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Randy and Stephanie Pendgraft of Improvements R Us (870-404-9940) replace a portion of the Spring House Roof

## Spring House Remodeling

By Elwood Mosley

Renovation of the Spring House by the Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce (CACC) continues to go forward. Approximately four feet of the rafters on the low side of the roof had rotted away. The contractor who made the repair suggested that the rot may have been caused by the roof being too flat for shingles. The rotted wood was replaced along with new fascia. The roofing is a new membrane type rolled roofing with a rubber base. As is outlined in the agreement between the CACC and the City, this work was paid for by the City.

Chamber members have painted the inside, hung new drapes and purchased ten new tables. Some ceiling panels will be replaced and carpets will be cleaned or replaced. Two bids have been sought to do the wiring on the front porch which will be the location of the new Chamber Office.

The CACC goal is to make the Spring House a place all of Cotter can continue to be proud of and that it will get a lot of use in the near future. The building is very nice and is a great place for a birthday party or other family functions. For information about renting the Spring House, call (870)321-1243.

# City Council Meeting Notes

By Mo Mosley

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Mayor Mc Nair called for roll call to start the meeting at 6:00pm on Thursday 6/25/09. All members were present except for Ward One Alderman George Peters.

1st item: Passed Ordinance 2009-03 (Increase of Water Deposit Rate) Renters fee went from \$50 to \$100. Owners deposit increased from \$25 to \$50.

2nd item: Passed an ordinance to regulate burning of yard refuse in the City of Cotter. The main purpose of the ordinance is to aid in preventing build up of debris in ditches coming down the hill and causing flooding. There was much conversation between council members and the citizens in attendance. When all the discussion ended, it was still not clear how the Ordinance will work and how it will keep ditches clean. Sometimes it is not clear how copying an ordinance from Mountain Home and bringing it to Cotter with expectations that it will be an instant success can be a realistic under taking. There is more than a little difference in the two cities abilities to implement, enforce or finance any ordinance.

3rd Item: Update from the Mayor on proposed solutions for fixing the drainage problems in the city. It was pointed out that the engineer discussed at the last meeting was no longer on salary to the Municipal League so he was unavailable. During this period there were side conversations between council members and citizens, the mayor and a councilman. In the utter confusion there was some comment about bringing Ben Strider, a local engineer in for discussion.

4<sup>th</sup> Item: Mr. Tim Malaney was present to give his view on the flood that devastated his property during one of our recent rain storms. He detailed that when he was leaving town to return to St. Louis, on Harding Blvd, he noticed Todd Harmon and a little further up Dale Tipton cleaning the ditches in front of their homes. He also noted that the majority of the ditches were plugged and full of debris. He said he hoped we did not have a big storm, as fate would have it we did have a big storm. He suffered a tremendous financial loss but his presence was not to recover his loss but to let it be known: 1) he thinks procedures must be implemented and enforced to keep ditches clean and to install ditches and culverts where they need to be; and 2) when he returned to recover and protect his property he could not locate any one to give him help or advice. The Mayor was not available, nor was the Director of Public works. Tim also cited instances of the City telling him they intended to do one thing and then doing nothing.

During this discussion it was pointed out that the property owner on 2<sup>nd</sup> and McLean had been given until the end of July to get his mess straightened up. Mr. Malaney's approach left no doubt that he believes the way things are going in the City are not acceptable and changes need to be made immediately.

5<sup>th</sup> Item: Mr. Jimmy Thrasher the chairman of the committee that is overseeing the new clean up ordinance, copied from Mountain Home, was next on the agenda. Most of Mr. Thrasher's time was taken by a councilman who dominated conversation for a long period of time. It turns out that directions for issuing citations were not followed and the process will be restarted. The discussion on this problem went on endlessly, and even though all the finger pointing was generally toward the Mayor it is evident that there was a letdown in the whole process. It appears that the committee and Jimmy Thrasher are trying to get this ordinance going, they have no power and must be more persistent in their requests and see that the correct steps are followed.

Tim Malaney made an interesting comment during his appearance before the Council. He said he needed to get to know the people in the Fire Dept, better, because here is a group of Volunteers who could raise enough money to build a Fire House and then actually BUILD IT.

6<sup>th</sup> Item: The city will hire a parole officer for \$275 a month to look after persons placed on parole through our court. This is something new that is taking place at most cities in Baxter County, so it is evident we need it.

The following new ordinances can be found posted at City Hall, White Sands, the Cotter Post Office, and Snappy Mart:

2009-03 Water Deposit Service Fee

2009-04 Guidelines to Burn Yard Waste



maps.google.com web page



## New Firehouse Update

The new cotter Fire House is looking awfully good. With most of the outside work complete, the CVFD members have moved inside to finish the rest of the project. This has been a big under taking for Chief Whittington and his crew and they have done a marvelous job. When you next see one of them give them a handshake and a thank you. And as I have said many times before get to know theses men and women because some morning they may be the first person you see when you wake up. It has happened and will again. Thanks CVFD!!

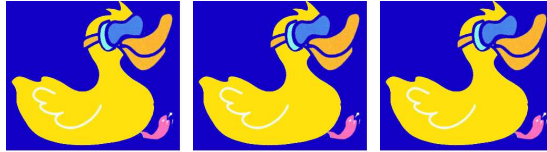
## Virtual Cotter

By Theresa Mosley

What does Paris, France and Cotter, Arkansas have in common? You can take a virtual tour of both cities on maps.google.com.

Take a stroll from the Big Spring Park to the top of the hill without loosing your breath. Google maps has a special feature to use when you zoom into city streets. There is a little orange man to drag to the street of interest and "voila", you can take a "walking" tour of Cotter. I'm not sure but I'm guessing the googlemaps car went through Cotter on a Monday morning in the spring of 2008. Perhaps you saw it... a little car with what looked like a pipe sticking out of the top. I think it was a Monday morning because there are not many people around and there seems to be a lot of empty garbage cans on the curbs. I'm guessing early spring because there is not a lot of color in the trees or lawns, but I think I saw some early red buds starting. Take a "walk" then let me know what you think.

To make this site even better, Google allows business and community landmarks to be added. Google also hosts a shared photo site (panoramio.com) where beautiful pictures of Cotter can be added to the map. Currently there are added photos of the bridge and of the railroad depot. The photos show up in the upper right corner of the map when available. This is an excellent way to show off our city at its best.



## Oodles of Ducks Flocking to Cotter's Big Springs Park

By Julia Caradine

We are pleased to present a family event that is fun for all ages, **THE GREAT COTTER DUCK RACE!**

THE GREAT COTTER DUCK RACE, along with community fall festivities will take place at Big Springs Park in Cotter on **Saturday, September 12, 2009.**

The Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce will provide food and drink at the Park Pavilion from 11:00am to 4:00pm, with The Great Cotter Duck Race to begin at 2:00pm at Big Springs. There will be singing in the Gazebo in addition to The Cotter Artists group painting participation. More fall festivities are in the works too!

A Lone Duck can be adopted for \$5. Details on how you can adopt a Duck Family, Flock of Ducks or Oodles of Ducks for your chance to win great prizes to be posted in the coming weeks. Before we egg them on to the Race, ducks will be kept at Cotter pad-duck awaiting their adoption.

THE GREAT COTTER DUCK RACE will be a grand event – come down and enjoy food and fun from 9:00am to 6:00pm at Big Springs Park on the White River! Fun for the whole family and chance to win many great prizes at THE GREAT COTTER DUCK RACE.

(In case of inclement weather, there will be a “Duck Drawing”.)

This is a fundraising event in conjunction with The Gamma House, The Cotter Lions Club and Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce.

Contact: Julia Caradine, White Mist of Cotter Gifts, (870) 435.5966.



### CACC Donates Tables to Park

The Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce recently donated two new picnic tables to the City Park. They are located overlooking the swimming hole and are intended for use by people buying food from the CACC fundraiser food stand on Saturdays. The tables were quickly initiated to the park by carvings by local teens professing their never ending love for each other. Hopefully the carvings will be more artistic as time goes on.

The CACC continues to sell Brats, Hot Dogs, and Polish Sausage with all the dressings in the park every Saturday. We are located overlooking the swimming hole and are open from 11:00AM until “too hot 30”. Closing time varies according to the temperature and the level of business. We will always be there long enough for you to have lunch. Proceeds from the fundraiser go toward the costs of remodeling the Spring House.



This youngster gathered his courage before taking a plunge from the mermaid rock at Big Spring Park. It won't be long before he joins the big kids and adults flipping from the rope swing.

### NEW FLAG POLE GRACES GASSVILLE

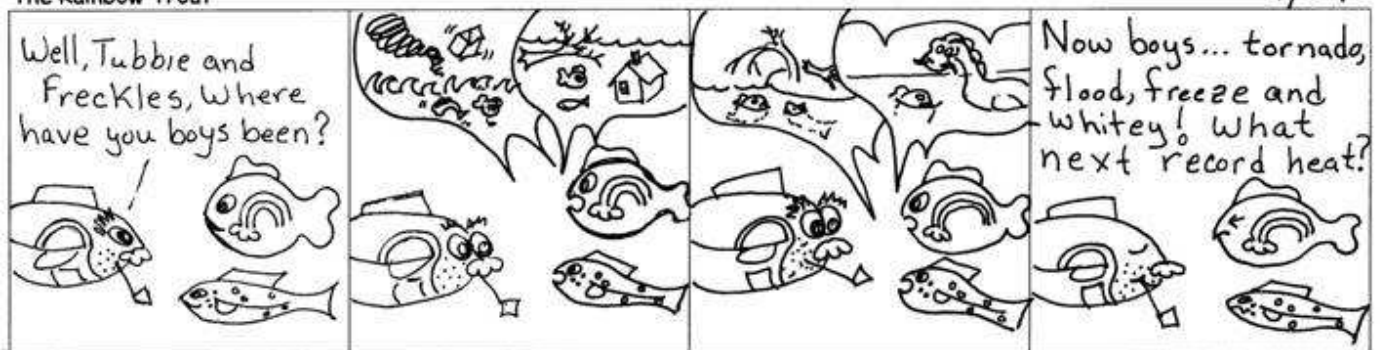


Genuine Care does care as made evident by the beautiful pole and American and Arkansas flags that are now flying in front of the Pharmacy. Genuine Care Pharmacy owned and operated by Clint and Sara Recktenwald, stands ready and eager to serve all of your pharmaceutical needs. Stop in and check out the well supplied drug store and Sara's gift shop. These two young people are a great addition to our area.

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The Rainbow Trout

By Tc  
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## 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.



## PHOTOS IN COTTER

By Julia Caradine

We are pleased to announce **2009 PIC (Photos in Cotter) Photography Contest**. It is all about capturing the essence of **Cotter** in photos, remembering a special person and benefiting a local organization.

The **Linda McIntosh Angel Award Trophy** will be presented to the 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner. The late **Cotter** resident, Linda McIntosh, will be in hearts and minds of her family & friends throughout this contest. She would definitely have enjoyed the "**Cotter-ness**" of it all!

The **2009 PIC Photography Contest** will be judged by **Cotter** resident, Carlos Hernandez. In 1983 Carlos met Linda McIntosh while they both worked in Washington, D.C. Linda convinced Carlos to move here to The Trout Capital USA, in July 2005, knowing his passion for fly-fishing. Carlos began his photojournalism career thirty-five years while serving in the U.S. Air Force as an Aerial Motion Picture Combat Photographer. From there he worked as photographer editor for several Oklahoma and Texas stations, before heading for Washington, D.C. where he joined Gannett Broadcasting. He was Chief Photographer at WTTG Fox News Five in Washington, D.C. prior to retiring to **Cotter**. His many recognitions include winner of Region Eight Photographer Of The Year-1983, Northern Short Course Photographer of the Year-1984, Third Quarter General News National 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner-1987 for 'The Saragosa Brick Maker', KUSA-TV NPPA Station of the Year 1991 & 1996, National Edward R. Morrow 1st Place for Best Documentary-1993 for 'Making the Points', along with several AP Awards in addition to the White House Press Photographers Association Best Series-1989.

The White Mist of **Cotter** Gift Shop is sponsoring **2009 PIC Photography Contest** to benefit **Cotter Lions Club Sight Program**, which serves Cotter and Gassville residents with eye examination and prescription eyeglass assistance.

Photos must be taken in **Cotter** during 2009 with photo size of 5x7 or 8x10, matted but not framed. Altered photos not allowed. (Entry fee is \$5 per photo.) Deadline for photo entry is October 16, 2009. Judging takes place October 19, 2009 at **VFW 1779 Harding Boulevard, Cotter**.

Entry forms available at **White Mist of Cotter Gifts** (106 Combs Avenue, **Cotter**. (870) 435.5966). Photo mats and entry forms available at **Riverbend Custom Framing** (102 Harding Boulevard, **Cotter**. (870) 435.5262).

**2009 PIC Photography Contest** is open to everyone in Twin Lakes Area! Explore **Cotter** for that most amazing rainbow, architecture, landscape, river scene, nature, person, pet or animal photo opportunity. We look forward to your participation in this event for a community cause!

## Coming Events

### **Chamber of Commerce Meeting**

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

### **Business After Hours**

July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at CACC Office

### **Regular City Council Meeting**

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

### **Lions Club**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month  
6 p.m. at the VFW

### **CACC Fundraiser: Hot Dogs and Brats**

Saturdays 11:30 am – 4 pm in the Park

We invite you to send organization  
news, articles, pictures, ideas, and/or  
suggestions to:

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P.O. Box 238  
Cotter, AR 72626  
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*Deadline for submissions is the Tuesday  
before the last full weekend of the month  
before the new issue.*