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By LEWIS DELAVAN
Staff writer

“Doing right” has helped the Riser family sell cars for nearly 50 years. It’s not only a statement on a wall plaque, but a founding principle that guides Riser Ford/Lincoln, says owner Paul Riser.

“Doing right means taking care of people and always doing the right things with employees and customers,” Riser said. “We take care of our customers one at a time.”

Riser Ford/Lincoln was honored as Best New Vehicle Dealer in this year’s Readers’ Choice Awards.

Recently the dealership received the Ford Motor Co. President’s Award. “It’s been a great month for us,” Riser said.

The President’s Award is earned by dealerships with meeting high customer service and sales expectations. “We need to meet and exceed those numbers,” he said.

“We missed the President’s Award by hundredths of a percent the last couple of years, but we received it for 2017,” he said.

Ford officials came and visited the dealership a couple of days while considering Riser Ford/Lincoln for the President’s Award.

Riser does not want to just sell a customer a vehicle but seeks to build a long-
Either Paul or Hayes Riser tries to be at the dealership at all times to ensure customers receive the best-possible experience.

Riser Ford received a 90 percent owner loyalty rating. “It’s one of the highest owner loyalty ratings here in the Memphis region,” Riser said.

Riser Ford/Lincoln has highly loyal employees working in a team atmosphere. “I think that’s really the key,” he said.

Paul Riser’s son, Hayes, 24, is the third generation in the automotive business, and is learning all aspects of the business.

Family owned dealerships are much less common than at one time. “We have either Hayes or me here pretty much at all times,” he said.

Keys to customer loyalty?

“One, you absolutely must be honest and trustworthy,” Paul Riser said. “Two, you must be willing to think outside the box and take care of the customer.

“Most customers are very nice, and they just want to be taken care of,” he said. It’s important for customers to tell Riser employees their needs, so if there is an issue it can be resolved.

Recently the Riser family bought the former National Park Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat dealership, at 4722 Central Ave.

“We’re trying to take the same philosophy to that dealership,” he said. “We’re excited about it. There’s a lot of potential.”

Statistics show that Riser Ford/Lincoln is Hot Springs’ largest dealership, and Riser Auto is the largest auto group.

Paul Riser’s father, Gerry, started selling Fords in Louisiana more than 48 years ago. The family later moved to Little Rock and has sold several brands over the years.


Each year a notable employee receives the Gerry Riser Award. “It’s an award that goes to the core of our core values,” he said.

Paul and his wife, Allyson, married 29 years, have four children. Hayes is the eldest, and they have 20-year-old triplets: Stuart, Cameron and Leah.

Paul’s parents, Gerry and Audrey, live in Hot Springs.

The dealership selects several charitable causes to focus on each year, and Paul Riser is active in the community. He served as Garland County Economic Development chairman two years.

Matt Barrett, Riser Internet director, has led Riser employees to win the “World Championship Running of the Tubs” bathtub race in Hot Springs for three years.

Riser Ford’s showroom is open 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday. Service hours are 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. until noon Saturday.

For more information visit the dealership at 4201 Central Ave., Hot Springs, or call the main line at 525-0800 or 844-846-6956 for sales, 888-437-1099 for service, 844-846-7605 for parts, or visit https://www.riserford.com.
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A Quiet Zone wins Readers Choice first place Beauty and Health

By SANDY JOHANSEN
Staff writer

In only four short months at their new location, A Quiet Zone was awarded first place in the Readers’ Choice Health and Beauty category.

Co-owners Sarah Brackett and Connie Whisenhunt took time from their busy schedule to celebrate their win. “We just couldn’t be more pleased and excited,” said Whisenhunt. “We’ve worked together for a few years and decided this would be a perfect fit for us,” said Brackett.

In March of this year, the work began renovating the office space on State Highway 7 and the business officially opened in April. “It was 46 days of hard work putting our business together, but it wasn’t a job, it was a labor of love,” said Brackett.

“We were amazed that so many of our clients volunteered to help paint interior walls and even assisted installing new flooring,” said Whisenhunt.

Connie as been a nail technician for over 15 years in the HSV area but, she has over 30 years’ experience beginning in 1987 in Benton, Arkansas. “What’s most important to me is that my clients enjoy a quiet environment where they can relax and enjoy a very gentle nail procedure,” she said. Manicures and pedicures are offered with the most upgraded materials including acrylic and shellac. “My goal is to keep client’s nails healthy and toe nails free from discomfort,” she said.
Sarah has been a licensed massage therapist since 2014. "I just love helping my clients find relief from pain," she said. Sarah has helped many to recover faster from post surgery soreness and aches from old injuries. She said it makes her feel just delighted when someone tells her they're feeling so much better after her therapies.

Jamie Robinson, licensed massage therapist, is also on board and certified for oncology massage. He practices in Little Rock and comes to A Quiet Zone on three days each week. He specializes in deep massage techniques.

"We want everyone to feel comfortable and relaxed here at A Quiet Zone," said Brackett. "It's not unusual for a caregiver to wait and take a nap on our comfortable couch," said Whisenhunt.

"There's no tension here because not only do I love Sarah like a daughter, but we both feel like our clients are part of our family," said Whisenhunt. Whether you are getting a massage, manicure or pedicure, you can rely on the quality and quietness of the service at A Quiet Zone.

"Thank you to our clients and your readers for recognizing us," they chimed in unison.

Connie and Sarah take appointments 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Jamie is available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Thursday. Their location is easy to find just south of Walmart. Located on the east side of the highway at 3560 N. Highway 7. The telephone number is 501-922-4981.

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CEedar Mountain Boys and Girls Club Making All the Right Moves.

By Suzanne Sweeten

Voice Correspondent

A multiple award winner in the Hot Springs Village Voice Readers’ Choice is the Saline County Boys and Girls Club—Cedar Mountain Club, the club earned Best After School Activity, its annual fundraiser “Winter Gala” took second as Best Charity Event and Athletic Director Jamie Miller garnered a second-place nod as Best Coach.

Jasen Kelly, CEO of the Saline County Boys and Girls Clubs—Cedar Mountain Club expresses his thanks, “The board of directors and I want to thank The Voice readers for the honor of Best After School Activity. The Cedar Mountain Club has proven quality after school care is essential in our community. The members are immersed in a multitude of activities promoting social, emotional and academic growth. The staff at Cedar Mountain is dedicated to helping each child feel valued and loved. The support of our parents, community leaders, volunteers and donors, ensures Cedar Mountain’s doors will be open for many years to come.”

CMBGC offers over 13 varied programs for all the children attending its programs. STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) classes are taught by a certified teacher, there are piano classes, gardening, and many other options for the children to enjoy. HSV residents volunteer endless hours to the children, sharing knowledge gained from life experience. Woodworkers are frequent visitors to the club.

Without a doubt, the survival and success of CMBGC is due to a handful of area residents who deserve much praise. However, Susan Clark, director of CMBGC and Great Futures has worked in the trenches daily and too, she’s the type person who turns light on others. Accolades embarrass her; she wants the community to focus on her staff.
What an amazing honor to be awarded The Best After School Activity. The Cedar Mountain staff is overjoyed our community supports the work we do." Clark begins to smile. "We feel Cedar Mountain offers a safe, clean, and drug free environment for the children who participate in our programs—summer care, after school and/or sports. The Hot Springs Village Voice readers, community members, clubs and organizations, church communities, volunteers, and our wonderful parents are committed to making Cedar Mountain a success. We will be able to serve the youth of our area for years to come."

The 2017 Winter Gala proved a resounding success, raising $30,000 in donations. Clark is smiling again, “We are elated at our second-place award. The gala is one way for Cedar Mountain to bring our supporters together for a great evening.”

Plans for another elegant evening are set for Dec. 1, 2018, and nearing completion; “We strive to make this event a night to remember,” Clark's eyes twinkle with delight in lauding another CMBGC winner, “Jamie Miller is the athletic director at Cedar Mountain. She was awarded second place for Best Coach. Jamie works hard to ensure the children she coaches know they are part of a team; each and every child is valued. Congratulations Miss Jamie.”

In today’s world, children have no voice but with Kelly, Clark and their staff, The Saline County Boys and Girls Club-Cedar Mountain Club will help area children see a world promising great futures.

The CMBGC is located at 5050 N Highway 7 and operating hours while school is in session is 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and summer vacation hours are 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The club can be reached by phone at (501) 984-6996.
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RE/MAX OF HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE WINS FIRST PLACE IN READERS’ CHOICE CONTEST

By NICKY SHERMAN
Voice correspondent

When told her agency had won first place in the Readers’ Choice awards, owner Clara Nicolosi responded, “It’s exciting – love the new process – the community got involved – that’s wonderful!” She was grateful, too, that RE/MAX took second place for Best Real Estate Agent for Jane Hollansworth.

Nicolosi, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, has been in real estate for 15 years, 11 years with RE/MAX. She has owned the Hot Springs Village office for almost four years.

One of the main reason clients look to Hot Springs Village for their new home, Nicolosi observed, is because it is America’s largest gated community offering so many great amenities, and that there is so much to do in the Village. “Plus, the affordability,” she said, “housing prices are affordable and available in a wide range of price points with a few at more than $600,000.” She added that Arkansas offers great tax benefits to veterans, further noting, “the housing market has enjoyed a steady growth period for the last

RE/MAX of Hot Springs Village staff and agents (Submitted photo).
Nicolosi believes that part of her agency’s success is that she considers her whole staff of over 30 members including sales agents, as family. “We are the home of the best, I believe that,” she said. “We are family; we support and help each other.”

Agency office staff include Diane Upchurch, front desk administrator, whose smiling face clients first see upon entering the office, and who was so considerate and helpful to this writer. Nicolosi later introduced Wynter Gleason-Schmidt, nightly rental manager, and Debbie Jones, maintenance coordinator in property management, each with responsibilities for the agency’s rental properties. Away from the office that day were Sherry Spann, leasing manager in property management, and Jackie Huneycutt, back-office administrator.

A significant part of her agency’s success, Nicolosi believes, is due to giving back to the community, saying that, “it is the most important role we can play.” RE/MAX supports service clubs, fundraising golf events, and, “just any opportunity to bring new people into the Village,” she explained.

One of her greatest satisfactions as the owner of RE/MAX of HSV, is that the previous owners, Jane Hollansworth and her husband, Jeff, remain as agents for the office. “They are a very vital part of the business,” Nicolosi said.

In closing, Nicolosi remarked, “I am so thankful to the community for their votes.”
### All-Around Restaurant

**Winner**
- Sweet Cheeks Bakery
- Tanner's Neighborhood Bar & Grille

**Second Place**
- Village Hibachi
- Hibachi Sushi Buffet

### Asian Food

**Winner**
- Village Hibachi
- Hibachi Sushi Buffet

**Second Place**
- Beehive Neighborhood Hangout
- Charlie's Pizza Pub

### Bar/Pub

**Winner**
- Beehive Neighborhood Hangout
- Charlie's Pizza Pub

**Second Place**
- Village Hibachi
- Hibachi Sushi Buffet

### Barbecue

**Winner**
- Ouachita Mountain Smokehouse

**Second Place**
- Smokin In Style

### Breakfast

**Winner**
- Sweet Cheeks Bakery

**Second Place**
- Home Plate

### Buffet

**Winner**
- Great Wall Buffet
- Rocky Mountain Grill

**Second Place**
- The Shack

### Burgers

**Winner**
- The Shack
- The Ohio Club
- The Saint at Isabella

**Second Place**
- Home Plate

### Catering

**Winner**
- Melinda's Coffee Corner
- Clampit's Country Kitchen

**Second Place**
- Village Hibachi
- Hibachi Sushi Buffet

### Catfish

**Winner**
- The Shack
- Mr Whiskers

**Second Place**
- Home Plate

### Coffee

**Winner**
- Melinda's Coffee Corner
- Sweet Cheeks Bakery

**Second Place**
- Village Hibachi
- Hibachi Sushi Buffet

### Dining Atmosphere

**Winner**
- Sweet Cheeks Bakery
- The Saint at Isabella

**Second Place**
- Village Hibachi
- Hibachi Sushi Buffet

### Friendliest Service

**Winner**
- Home Plate
- Sweet Cheeks Bakery

**Second Place**
- The Saint at Isabella

### Gourmet Dining

**Winner**
- Blue Springs Grill

**Second Place**
- The Italian House & Grill

### Home-Style Cooking

**Winner**
- Home Plate
- Clampit's Country Kitchen

**Second Place**
- Sweet Cheeks Bakery

### Ice Cream

**Winner**
- Sonic

**Second Place**
- King Kone

### Italian

**Winner**
- The Italian House and Grill
- J&S Italian Villa

**Second Place**
- The Italian House and Grill
- J&S Italian Villa

### Liquor Store

**Winner**
- Cork and Bottle
- Village Wine & Spirits

**Second Place**
- Village Hibachi
- Hibachi Sushi Buffet

### Mexican Restaurant

**Winner**
- El Jimador
- El Padrino

**Second Place**
- El Jimador
- El Padrino

### New Restaurant

**Winner**
- Sweet Cheeks Bakery
- Beehive Neighborhood Hangout

**Second Place**
- Village Hibachi
- Hibachi Sushi Buffet

### Pizza

**Winner**
- Charlie's Pizza Pub
- Molly O'Brien's

**Second Place**
- Village Hibachi
- Hibachi Sushi Buffet

### Sandwiches

**Winner**
- Newk's
- Subway

**Second Place**
- Village Hibachi
- Hibachi Sushi Buffet

### Steak

**Winner**
- Blue Springs Grill

**Second Place**
- Bones Chophouse

### Winery/Brewery/Distillery

**Winner**
- Superior Brewery

**Second Place**
- Craft Beer Cellar
Sweet Cheeks Bakery wins multiple awards including Best All-Around Restaurant

By JEFF MEEK
Managing editor

The Reader’s Choice Awards results are in and Sweet Cheeks Bakery came away with multiple awards. Sweet Cheeks took first place for Best All-Around Restaurant, Best Breakfast, Best Dining Atmosphere and Best New Restaurant. They also finished second in two other categories: Best Coffee and Best Friendly Service. The store is owned by Kaycee and Keegan Richards who were thrilled with the news of their top finishes in the annual recognition program.

Keegan is originally from Texas and moved to Hot Springs in 2007 to work with his parents in the real estate business. He had also spent eight years in the world of food service and customer service. He and Kaycee had known each other for many years, were roommates for a time and then things got serious which led to a wedding just one year ago.

They were both working in Hot Springs at Colorado Grill when they got the idea of starting their own business. “We saw that the Village didn’t have a doughnut shop, so we knew there was a demand,” said Kaycee. Then Keegan began practicing making doughnuts in their home and she experimented with making cakes. Both learned more from taking classes and watching internet videos, self-teaching themselves on the art of making many different types of cakes and doughnuts. They traveled to similar stores to see what was offered – what worked and what didn’t.

Cookie bars are another colorful favorite.

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"Our family did a lot of recon work," she said with a laugh.

They began the business in their home and it wasn't long until friends became clients and they were also getting many excellent comments on Facebook. The Richards' said that was successful enough for them to look at taking the next step – getting a store for their delightful treats.

They wanted the location to be outside, but near, the Village. After a few months of searching they settled on their current location at 4656 N Hwy 7 near the state revenue office. "This used to be an office space with no walls, no plumbing or electrical," said Kaycee. For three months they did the renovation, mostly by themselves (with help from a contractor who was a friend), with no air conditioning or lights at first. Finally on Nov. 10, 2017, they were ready for business. "It was exciting and a lot of hard work," Kaycee said.

The Richards' see their store as more than a bakery. "It's about more than what you're selling. The idea of a bakery reminds people of Grandma or home. It's an experience, a memory. I love it when someone comes in and says that our place reminds them of Mom," Kaycee said with sincerity. "We learn your name, we come sit with you, and so it's about the experience. It's more than just a cookie or a doughnut."

Asked about some customer favorites, Keegan said without hesitation, the apple fritters, without a doubt. They even have a "Fritter Friday" which always results in a fritter sell out. Other big sellers are lemon bars and breads, especially the sour dough, remarked Keegan. And, there's ice cream after 11 a.m., served in cups or waffle or regular cones.

The couple said their success would not be possible without a great staff, like Tony Hendricks who comes in at 3 a.m. to start making doughnuts, while a smile I might add. And Andi Bolden, who, Kaycee said, "is the cake decorator, crazy talented and the butter cream queen." Her Mom Kari Dickson and Aunt Kristi Bohn are also a big part of the success. "They're here for everything," Kaycee explained.

Sweet Cheeks Bakery is open Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. On Saturdays they are open from 6:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., closed Sunday and Monday. For more information call 501-204-5014 or visit www.sweetcheekshsv.com

Sweet Cheeks owners Keegan and Kaycee Richards hold one of the bakery favorites – lemon bars.

In the kitchen area, Keegan brings out fresh rolls.
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HAGGERTY FINDS MEETING PEOPLE BEST PART OF FURNITURE REFINISHING

By LEWIS DELAVAN
Staff writer

Returning furniture to its original beauty paid for Dana Haggerty’s way through college, and has brought her together with famed movie producers, actors and singers.

“I’ve been doing this since 1976 – that’s 42 years,” she said. “The money in the beginning brought me through college and got me a degree for teaching high school history,” she said at her Hot Springs Village home.

Haggarty was chosen as the Readers’ Choice Best Furniture Finisher. As well as furniture, she has restored houses. Much of her work in the Village includes refinishing exterior wood doors and restoring kitchens.

A Chicago native, Haggerty taught school after college, but her love of furniture and meeting people lured her to New York City.

“I moved to Manhattan, and I spent the next 12 years there,” she said.

Her work attracted attention. “In New York, I worked with the rich and famous.”

Clients on the west side of Manhattan included movie directors and producers, actors and singers. Among clients were Robert De Niro, Martin Scorsese, David Bowie and Paul Simon. “I did his studio,” she said about Simon. Another task was refinishing a bed for Paul and Linda McCartney.

Many wonderful experiences came through her work and reputation. One recording executive brought Haggerty with his family on a trip to London, Greece and Japan.

“I met so many wonderful people,” she said. “I challenged myself like never before, and probably never again.” She became so busy in Manhattan she eventually had contract jobs and eight employees.

Contributing to the self-taught refinisher’s success were key skills of lacquering, French polishing, hand-rubbed finishes and crackling.
Rather than stripping a piece, she prefers to renew the original finish. Refinishers have traditionally been men, which at times made her work challenging. “I worked for a lot of contractors, especially in New York City, and I realized that they questioned my work because I was a female,” she said.

In 1990 she returned to Chicago, bought a home and generally worked by herself. One client who returned from London commissioned her to rejuvenate a kitchen, including building a solid cherry countertop. The client had a deep appreciation for the character of old London houses, sought out a well-aged house and did not want the kitchen to look new.

Raw cherry has little color. Rather than using a stain, Haggerty chose to color it with a chemical, bringing it from pale to a rich red coloration. “They could always call me to put another coat on,” she said.

Clients had her restore a huge bar that had belonged to actor John Candy before his death. It was so large the side of the house had to be cut out to get it inside.

Another task was restoring a circa-1850 chest of drawers and matching picture frame. “I had no idea it was for an antique show,” she said.

Haggerty moved to the Village to help take care of her mother, Mary Throckmorton, who is now 93. “I was not prepared to move here, and it’s taken me nine years to get where I’ve gotten,” she said.

Haggerty enjoys working onsite, so she can see how the furniture ties in with the home. “Plus, I really enjoy being around people and I enjoy meeting people,” she said.

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Matt Collum, owner of Matt Collum’s Painting, began his career at sixteen while working for a local cabinet shop. Over the next few years, Matt worked for and beside several local painters, learning the intricate details of both the trade and the business. His wealth of experiences with these local businesses and business owners is the foundation for his business today, providing Matt Collum with an extensive background in painting and staining anything—from interiors and exteriors of houses, cabinets, and airplanes, to refinishing furniture, floors, and counter tops.

Realizing that he had a great passion for the home improvement industry, Matt Collum took the leap of faith every small business owner must take. He launched his own painting company in 2014, humorously admitting, “I am a perfectionist,” and going on to explain, “I show that in my work and teach my team the same. We understand that when updating or building your new home you simply want what you pay for; good service and a job well done; and we strive to display this in every aspect of the job we do. After the completion of every project, I meet with the homeowner to make sure they are happy. I work to resolve even the smallest of issues to the homeowner’s satisfaction! Customer satisfaction is our number one goal.”

Matt Collum’s Painting services the Hot Springs, Malvern, and Bismarck communities; however, most of their work is within the Hot Springs Village area.
Springs Village community. Matt Collum and his wife are locals; they live in Jessieville and are raising two beautiful daughters. When asked what he felt has been the most significant contribution to his recent honor of being voted the very best painting service in Garland and Saline Counties, Matt Collum replied, "Word of mouth. We have always believed that word of mouth is the best form of advertisement. I am truly honored to have been chosen as the best painter for the Readers’ Choice Awards, and I believe this speaks volumes of our quality of work inside the Village community. I know this will play a huge milestone in my company." With over 15 years of experience working in several aspects of the home improvement industry, and his commitment to providing the best customer service experience he can offer, Matt Collum's first place award is well-deserved.

While Matt Collum's Painting is known for offering the very best in professional residential and commercial painting services, the company also provides many other essential home improvement services. These services include, but are not limited to: finish work, repaints, sheetrock, power washing, new construction and remodels. Call (501) 463-0435 or email MattCollumsPainting@gmail.com to schedule your free estimate today!

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**Back row (L to R):** Pete Noles, Ray Haddox, Connie Stillwell, Laydon Riddle, James Edmonds, Robert Redden, Wayne Duncan (General Manager), and David Smith.

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Tim Brooks  Winner
Chris Hemund  Second Place

Coach
Todd Huff  Winner
Jamie Bocox Miller  Second Place

College
National Park College  Winner
Henderson - Hot Springs  Second Place

Day Care
Great Futures Preschool and Childcare  Winner
First Baptist Pre-School  Second Place

Non-Profit
Animal Welfare League  Winner
Teen Challenge  Second Place

Photographer
Betsy Breshears  Winner
Brittany Barber  Second Place

School (K - 12)
Jessieville  Winner
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Voice correspondent
DAVID AND KIMBERLY TAYLOR
WIN FIRST PLACE FOR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

By NICKY SHERMAN
Voice correspondent

When told she and her husband, David, won first place in the People and Community category, Kimberly Taylor said, “We are so blessed.” The couple also placed second in the Best Real Estate Agency category. She and David only opened their real estate office in August 2017 and Kimberly was excited to have achieved such recognition in the community so soon.

Kimberly taught English and coached cheerleading at Jessieville High School for several years. She started the broadcasting program there and is pleased that the program continues today. Through their realty work, the Taylors network with many of her former students in their businesses. Smiling broadly, Kimberly stated, “It’s exciting to watch them in their lives.”

She had been a real estate agent before college, starting when she was about 18, and had long ago decided she would never sell real estate again. “Never say never!” she exclaimed. Her parents live in Hot Springs Village, she said, and she spent many years visiting them and watching the area grow. She and David met at Mississippi State University and lived in Mississippi before relocating to the Hot Springs area.

Kimberly and David Taylor, owners of Taylor Realty Group HSV, and HSV Voice Readers’ Choice business Owners of the Year. (Submitted photo)

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Springs Village area. “We’re here to stay!” David declared. Kimberly added, “We are very happy and are doing very well, and love, love, love the peace we feel here.”

In contemplating activities they believe may have led to their Readers’ Choice win, Kimberly reported, “We both are active in volunteering in our church.” She further noted that she has been a board member of the boys and girls club and they promote a local restaurant every month. They also support Teen Challenge and financially support and participate in police golf tournaments. Kimberly started a woman’s organization, called Gather, for local women new to the community to meet and form connections through activities such as bible study and coffee nights.

David added that he coaches golf at the Christian Ministries school and has been 4-H shooting director for six years. David’s interests include aviation; he is a licensed pilot. He is building an airplane with children in the area and wants to take them each on a 30-minute flight.

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flight. Long-term plans for the airplane include guiding the children from building the airplane through to solo flight training.

Kimberly added, “we have hosted lots of parties, including a welcome-home party for a local veteran.” Through a side endeavor, they rent out a villa attached to their office. The villa opens onto the office’s spacious back lawn that has a bordering creek and a scattering of ancient pine trees. The property includes nine acres, and Kimberly enthused “We love to share our property because it is so beautiful and accessible.” They have hosted weddings and housed wedding parties at the villa. They also offer space in a storage building where, for example, clients can store furnishings while their new homes are made ready for them.

Additionally, in the office, the Taylors offer to the community a nicely appointed conference room at no cost. Kimberly shared that the room has been used by the area’s doTERRA essential oils agent, as well as by political candidates for “meet and greet” events. “It’s a nice space for people in the community to come to,” Kimberly stated. Another space in the building is being remodeled, and is to be outfitted with a projector and screen for meetings and programs for small groups.

In conclusion, Kimberly said “it tickles my heart,” about the relationships she and David had developed with their clients and in the community.

David and Kimberly can be contacted through their business, Taylor Realty Group HSV, 2382 N. Highway 7; by telephone (501) 463-9506; or visiting their website www.taylorrealtyhsv.com.
A bright new sign shows the way to The Boys & Girls Club of Saline County - Great Futures Day Care and Child Care located at 203 Carmona Road. Great Futures operates from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information call (501) 922-4490. (Submitted photos)
BY SUZANNE SWEETEN Voice Correspondent

The Boys & Girls Club of Saline County - Great Futures Day Care and Child Care was voted first place as Best Day Care for the Hot Springs Village Voice Reader’s Choice Award. Great Futures provides a top notch facility with a well trained staff. Hot Springs Village parents can drop off their precious cargo knowing their choice of a dynamite day care program is a safe environment.

The Boys & Girls Club of Saline County chief executive officer Jasen Kelly and his staff are working wonders in children of all ages living in the HSV community and outlying areas. He speaks directly to the readers who chose The Boys & Girls Club of Saline County - Great Futures Day Care and Child Care as Best Day Care. “The Boys and Girls Clubs of Saline County acquired Great Futures a mere eight months ago. Since our acquisition, the community has rallied behind the staff and given the support needed to continue making a difference in the lives of the youngest members we serve. We are honored to receive the Best Day Care award. The staff strives to ensure a safe, loving, and educational environment for every child we have the opportunity of caring for.

Susan Clark, director and assistant director Leah Hunt, oversee the day-to-day operations of Great Futures. Clark appreciates the HSV residents choosing Great Futures as Best Day Care. “Great Futures is an outstanding facility serving the youngest children in our community. The staff is an awesome group of ladies who give their hearts to the children every day; they are energetic, kind, loving, patient and knowledgeable about their jobs. We are proud to be given the award of Best Day Care.”

Great Futures is decorated with a rainbow of colors, each classroom filled with art crafted by big imaginations and wee hands. Hall-
ways tinkle with the sound of the children’s laughter and from the nursery comes the sounds of someone needing a diaper change.

Great Futures offers breakfast, lunch and snack each day and the children are nurtured in curriculum-based programs, Hunt says the day begins with Circle Time when the children and their teacher sing learning songs, read stories and play learning games. It’s educational with

Jello Aliens aren’t so hard to create if you’re (left) Ellia Still, Mackinezie Hunt, Madelyn Howard and you have the right recipe
a bit of fun and games thrown in for fun.
Following Circle Time, The curriculum classes begin and include; science, cooking, arts and crafts, and themed activities. Two playgrounds help in play-time learning and eliminating much of the student’s excess energy.
A reticent Hunt provided her thank you to the public. "The staff at Great Futures is truly honored to receive the Voice Readers’ Choice award for Best Day Care. We are blessed to be part of such an amazing and supportive community. The Boys and Girls Club of Saline County recognized the need for a quality child care facility within the gates of a retirement community and fulfilled it. We appreciate their willingness to take part in this journey with us. The name alone, "Great Futures" manifests our belief that our children will be the ones who make our futures great.”
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(Above) Madelyn Howard learns to make rainclouds on a rainy day in her science class.
(Left) Carter Holder and Jake Gaston having a blast on the bicycle built of two.
Shopping

Antiques & Collectibles
- Fancy Schmancy Flea Market: Winner
- One of A Kind Antiques & Uniques: Second Place

Art Gallery
- Legacy Fine Art: Winner

Clothing Boutique
- Annie's Accents & Accessories: Winner
- Valley Rose Boutique: Second Place

Consignment Shop
- Upscale Resale: Winner
- Goodwill: Second Place

Estate Sales
- Teapots & Treasures: Winner
- Renaissance Estate Sales: Second Place

Gift Store
- Annie's Accents & Accessories: Winner
- Dogwood Tree: Second Place

Health Food Store
- Village Nutrition: Winner
- Good Earth: Second Place

Jewelry Store
- Annie's Accents & Accessories: Winner
- Lauray's: Second Place

Thrift/Secondhand Store
- Garland County Habitat ReStores: Winner
- Fancy Schmancy Flea Market: Second Place

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Driving up to the Fancy Schmancy Vintage Boutique it’s obvious why the retailer was voted Best Antiques and Collectibles store in the Hot Springs Village Voice Readers’ Choice awards. The entrance is bedecked by stylishly staged collectibles and repurposed items, including an exterior chandelier. Tasha Vines is an owner and the driving force behind the shop. Vines is waiting with a smile and welcome.

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Vines explains a few reasons the move proved beneficial. “We're fortunate to have the highway out front and walk-in traffic from other vendors here in our mall.”

Strolling through the Fancy Schmancy Vintage Boutique it neither looks like nor smells like the typical flea market with its reinvented chandeliers, brightly lit nooks and crannies. A woman is poised upon a ladder hanging crystals on a newly hung fixture, “We make sure our vendors wash and clean every item coming into our place.”

“That's my mom, Brenda Palmer; I couldn't do this without her and my dad.” Vines beams a smile up toward her mother.

Palmer grins, she's still stringing crystals, and said, “Tasha has worked so hard, so hard.”

Vines continues with her tour. “We currently have 50 vendors renting booth space. We accept consignments but on a limited basis.”

Fancy Schmancy Vintage Boutique won second-place as Best Thrift/Second-hand Store. The vendor booths are decorated with a plethora of items. One area holds “The Heritage” an annual Hot Spring County Historical Society publication, while another offers cute infant clothing with monograms. Head down another
aisle and a different stall named, “Stuff” beckons you inside should the shopper be mining for “rusty gold.”

“I’m excited about my classroom,” Vines points to yet another space. “In here, I teach various painting and refurbishing techniques for furniture and other home accessories. I want people to know the space is available for rent so other crafters can teach their skills;” Vines eyes sparkle as she speaks and her passion for her craft and her store can be heard in her voice. “The room is bright, clean and large enough for their students to do their work. Every crafter wants a room like this one”

Vines and Palmer are excited and touched by the public’s recognition and acknowledges their confidence, a grateful Vines hesitates only a moment before ending the conversation, “I wouldn’t be here without my loving parents who’ve supported me through this journey. I’m proud to have a thriving business in our small town which brings affordable, stylish decor so close to home.”

The Fancy Schmancy Vintage Boutique is located at 1920 Park Avenue within the Fountain Lake Center and operates Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information on Fancy Schmancy call 501-218-9840 or go to fancyschmancy3@yahoo.com. For other available shopping options visit Facebook.com/FancySchmancyFleaMarket or www.Etsy.com/shop/fancyschmancy3.
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