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Shawnee Boat Tournament Winners

By Lynn Baker



Second Place Winners and Winners of the Big Fish pot: Jon Miller and Tommy Worth

First Place Winners: Lynn Hicks and Lou Treat with Chamber Representative Lynn Baker.

Winners of the 2011 Shawnee Deluxe Boat, L-R Joe Jones, John Zeltner with Shawnee Boats, Inc. owner Rob Williams and his daughter Sarah Claire Williams

On Saturday, March 26, 2011, the Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce (CACC) hosted the Annual Shawnee Boats, Inc. Trout Tournament. The tournament was the highest paying tournament in the history of the White River. The tournament was entered by 73 two-person teams from seven states and 35 cities. Each team contributing \$100 to the prize fund. Boats departed from four locations on the White River at 7 AM. Participants were limited to four fish of which only two could be Browns. Weigh-in was conducted at 2 PM at Cotter landing. After the weigh-in a meal was served by CACC members and the awards ceremony and raffles was officiated by Gary Flippin of Rim Shoals Trout Dock and President of the CACC. The following prizes were awarded:

1 st PLACE	\$1,000	Lou Treat and Lynn Hicks	11.75 lbs
2 nd PLACE	\$800	Jon Miller and Tommy Worth	11.25 lbs
3 rd PLACE	\$600	Cody Cheek and Jason Everroad	8.97 lbs
4 th PLACE	\$400	Eric Bauchner and Corey Mills	4.55 lbs
5 th PLACE	\$300	D. Knight and Jason Hasnen	4.43 lbs
6 th PLACE	\$100	Carl Jones and James Russell	4.21 lbs
7 th PLACE	\$100	Timothy Tabor and Billy Sgrillo	4.03 lbs
8 th PLACE	\$100	Dale Douglas and Julie Raines	3.88 lbs
9 th PLACE	\$100	Tom Dame and Roger Potter	3.78 lbs
10 th PLACE	\$100	Bob Donaghe and Jeff Bailey	3.72 lbs

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A separate Big Fish side pot was offered with an entry fee of \$25 per team. A total of 56 teams entered and the winning team with a 7.6 lb Brown Trout was Jon Miller and Tommy Worth who won the \$1,400 side pot.

The highlight of the tournament was the drawing for the 2011 Shawnee Deluxe Boat, Trailer and Seats which was donated to the tournament by Rob Williams, owner /operator of Shawnee Boats, Inc. The winning team of this classic boat valued at \$6,900 was John Zeltner and Joe Jones.

Cotter Trout Festival May 6-7, 2011

The Cotter Area Chamber of Commerce announces the annual Cotter Trout Festival is May 6 and 7 at the Big Spring Park.

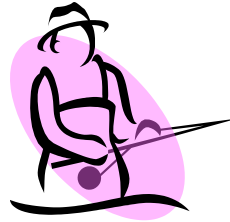
Planning is underway. Interested Vendors please call Tina Berry at 435-5577.

A Parade is planned for Saturday at 9 a.m. The theme is "Trout Capital USA". Parade entries will be judged with prizes awarded to "The Fishiest"; to the "Most Colorful"; and to the "Judges Choice"



Parade Planning Information:

- Entrants contact Shella at 430-2091 or shellschwa@sbcglobal.net
- Motorized and unmotorized transportation wanted.
- Assemble between 8:00 and 8:30 on Melba Street, Capitol St and Monroe St
- Bicycle riders line up on the grassy knoll at the corner of 2nd St and Harding Blvd. A director will tell you when to enter the parade



LADIES FLY-FISHING CLASS

Cotter resident, Lori Sloas, will hold ladies fly fishing class on Saturday April 30th, 2011 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The exact location of the class will be announced later depending on the class size. This is a simplified approach to fly fishing. Discover that fly fishing is not as complicated as it may seem. Many women take up the sport because it is relaxing and done in a beautiful environment.

The course is geared to the beginner or novice angler and is designed to give you confidence on the stream. The first subject covered is equipment requirements and selection. Learn what you need and how to avoid buying what you don't need. Learn to cast a fly rod in a relaxed non-threatening manner from an experienced instructor. Learn to easily tie two simple knots you need to know to fly fish. Find out the insects that trout feed on, how to identify them, and the flies you need to imitate them. Learn two easy strategies that can produce trout anywhere and how to rig your rod for them. Learn how to read the water and locate fish. You will learn how to land fish and release them. The final subject covered is water safety. Learn the safest way to wade.

The cost of this course is only \$85.00. This includes lunch and all equipment is provided. You don't need to bring anything but a curiosity about this exciting sport and a willingness to learn all about it in one day. To register call Lori Sloas at 435-2169, email her at berrybrothers@infodash.com or visit the website www.berrybrothersguides.com. This could be the opportunity you have been waiting for to take up fly-fishing in the heart of some of the best trout waters in the United States.

City Council Notes

from Mo Mosley



The City Council Meeting was held on Thursday March 22, 2011. Following the Call to Order, Roll Call (all present), Invocation and Pledge of allegiance, the council proceeded with the 2nd reading and approval of Ordinance No. 2011-02 to levy an additional five dollar fine on every defendant guilty in Cotter District Court. This was approved by unanimous vote and will be back for final vote next month.

Council approved Resolution 2011-02, a resolution to support Norfolk and Greers Ferry National Fish Hatcheries requesting the President of the USA and Arkansas Congressional Delegation to continue the immediate funding and future funding of the hatcheries. Approved by unanimous vote.

Council presented the first reading of Ordinance No. 2011-03 to replace Ordinance No.2009-04, an ordinance that would allow burning of yard waste in ditches and establishing guidelines in reference to burning yard waste outside in Cotter and providing penalties for violations. This was approved unanimously and will be on agenda for second reading next month.

Mr. Tim Malaney addressed the Council and supported his theory of the cause of flooding lower Cotter and, his property in particular, with a series of photographs. He is in disagreement with Ordinance 2011-03. Much costly damage has been done to his property in the last few years. This issue will surely be discussed in detail at the next Council Workshop. No Action Taken

The subject of Waste Water Plant employees not getting merit pay from last year was brought to the Councils attention. The City of Gassville gave these workers a forty five cents an hour raise in place of the merit pay. Further study of the issue is required the item was tabled.

First reading Ordinance No. 2011-04 an ordinance establishing rules and cost of business license in Cotter was unanimously approved and will be back next month for second reading.

Next discussed was Resolution No. 2011-04, an amendment to the budget to pay the remaining payment to the contractor for building of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The money had been withheld due to contractual disagreements. During the trial brought on by the contractor's law suit against the Cities of Cotter and Gassville as well as the project engineering firm, the court ordered the cities to pay the contractor. The vote was unanimous to amend the budget and make the payment. After years of considerable disagreement, hopefully the plant will run well, we can finish paying for it and all will be good. In remembrance of a mighty fine man who worked very hard during the construction of the plant and the turmoil associated with it who has passed away we say Thank You Jim Seaman.

Decision on the Pictometry contract was tabled for more information and discussion.

CVFD Member, Ed Session retired after 20 years and was presented a plaque by Chief Whittington. Thanks Ed!

Other Information

Census figures 2010: Population 970

(2000 Pop. was 921 - increase of 49 persons)

Renewed lease with Union Pacific Railroad

Contact City Hall for scrap metal pick up

Municipal League Convention June 15,16 &17 In Hot Springs

Planning and Zoning Commission has a vacant seat.

White River Church of the Nazarene invites everyone to the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 23rd from 10a.m. to Noon. There will be a lesson on the Passover Dinner. Lunch will be provided after the Easter egg hunt.

City Council Members

By Mo Mosley

Beginning with this issue we will introduce all of the City Council Members. We will cover two members each issue for the next three issues.

WAYNE ALEXANDER holds the Ward 3 Position 2 seat on the City Council.

Wayne owns the used furniture store at the corner of Hwy 62/412 and 62B. He bought the property in 1973 and his mother and father ran the business for 1973 and he took over in 1974. Before coming to Cotter he ran a Super Market in New Orleans. Wayne has five sons, three of whom live in Cotter and work in the family business. The other two, one lives in Louisiana and one in Illinois.

Wayne sees the need for a better system and additions to storm water drainage system to address the problems identified by Tim Malaney at the Council Meeting. He sees these two things as Cotter's greatest needs at present.

Mr. Alexander is also in favor of better utilization of the facilities that we have, the Park and Youth Center for example. He sees ways to use both of these for children, youth and all ages of adults. Proper use would not cost the City much and could get the citizens of Cotter closer together.

Wayne thinks that the new council will continue to work well with Mayor Hammack and will even get better as the group and the Mayor gain experience.

FORD WHITE Holds the Ward 1 Position 2 seat on the City Council.

Ford and his wife, Kerry Ann bought property in Cotter in 2000 and moved here in 2005 after hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast. They lived in Long Beach Mississippi on the Gulf Coast and lost their home and decided it might be a good time to move to Arkansas. Our gain was a loss to Long Beach and Cotter is glad to have them. Ford has a son Sammy who is a resident of Cotter and a daughter who is a nurse in Louisiana. He will also remind you that he still has a "momma" who is 93 and lives in Louisiana.

Ford sees the need for a new water delivery system and necessary changes to the storm water drainage that will correct the recent problems, like the ones described by Mr. Malaney at the last CC meeting, as Cotter's greatest needs at present.

Mr. White believes that a small town like ours needs a City Council and a Mayor that has tight control of all city finances. He believes that has not always been practiced in the past but has a keen interest in seeing that it is done from now on. It needs to be everyone's goal if we are to make Cotter better.

Ford would like to see some changes to Cotter and thinks some softball leagues, horse shoe tournaments and maybe shuffle board could go over in the park.

NOTE: The TCN also thinks the ideas of Aldermen Ford and Alexander have a lot of merit and would like to know how many Cotter Residents would be supportive of Softball Leagues, Horseshoe Pits and Shuffle Board Courts in the park, if we could get it done without city funds. If you think it is a good idea please let us know by mail at Trout Capital News/PO Box 238/COTTER, AR 72626 or phone (870)435-2019 or email troutcapitalnews@yahoo.com

Chamber Chatter

from Tina Berry

3-15-2011 Chamber Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8AM with 23 members in attendance. Minutes read and accepted. Bill Thorne/ Keith Probert

Treasurer report read. Current total \$9620. \$708 in scholarship fund.

Old Business

Gary reported he had picked up the boat for the Shawnee Tournament. Team total so far was 40.

Big Fish total was \$875. Making a grand total of \$4895.

Still in need of fish bags for weigh in. Bulletin will run ad for tournament. Tommy Hagan will do Talk of The Town. Help is still needed for Saturday. Tim donated White River Thunder t-shirts. Grant CPA will donate E-blast to Mt. Home Chamber to help advertise..

Spring House lease has been renewed.

Lynn Baker reported chamber website is up and running on March 8. No problems. Good feedback. Photos still needed. Mo stated conflict with website and TCN for ads. Chamber board assured that money was budgeted to pay for TCN. Deadline for articles in TCN is the 20th of the month. New e-mail address for questions concerning website will be office@cotterarkansas.com

Shella made handouts for the Trout Festival parade.

New Business


Visitor to Chamber office suggested more signage on the Highway.

Suggested Open House for Council to see the Spring House.

Next BAH is Pain Free Ozarks on April 14, 5-6:30PM. Ribbon cutting.

Rural CVFD BBQ will be April 9,11:00. BBQ - Rio- auction.

Bridge Bash Sept. 24

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Mayor's Corner

3/23/2011



Mayor Peggy Hammack

Cotter Citizens,
We are very busy at city hall getting ready for the beautiful spring weather. With spring comes the rains and grass mowing. Currently we excavated

around the city hall in an attempt to channel the water away from the building and prevent any further water damage. We were able to do the work in house which helped to defray the costs. The guys along with a council member did a great job.

I would like to remind everyone that April 18th is our annual citywide large item clean up. This is a great service provided to us through the IESI sanitation company, so take advantage of this great opportunity of help in getting rid of your unwanted items.

I will be sending out early spring letters to all residents of Cotter regarding ordinance #2008-10 reminding each one of us to do our part in helping to make Cotter an even more attractive community to call our home. This ordinance deals with any unsightly yard debris and high grass that may lead to a citation if an individual is found to be in violation.

I realize the need is great for the repair of our city streets and we will be addressing the severability of each street. I recently met with the people at the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to inquire on available grants. I will be applying for funding to help with our various city projects.

Coming in September is an event called "Bridge Bash" which is being organized to help raise money for the North Central Arkansas Food Bank. This is scheduled to be a very large event that will help many individuals. I encourage everyone to make plans to attend.

I welcome all citizens to attend our council meetings and encourage new individuals to share their presence with us.

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

April 14, Thursday

Business After Hours Pain Free Ozarks with
their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
5:00 - 6:30 pm

April 16, Saturday

Cotter Citywide Yard Sale

April 18, Monday

Annual citywide large item clean up.

April 23, Saturday

Egg Hunt North Arkansas Youth Center
1 pm

April 23, Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon
White River Church of the Nazarene
10 a.m. to Noon

April 30, Saturday

Ladies Fly Fishing Class with Lori Sloas
9 a.m. to 4p.m.

May 6-7, Friday and Saturday

Cotter Trout Fest - Big Spring Park

Citywide Garage Sale and Cleanup

In the interest of keeping Cotter Beautiful for
our guests during the Citywide Garage Sales,
please DO NOT set out cleanup items until
AFTER the citywide yard sale which ends at
6 p.m. Saturday April 16.

Cotter Area Chamber Business After Hours

Come celebrate the Grand Opening
and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at



Pain Free Ozarks

at the strip mall on Hwy 62
1200 W Main St, Cotter

Thursday, April 14, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

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