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New Faces in City Hall



Melissa Baskin
Bookkeeper



Mayor Peggy Hammack



Sharon Sugg
Recorder Treasurer

Following the clean sweep November elections, a couple more new faces can be found at City Hall. You may have already met some of your new officials such as Mayor Peggy Hammack. In this issue of the TCN we also introduce you to the newest personnel, Melissa Baskin and Sharon Sugg. In the next couple issues of the TCN we will introduce you to others.

Peggy Hammack was elected Mayor of Cotter in the November 2010 election for a four year term. Mayor Hammack first worked in City Hall as a 14 year old Summer Student worker and has held several positions in the City since.

She starts her term as Mayor with a completely newly elected City Council, all of which she believes are ready to make the City better and more productive. She has several ideas that she will implement in the future and she wants the City to be more involved with the youth of the area.

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WELCOME BACK TROUT CAPITAL NEWS

Welcome to the latest new version of the Trout Capital News. This latest version is published by Mo & Theresa Mosley, Printed by H&S Printing, funded by advertisement and CACC funding.

The Trout Capital News encourages all businesses, citizens, churches, and organizations in the greater Cotter area to submit articles and notices to the Trout Capital News, which normally is published monthly. Please see the contact information on the back page.

We also welcome short stories and photos of experiences of growing up in the area or related to the history of Cotter.

As always, we are looking for sponsors and advertisers to help with printing costs. Private sponsor donations of any amount are appreciated. We help finance the paper the Chamber will be selling Business Card Size ads for \$100 per year (12 issues) or \$ 10 per issue; ¼ page ad for \$25 per issue or \$250 per year; and ½ page ad for \$50 per issue or \$500 per year. Ads can be changed during the year at no additional charge. Also offered will be a full page ad for \$750 which will only be available on a one time basis with at least one month between ads. All payments should be mailed to Trout Capital News @ TCN PO BOX 238, Cotter, AR 72626. Checks should be made out to CACC and mailed to the TCN Box. Thanks in advance.

Donations to the Trout Capital News can be made through the Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce. These donations will be acknowledged twice a year with a list of “Friends of Trout Capital News”, printed in the TCN.

All articles that readers, clubs, organizations, or individuals wish to have included in the TCN must be to the publishers by the 20th day of the month. This dead line will be strictly enforced to ensure the publisher can get the paper to the printer on schedule.

COTTER VFD AUXILIARY CHILI SUPPER & BAKED GOODS AUCTION

Please join us Saturday, March 5th, for our annual Chili Supper & Auction at the school cafetorium. All you can eat chili or chicken soup, beverages and dessert. Adults: \$5, Kids 12-5 \$3 (under 5) free. Serving at 5:00 and Auction begins at 5:30. Please plan to attend, it’s our major fund-raiser!!!

Also, we need baked items to be auctioned... cakes, pies, cookies, etc. Donated baked goods may be delivered to the school after 1 P.M. on Saturday (5th) or we will pick them up. To arrange pick-up or take-out orders, or if you cannot attend and wish to make a donation, call 656-0720 or mail it to P.O. Box 312, Cotter, AR 72626.

Last year, the Cotter Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 382 calls including house fires, brush & motor vehicle fires, motor vehicle accidents, medical calls, rescue & river rescue calls, and gas related emergencies. The majority of our calls are medical emergencies. Of the 382 calls, 34 were fire calls. Over the years, the Auxiliary has helped with funds to complete and furnish our new fire station, buy our newest fire truck, purchase extrication equipment, and other equipment as needed as well as educational equipment. Our goal for funds earned from this year’s Chili Supper is to help equip our Rescue Trailer which will be used for rescues involving high-angle and rugged terrain rescues, confined space rescues, and trench rescues. Specialty gear and training is required for these types of rescues which includes dedicated ropes and climbing gear, winches, and many more items. The biggest item on the list is an ATV with a platform big and stable enough to be able to reach (locate) a victim in rugged terrain and transport him/her out in a timely manner.

We’re very proud of everyone of our dedicated volunteers who give untold hours to protect and serve his/her community. If you are interested in joining this elite group or helping in whatever manner you can, call Chief Whittington to find out more at 656-1187.

New Faces

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Mayor Hammack is open to ideas from the public and invites all of Cotter Citizens to attend Council Meetings and make their wishes known. City Council Meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month. Attend the meetings and see how your tax dollars are spent and make your thoughts known.

If you want to be on the agenda to address the Council you should contact City Hall the week prior to the meeting to be scheduled on the agenda. Watch next month for the "Mayor's Corner" in the TCN. Each month we will provide the Mayor an opportunity to tell us what is on her mind in her own column. Good luck mayor, Cotter is ready for a boost.

Melissa Baskin is the new Bookkeeper at the City of Cotter. She arrives at Cotter with a wealth of experience in the bookkeeping field. She was born and raised in Mountain Home. She says when she got out of High School she wanted to move to the "Big City" but soon returned to Mountain Home and has remained in the area since.

Her experience in the private sector as well as experience in the business world prepared her well for this new job. Melissa has spent the last twenty eight as a bookkeeper and knows the ropes. She worked several years for H&R Block in Mountain Home.

Melissa recently worked at First Federal Bank in Mountain Home. She has a pleasant personality, an easy smile and the ability to work well with others. We welcome Melissa to Cotter and look forward to seeing her on the City Hall team.

Sharon Sugg is the new Recorder Treasurer for the City of Cotter. Sharon moved from Garland, TX in 1988 to Mountain, AR and then to Cotter in 2001. She has held several jobs in Cotter and is currently the City of Mountain Home District Court Clerk. She is a bookkeeper by trade. She

moved to Arizona in 1996 and returned to Cotter in 1999 and is here for the duration.

Sharon was the Recorder Treasurer from 1991 through 1993. She was the City Bookkeeper from May 1996 -October, 1999.

It is evident she has a lot of experience and we are fortunate to get her. When you are in City hall welcome Sharon to the job

The next time you are in City Hall stop and say Hello to Melissa and Sharon and welcome them to Cotter.



Jim Terrell helps dig a hole as some of the Saturday Club members take a quick photo break. l. to r. Jim Terrell, Beth Harmon, Olivia Terrell, Helen Lacefield, Marilyn Morris, and Annette Pettit

Saturday Club of Cotter to Host GWFC District Meeting

The Saturday Club of Cotter will host the annual District Meeting of the General Federated Women's Clubs (GFWC) at the Knox Community Room at ASU Mountain Home, Saturday Mar 26. The District also includes women's clubs from the area including Mountain Home and Harrison.

The Saturday Club has other activities underway such as creating a Butterfly Garden at Big Spring Park on the hill down stream of the spring. The garden includes a stone walkway surrounded by a variety of flowers and decorative shrubs. The photo above was taken in the fall when the club

planted hundreds of daffodil bulbs expected to bloom this spring.

To help fund the Butterfly Garden landscaping project, an outdoor Salad Luncheon is planned for May 14th at Hopkinswoode Bed and Breakfast. Tickets will be on sale soon.

The Saturday Club is currently working with the school to coordinate an educational program with Heifer International Campus in downtown Little Rock, Arkansas. The program introduces visitors to the possibility of a world free of hunger and poverty. They have a hands-on, global education facility called Heifer Village located across from the Clinton Presidential Library. They also offer multi-night programs that provide participants a first-hand look at the challenges surrounding hunger and poverty at Heifer Ranch outside Perryville.

City Council Notes



CITY COUNCIL MEETING 1/27/2011

Bill Jennings presented Mayor Peggy Hammack with a gavel prior to her first Council Meeting. Hopefully it will be used to manage many successful council meetings that will bring success to her and the City of Cotter.

All new Council Members were present at the roll call. John Adams presented the invocation and led the Pledge. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Jere Reagan was presented a plaque to honor time of service to the City.

Sharon Sugg was appointed Recorder Treasurer by unanimous vote.

Martin Bennett and Cynthia Bearden from the AR Resource Commission addressed the Council and reported that they had visited in the fall of 2010. Financial audits are not done for 2008 and 2009

but the city had bought a new system and implemented it in 2010. She recommends that the City continue to use the new system as she feels it is a good one and it will serve the City well. She further feels the current rates are sufficient to pay our bond and leave enough to build a surplus adequate to provide emergency funds in the future.

Alderman Ford questioned how and why the previous administration awarded \$27,000 in pay for performance money when the previous council only approved \$15,000. The question is to be presented to the City Attorney and ask for a solution for preventing such things from happening in the future.

Melissa Baskin was introduced as the new Bookkeeper and Sharon Sugg was introduced as the new Recorder Treasurer. The Mayor stated her approval of both and said they have a lot of experience that will come in to play in their new jobs.

Former police Chief Scott Thrasher took a job with the Flippin police force. His position will not be filled at the present time. Ron Weaver remains as the assistant Chief and 3 part time officers will complete the force. They are Jim Brown, Eddie White and Bob Stewart.

There has been a suggestion box placed in City Hall. All entries will be addressed by applicable person and response will be made.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is two members short any volunteers contact Ronald Morris or come to the meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Comments from citizens, 1. Need microphones for meetings

It was decided that council meetings will be at 6:30 PM beginning next month.

Employee Handbook passed out for Council Review.

**Annual
Shawnee Boats, Inc.
Trout Tournament**

Hosted by: Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, March 26, 2011

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

at the Cotter Ramp on the White River

Entry Fee — \$100.00 per Team (2 People)

Entry fee covers 2 meal tickets per boat for cookout after Tournament and one (1) entry in the

Shawnee Boat Drawing.

Extra meal tickets are \$10.00 each and can be ordered when entry fee is paid.

Limited to the first 125 paid entries.

Open to all makes of boats.

PRIZE FUND

(Pro-rated based on 100 entries)

1st Place: \$1,000 - 2nd Place \$800 - 3rd Place \$600

4th Place \$400 - 5th Place \$300

6th through 10th \$100 ea.

SEPARATE BIG FISH POT - \$25 Entry

(Based upon 100 entries – Payout \$2500)

SPECIAL BOAT DRAWING

*Only Tournament Entrants eligible –
must be present to win*

**New 2011 Shawnee Deluxe Boat, Trailer
and Seats Valued at \$6900**

Donated by Shawnee Boats, Inc.

(Motor available at cost)

**Meal Furnished with all the Trimmings to all
Entrants w/ meal tickets – Serving starts at
2:00 PM at the Pavilion**

Entry forms – www.cotterarkansas.com

Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce

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Greetings to all in Trout Capital U. S. A.

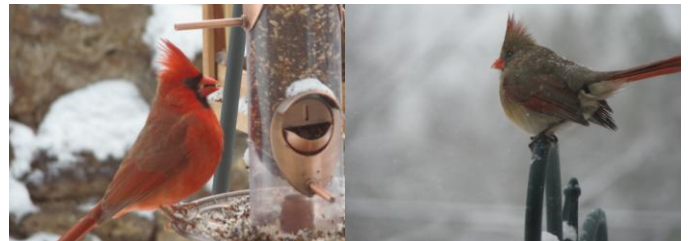
*Thanks to Mo & Theresa Mosley for
bringing Trout Capital News back to life.
It's your connection to what's going on in
your town & surrounding communities.*

*2011 is shaping up to be a very busy year
for the Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce
& we are ready to embrace the challenge.
With this being my second year as your
president, I'm looking forward to working
together continuing to move Cotter in a
positive direction.*

*With several new members for 2011 & our
new website soon to be launched, our goal
of providing more services to our members
is becoming a reality.*

*A special thanks to Lynn Baker & his
committee for their efforts on our new
website. Please watch our website grow at
www.cotterarkansas.com.*

*Your Chamber President,
Gary E. Flippin*



Signs of Spring?

A bright red Cardinal selects a seed from the feeder while the female buffeted by cold wind looks on. Hopefully the pairing is an indication that spring weather is around the corner.

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

6:30 p.m. at City Hall (Verify time at City Hall)

Lions Club

2nd Monday each month

6 p.m. at the VFW

Feb 10, Thursday 5:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

CACC Business After Hours

The Sweet Shop

Mar 5, Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Cotter VFD Aux Chili Supper and Baked Goods Auction

Mar 26, Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Annual Shawnee Boats, Inc. Trout Tournament

February Cotter Area Chamber Business After Hours

Come celebrate Valentines Day early with
Cindy and Deb
at the



Sweet Shop

Scrumptious Homemade Muffins, Cookies,
Cakes, Pies, Pastries, Breads & SO MUCH
MORE.....

**Located across from the old Golden
Dragon on Hwy 62, Gassville.**

Thursday, February 10, 5:00 – 6:30

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