



# TROUT CAPITAL NEWS

Cotter, Arkansas

---

Vol. IV Number 1

Published by the Trout Capital News Association

April 2009

---

## Cotter Trout Festival Friday and Saturday April 17-18

The Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce presents the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Trout Festival in the Park.

**FRIDAY:** Opening Ceremony in the Park at 12:00 noon

**BBQ Dinner** at 4:00 pm in the Pavilion

**SATURDAY:** Super Parade starting at 9:00 am (see route below).  
Sonny and Judi Sharp are Grand Marshals.

**Fish Fry** at 4:00 pm in the Pavilion

Children's Fishing Hole at Cotter Trout Dock  
Lowe's Children's Projects at the Pavilion

**BOTH DAYS:** Free Fly and Spin Casting Instructions  
School Student's Art Show in the Spring House  
Live Music: Big Red & the Soul Benders (Fri) and  
Crooked Creek (Sat)  
Beer Garden after 4 pm  
Artist Paint Out and Quick Draw (see page 2)  
Over 60 Craft Vendors and Exhibits

### Calling All Kids! Be in the Trout Festival Parade

There's a parade this year at the Trout Festival, and kids of all ages are invited to be in it. Line up at Snappy Mart at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18. The parade route is down Harding, left on Second Street, right on McLean, and into the Big Spring Park. The theme is "Over the Rainbow", and prizes will be given for Best Float, Coolest Bicycle, and Funniest Dog. Your dog must be on a leash. For information, call Deb Peterson at 656-7071 or email Beth Harmon at [bethallenharmon@yahoo.com](mailto:bethallenharmon@yahoo.com).



## Whittington to Be Honored

By Mo Mosley

This April, Jim "Whit" Whittington our Cotter Volunteer Fire Chief will be inducted into the State of Ohio High School Coaches Hall of Fame. His teams won eight District Championships and two State Championships under his guidance. During one period his teams won four straight District Championships. As anyone who knows him is aware he is an intense sports fan and on occasion shows a flash of what he might have been like on Friday nights in the fall. His selection for this honor was not based strictly on his team records but on the life lessons he taught on the field and in the shop as an Industrial Arts teacher.

He played High School and College Football and loved every minute of it. I have heard people ask him which he likes best Basketball or Football—His reply is "pshoo! Girls play basketball. Basketball players say don't touch me when I am shooting, us footballers just get in the pit and knock one another's brains out." Well put I'd say. I know if I had a son who had a chance to build his mother a table with Whit's guidance or put on the pads and get in the pit, I would be proud of the lessons he learned in both places.

Whit was also instrumental in building a sports complex during his years as an educator. The complex includes a field house, with weight rooms and a football stadium. The complex is named after him. So Whit, those who hold you in the highest esteem, respect and admire you, say, "Congratulations, it could not be happening to a better man. GO BUCKEYES".

## Join the Cotter Cleanup Effort

The Saturday Club is hosting the annual spring cleanup of city streets at 9 a.m. April 4, starting at the Pavilion. Come out and help us make Cotter shine before the Trout Festival. We'll also be planting flowers and weeding flowerbeds. Please bring gently used coats and old cell phones for recycling.

### Paint Out and Quick Draw

Cotter Trout Festival Artists are hosting a two day **PLEIN AIR** event in Big Spring Park during the Trout Festival. Several artists from around the state will come to paint. All artist are welcome to take part.

There is no cost to participate but there is a \$5 fee to enter your creation in the Quick Draw for cash and prizes.

Everyone is invited to watch artists at work. Any Question, please contact Sandy via e-mail:

[sbarksdale@centurytel.net](mailto:sbarksdale@centurytel.net)

## Support the Box Top Program for Cotter Schools

Cotter Schools can earn thousands of dollars for classroom supplies and playground equipment with collected box tops and labels. You can help by depositing yours in the yellow M&M guy near the door at SunFest in Gassville. You'll also find a list there of appropriate items.





## JOHN'S PADDLEFISH

Saturday March 22, 2009 John Bell was guiding a fishing trip for Cotter Trout Dock when he spotted a Paddlefish (*Polyodon spathula*) swimming in Miller Hole. He returned the next day and brought it home. John said he caught it on a "corn dog." Believe it or not, that's his story and he's stickin' to it. Ark Game & Fish has an interesting article on paddlefish on the internet. Between January 2001 and September of 2004, Arkansas commercial fisherman harvested a million dollars worth of paddlefish roe, sold as caviar. Paddlefish spawn on gravel bars in swift current, the eggs adhere to the gravel which aids the hatchling to get free of the egg. Paddle fishing is a good industry in Arkansas. I don't imagine Paddle fishing will replace Trout fishing on the White River unless we get a lot more "corn dogs".

## Cotter Fire Department Says THANK YOU!!!

The Cotter Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Annual Chili Supper and Auction was a tremendous success this year. We are still waiting for a couple donations to come in, but the total amount raised should total \$10,000. We had delicious chili, Judy Nazarenko's famous chicken soup, wonderful donations from many area merchants and lots of donated baked goods for our auction. All that combined to make it a great night! Thank you to all who contributed and participated to make this our most successful chili

supper to date. The lion's share of the proceeds will be put into the new fire station fund. Some will be used for educational materials for school children and fire department support items. We did receive a couple large anonymous donations included in this total for the new fire station, and special thanks for their generosity.

The new fire station is underway. Excavation, footers, and rough-in plumbing have been completed, and the floor should be completed by the time you read this. We are constructing an 80' x 120' manufactured steel building with four double pull-through bays, kitchen, restrooms, and a meeting/training room. The majority of work on the interior will be completed by fire department members to reduce the total cost of the building. We hope to move in by fall if all goes well. Once completed, we expect that our response time to calls will be substantially reduced because of our new location, and we will also have a facility suitable to serve as a rescue shelter if needed. In addition, the new station has been designed to meet the future needs of CVFD. The old fire station will be able to be used by the city to house street and water department equipment currently kept outdoors.

To date between Chili Suppers, budget carry-overs, firewood sales, donations, and a \$15,000 grant from Arkansas Rural Community Development, we have been able to raise more than half of the projected cost of \$275,000. We have secured a \$100,000 low-interest loan from First Security Bank to complete the project.

We are very lucky in Cotter to have members of our fire department who are willing to contribute many hours above and beyond the hours they put in responding to fire and rescue calls. We have some of the best trained fire fighters in the county, and in addition, they spent many, many hours clearing trees off properties after Hurricane Ike, cooking and feeding over 100 people three meals a day during the ice storm as well as operating the shelter, and cutting and splitting wood to raise almost \$7,000 toward our building fund.

Cotter/Gassville Rural Fire District presents 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **HOG WILD BAR-B-Q** at the fire house at Wild Cat Shoals SATURDAY APRIL 4 2009 from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be raffles and prizes.

## Big Spring Park Gateway Arch Design Contest

The Saturday Club announces a contest to find a winning design for a gateway arch into Big Spring Park. The family of the late Clyde Collins, a longtime and much revered citizen of Cotter, is funding possibly all of the construction in Clyde's name. We'd like you to be involved in this community project. If you've got a design idea for a gateway arch, send your drawing to The Saturday Club, 133 Harding Boulevard, Cotter, 72626 before May 15. The winner's prize will be a recognition plaque on the arch.

## Park Place-Arts & More Opens

Jim and Sue Wittington have opened a new shop at 3392 Cotter Road adjacent to Big Spring Park. Sue's goal in merchandising was not to duplicate the quality of the shops which have opened in recent years but to complement and expand their offerings. The majority of items featured at Park Place are made by local artisans, and will include pottery, baskets, brooms, native stone birdhouses, candles, lamps with embellished decorative shades, jewelry and hair accessories, drawings, paintings, photography and more.

## Coming Events

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month  
8 a.m. at Brass Door Restaurant

### Regular City Council Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month  
6 p.m. at City Hall (Verify time at City Hall)

**Saturday, April 4:** Cotter Clean-up. All interested in picking up litter will meet at the Spring House at 10 a.m. *See article on page 2.*

**Saturday, April 4:** Hog Wild Bar-B-Q See page 3.

**Friday and Saturday, April 17-18:** the 8th Annual Great Cotter Trout Festival!

**Saturday, April 25:** Trout Unlimited Banquet \$30 at Elks Club


**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Submission Deadline for Park Entrance Archway Design.

### THANK YOU TO FRIENDS OF THE TCN

Tod & Beth Harmon; Tim Malaney; Marilyn Morris; Ellen & Anne Ramey; and Sonny & Judi Sharp

We invite all of you to send news, articles, pictures, ideas, and/or suggestions to:  
Trout Capital News P.O. Box 238, Cotter, AR 72626 or e-mail [TroutCapitalNews@yahoo.com](mailto:TroutCapitalNews@yahoo.com)

RON & DEBBIE GAMBLE  
SINGLE DAY FISHING  
OVERNIGHT CAMP TRIPS  
GUIDE SERVICE



FOR RESERVATIONS:  
(870) 435-6028  
1-800-447-7538

P.O. Box 99  
Cotter, Arkansas 72626  
[www.cottertroutdock.com](http://www.cottertroutdock.com)


John Lettman  
Creative Cedar  
233 Combs Ave  
Cotter, Ar. 72626



870 435 2457  
[www.creativecedar.com](http://www.creativecedar.com)

HOPKINSWOODE  
Used and Available in the heart of the Ozarks

914 Combs Avenue  
Cotter, AR 72626



W&S PRINTING Company  
870-424-2163  
Fax 870-424-2173

718 S. Baker Street  
Mtn. Home, AR 72653  
Commercial and Quick Print  
email: [hargo@centurytel.net](mailto:hargo@centurytel.net)



COTTER AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
PO BOX 489  
COTTER, AR 72626 (870) 435-4456

Lawn Care Central  
"Creating Curb Appeal"  
Bill Pettit



P.O. Box 15  
Cotter, AR 72626

870-325-0844 mobile  
870-453-1117 home  
[billpett@centurytel.net](mailto:billpett@centurytel.net)

GENUINE  
CARE  
PHARMACY

(870) 435-5757

717 Hwy. 62 W.  
Cotter, AR 72625  
Mon-Fri. 9 am - 6 pm  
Sat. 9 am - 1 pm

Clint Recknwald  
Pharmacist/Owner  
883-435-5756

Gary & Paula Flippin  
Riverside Cabins  
Guided Trips  
Boat, Cannon &  
Equipment Rentals

Rim Shoals  
RESORT

[www.rimshoals.com](http://www.rimshoals.com)  
870-435-6144

Come Visit Our New Store  
10¢ for 99¢ and other convenience items!