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Park Place Arts & More

For many years Jim and Sue Whittington have talked about opening a shop where the things they make could be displayed and sold. Sue is a potter & basket maker, Jim is a retired industrial arts teacher with a vivid imagination and a big new wood shop. Finally these conversations came to reality with the opening of **Park Place-Arts & More** in downtown Cotter. The shop is located at 3392 Cotter Road adjacent to Big Spring Park.

Whit's wood shop is in the back of the building and the completely remodeled office area is now "Park Place." This past summer they completed the front of the building with a western-style design and a covered front porch with cedar posts. Sues 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.

Sue has made baskets of all types for twenty years or more and taken classes and attended workshops with some of this nation's leading basket makers. In addition to her own baskets she will offer unique sculptural baskets created by Ramona Jane Buss of Thorncreek Studio of Yellville. Pottery will be a major focus featuring David & Becky Dahlstedt of Mountain View Pottery, Helen Phillips of Bruno, Robin MacGrogan of Mountain Home, Jimmie Floyd of Gilbert, Karen Branch of Huntsville, and Rodney Lemoiner Eveningof Shade.

Jim and Sue have collaborated on the stone bird houses. He builds paints and roofs them and she hand selects the river stones to add color and shape variety and always includes a "holey rock" as one of the stones. These rocks are created when a smaller stone is lodged in a crevice of a larger stone. After years in the current of the river the smaller stone is pushed through the larger one causing a hole. Also called "Ozark Friendship Rocks" and "Love Rocks" they are thought to bring good luck and an old tale says "if you give a friend a holey rock, you'll have that friend for life." In addition to bird houses the holey rocks can be found in necklaces and ankle bracelets at the Park Place.

Other artisans displaying their talents will be Pat Bergman, of Yellville -JP Rosenquist of Pineville,-Linda Caperton, Calico Rock- Michelle Noonan, Lead Hill-Jody Cochran, Rea Valley-Jerry & Judy Lovenstein-Mountain View. Sue intends to add new artisans and their wares as long as time and space allows.

Support the Box Top Program

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 Sun Fest in Gassville. You'll also find a list there of appropriate items.



City Council Meeting Notes

By Mo Mosley

The monthly meeting was held at City Hall and began at 6:00PM. The first topic of discussion was about raising meter deposits for city water customers. A problem arises when customers move without notifying the water department and without paying their final water bill. The city sometimes is left holding the bill. When this happens the city turns it over to a collection system if the collection company collects the city only gets half of what they collect. At one time a program between local municipalities helped relieve this problem. If a customer moved and left a bill, the offended city listed the person in a directory available to all local cities. Any time a new customer applied for service at a city, the new city referred to the directory and if the new customer was on the dead beat list, service was not provided until the overdue bill was paid. At this meeting, the Mayor proposes to

raise renters deposit from \$50 to \$100 and home owners from \$20 to \$50. Council accepted the proposal and the amended ordinance will be available by the next meeting.

Plans for a nine house project on Denton Ferry in the vicinity of the RV Park were explained by the developer and the Planning and Zoning Chairman. As always is the case, particular attention is paid to water runoff near the River and in this area as there have been incidents of flooding and serious washing away of property. The entire infrastructure streets, water, sewer will be turned over to the city when the project is complete. The developer said that he thought that most of the houses built will be vacation properties and people probably would not live in them year round.

Tim Malaney had a slot on the Agenda to discuss the flooding that occurred at his property during the last heavy rain, however he had returned to St. Louis and could not attend the meeting in person. The discussion resulted in several comments about what could and should be done. The Mayor stated that he had been advised that the city could not provide repairs to private property. He said however he would if Council voted to proceed. Discussions included ordinances to ensure people kept ditches and culverts clean especially on Harding Blvd. Councilman Dunderdale suggested calling in an engineer to look at the situation and make recommendations to the city.

The Planning and Zoning Chairman stated that a request had been made to rezone some property on Harding Blvd to R-2 from R-1 to allow a modular house to be constructed. He said the Commission refused the request because they had pledged they would not provide spot zoning changes in the city.

Mr. Thrasher, the committee chair for enforcing the new cleanup and condemnation ordinance, said that letters had been sent to

offenders and they would have ten days to make appropriate corrections. Failure to comply would lead to the next step provided by the ordinance, which would be citations leading to civil court action.

New Business Opens in Cotter

Steve and Sheila Daffron have opened a **Shooting Supplies** store at 200 W. Main #4 in Cotter. It is located in the strip mall next to the Fly Shop on Hwy. 62/412. They have a variety of guns, sportswear, ammunition and reloading supplies. They have on hand several beautiful shot guns. If they don't have it - they can probably get it for you. Stop by and see them and make them welcome to Cotter.

New Firehouse Update

The new Firehouse is coming right along. The siding is on, doors are hung and windows are installed. Soon the remainder of the concrete block walls will be going up and then the inside work will begin. Chief Whittington and all the firefighters are ready to get the inside going. What a great Firehouse we will have when they are done. Thanks folks! !

Area Students Win Arts Awards

Alyssa Killian a High School student from Cotter High School won First Place in the "Ten Penny Art Contest" sponsored by General Federation of Women's Clubs of Arkansas. The 17 year old eleventh grader entered the contest through the Saturday Club of Cotter. Her Cameo watercolor painting was deemed the best in the State of Arkansas by the contest judges. Congratulations Alyssa on your achievement. You make all of your home area proud.

Laney Bryant a Cotter High School Senior entered an Acrylic Cameo in the "Ten Penny Art Contest" sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Arkansas. Laney entered his painting through the Cotter Saturday Club and was awarded second place. Congratulations Laney, we hope to continue to see your excellent art work as time goes on.

Congratulations to Alyssa and Laney for their dedication to these projects and we encourage them to continue to develop the talents that are so evident in these paintings. Students like you two make your school and your community proud of you and Cotter High School. Thank You!



Chamber President, Mo Mosley, talks with Colleen Hancock at Sunday's Fish Fry at the Spring House

CACC

By Mo Mosley

The Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce By-Laws, which have been under consideration and modification for sometime, were passed at the May Board Meeting. A copy may be found on the Web-Site cotterarkansas.com.

The CACC hosted a Fish Fry on Sunday May 31, 2009 at 3:30 PM at the Spring House. This event is the first of many to be planned for the Spring House. The renovation will not be finished but the House is useable. Tickets were limited to 100 and cost \$7.50 each for all

you care to eat. Tickets were available from several members.

In an effort to try to evade bad weather and to not compete with 18 other festivals on the same week end as we did this year, it was decided to move the Trout Festival to June 18 & 19 for 2010.

On May 6, 2009 there was a meeting between the CO-OP Directors and members of the CACC Officers/Board that were available on short notice. The meeting called by the CO-OP leaders was to discuss the relationship of the CO-OP and the CACC. The CO-OP had already decided to leave the CACC and rename, and retool separate from the Chamber. The CACC members in attendance were in full agreement with the decision. At a later date the CACC received a letter stating that the CO-OP was dissolving any ties to the CACC. The Officers/Board considers this a closed matter.

Starting Saturday May 30, 2009 and Saturdays following, there will be hot dogs and Brats for sale by the CACC in the Park. Any profit from this effort will be used for the Spring House "Make Over".

Rent cost for the Spring House was established at \$50 for non CACC Members and \$30 for members. A deposit of \$100 for clean- up and damage coverage when needed will be required. The Procedure is not fully developed but these numbers are what the procedure will be based on.

The CACC thanks Sharon Kilcoyne, who is a Broker at John Carr Realty, for all the work she has done in gathering materials, paint, drapes etc and a desk for the Spring House. She worked at paint schemes and presented and discussed them at a meeting May 14.

Anyone interested in helping with the work going on and coming up don't hesitate to speak up. Call Mo Mosley, Beth Harmon or Gary Flippin and get in on this good time.

After Hours gatherings are still going like gang busters. The last one at 1st Security Bank was very well attended. They provided great food and door prizes. If you haven't been attending these events you should be. The After Hours events are a great way to meet members and see what we do. The next After Hours will be held at John Carr Realty, Thursday, June 11, 2009 starting at 5 pm.

Coming Events

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

3rd Tuesday each month
8 a.m. at Brass Door Restaurant

Regular City Council Meeting

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

Lions Club

2nd Monday each month
5 p.m. at White Sands Restaurant

Cotter All City Garage Sale

Friday and Saturday, June 5-6th

CACC Fundraiser: Hot Dogs and Brats

Saturdays 11:30 am – 4 pm in the Park

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