER 18 AND 19

The Hot Springs Jackson House is organizing their annual fundraiser, Over The Edge, scheduled for October 18 and 19 at 528 Court Street in downtown Hot Springs.

To reach the top of the Old Bank Building connected with Diablo's, each rappeller must raise \$1,000 to help families in need. Together, it is Jackson House's goal to raise \$60,000 to support the Hot Spring Community with lunch, groceries and all of the other programs they fund.

Raising \$1,000 helps provide the following:

- *Nearly 200 or more lunches served Monday through Saturday at their Soup Kitchen
- *Provides children with snack bags throughout the summer
- *Fills pantries with non-perishable foods (valued at

\$5,000 for emergency food bags)

*Provides 800 bus passes for those in need of transportation support.

*Fills the need of families with babies supplying diapers and formula

*Provides seasonal cooling and heating support with 40 fans or 32 heaters.

How can you gain support from your family and friends? Visit 528 Court Street and take a photo or video and share it with a request for your support. Visit Jackson House and take photos of what your fundraising will help.

A donation of \$25 can make 6 complete Hygiene kits. \$50 buys 2 cans of baby formula, \$100 can feed a family of 4 for one week, \$200 can buy heaters for 5 families and \$500 provides lunches for 200 people for two weeks.

Rappellers must raise \$1,000 by October 21st. Friday, October 18 is reserved for sponsors and media and all others go Over The Edge on Saturday, October 19. Jackson House families will still benefit if you don't raise \$1,000 by October 18 as donations are final. Refunds will not be saved if you do not hit the \$1,000 fundraising goal required to go Over The Edge.



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HSDFF



SPECIAL TO HSV LIFE

For the first time, the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival, one of the area's most significant cultural and arts events, will be screening films in Hot Springs Village during this year's 33rd annual event! On Monday, October 20 at 2:00 pm at the Woodlands Auditorium, the Festival will screen a special shorts program as part of the Festival's 2024 lineup.

In addition, for the second year in a row, on Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30pm at Woodlands, the Doc Fest will present a preview of the festival lineup. Doc Fest Executive Director Ken Jacobson will provide a complete overview of the festival, including highlights from the different festival sections, a discussion of Gala Events — including Opening and Closing Night, Centerpiece Screening and Awards — as well as announcements of any special guests. A highlight reel of film trailers will be shown. A cash

bar will be available from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Following the presentation, light hors d'oeuvres will be served, provided courtesy of Clampit's Country Kitchen.

Hot Springs Doc Fest Executive Director Ken Jacobson said, "Last year, we received such tremendous positive feedback from the Preview event at Woodlands, that not only did we decide to do that event again this year, but to bring a piece of the festival itself to HSV. As a result, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that, for the first time ever, on Sunday, October 20th at 2:00pm at the gorgeous Woodlands Auditorium, we will be holding a Festival screening in HSV. We are very excited to be screening a shorts film program specially curated for the event by programmer Sean Volk. Filmmaker guests will also be invited to participate in this event."

Jacobson added, "We are also thrilled to be reprising

Born in Newport, Arkansas, Mary Steenburgen, actress, comedian, singer and songwriter, was the featured guest at the 2023 HSDFF. (Photos courtesy of HSDFF)



last year's very successful Festival Preview event at Woodlands on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity for us to connect with HSV residents and unveil the exciting things that we have planned for this year's fest. We are also excited, for the second year in a row, to be offering an exclusive on-site flash sale for those in attendance at the Preview event. We have received a tremendous response from local Hot Springs Village businesses, who will be joining us as sponsors of these two presentations. Special thanks to HSV for allowing us to make use of this terrific venue."

The 33rd annual festival will be held October 18 – 26 in downtown Hot Springs. Opening Night (October 18th) will be held at Oaklawn, with the festival continuing from October 19 - 25 at the Arlington Hotel Resort & Spa, before returning to Oaklawn for Closing Night on October 26th. Founded in 1991, the 9-day Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival is the longest-running documentary film festival in North America. The festival has become known throughout the U.S. for its high-quality documentary programming spotlighting many Oscar® nominees and winners. Numerous celebrity filmmakers such as Mary Steenburgen, Beau Bridges, Louis Gossett, Jr. Kathleen Turner, Diane Ladd and world-renowned filmmakers, such as Werner Herzog, have attended the festival. An Oscar-qualifying festival in the documentary short subject category, HSDFF has been cited as one of MovieMaker Magazine's "Top 50 Festivals Worth the Entry Fee" and was recently named as "One of the Top Film Fests in North America" by Destination Film Guide.



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Halloween is a magical time of year. Homes are adorned with festive fall accoutrements, including hay bails, pumpkins and mums as well as the black, purple and orange decorations that are unique to a season of ghouls and goblins.

Although decorating is a large part of the fun of Halloween, the sweet treats that are distributed to trick-or-treaters and presented at Halloween parties are arguably the most popular component of this beloved holiday. Candy is everywhere come Halloween. The National Confectioners' Association reports that Halloween is the largest confectionery holiday, followed by Easter



and Christmas. The National Retail Federation and NCA indicate the average American consumes 3.4 pounds of candy around Halloween, and 600 million pounds of candy are purchased across the country for the holiday.

Is it possible to escape the Halloween sugar overload?

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For those who want to enjoy some healthier options than candy corns and other sweet staples, these ideas are not so frightening.

- **Pizza mummy:** Use slices of toasted sandwich bread or English muffins to make some spooktacular fare. Coat the bread with pizza sauce. Then place thin vertical slices of mozzarella cheese in a haphazard pattern to replicate the look of gauze on a mummy. Two pieces of sliced black olives serve as the eyes.

- **White, orange and yellow platter:** Simulate the look of candy corns' white, orange and yellow color palette with healthier offerings. Stack cauliflower, or another white food like monterey jack cheese, baby carrots and yellow bell peppers on a platter. Serve with your favorite dip.

- **Deviled brains:** Turn regular deviled eggs into something more sinister for Halloween buffet tables. Simply add food coloring to the filling to create a pinkish-brown hue that resembles a human brain. Then use a piping bag fitted with a thin icing tip to pipe the shape of brains onto the hard boiled egg halves.

- **Veggie skeleton:** Use assorted vegetable slices, cheese sticks, fruits, nuts, and more to inspire a Halloween-inspired charcuterie board. Arrange everything to resemble a skeleton on the platter.

- **Ghostly bananas:** Insert popsicle sticks into the bottoms of bananas and freeze until solid. Prepare white melting chocolate according to directions, then dip the frozen bananas into it. While wet, stick on two mini chocolate chips to make the eyes of the ghosts. Place in the refrigerator to harden.

- **Spider crackers:** Use buttery Ritz® crackers or something similar for this recipe. Spread a relatively thick layer of cream cheese (or peanut butter if allergies are not a concern) on one cracker. Cut thin pretzel sticks in half and use four on each side to make spider legs, sticking them into the cream cheese. Top with another cracker and secure to the cream cheese. Raisins connected with more cream cheese complete the eyes of the spiders.

Anyone can use his or her imagination to make delectable and healthy Halloween offerings in lieu of more sweets.



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U.S. MARSHALS

A lone marshal astride a horse seems to stand guard over the modern U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith, Arkansas.



TAMING THE WEST

U.S. Marshals throughout history

Adrienne Cohen
VOICE CONTRIBUTOR

The asymmetrical profile of a contemporary steel and glass building seems out of place amid the boulders and windswept prairie grass along the Arkansas River in Fort Smith.

The sloping roofline of the architecturally stunning, low-slung structure offers little hint about its purpose. It seems incongruous in the context of the historic brick and frame structures in the nearby town.

This is the U.S. Marshals Museum. Its shape is a stylized star, and it represents the badge of the men and women who have served throughout the history of this relatively unknown American peacekeeping force.

The U.S. Marshals Museum celebrated its first anniversary in Fort Smith this past July 1, opening in 2023 after a decade of planning. Previously, a traveling exhibit and small museum had been housed in Denver, but Fort Smith was chosen as the permanent site because more marshals lost their lives riding out of that frontier compound than any other location in the country. It is considered “sacred ground” by the nation’s oldest law enforcement agency.

Just across the Arkansas River from Fort Smith, in Indian Territory, 103 deputies were killed between

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1872 and 1896, approximately one fourth of the total number of marshals slain during the entire history of the service.

A Marshal in the Family

One Hot Springs Village couple knows a bit more than most about U.S. Marshals. Sharon Board tells how an interest in genealogy led her to discover that one of her husband Jack's ancestors was a legendary U.S. Deputy Marshal.

James Franklin "Bud" Ledbetter was born on his grandfather's farm at Aurora, AR, in 1852. At the age of 18, after both his father and mother had passed away, he went to Indian Territory to work as a railway guard. He returned to Arkansas after two years, married and settled in Coal Hill in Johnson County, where he was first employed as town marshal and later as deputy sheriff.

After serving as a deputy sheriff in Arkansas for 14 years, Ledbetter returned to Indian Territory, where he survived a shootout with the infamous Cook Gang aboard the train known as the "Katy Flyer." That incident earned him a reputation as a local hero, and in

1894 he was appointed as a deputy marshal, working under the jurisdiction of Judge Parker's court in Fort Smith. Ledbetter's exploits read more like fiction than fact, but they are well documented.

After Oklahoma became a state in 1907, he served as chief of police in Muskogee and later as sheriff of Muskogee County, OK. He retired in 1928 and died on his farm in 1937.

Ledbetter has been the subject of several stories in True West magazine and is featured in the book "Lawmen of the Old West, the Good Guys." Author Del Cain notes that "real history" often disputes the "dime novel myth of the good guy lawman in the Old West," writing that the "most famous of the so-called heroes of the West turned out to be gamblers, politicians, and sometimes even outlaws."

At one point, following a shootout during which he killed a man, Ledbetter turned himself in to a U.S. Marshal. He was cleared of any wrongdoing and went on to distinguish himself during a long career.

Cain chronicles his life, along with the stories of 13 other authentic heroes. Many worked out of

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A simple, oversized U.S. Marshal badge leads to the museum's entrance in Fort Smith.

Fort Smith under Judge Isaac Parker, known as “the hanging judge,” in the rough and rowdy days of frontier justice.

Fort Smith — The Western Frontier

Fort Smith holds a distinctive place in the history of the West. Life along the frontier was not only difficult, but also raucous in the late 1800s.

The city was once described by the local newspaper as the “rendezvous of the vile and wicked from everywhere.” At the museum, facts are interwoven with the personalities of some of the better-known marshals and deputies, including Heck Thomas, Bass Reeves, Bill Tilghman, Chris Madsen, and Bud Ledbetter. They were all “good guys.”

Jack Board says he knew nothing about his ancestor

before his wife’s research. He also chose a career in law enforcement, retiring from the St. Louis, MO, police department before moving to Hot Springs Village 19 years ago.

Board and his wife were surprised to find a portrait of Bud Ledbetter on the wall of the historic courthouse in Fort Smith. They have since learned more about the legendary lawman in the family tree, and are pleased that he was a “good guy.”

A Star on the Frontier

During its first year of operation, the uncommon museum welcomed approximately 60,000 visitors. It tells the stories of the men and women charged since 1789 with “keeping the peace and carrying out justice” in the United States.



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If you'd like to learn more about the Museum and the Marshals Service, read my story here: <https://fwtmagazine.com/a-museum-where-marshals-are-stars/>

The country's founders sought to balance the need for law and order with the demands for individual freedom and the rights of the states. Sixteen judicial districts were initially designated. The Act was signed into law in September, and just six days later George Washington, the new president, had named the first 13 marshals, according to official history. By 1791, 16 marshals were in place.

Today there are 94 judicial districts, at least one in each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of Guam and the Virgin Islands. Every judicial district has one marshal. There are currently 3,858 Deputy U.S. Marshals and criminal investigators, along with 1,570 administrative employees and detention enforcement officers. There are 218 sub-offices, and four foreign field offices.

Separate Fact from Fiction

Marshals were then, and still are, appointed by each newly elected president at the beginning of each presidential term. Each appointment must be confirmed by Congress. The term of service is four years, but an appointment can be renewed.

Marshals originally had no badges. Their identification in the early days was often individually designed, and badges were sometimes crafted from silver coins. The "tin stars" came later. Today, the approved badge is smaller and discreet, a five-pointed star encircled by a gold band. The deputy's badge is identical in shape and size, but it has a silver band.

In case you're wondering, only a few women served officially in the early days, but women without doubt contributed to the lore and mystique of early marshals, whether through their own actions or with stories they embellished and attributed to "their men."

The motto of the Marshals Service is "Justice, Integrity, and Service."

The Museum's Galleries

Displays are grouped into separate galleries at this striking museum. Visitors make their own way at their



One of the more moving exhibits at the museum features marshals from different time periods sitting around a campfire to share their stories.



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It is a bit chilling to realize that U.S. Marshals have been present in an effort to “keep the peace” at most of the major news events of our time.

own pace through five interconnected spaces. There are immersive and interactive displays, larger-than-life graphic illustrations of chaotic times, confrontation and turmoil, and a wealth of history to absorb.

A poignant exhibit features four figures representing marshals who served during historic times to keep the peace. Seated around a campfire, they share their memories while graphic images flutter and fade in the darkened space behind them. It’s powerful, dramatic, educational and unforgettable.

The Cherokee Freedmen Exhibit

The marshals’ stories are interwoven with the history of settlers and the ensuing conflict between those settlers and the native American tribes on the frontier.

It is not commonly known that the Five Tribes relocated from lands east of the Mississippi River in the 1830s and 40s held black slaves who also made the forced journey to Indian Territory. The relocation routes became known as the Trail of Tears.

By 1861, at the beginning of the Civil War, it is estimated that 8-10,000 people were enslaved by the Cherokee. Even though the tribe’s council passed an act in 1863 to free those who were enslaved, not all slaveholders complied.

A short-term exhibit, installed last May, details the history of Cherokee Freedmen and their descendants, brought to life through family photographs and original art. The exhibit will run through January 19, 2025.

It’s also worth noting that some of the marshals who

rode out of Fort Smith were either black or Native American. Grant Johnson was a Cherokee Freedman, and Sam Sixkiller was a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Bass Reeves, another U.S. Marshal “good guy,” was the runaway former slave of a white settler on the frontier.

A Somber Reminder

A large light-filled room at the museum overlooks the river. A memorial wall bears the names of more than 400 marshals who have given their lives in the line of duty during the 235-year history of the U.S. Marshals service.

The only display in the room is a piece of twisted steel from one of the Twin Towers in New York that collapsed on 9/11. Marshals were at the site, just as they have always been on duty to keep the peace in times of national need, a reminder that the job of U.S. Marshal is not without risk.

Close to the bank, a bronze sculpture of a rider astride a horse keeps watch over the museum. It seems appropriate.

The U.S. Marshals Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. It is closed only on New Years Day, Easter, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

To learn more, visit <https://usmmuseum.org/plan-your-visit/>

Background on Bud Ledbetter:

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RECIPE CORNER

GREEN ASPARAGUS WRAPPED IN ROAST BEEF

Makes 4 servings or 8 appetizers

- 8 thick asparagus, woody ends removed
- 8 slices roast beef, cold, trimmed of excess fat and gristle
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 2 scallions, or spring onions, chopped
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

1. Blanch the asparagus spears in a large saucepan of salted, boiling water for 2 to 3 minutes until tender to the bite.
2. Drain and refresh immediately in a large bowl of ice water. Remove from the water after 3 minutes and pat dry. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Spread the slices of roast beef with the cottage cheese. Place an asparagus spear at one end of the slice and roll into a cigar shape,



enveloping the asparagus in the center.

4. Arrange on a platter and sprinkle with chopped scallion before serving.

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Total time: 15 minutes

GREEN BEANS WITH BACON AND PECANS

Makes 6 servings

- 4 cups fresh green beans, rinsed and ends trimmed
- 2/3 cup bacon, chopped
- 1/2 cup pecan halves
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 2 cloves of garlic, chopped
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons butter

1. Place green beans in boiling water and cook for about 5 minutes, until crisp and tender.
2. While the beans are cooking, brown the bacon, pecans, sliced onion, and garlic in a large skillet over medium heat.
3. Drain the green beans and add them to the skillet. Season with salt and pepper. SautŽ together for 2 to 3 minutes on high, stirring frequently.
4. Transfer green bean mixture to a serving dish. Serve hot.



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CANTIMPALITOS (GRILLED MINI CHORIZOS WITH POTATO PUREE)

Serves 6

- 2 pounds potatoes, cut into quarters
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 6 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage
- Salt to taste
- 36 cantimpalitos (mini chorizos)

In a large pot of boiling water, boil the potatoes until soft. In a skillet, heat the olive oil and garlic together on medium heat for 7 minutes, until the garlic is cooked through, soft and brown. Drain the potatoes and put them in a food processor with the garlic, olive oil, butter, cream, sage, and salt. Puree well and set



aside; keep hot.

Heat a grill to medium-high heat. Thread cantimpalitos onto skewers, 6 pieces per serving. Grill for 4 minutes per side. Divide puree onto 6 plates and top each serving with a skewer of grilled sausages.

MUSHROOM SAUSAGE FRITTATA

Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 1 tablespoon good-quality olive oil
- 2 cups chopped smoked sausage
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 2 cloves of garlic, peeled and minced
- 8 fresh eggs
- 3 1/2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated

1. Preheat oven broiler.

2. Heat the oil in a 10-inch nonstick, ovenproof skillet. Add sausage and saute until it begins to brown, about 3 minutes. Add mushrooms

and saute until golden, about 3 additional minutes. Stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

3. Combine the eggs, heavy cream, salt, and pepper in a blender; process until frothy. Pour the egg mixture into the skillet with the sausage mixture and cook, undisturbed, until the sides and bottom are set but center is loose, about 4 minutes.

4. Sprinkle cheese over the top and place skillet under broiler and cook until mixture is just set on top and cooked through, about 3 to 4 minutes. Cool 2 minutes, slice and serve.



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 October 11 at 5 p.m.

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 October 12 at 7 p.m.

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 October 13 at 3 p.m.

2024 Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival
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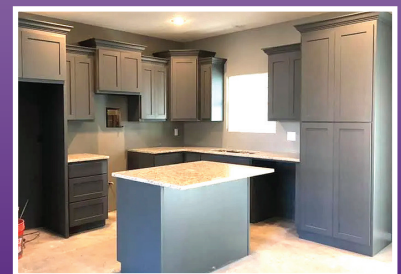
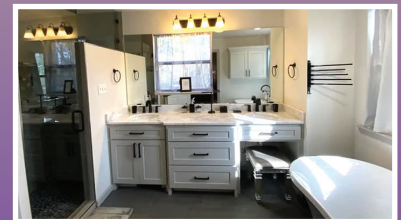
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