



GCHS NEWS

Things done and things to come.

May 13, 2011:

Dear Friends,

Jon McEarl will present his documentary film *McFadden Springs, A Brief History* at the noon, Tuesday, May 17 meeting of the Garland County Historical Society in the Board Room of St. Joseph's Mercy Medical Center. McEarl's documentary is the result of months of research and many interviews with people who lived during the 1920s to the 1940s at McFadden Springs. McEarl received the Director's Special Commendation Award from Lake Ouachita State Park for the film.

McEarl is a graduate of Fountain Lake High School and National Park Community College, where he received a degree with an emphasis on parks and recreation. He has received awards for his photography and has an extensive career history in law enforcement and federal security. He is currently researching a documentary film about the lives and times of Mountain Township, including Buckville, Avant, and other communities that were flooded by the creation of Blakely Dam.

The May meeting will be the society's last until September.

We hope you can be at a very special event—the book-signing for Mamie Ruth Abernathy's new book, *My Jones School . . . and Yours!* The book has more than 300 pages of pictures that show the life of Jones School through the years, including chapters on the school's beginning, dedication, administration, classroom activities, programs, people, special events, class pictures, reunions, finale, and renovation.

The book-signing will be from 2-4 p. m. on Sunday, June 5, in the Fellowship Hall of the Hot Springs Baptist Church (144 Weston Road). We hope to see you there!

The GCHS is very grateful to the Richard Averill Foundation and to Isabel Anthony for generous donations this month that are enabling us to acquire a computer with the extended capabilities to more readily produce in-house the print-masters for our publications. Thank you!

At this meeting, attending members are to discuss and vote on whether to continue our monthly meetings at St. Joseph's or to change our meeting site to Garland County Library. Please attend if you want to register your opinion.



See you May 17 at the meeting and June 5 at the book-signing—or any weekday at the archives!

Liz Robbins
Executive Director
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