

Local woman wins \$4.2 million settlement for power users

BECKY GILLETTE

One might have thought the case where local residents served as citizen watchdogs regarding American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) was over since the company announced in early 2014 it was dropping plans for a \$116 million, high-voltage transmission line through the Ozarks. But one member of Save the Ozarks (STO) kept digging into filings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding how the utility charges customers for transmitting power.

Martha Peine, who lives part-time in rural Carroll County, kept on with a complaint she had filed with FERC in January 2014 claiming the utility improperly charged transmission customers for lobbying, advertising, charitable and other non-transmission-related expenditures.

In a classic David-and-Goliath battle pitting one citizen against lawyers for one of the bigger utility companies in the country, Peine recently hit gold for ratepayers. She reached a settlement that requires AEP to refund \$4.2 million to customers to resolve issues related to 2008 through 2015 transmission rates. FERC must still approve the settlement, but that should be a routine matter. Refunds will go out within 90 days of that approval.

Peine was dogged in her search for accountability from SWEPCO.

"I spent hundreds and hundreds of hours on it and have been to Washington, D.C., twice," Peine said. "The proposed power line got me interested in their business operations in general. I didn't have an expectation one way or another about what I would find until I looked at it."

The transmission of electricity in interstate commerce is nationally regulated by FERC, which allows regulated transmission companies

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Prime target – Kids of the library's Alpha Geek decided to throw water balloons at photographer Jeremiah Alvarado during their meeting on Friday. After sufficiently drenching the shutterbug the kids took a stroll to Harmon Park and back.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Shania Clifford is a high school junior and SkillsUSA masonry student who won the gold medal in Ohio's SkillsUSA competition by 72 points.

"She had the best plumb there, outstanding," her instructor said referring to the straightness of a column's vertical edges.

When each rock sits square on the ones below it, a wall will last a lot longer than any of us – think pyramids. Think Crescent Hotel.

So this high school girl, using a yardstick, hank of stout cord, stakes, a line level and mason's level, learned how to build a stone wall without mortar, make it straight up in all dimensions, and do it better than any other high school kid in Ohio. By a longshot. Qualifying her for the nationals.

Except the Ohio Dept. of Education said no, judges were wrong and the boy who placed third will go to nationals.

"Why even have judges if you're going to override them?" Clifford asked.

Exactly.



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to utilize what are known as “Formula Rates” to recover their cost of service from electric consumers.

Her complaints with FERC claimed the utility improperly charged customers \$92,511 in 2013 and \$2,467,024 in 2014. But after FERC staff assigned to her case investigated, the amount of questionable charges grew. Earlier this year AEP reached an initial settlement agreement with the commission's staff. But Peine, who has a degree in law but hasn't practiced since 2002, refused to accept it.

Then on June 6, Peine, FERC staff and AEP reached an agreement that will credit \$4.2 million to ratepayers of any utility that uses transmission services in AEP's western zone. The agreement also limits the amount of litigation expenses related to Peine's challenges, and clarifies that certain expenses, including charitable and lobbying related expenses, cannot be charged to ratepayers by SWEPCO in the future.

“On behalf of STO, we congratulate Martha for her accomplishment,” STO Director Pat Costner said. “Every SWEPSCO electric customer owes a debt of gratitude to this remarkable woman who has shown us that one person can make a big difference.”

Peine explains she got involved after seeing a Formula Rate Update that AEP had filed. She learned there was a document called the Protocols, which outlines how to request work papers that underlie calculations in the updates.

"I eventually got a list of vendors that were paid," she said. "I set out Googling each one to see the type of product or service they provided. What I found included charitable and lobbying expenses. For example, there were purchases of software related to tracking charitable contributions and a payment for a Louisiana state lobbying license."

According to FERC regulations and legal precedent, there are above-the-line expenses that can be passed on to ratepayers and below-the-line expenses that cannot. Peine argued the types of expenses challenged should have been below the line expenses.

Why didn't FERC find the problems? Peine said updates to formula rates are informational filings that are generally not audited by FERC. Whoever pays the rates has the responsibility to review the charges and raise a red flag, if necessary. Those paying the rates include big industrial users, wholesale buyers, and then "you and me."

Peine, who taught elementary education for nine years in Texas, has spent her summers here since 2011 and soon will be living here full time. She is being welcomed with open arms by her many admirers.

"I have had wonderful well wishes from the community," said Peine, who was not paid for her work, and will only receive the same settlement as other AEP customers. "People have expressed gratitude and that is very rewarding. Of course, I am pleased my challenges settled to the benefit of all ratepayers in the area."

Peine said while the end result in her case is a win for ratepayers, she will always wonder what mistakes there may be in the years to come.

“The review process is complicated and time consuming,” she said. “There is no person, entity, or agency that meaningfully reviews the rate updates on a regular basis, so there is always the potential for significant overcharges.”

But don't expect her to be burning the midnight oil continuing investigations of AEP.

"I fully intend to relax into the Eureka Springs tempo for the time being," she said.



Martha Peine relaxes on her Eureka Springs deck.



WINE WEDNESDAY

HDC extends demolition period at old high school site

NICKY BOYETTE

Al Larson represented the Eureka Springs School Board at the June 15 Historic District Commission asking for an extension of demolition approval of the building nearest US 62 on the old high school property. The current demolition permit would have expired June 18.

Larson told commissioners there were unexpected legal obstacles in preparing for demolition. The survey of the property revealed a portion of B-100 sits on a property line, and the search for who owns the adjacent property continues.

Glenn Crenshaw, board member of the Community Center Foundation, explained they are going through the steps required by the state for settling the property line and have made progress.

Larson added the legal process required before asbestos can be removed has also taken longer than expected.

Chair Dee Bright said she asked about possible delays before the original request was approved, and her concerns have been validated.

Crenshaw said a one-year extension would be preferable so they would not have to encumber the agenda time and again. Commissioner Virgil Fowler read from their guidelines regarding extensions that three-month extensions are allowed. Fowler said he would have no problems hearing about progress on the project every three months. Bright emphasized the commission's desire to see examples of progress. Crenshaw said progress has been made on dismantling B-100, but Bright said commissioners would appreciate photos or reports.

Commissioners unanimously voted to approve a three-month extension.

In other business, Judy Holden told commissioners she wanted to replace flooring of her rotting deck at 1 Frisco with a durable composite product. Upon questioning, she revealed she replaces the decking every five years because of inclement conditions.

Fowler noticed the repair is not a product of Holden's neglect, and commissioner Melissa Greene observed there was very little left of what was original, so it is no longer a contributing house. She said she had no problem with Holden using a composite material. Plus, the deck is not visible from the street. Holden's application was approved.

These applications were also approved:

- 7 E. Mountain – change roofline; add front gables; add posts
- 119 N. Main – add deck; extend deck; add entry doors to front deck
- 4 Summit – add windows to enclose utility room; move door
- 30 Crescent Dr – add two more columbarium to grounds
- 60A Wall St. – add handicapped access ramp
- 19 Ridgeway – replace non-original rear window

The application to replace windows at 49 Benton was tabled for more information.

These five Consent Agenda items were approved:

- 35 Benton – change front door for new construction
- 55 Kingshighway – new trim color
- East Van Buren – re-wrap existing billboard
- 101 E. Van Buren – replace/remove existing signs
- 26 White – new paint colors

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation

Officer believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

There was one Administrative Approval, which is an application for repair or work involving no changes in materials or color but which includes applications for changes in roofing color.

- 63 ½ N. Main – rebuild rear block wall

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 29, at 6 p.m.

Holiday deadlines – don't be late

The *Eureka Springs Independent* will be closed Monday, July 4 in celebration of Independence Day and Independent's Day (It's our birthday, too).

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Quorum Court upholds property rights over trash accumulation

NICKY BOYETTE

At its June 20 meeting, the Carroll County Quorum Court approved two resolutions, four appropriation ordinances, and another ordinance that amended a previous ordinance, before proceedings skidded to a halt on “an ordinance regulating unsanitary conditions on real property” sponsored by Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie.

Earlier in the year, Anna Strikers spoke to the court regarding a property on Greenwood Hollow Road just south of Eureka Springs. She and neighbors considered the property unsanitary, unsightly and hazardous. She said stray dogs foraged there because refuse was piled up, and it was not far from the elementary school. Strikers said the Health Department seemed to be restricted in how they might help, so she appealed to county government.

Richie’s proposed ordinance provided definitions for “garbage, rubbish, junk and unsanitary.” It would have given County Judge Sam Barr authority to take action, and have given the property owner a chance to rectify violations and be heard before any actions by the county.

JPs weighed in with Marty Johnson predicting this ordinance would set neighbor against neighbor, and a

concept like this should be put to a vote of the citizens. Larry Swofford said he was against it because of the property owners’ rights.

Chuck Olson pointed out the ordinance focused on non-agricultural land, and any actions would be at the judge’s discretion, while Jack Deaton said there are properties in his vicinity so crammed with junk you could not get an ambulance or a fire truck in there. He agreed with the intent of Richie’s ordinance.

JP John Reeve said he got calls from citizens stating the ordinance was discriminatory in that it let farmers off the hook.

Richie told his peers Arkansas law is vague in these kinds of matters, so he employed what lawmakers have allowed, borrowing from a Benton County ordinance.

Swofford said he sympathized with the intent of the ordinance, and if it were worded right, he would support it.

Johnson still insisted the concept pitted neighbors against neighbors.

Strikers challenged JPs to drive down Greenwood Hollow road just past the elementary school to see what she has been describing. “Trash everywhere. It’s not getting better.” She said all she wants is for the property to be cleaned up and maintained.

Another citizen spoke up against the ordinance. He said, “This will cause lots of commotion.” He said folks in the county do not want laws crammed down their throats and he expected the court would get plenty of commentary about this.

Vote on the ordinance was 8-3 against, so the ordinance was denied. Richie, Deaton and Olson voted Yes.

In JP comments, three JPs spoke for the need for some kind of clean up ordinance. Deaton said the county needed to walk the fine line between property rights and cleaning up the county. Olson said there has been the same discussion in his part of the county, where there are individuals with a propensity to collect but not dispose. He argued that the issue could be an impediment to economic development. JP Don McNeely acknowledged he is on the side of property rights, but agreed there was a legitimate problem.

JPs did approve the seven following items:

- A resolution recommending Jerl Swofford to the Carroll County Equalization Board.

- A resolution authorizing Judge Sam Barr to apply for a grant for \$4800 from the Arkansas Rural Development Commission for training for the Central

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Code mashing at Planning

NICKY BOYETTE

The Planning Commission convened for a workshop on City Code revisions an hour before the regular June 14 meeting, and commissioner Melissa Greene announced she would act as chair because previous chair Steve Beacham had resigned from the commission.

Commissioners had agreed to review definitions and sections in Code which have incited contention at recent city council and Planning meetings, such as the 200-ft. rule and the “same or similar” language regarding Conditional Use Permits.

Commissioner James Morris commented during the workshop the city should look at the bigger picture when it considers rentals in the city. He pointed out he is a landlord and it is hard to find year-round renters because

of the paucity of year-round jobs in town.

New commissioner Susan Harman suggested simplifying their task by having a category in Code called “lodging” and figure out definitions and conditional uses from there. She also suggested letting go of “similar” or at least more clearly defining what it means. Greene followed by saying they maybe should instead define what “similar” excludes. For example, a Bed & Breakfast serves a meal and so does a restaurant, so are they similar?

Greene also pondered requiring an owner, not a manager, to live on site for a CUP, and warned that the city must prepare for the current wave of rental options such as Airbnb.

Commissioners also chewed over ways to promote better enforcement

of regulations for tourist lodgings and B&Bs and how to be fair to everyone as they address things going forward. Harman observed the situation is “not horribly broken,” just in need of some clarifications.

As time ran out on the workshop, commissioners agreed they would consider a single category called lodging and see where it goes. Morris added to the mix the 200-ft. rule, and commissioner Woodie Acord replied, “We’ll sort them out one at a time.”

Regular meeting

Primary discussion during the regular meeting was a continuation to review definitions in City Code regarding lodging. Of a list of 11 items to consider, commissioners agreed that suggestions for corrections in City Code for five items were complete.

Regarding a Tour Home, for example, the recommendation was “CUP required in all R zones. Hours of operation in R zones for non-private events: Sunday to

Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.”

Suggested stipulation for “weekly rental tourist lodging” was, “Dwelling in which lodging is offered for a six-night period to one renter only. The property can be occupied for fewer nights than 6, but only one rental agreement during that time is allowed.”

Among the definitions still on the treadmill are Bed & Breakfast, 180-day rule, and boarding house.

Other items

- Greene reported City Economic Development Director Glenna Booth is working on a list of possible CUP violators, and as many as 10 permit holders might be asked to appear at Planning.

- Morris and Greene both lamented the resignation of Beacham. Acord commended him on his record of public service.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 28, at 6 p.m.

Woman dies at Blues venue

BECKY GILLETTE

A woman attending Blues Weekend activities at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge Friday became ill only 15 minutes after arriving at the event at about 4 p.m. and later passed away, according to Blues Weekend organizer and chair of the Turpentine Creek board of directors, Charles Ragsdell.

Ragsdell said while the death was very unfortunate, it shouldn’t be blamed on heat or lack of shade at the outdoor festival since the death occurred so soon after the woman arrived.

“I am devastated that we lost someone on site,” Ragsdell said. “It is tragic to lose a patron who loved the blues. We have had message after message from patrons

who said they loved the weekend. This was so unfortunate.”

A friend of the deceased said they had been in Eureka Springs all day prior to traveling to Turpentine Creek, and that the woman had underlying health conditions.

Interim ES Fire Chief Nick Samac said because of HIPPA privacy laws, name of the victim could not be released.

“It was dispatched as a diabetic emergency,” Samac said. “When the EMS crews arrived, the victim was in cardiac arrest. We treated the cardiac arrest and transported her to Eureka Springs Hospital. Our crews provided advanced life support but despite resuscitative efforts, she did not survive.”



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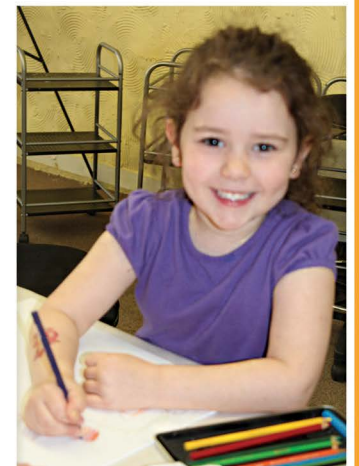
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Pollination Celebration planned Thursday in Basin Park

Bee there

BECKY GILLETTE

Concerns about the worldwide decline in bees and other pollinators has been linked to decreased habitats in the wild, landscaping with non-native plants that provide no food for pollinators, and long-acting pesticides targeted towards plant pests that inadvertently kill pollinators. Without pollinators, about 85 percent of plants would be unable to produce seeds or fruit, with drastic consequences for the world's food supply.

People in Eureka Springs who want to do something about it by educating others about what kinds of plants to put in their backyards and other steps that can be taken to protect the bees are having a Pollination Celebration on Thursday, June 23, from 4:30 – 7 p.m. at Basin Park.

At 5 p.m. Mayor Butch Berry will officially proclaim Eureka Springs the first Bee City USA in the State of Arkansas, and only the 17th in the country. Bee City USA is about making the world safer for

pollinators, one city at a time.

Bee City USA (www.beecityusa.org) is a movement growing across the country, Beth Liebowitz, one of the members of the Eureka Springs Pollinators' Alliance said. Just since Eureka came on board, the number of Bee City USA towns in the country has increased to 22.

"It is really catching on," Liebowitz said. "Check out the Eureka Springs Bee City USA Facebook page and share it."

The celebration will include a video and informational pamphlets about what you can do to make your backyard, and the entire city, a haven for honeybees. There will be catalogs of native plants essential to pollinators, wildflower seeds, a raffle for a basket of garden goodies, and door prizes.

Beehives will be on display (sans the bees, of course), samples of bee keeping equipment including bee suits and smokers, and taste testing of local honey.

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Steven Foster (left) and Ken Trimble are shown at a meeting of the Eureka Springs Pollinators' Alliance. **PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE**

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Pollination celebration

Mayor Butch Berry will officially proclaim Eureka Springs the first Bee City USA in the State of Arkansas on Thursday, June 23 at 5 p.m. in Basin Park during National Pollinator

Week. the Bee City signage will be on display and varietal local honey will be available to sample. You can also view the equipment used by different types of beekeepers.

Fleur Delicious coming up

The sixth annual Fleur Delicious Weekend with a French themed celebration with restaurants, bars, art galleries, boutiques, and music venues participating in French inspired indulgences from July 5 – 10. The kickoff event happens on Wednesday, June 29 at 5 p.m. with the *I Take the Fifth* annual Fleur Delicious Ciroc Bartender Competition at Chelsea's Corner Café at 10 Mountain St.

For a full list of events go to www.fleurdeliciousweekend.com.

Sunday at EUUF

New Eureka resident Peg Adamson Agars will discuss the influences that have combined to form her spiritual outlook on life on June 26 at Eureka

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. The program is at 11 a.m., childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.



Airport needs more hangars

NICKY BOYETTE

Airport Manager Michael Pfeifer told the Carroll County Airport Commission at its June 17 meeting there is now a waiting list to rent hangars at CCA, and one tenant is considering buying two or three more planes. He said it is time to plan for more hangars.

Engineer/consultant Dan Clinton suggested he could pursue a grant for an extension of the apron in front of the 60x60-ft. hangar toward the south end of the property, and this apron could also serve a new 8-bay hangar on that part of the property. He said it would be a 90-10 grant from State Department of Aeronautics, and he would submit the grant in August.

There was further discussion regarding how much to invest in refurbishing the old wooden 60x60-ft. building, but Pfeifer said the prospective tenant is ready not only to lease, but improve it.

Commissioners voted for Clinton to pursue the grant and for Pfeifer to assess options regarding the old hangar.

Runway rehab

Clinton announced work on repaving the runway is progressing faster than scheduled. According to Pfeifer, the project involves milling off 2.5 inches of surface and putting three inches back. There will be a crown down the middle of the runway so runoff goes toward the sides. French drains are also being installed along each side.

Pfeifer said the Federal Aviation Administration granted \$594,000, the State granted \$66,000 and the county put up as escrow \$125,000, which it will get back once the project is completed and the

final draw-down is made. Pfeifer expects planes to be landing again before July 4.

Other items

- Commissioners agreed to look at filling in trenches where rainwater runoff is eroding soil near the front fence line and where channels direct runoff onto adjacent properties.

- They also decided to keep their meetings on the third Friday of the month at noon and amend the by-laws accordingly.

- Commissioner Morris Pate said a businessman from Florida who flies in for business in Berryville said he wanted to duplicate the design of CCA for his airport in Florida.

Next meeting will be Friday, July 15, at 12 p.m.

Quiet meditation, reading and discussion

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, June 23 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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We are the world

Editor,

Last week's "Show the world we are sane" should have been "Show the world we are the same." I love our community and consider it one as a whole. I don't separate it into LGBT, straight, black, white, Hispanic, biker, hiker, 'vetter, ghost seeker, gun lover, hippie or hillbilly communities.

Just so you know, I resemble many of the above, but consider us all humans. It doesn't have to be us against you. If everyone would just think of others and lose the me, me, me mentality the world would be a better place.

Don't get me wrong, you should be proud of who you are, just remember to be proud of who others are, also.

Last week's letter also speaks of haters paying us a visit. I swear to use my "good" guns to protect all humans in our community till the last beat of my heart.

Keith Youngblood

Editorial was naive

Editor,

Mary Pat Boian: Your *Independent* editorial for the June 15 issue is naive in the extreme. Nothing to fear in a gay nightclub? "A sports bar is based on the same idea," you opine. Really?

Until 1973, the American Psychiatric Association classified homosexuality as a "mental disorder;" and for millennia healthy societies have proscribed it as a perversion *not* to be celebrated. Why do you think that is, Ms. Boian? Could it be that our society is now on the descendant as mainstream media sources call evil good and good evil? Of course, you are doing your part to usher your readers into the brave new world of a White House aglow with gay colors in celebration of homosexual "marriage" imposed against

popular will.

You mention two men kissing as if it were butterflies and sunshine, like a friendly, masculine kiss on each cheek that might happen in another culture. This traditional greeting is not at all the same as the sexual lip-lock that would likely occur at the Pulse – "Orlando's Premier Gay Nightclub."

Yes, "we are all energy" and I, too, recognize "some people have the invisible energy we are attracted to and some have the kind we avoid. Energy is one of the easiest things in the world to change," you say. But, is it if you are a patron of the Pulse? Especially, if you see God as just a "person in vapor form" with all the ineffectuality that description implies. Celebrating at the Pulse, falling and falling, down, down into an energy well of perversion and lust is to fall into the Abyss. I submit that escape is impossible without respect and recognition of the one Who created us. The Good News is that we can escape that eternal night into the sunshine of His love... if we wholly rely on Him.

Regarding your query about ownership of assault rifles... yes, I do feel safer if individuals, like you and me, own assault rifles. A reasonable argument you may have missed: George Washington said, "Government is like fire, a dangerous servant and a fearful master." The Second Amendment and assault rifles give us a fighting chance should our dangerous servant ever become our fearful master.

And finally, to address the central question of your editorial: Who's to blame for the Orlando murders? I agree with you – the devil (a personification of the evil energy that you posit) did it... with cooperation of the intrinsic fallen nature of man.

Alan Joseph Keck

Few blues at the Blues

Editor,

I hope everyone who loves the Blues, our beloved town of Eureka Springs, and the Arts had as good a weekend as Celest & I had vending at the Eureka Springs BluesFest Weekend at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge.

Many kudos go to the folks at Turpentine Creek who have not only built a world class attraction at the Refuge, but are doing important spiritual & educational work in adopting & caring for neglected big cats & other vulnerable animals.

I would also like to applaud the creative expertise and solid promotional & managerial experience of Charles & Lori Ragsdell for their vision of utilizing a latent treasure for the benefit of the Refuge & ultimately the community. The potential for the Refuge to evolve into a major festival venue, bringing thousands of music enthusiasts & visitors to our town cannot be underestimated! I would encourage anyone with an interest in bringing quality adult visitors to our town to support the efforts of these folks in creating a large scale, world-class venue for music, *near* our town.

Yes, there were issues, it wasn't perfect. It was hot, we needed more shade & there weren't nearly enough patrons (what else is new?) but those who came had a stellar time. The music was exceptional, the people were appreciative & we had one of the best weekends in over 40 years of doing local shows here in town!

To Tanya, Scott, Miranda, Victor & the whole family of Turpentine Creek supporters & volunteers, thank you for creating a venue with so much love, magic & potential for growth to serve the music & arts community of Eureka Springs. We love you all!

Ranaga Farbiarz & Celest Farber
(*Celestial Windz*)



WEEK'S TopTweets

@david8hughes: Me: I think the battery is dead or it needs a new starter motor. Mechanic: Yeah, canoes generally don't have either of those things.

@AndyAsAdjective: [Saturday at 6:13 a.m.] Daddy I know you wanted to sleep in but the TV won't work & I can't open the milk & the dog puked & I think I'm bleeding.

@Tempo11: I don't know if dogs get how cool they look in sunglasses.

@dietredbull: There's always an Obama in relationships. The one that has to compromise, doesn't get much credit, and never wins no matter what.

@hahildebrand: The penguin is mightier than the swordguin.

@hotmissbarbie: Scars are tattoos with better stories.

@juliusshapre: In a car it's illegal to not wear a seatbelt. But I guess if you're on a bus they figure death will be a sweet relief?

@sheepie91: I'll lean at a 45 degree angle if I'm so inclined.

@MrsRupertPupkin: Just spilled red wine *all over* my insides.

@zoebread: Opinion -3.14 = onion

Fluff silence

"I decided it is better to scream. Silence is the real crime against humanity."

— NADEZHDA MANDELSTAM, Hope Against Hope

“Once upon a time, there was a little girl who lived in a village near the forest. Whenever she went out, the little girl wore a red riding hood...” this is how the story starts. The G version ends with a loving grandmother; the real story has a bad wolf.

Silence and deception

Let's start with the wolf: the fluff mill will use kraft chemical pulping and chlorine bleaching. This is critical information no one wants to talk about. Unless the silence is broken, the mill will smell like rotten eggs, and dioxins will end up in the Ouachita River. Modern mills do not use chlorine and there are ways to reduce the stench. Chlorine is red flag suggesting Sun Paper uses a low-tech, low-cost manufacturing processes wherever it can. Their newest mill is a 300,000 tons per year in Laos, near Vietnam and China. In the fluff world, 700,000 tons per year is a “big-ass” mill with massive emissions.

When the mill was announced in December 2015, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) asked El Dorado for money on the front-end of the negotiations. Business leaders said no: “China is the most polluted country in the world and they want to come here because Arkansas has some of the softest pollution control laws in the country,” said Richard Mason. He had concerns on water and air pollution, and work conditions: “This is a bad deal. You don't need those jobs in El Dorado. You need quality jobs, and those jobs are the lowest of the low.” The City Council approved the funds.

The memorandum was signed in April 2016, a last minute “victory” over Mississippi, and Gov. Hutchinson praised Chairman Li for his brilliance and tough negotiation. The message was clear: this is a big win for Arkansas, the battle was bloody, time to celebrate. A \$50,000 bonus to AEDC's Mike Preston sealed the deal.

Arkadelphia tried to silence detractors by downplaying environmental and economic concerns: “This is essentially an odorless technology. I don't think we will have a negative consequence of just the smell. We are growing so many more trees than we are taking out. The Economic Development Corporation of Clark County pledged \$10 million for Sun Paper and a 65-percent tax abatement. As a result, the county will receive a \$1.3 billion investment,” said Eric Hughes.

Using fluff accounting this looks like a good deal, but it's not. Sun Paper, a Chinese private corporation, is the sole owner.

Social cost of Silence

Chairman Li wanted the Ouachita River and Clark County forests, and a permit to pollute air and water. The \$260 million, or whatever the total amount of incentives is, paid by Arkansas taxpayers, is chump change. To keep the illusion, AEDC refuses to disclose the total amount, or perform due diligence on the deal: if it is good for China, it is good enough for Arkansas.

Environmental discrimination

Low-income minority communities will pay the social costs of wastewater pollution, carbon dioxide emissions, and particulate matter from the smoke of burning wood to power the mill. The costs of poor public health are real, tangible, cumulative, and devastating for Arkansas and Louisiana. The

impact will be felt for generations.

Culture of Silence

When Larry Smith, the Honorable Mayor of Cave Springs told me, “There is nothing you can do to stop SWEPCO,” I was stunned. I did not know at the time Larry had a special relationship with the utilities. Pat Costner, Save the Ozarks, Martha Peine, Leon Wilmoth, and everyone in Eureka Springs raised their voices, as mighty people, to stop a tragedy. Why are the people of Arkansas and Clark County silent? Did someone tell them “there is nothing you can do?”

Breaking the Silence

The fluff is not a done deal. With silence and expedited permits AEDC will build the mill. Please call Mike Preston, Executive Director AEDC, (501) 682-7351 and ask him to break the silence.

Dr. Luis Contreras

The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

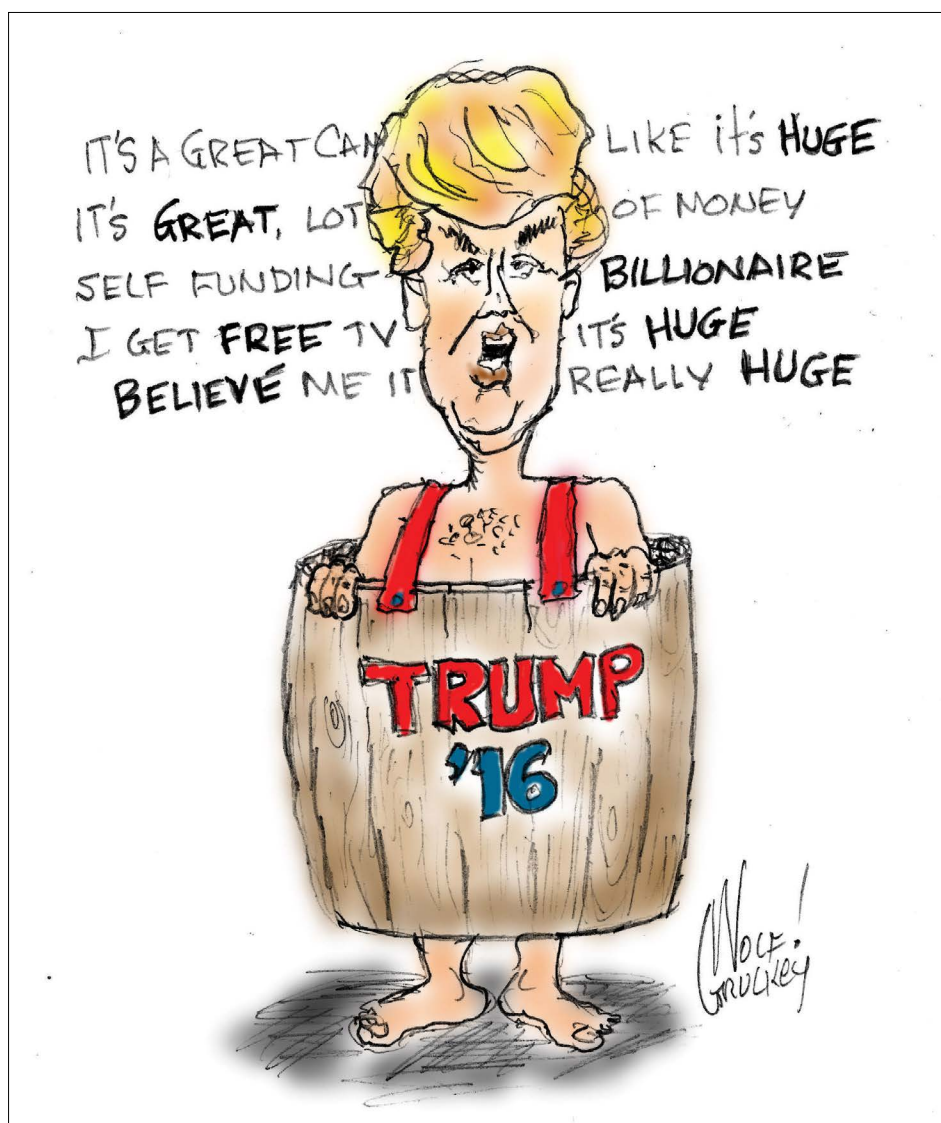
Our political and cultural condition, and its preoccupations, make me unhappy and I have a strong inclination to detach from it. Writers I admire, like Thomas a'Kempis and A.C. Bhaktivedanta, urgently tell us to do exactly that, and to pay the bigger world no attention. But that's easier said than done; both a'Kempis and Bhaktivedanta also celebrate Charity and Justice – involvement – and teach that you can't become enlightened, or get a Pearly Gates pass, without practicing them.

Sometimes Charity is easy. You rescue earthworms from sidewalks after rainstorms; that's easy. You also run errands for a pal who's suffered a stroke. That's easy too, in the short run. But your pal won't see a doctor, won't take medicine, and his condition will only get worse; he'll be an invalid for the rest of his – and your ride. That won't be easy (for you), and you feel grumpy about it.

Dorothy Day summed it up: “There are two things you should know about the poor: they tend to smell, and they are ungrateful.” She also said, “I only love God as much as I love the person I love the least.” Avoiding smelly and ungrateful people seems like a snap – detach from those odorous ingrates! – but Day demanded authentic love from herself, from Christians, and from the most logic and ethics committed of atheists. You're only as Good as you are good.

Frustratingly, detachment and Charity are contradictory because Charity is inextricably linked with Justice, that other Capital Good which forces us to measure the decency, utility, and motivations of our behaviors, charitable and otherwise. By way of example, imagine a lover who kisses you out of a sense of duty rather than from lust or love or simple generosity. At some point, you will measure and weigh your lover's motivations and find them wanting. Then, your love will become a duty too, and you will detach.

Our presidential candidates do a lot of yodeling about Justice – they are aggressively measuring us, and our world – but there isn't much Charity coming our way to leaven what they think is Just. No one will be surprised when they receive the most tepid of kisses next November.



A little help from our friends:

- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 103 West Church St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676. The Purple Flower will also have free and confidential Domestic Violence Empowerment Support Group on every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Berryville Community Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women's Shelter serving Carroll County – "Empowering families to live free of violence." (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
- **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (479) 363-4529
- **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.
- **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Kathy Remenar (417) 342-8498, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
- **Grief Share**, A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O' Nod Victorian Inn.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495. • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O' Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org
- **St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store** – First Tuesdays – provide assistance with medical help, utilities, clothing, emergency shelter, shoes, etc. Annual charity Christmas Gift & Food Program. Mon-Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1844 Hwy. 62W Berryville.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

JUNE 13

11:47 a.m. – Constable filed a report of a possible theft at a restaurant.
12:50 p.m. – Witness told ESPD two dogs were dumped out of a car at a gas station. Constable collected the animals and took them to the kennel.
1:17 p.m. – There was a private property traffic accident.
4:20 p.m. – Individual was arrested on an ESPD warrant for failure to appear.
4:20 p.m. – Parking meter downtown malfunctioned, so a constable fixed it.
5:55 p.m. – CCSO asked for constable assistance in making contact with an individual. Constable complied but was not able to make contact.
6:47 p.m. – Constable conducted a welfare check at a residence.
9:57 p.m. – Something triggered an alarm at a business, but the constable found the building secure.
10:16 p.m. – Another alarm and another building secure.

JUNE 14

5:59 a.m. – Observer reported an individual sleeping at a laundromat. Constable discovered the person was just waiting for the owner.
11:36 a.m. – Constable on patrol responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle with two people in it. One person was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
12:37 p.m. – Ex-girlfriend told ESPD about threats she received from her ex-boyfriend.
12:56 p.m. – Person reported being followed.
5:01 p.m. – Callers reported a car on US 62 toward the western edge of town and the driver was slumped over the steering wheel. Constable determined the car was off the road and out of gas. Driver was waiting for her husband.
6:54 p.m. – Two witnesses called in an erratic driver on US 62. Constable encountered the driver as he pulled into his motel parking lot. Driver told the constable he had not been drinking but admitted he had been distracted at one point while driving.
9:02 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a vehicle on US 62 with its flashers on. It was gone when the constable arrived.
11:38 p.m. – Passerby gave the location of a motorcycle down on the highway with the driver walking around it. Constable went to the scene, but the driver and motorcycle were gone.

JUNE 15

12:10 a.m. – Observer thought it suspicious several kids were at the skateboard park. Also there was a dubious character near Basin Park. Constable who responded found the skateboard park empty and he saw no one lurking downtown.
2:06 a.m. – Person complained about a couple at

a motel yelling obscenities. The couple told the constable they were yelling at a boy who had been throwing rocks. Constable looked for but did not find a boy throwing rocks.
9:31 a.m. – A grandmother asked for a welfare check on her granddaughter. Constable tried but did not make contact with her.
7:07 p.m. – Cleaning crew set off an alarm at a bank.
8:29 p.m. – Verbal dispute occurred in a motel parking lot. Constable arrived to find a mother and daughter arguing. He calmed them down and left. The mother called him again, however, because the daughter's boyfriend was headed their way. Constable returned to the scene and accompanied the boyfriend while he gathered his things and left the vicinity.
9:15 p.m. – Constables responded to the call of an alarm at a business but found no good reason for the alarm to go off like that.

JUNE 16

12:18 a.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a 911 call from the same address as an altercation earlier in the evening. Constable checked on everybody.
5:10 a.m. – A mother reported her child saw someone with a flashlight looking into a nearby residence. Constable patrolled the area but did not see anything out of the ordinary.
10:37 a.m. – Individual reported a theft.
11:38 a.m. – Observer said a person had fallen onto US 62 while walking. Constable looked for but did not encounter this person.
12:12 p.m. – Two vehicles bumped in a parking lot.
5:15 p.m. – Person came to the station to report battery.
5:46 p.m. – Constable filed a report on theft of items from a vehicle.
9 p.m. – As the result of a noise complaint, constable checked the level of music nearby and asked the band to moderate its volume.

JUNE 17

5:43 a.m. – Something triggered an alarm at a bank. Constable checked the scene and, sure enough, it was secure.
11:14 p.m. – Concerned neighbor ask for a welfare check on a dog that had supposedly been confined in a building and unattended for a few days. Constable found the dog well-fed, unstressed and comfortable in the air-conditioned space.

JUNE 18

12:23 a.m. – Passerby told ESPD an intoxicated male holding a bottle of liquor was standing near US 62 presumably trying to flag down a ride. He was gone when the constable arrived.
12:24 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of an individual for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Hospital Commission doing financial planning

NICKY BOYETTE

The Hospital Commission met June 20 for the first time since it decided to meet quarterly. Chair Michael Merry said he and treasurer Robert Walling have been trolling for the best interest rates for hospital reserves, as Merry explained that prospects of a new hospital seemed to have subsided for now, so the task of

the commission will be to shepherd assets and prepare to support Eureka Springs Hospital if the need arises.

Commissioner MJ Sell asked ESH staff what estimated monthly operating expenses would be, and staff replied they would provide this information. Merry said the commission was just trying to plan ahead.

Vicki Andert, chief of nursing at

ESH, announced Peter Savoy had begun as the new Chief Executive Officer at ESH. She said Savoy has valuable experience in hospital management that will serve ESH well. She also said ESH recently underwent annual inspection and the review was very good, overall.

Andert also introduced Dr. Chris Baranyk of the Eastgate Center family

clinic, who then left to go tend to patients.

Merry announced commissioner Pam Crockett would be turning in her resignation letter the following day. Commissioner Jack Pritchard is also resigning, so there will be two vacancies on the commission.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 15, at ECHO Clinic.

Motorcyclists killed, driver arrested

A Van Etten, N.Y. man was arrested June 18 in the death of two motorcyclists near Thorncrown Chapel in Eureka Springs. David C. Raupers, 63, was charged with Negligent Homicide, DWI, reckless driving, Driving Left of Center, Disorderly Conduct and No Seat

Belt. Raupers is in the Carroll County Detention Center. No bond will be set until his first court appearance which has not been scheduled.

Identities of the motorcyclists have not been released by the Arkansas State Patrol.

Humane Society board meeting

The Good Shepherd Humane Society will hold its monthly board meeting on Wednesday, June 22 at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Grand Central Hotel on South Main Street in the downstairs conference room. The organization welcomes input from the community.

Class on character

To follow up on a series of popular classes on the history of faith, Rabbi Rob Lennick will offer a class on the topic of character Monday, June 27 at 7 p.m. at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street.



Let medicine be medicine – Laquayla Morris of Booneville donned a marijuana leaf outfit on E. Van Buren last Sunday to encourage passersby to stop and sign a pro marijuana petition to fully legalize the herb and decriminalize the selling and possession of marijuana. There are currently three petitions circulating in Arkansas dealing with different levels of decriminalization. Arkansans For Compassionate Care turned in 117,000-plus petition signatures to the Secretary of State Monday to have the medical cannabis initiative placed on the November ballot.

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Two arrested in meth lab bust

On Friday, June 10, investigators with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office obtained a search warrant for 1823 and 1825 CR 108 (off Hwy. 23 South) current and former residences of Darryl Birchfield and Laura Ann Green, both of Eureka Springs. Investigators were seeking evidence of the manufacture of methamphetamine.

CCSO investigators, patrol deputies, and reserve deputies executed the search warrant on both residences. Investigators recovered evidence of methamphetamine use and manufacture in both residences. Two separate one-pot meth

labs were recovered from 1823, as well as product used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Deputies arrested Birchfield, 50, and Green, 52. Both were booked into the Carroll County Detention Center on individual charges of Manufacture of methamphetamine – Felony; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Felony; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Misdemeanor.

Bond was set at \$10,000 each. Both made bond and were released, with an appearance date July 11 in Berryville Circuit Court.



Darryl Birchfield



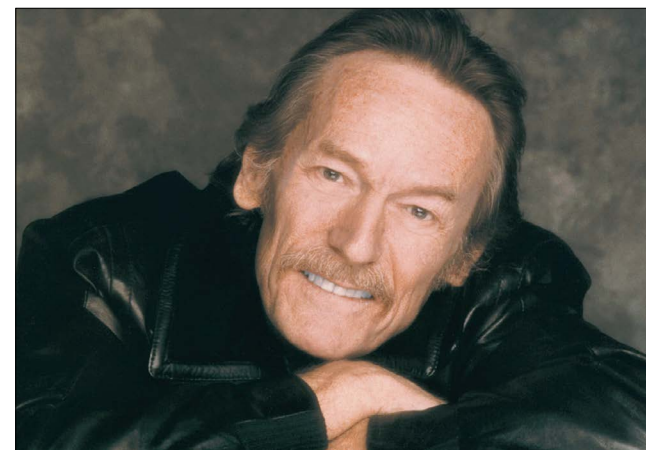
Laura Ann Green



You reeka! – *Independent* reporter Nicky Boyette didn't have a meeting Tuesday morning but put his time to good use harvesting a goodly supply of garlic from his prolific garden. And he took the picture.

Early Morning Rain Thursday night

Gordon Lightfoot will appear at the Eureka Springs Auditorium on Thursday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at The Auditorium www.theaud.org.



Spiritual discussion at Metafizzies

The June 27 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The

meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Parents get an evening off

Next Parents Night Out is Friday, July 1 from 5:30 – 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 195 Huntsville Road. The event is free to everyone to drop off children ages from a few months to 12 years to enjoy dinner, games, crafts and some lessons about God's Love.

Taking a stroll through history

Join in for the *Eureka Springs Happy Birthday Stroll* history walk on July 3 from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The walk will focus on Spring Street with a historical character featured outside each home, giving a brief summary of the significance of the home pertaining to the history of Eureka Springs.

The walk will start at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library and end at the Fuller House on Spring Street. Tickets are \$25 and include a history stroll ticket and a boxed chicken dinner at the end of the tour. Tickets may be purchased online at www.eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org or at 95 S. Main Street. Call (479) 253-9417.

It's Summer in Eureka Springs city gardens!

BECKY GILLETTE

Summer D. Sherrod moved from Keller, Texas, to Fayetteville to go to the University of Arkansas to study sustainability.

"They didn't have a degree program for it, so going through classes I found myself in horticulture," Sherrod, who was hired in early May as the gardener for the Eureka Springs Parks Department, said. "That is where I fit. I interned in the campus Office of Sustainability and with a solid waste management district. But I found that my love is in horticulture and working with the plant world."

Sherrod took a semester off from university, and plans to finish her degree online. In the meantime, she is making her mark with the public gardens in Eureka Springs.

"My biggest challenge has been figuring out where to start," Sherrod said. "I came in during the middle of the season and there was so much to do in the gardens. I was pulling weeds the whole time. I really worked hard to have the gardens looking good for the Master's Gardener's state conference held here recently. Now that the Master Gardener's conference is over, I'm playing a little less catch up."

This growing season, she has to go primarily with what has already been planted. Then she will figure out what she might want to add in the future.

"I'm thinking of this as a learning year. I need to learn the gardens and learn how the water systems work, and what the climate is like. The elevation here is a little higher than Fayetteville. There is just a lot to be learned right now."

While it would be a dream come true to have a team of other people helping her out, that isn't the case. "It is just me," she said. "I do what I can in the time I have, and that is the best I can do."

The job covers a lot of territory. There are gardens at Planer Hill, Basin Park, Sweet Spring, Harding Spring, Crescent Spring, Grotto Spring, Gadd Spring, Cave Spring, Onyx Spring, Calif Spring, Magnetic Spring, the Eureka Springs Parks & Recreation headquarters, and the East Mountain overlook.

With the heat of summer, Sherrod gets at the job early, as the majority of work is best done either early in the morning or in the evening when sun goes down.

"I'm trying not to work evenings because I need my personal time, too," she said. "I try not to work on weekends if I can. One of my Parks co-workers helps water on weekends. We water most of the gardens every day. It has to be done when the weather is hot."

Basically, it rained considerably in May, so they got a break from watering. But since June rolled around and it dried up, it has been a daily chore.

Sherrod is a big supporter of the Eureka Springs Pollinator Alliance, which is supporting the city's new designation as a Bee City USA.

"I love the idea of gardening with natives and pollinator plants," Sherrod said. "They lend themselves towards more sustainable practices. I think that's the



Summer D. Sherrod

direction we need to go. I also am opposed to using chemicals in the gardens. In this day and age, we should know better than to be using detrimental chemicals in our environment. With all the research coming out on glyphosate causing cancer, the history of Monsanto, and more, we should know by now that we need to protect the environment in every little way possible."

Sherrod said it won't be easy, but her dream is to move the gardens towards a more sustainable design that lends itself to native plants and pollinator plants that support the ecological processes in the immediate vicinity.

"I would like to see our gardens in town participate in the local ecology," she said. "The first step towards

that is building the soil. Inorganic gardening doesn't build or feed the soil, it only feeds the plants. But the fact of the matter is that the healthiest, strongest plants come from healthy, strong soil."

One part of the local ecology she isn't so keen on is deer that can cause a great deal of damage to gardens.

"I have seen a lot of deer," she said. "That is part of the equation there. It wasn't when I learned my skills in Fayetteville. There are ways to cope with that. It is just a matter of learning and implementing them."

While other gardeners find groundhogs an even bigger problem than deer, Sherrod said she hasn't had problems with groundhogs, at least not yet.

"One of the things I've learned from working with nature is there is constant change," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if I have to deal with groundhogs soon. You just have to roll with it."

One of her favorite plants, because of her interest in herbal medicine, is echinacea.

"Echinacea is such a landmark piece in the herbalist cabinet," Sherrod said. "You won't meet an herbalist who doesn't have it. It is an abundant, beautiful Ozark native. Right now they are coming out with different ornamental cultivars of it like Butterfly™ Rainbow Marcella, which has pink and orange blooms. I would love to put some of those in the gardens."

"Another personal favorite is orchids because there is so much variety. Orchids are found naturally on six of the seven continents."

One thing she likes about the new job is she gets to be an ambassador for the town since visitors often stop to talk to her at the gardens.

"I like it that I'm able to shed some sunshine on what they are seeing, telling them about the plants and what we are trying to do," she said. "And how much this town loves gardens is wonderful."

She has also found that Eureka Springs is a great place to show off to family and friends.

"It is just a fun place to be with all the festivals and other events going on."

Fleur Delicious with The Writers' Colony

The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow is adding a French twist to the kickoff event of Fleur Delicious. This year will feature Sparkling French Champagne courtesy of Eureka Zen, a Rosé from the Tavel Region of France provided by Grotto Wood Fired Grill and Wine Cave, and Bordeaux courtesy of the Loretta Young Legacy Project.

Samplings will be provided by Kent Walker Artisan Cheese of Little Rock, who will present handmade, cave-aged artisan cheeses. Poetry on Demand will be set up so participants can request an original poem composed by Mackenzie Doss and Molly Sroges.

Tickets are a \$15 donation to the Writers' Colony. Call (479) 253-7444 or email director@writerscolony.org.

Listen to the message of gospel

The Missourians, a gospel music group, will be in concert at Faith Bible Church, 3 Parkcliff Drive at Holiday island, on Saturday, July 16 at 6 p.m. Hear the group present the gospel message through song and testimony. Refreshments will be provided.

Michael Moore movie showing

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St. will show Michael Moore's *Where To Invade Next* on Thursday, June 30 at 7 p.m.

Second Saturday artist reception

The Eureka Fine Art Gallery will feature new paintings by Barbara Robinson and sculpture by John Stalling for the month of July. An artist's reception will be held on July 9 from 6 – 9 p.m. during the regular Second Saturday Gallery Stroll. Refreshments will be served. For questions call (479) 363-6000.



"Autumn Medley" oil on canvas by Barbara Robinson



Sculpture by John Stalling

New stone gallery for Second Saturday Gallery Stroll

85 Spring Street Gallery has opened their Stone Gallery on the lower level and invited five new artists into the fold. An artist's reception will be held July 9 from 6 – 9 p.m. during the regular Second Saturday Gallery Stroll with a variety of two and three-dimensional art in metal, ceramic, stone, oil, and acrylic. Refreshments will be served. Call (479) 244-7290 or (479) 981-1549.



Wings bronze sculpture by Mel Shipley

Film fest August 5 and 6

The second Eureka Springs Human Rights Art and Film Fest will be held at the Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6. The festival is free to all and the call for entries is open. Entry forms may be download from the Eureka Springs Indie Film Fest website www.esfilmfest.org.

EARLY DAYS at Eureka Springs[©] – by Nellie Alice Mills, 1949

Early Days at Eureka Springs Arkansas 1880-1892, a memoir of Nellie Alice Mills whose family moved here in two covered wagons from Oswego, Kansas, was written in 1949, relying on memory. In her second book, *Other Days at Eureka Springs*, written in 1950, she went through old records she had kept. The family home was built on the west side of Leatherwood, "about a hundred yards beyond the mouth of Magnetic Hollow, opposite Cold Spring, which supplied us, and all our neighbors, with water."

Part Eight (cont.): Later Schools

With no equipment at all to teach science, Mr. Barnett taught us the principles of Physics by having us do much drawing. Hida was an artist at that; I was very poor. But we both got the idea. Mr. Barnett sent us down to the Telegraph Office to see the instruments about which we studied. That office and a newspaper office which we also visited, were then on Spring Street across from the foot of West Mountain Street. I quote from my diary: Hida and I went to the Telegraph Office to study the instruments but Mrs. Martyn (the operator) was not there. Sam Pulliam showed us all he knew. We saw the batteries and the keys. April 10: Hida and I went again to the Telegraph Office. Mrs. Martyn was there.

Mr. Barnett gave us practical problems in arithmetic to show us the use we could make of principles we studied in the books. We computed the area of a curved stone walk. I found not long ago among some old papers a problem where we had figured out the taxes paid in

Eureka Springs, from the assessment list and the tax rate.

But of course, his greatest interest was English. He always stressed Theory and Practice. He gave us dictation exercises to improve our spelling and punctuation. He believed in written work. Here is a favorite quotation of his: "That which strikes the ear is lost, and dies in one short hour; But that which strikes the eye lives long upon the mind. The faithful sight engraves the knowledge with a beam of light."

We made booklets of famous American and English Authors.

We made a very thorough study of the American Constitution. I can still quote many parts of it. We made a booklet with outlines of it.

Mr. Barnett planned his Exposition from the beginning of the year. When the close of school came, the front room downstairs in the old Lamar was cleared of desks; tables were placed through the middle of the room. The walls were

prepared for the display of the work of the grade children. One thing is certain about the displays of the work in Mr. Barnett's Expositions; it was all schoolwork, work that had been assigned as part of our daily lessons. I have since seen displays of schoolwork where the background seemed designed to hide the paucity of the material that should have been the center of interest. Mr. Barnett wished the public to see the work that had actually been done, the improvements made. Many visitors inspected the stacks of booklets, drawings, and papers with an intelligent interest.

Mr. Barnett introduced into our school system the custom of giving public entertainments with the school children for the performers; dialogues and plays suitable to the occasion and to the ability of the various age groups. We had an autumn festival given out of doors. There were songs and readings; our parents came to hear and see, and to carry their baskets of food to a grove some distance beyond



the Richards' house; out somewhere near where a Catholic Church stood. There we had a community gathering and lunch.

Our Christmas play, *Santa Claus Outwitted*, employed the talents of children from the primary to the Eighth Grade. Any of us would have been pleased to take part. Four of us from the High School were in the exercise, *The Holidays of the Season*, in which each one, appropriately adorned in special costume, represented Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Blues are so cool – Scorching temperatures didn't stop many from going to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge to listen to the blues music playing on the plateau. Big names such as The Cate Brothers, CeDell Davis, and Brick Fields played at Turpentine, and there was even more music around town throughout the weekend.

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO



Supernatural, Dr. Who, Harry Potter, they're all there – Kids gathered in costume on Sunday evening at Main Stage for a cosplay mash-up costume contest to celebrate multiple fandoms. The kids had to work together to create their own characters with backstory during the event and take part in Live Action Role-Playing to retrieve Zeus' lightning bolt.

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Celebrating universal pride – Zeek Taylor and husband Dick Titus (holding banner) helped organize a Eureka Springs contingent to march in the NWA Pride Parade on Saturday. An estimated 2,000 people came out to participate. A heavy downpour right before the start of the parade helped cool things down during the march.

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Signs of Summer & Chiron Retrogrades

Beginning at summer solstice, and for 72 hours after, the Sun remains still in its northern position at the Tropic of Cancer. After three days the pole of the Earth slowly begins to tilt in the opposite direction, sunlight begins to decrease, the days grow shorter, the nights longer. An imperceptible change (of light) overtakes the architecture and atmosphere of our Earth at the solstices.

Summer's here. The life force, rushing into spring and creating tall leggy green growth in the plant kingdom, settles down in summer into an unhurried, lazy, dreamy subdued heat. The human kingdom, expressing

heavenly energies, seeks, instead of long overheated laborious work, more mellow activities – leisure, rest, relaxation, vacations. Summer, we hope, will be easy, sunny and fun. If we watch carefully, we notice the plants begin to grow differently as they prepare for harvest. Newborns in the animal kingdom become teenagers.

The signs of summer are **Cancer** (Gate where Spirit enters matter), **Leo** (the Heart of Love is all that Matters) and **Virgo** (pregnant Madonna preparing for birth at Winter Solstice). In the Catholic Church's liturgy, after Pentecost & Holy Trinity, we begin preparing for

Advent (1st Sunday in December, preparing for winter solstice). Under heaven's influences Earth's kingdoms are always in flux – light of the stars, planets, suns and moon chart daily rhythms. The wise ones knew this. We are to be the "wise ones" now.

Thursday, the UK chooses to stay in the European Union (or not). **Monday**, Chiron (the wound that is also the healing, restoring us to wholeness) retrogrades at 25 degrees Pisces. Chiron was in this sign and degree during the 1960s. President Obama has Chiron in Pisces.

ARIES: Something new concerning family, property, real estate, home materializes in the coming year. You may buy or sell, create family property, move, form community, create a collective. It is good to look forward to various and different ways of living. Something about family develops, increases, expands. You find yourself at times staying closer to home after traveling here and there. Family becomes everything (again).

TAURUS: In the coming year, you must begin to travel, enter school, study, publish or begin a long adventure. Everything faraway is interesting, even destinations others would never contemplate. At times you'll consider lands different, far away and foreign. Bear in mind this needs deep reflection. The exotic is not always comfortable. However, a new journey of the mind is what you need. Call forth daily, for liberation's sake, new archetypes of thoughts and thinking

GEMINI: Do you feel in conflict? There are so many avenues calling your attention. First is the idea of remaining behind the scenes in a state of retreat. Then there's the demand facing you concerning work. Then there are all the people seeking your advice, inviting you here and there to be part of their vision. I need to ask, what is your vision of success? Because success calls to you in many guises.

CANCER: It's time to reflect upon the past year in preparation for your new birthday year. Review all actions, choices made, things produced, brought to flower, people spoken with, promises made, dreams that did (or did not) come true. Consider what was happy then and what would be joyful in the coming year. Notice the different words – happy and joyful. A new year brings new endeavors. What would you like to happen?

LEO: New people, new confidence, new groups eventually beckon to you, extending invitations. Friendships blossom and you find yourself mingling and networking, interacting and sharing. Are you avoiding anyone? Step into their world, learn who they are, what they like and need. Hopes, wishes and dreams fill your mind and heart.

Create a Hope, Wishes and Dreams journal. Don't lose it!

VIRGO: The area of life called relationships becomes full of opportunities, personal and worldly. Something deep and profound occurs with someone close. It's important to consider creating or expanding your professional work. Ask loved ones for help. They can be of great benefit if you are kind and grateful. Be focused, determined and analytical with finances.

LIBRA: The most realistic time in our lives is each moment. Most moments quietly slip by as we seek what we don't have, wonder when vicissitudes will end or when the rainbow will appear. However, should we be aware of each moment, they begin to feel like blessings. This conscious perception of time allows us to be more authentic, spontaneous and free. For the next year, careful with diet, eating only what vitalizes and is touched by the Sun.

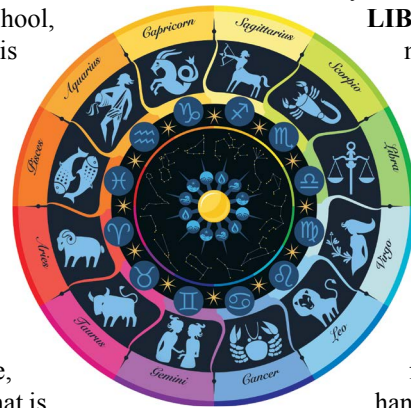
SCORPIO: The surprise is a new creative talent comes forth from within, a creativity greater than previously experienced. It will make you explore all areas of the arts. This builds a new sense of identity. Careful of illusion if entering a new love affair. You might find yourself with many tasks to perform this summer. Protect your hands and arms with gloves. Check the car, too.

SAGITTARIUS: New ideas, thoughts and thinking accelerate, life moves into the fast lane, new people enter your life, and you seek the world of art, music and culture. People notice you've become more optimistic. That dark night of the soul approach is exhausting. Certain situations at home seek detailed attention, tending and organizing. Give away everything not used in the past months. Someone else needs them.

CAPRICORN: Perhaps in the past you felt the need for more self-confidence. In the coming year, self-confidence, self-reliance, and the ability to know more of yourself and your abilities will emerge, expand, and fill you with self-assurance, poise, dignity and grace. Wherever you find yourself, that's where you're to be. Whatever you're called to do, act with the highest intentions. Then the world around you becomes a blessing.

AQUARIUS: New archetypes (patterns) concerning money and values appear for the rest of the year. Afterward, looking back on how you made, used and worked with money and what your values were, you see the changes made. It's most important to create strategic plans for budgeting, accounts, savings, tracking all finances in detail. Should you consider investing, land is a lasting and true resource.

PISCES: For a long time you've adhered to one particular path, following those you love without discrimination. Love came first, always. A good ethic and value. Now, however, something's changing. Too much is uncomfortable. You seek to realize what makes you happy.



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Dispatch 911 system which Richie explained would provide for more accurate mapping for responders.

- An appropriation ordinance which sets aside \$104,680 from the County Road Fund to match \$334,680 from the State Highway and Transportation Department "to level and reseal State Highway 187 in the Starkey Use Area, a project which will include County Roads 99 and 90."

- An appropriation ordinance which transfers

\$15,000 to the Head Community Center because it received a grant of that amount from the Arkansas Rural Development Commission.

- A supplemental appropriation ordinance which moved money from one budget line to another because Loretta Crenshaw completed her Masters of Library Science, has served for five years as director of the Carnegie Eureka Springs Library, and the Carroll County Library Board recommended a salary increase for her of \$.84 per hour effective immediately.

- An ordinance which amended a previously

amended ordinance, and which added a section specifying that Sheriff's Department officers shall be paid additional amounts per quarter depending upon the law enforcement certificates they have received. The certificates are awarded by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

- An appropriation ordinance adding possibly \$16,000 for the remainder of the year to the Road Department for the county judge to hire RD staff to replace temporarily injured staff if necessary.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 18, at 5 p.m.

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who's who of the local music scene are coming out to help: Opal Agafia and the Sweet Nothings, Brian Martin of Sad Daddy, Buffalo Gals, and the Show and Tellers. Please come support our friends who need it. Music cares, music heals, music elevates.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 23

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Stump Tail Dolly*, Americana, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Another Turn*, Rock, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.
BREWS – *Handmade Moments Benefit featuring Buffalo Gals and Opal Agafia, Show and Tellers, Brian Martin*, 7 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Deep Fried Squirrel*, Rock, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Opal Agafia and the Sweet Nothings*, Soul Folk, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ Karaoke with Stan*, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Dusty Pearls*, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *2 Dog 2 Karaoke*, 7:30 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 9 p.m.
STONE HOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Steve Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 6 p.m.
BREWS – *Dan Blankeslee*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Sad Daddy*, Americana, 9 p.m.

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LE STICK – Pete Maiella, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.
NEW DELHI – Medicine Man Show, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – Terri and the Executives, Rock, 7:30 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Terri and Brett, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Bottlerocket*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Pearl Brick, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.
BREWS – Jeff Lee, Singer/Songwriter, 2 – 5 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – Green Screen Karaoke, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Terri and Brett, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

AQUARIUS TAQUERIA – Buffalo Gals, Americana, 5:30 p.m.
CHELSEA’S – Sprungbilly, Bluegrass, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Los Roscoes, Blues, 6 p.m.
CHELSEA’S – Open Mic, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

CHELSEA’S – Fleur Delicious Bartender Competition featuring Delvis, Rock, 5 p.m.

EXPLORING the fine art of ROMANCE... by Leslie Meeker



I’ve been with my boyfriend for eight months. We’re always together, the chemistry’s great and we laugh a lot but he’s still not said Those Three Words. I’ve almost blurted out “I love you” but I don’t want to freak him out. Is he in love with me or not?

Men are a baffling breed indeed. Inundated with romantic comedies, love ballads and endless Facebook romance memes our vision of love is quite the perverted fairytale. What a man in love looks like is exemplified in numerous infamous love songs.

Percy Sledge informs us that *When a Man Loves a Woman* “if she is bad he can’t see it” and he will “sleep out in the rain if that’s the way she says it ought to be.” Well ladies, to each her own. In my opinion, a man who sleeps in the rain because someone told him to is horrifyingly lacking in dignity, obsessed and mentally ill. Doormats just don’t light my fire.

In *Every Breath You Take*, Sting pleads “can’t you see you belong to me?” and vows that “Every move you make... Every claim you stake I’ll be watching you.” Not feeling the love here, either. Possessively crazed psycho-stalker, definitely. Again this does not provoke my passion though a promptly served restraining order will.

So how does one know if a man is in love? Acts of obsession or possession definitely don’t indicate

love. Men do, however, communicate more through actions than words. They tend to look at what they say as a more binding promise or commitment. No one relishes vulnerability, and the fear of rejection can paralyze any man. Not to give men an easy out, but let’s be fair – men and women are very different creatures.

While a conversation about the love status of your relationship lies somewhere in your future, for now look at what he is *doing*. A man in love gives a woman his time, she is his priority and his gaze rarely leaves her. He seeks to know her passions, hobbies and life dreams. He’s affectionate and inspired by her interactions with others and especially by how others respond in her presence. When separated he maintains connection.

It’s been said that a man falls in love with a woman in her absence rather than her presence.

Questions? Email leslie@esindependent.com. Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 17 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.

DEPARTURES

Joyce A. Zeller Jan. 23, 1932 – June 12, 2016



Joyce A. Zeller, 84, passed away peacefully in her sleep June 12, 2016 at her home in Eureka Springs, Ark. She was born Jan. 23, 1932, as Joyce Arlene Krone, in Harrisburg, Pa.

She graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School in the class of 1949, near the top of her class. In 1950, she decided to serve her country during the Korean War, and joined the Women’s Army Corps, where she was stationed in Fort Riley, Kan. She met her husband, Robert J. Zeller, at Fort Riley. They raised a family with four children in Arlington Heights, Ill.

Joyce was always a take-charge woman, offering leadership in many things, from Cub Scout Den Mother, to involvement in a number of local committees in Arlington Heights, to her long involvement in a theater group known as “Village Theater.” Joyce was also an established columnist for the *Arlington Herald*, where she had a cooking column entitled, “The Working Woman Cooks.”

Joyce established her roots in Eureka Springs, Ark., in 1979 when she opened the Caswell-Massey perfume

and toiletry shop. She and her husband Bob moved to Eureka Springs officially in 1982. Her store later changed its name to “The Spa Shop,” and thrived there for 32 years.

Later in her life, she became more involved in local politics and finally ran for City Council of Eureka Springs. She was twice elected to council, as her popularity among the Eureka Springs residents, along with determination, lifted her to her stature. Joyce also ran twice for Mayor of Eureka Springs.

One of the most memorable highlights of her political career occurred last year, when she was featured in an episode of *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* on Comedy Central, which aired on July 29, of 2015.

Joyce had a life-long ambition of being a writer and book author, and began writing her first manuscript for *The Haunting of Aaron House*, approximately 14 years ago. Since then, she has written and published six novels which include *Maddie’s Choice*, *Love in a Small Town*, *Accidental Alien*, *Love Out of Time*, *Christmas for Annabel*, and finally, *The Haunting of Aaron House*, and a non-fiction book, *Hidden History of Eureka Springs*.

Joyce is survived by her daughter, Pam, and husband Steve Babcock; her three sons, Perry and his wife, Betty; Jeff and his wife, Katie; and Steve and his wife, Cynthia.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Visitation will be at 4 – 7 p.m., Friday, June 24, 2016 at the Nelson’s Chapel of the Springs, 150 W. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

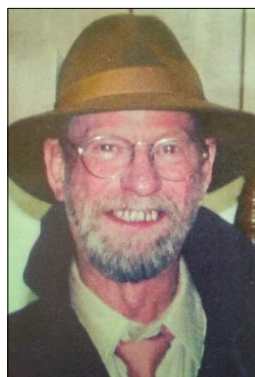
Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church of Eureka Springs, 195 Huntsville Rd, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Interment will follow in the Eureka Springs Cemetery; Eureka Springs, Arkansas under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.

Memorial donations may be made to the Joyce Zeller Memorial funds: <https://www.gofundme.com/Memorial4Joyce> or at any Cornerstone Bank location. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

Cap’n Don McGuire

There will be a celebration in memory of Cap’n Don McGuire Sunday, June 26 at Caribé from 5 – 7 p.m. Bring your best stories and dance to the Ariels, who loved him, too. This wouldn’t be a proper celebration if it weren’t a pot luck, so if you can, bring something to share.

Gerald (Jerry) Wesson Dupy June 27, 1945 – June 15, 2016



Gerald (Jerry) Wesson Dupy was born June 27, 1945 in Memphis, Tenn., to parents Floyd Homer Dupy and Annie Laurie (Rutland) Dupy. He departed this life Wednesday, June 15, 2016 in Berryville, Ark., at age 71.

Jerry was well known throughout the area as an award-winning writer, photographer and editor at various publications, including the *Yellville Mountain Echo*, the *Ozarks Mountaineer*, *Eureka Springs Times Echo*, and most recently, *Carroll County News*. He was, at one time, owner of Penguin Graphics in Eureka Springs, and worked at Wheeler Printing in Eureka Springs, as well. Jerry also served on the Carroll County Library board of directors and the Carroll County Country Club board of directors.

As a young man, he studied journalism at Memphis State and landed his first job as a photojournalist at the *Memphis Press Scimitar* before

joining the U.S. Navy in 1966.

Jerry married Paula Rae Gear on Oct. 14, 1967 in Memphis while serving in the Navy, and the couple resided in both Hawaii and Washington, D.C. until his discharge in 1970. He returned to his passion for journalism, once again at the *Memphis Press Scimitar*, before making a move to Arkansas where he pursued his craft in earnest, turning his talents into a rewarding career.

On April 30, 2010, at age 65, Jerry retired from *Carroll County News* to his farm at Urbanette. He is survived by his wife, Paula, of the home, two nieces, many former newspaper colleagues, and a host of dear friends.

A Celebration of Life will be Wednesday, June 29, at Sparky's in Eureka Springs from 2 – 4 p.m.

Merlin Leach July 11, 1944 – June 15, 2016

Merlin Leach, 71, passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at his home.

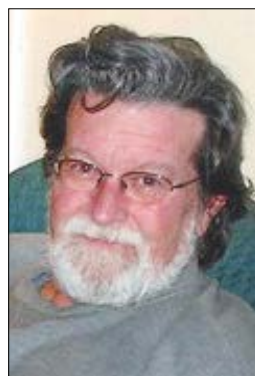
He was born in Croswell, Mich., July 11, 1944 to Donald H. and Mildred (Farley) Leach. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Anita Engert; two daughters, Sherry Leach of Gilbert, Ariz., and Tara Benoit of Katy, Texas; and nephew, Donovan Campbell of Tucson, Ariz.

Merlin joined the Navy at 16, and went on to become a policeman, professional pilot, bank president, head of mergers and acquisitions for Westinghouse, owner of a mortgage company, head of a large corporation, and a Ph.D psychologist specializing in psycho-neural immunology. He earned multiple degrees and certifications and had a love of learning that lasted throughout his life.

Merlin moved to Carroll County in 1993 to retire, and while building a home outside Alpena, established The Merlin Foundation instead. This choice became his life's work and passion. He became an active member in the community and was involved with many organizations over the years such as Berryville Rotary, Carroll County Resource Council, Drug Free Carroll County, and the

Alpena Historical Society.

He was on the South Carroll County Fire Department, a CASA volunteer, committee chair for the Ozark Affiliate of Susan G. Komen, and served for 12 years as a state commissioner. He believed the Foundation's mission was to focus on those who were being underserved in the community. To that end, he provided a women's shelter, established a children's advocacy center (Grandma's House) and a multi-disciplinary team to coordinate the investigation, prosecution and treatment of severe child abuse.



He was a registered lobbyist promoting new or improved legislation affecting women and children, and worked with many other community organizations in support of programs such as the "Shop with a Cop" Christmas event, and the Cowboy Church transportation fund for cancer patients. He was a 13-year Susan G. Komen grantee providing free breast care services for which he received the Josetta Wilkins Award for outstanding work in breast cancer awareness, education and prevention.

On top of that, he pursued filmmaking and

screenplay writing. He put together an educational video, "Text to Death" which was adopted by schools and other agencies throughout the state on the dangers of texting while driving.

He was an advocate and sponsor of women entering the film business.

He loved filming community events such as the Special Olympics and Polar Bear Plunge. He also loved photography and learning the history of the people and places of Carroll County. Merlin read every day and looked forward to his daily morning posts on Facebook. He always felt rewarded and humbled by all of the wonderful people whose friendship and support he had come to know during the course of life's journey.

He was an amazing man.

Celebration Of Life Memorial will be 6 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2016 at Berryville High School (Bobcat Arena) with Pastor Billy Williams and Claire Kelly officiating. Family has requested that in lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Merlin Foundation.

Services by Smith Family Funeral Home of Green Forest, Ark., and online condolences can be accessed at www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net

BEE CITY continued from page 6

Honey takes on the flavor of the plants being pollinated, so it can vary in taste. And fans say if you compare local honey to that bought in the store, you will taste an amazing difference.

Also on display will be some of the flowering native plants that attract pollinators to your garden. Native plants are not just hardy and important to the local ecology, but well worth planting for their attractiveness alone.

Ken Trimble, founder of the Eureka Springs Pollinators' Alliance, said it is important not just to have native plants attractive to pollinators, but also have those plants bloom in succession so there is food for the pollinators throughout the season.

"What we can do as homeowners does make a difference," Trimble said. "In addition to planting native plants, there are simple things you can do like putting out floating sticks or pebbles in small containers of water for bees to get a drink. Or you can put out solitary bee nests such as those for Mason bees. Buying local honey also supports a healthy bee population in the area."

"There are a lot of beekeepers in Carroll County," said Patrick Edwards, a beekeeper from Garfield who operates Prepper Bee Supply in Garfield. "We try to educate people about what chemicals to stay away from. Everyone wants to save the bees."

Caution: Bee keeping can be so fun it

is addicting. Edwards' wife, Kelly, started with one hive and is now up to 56.

There are a number of beekeepers in the Eureka Springs Pollinators' Alliance who are happy to provide mentoring for people starting out in beekeeping. But while this is designed to be a "show and tell" for beekeeping, you don't have to be a beekeeper to be involved.

The Southern Plains region is home to a diverse mix of eastern and western pollinators including the monarch butterfly, other butterflies, moths and hummingbirds, all which are under threat. Providing wildflower-rich habitat is the most significant action you can take to support pollinators, according to The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

Information from the Xerces *Bring Back the Pollinators* campaign will be available at the Pollination Celebration. That campaign is based on four principles: Grow pollinator-friendly flowers, protect bee nests and butterfly host plants, avoid pesticides, and spread the word. People can participate by taking the Pollinator Protection Pledge and registering their habitat on a nationwide map of pollination corridors found at www.bringbackthepollinators.org.

The Eureka Springs Pollinators Alliance will be continuing to meet regularly and is planning other upcoming projects. For more information, contact Trimble at libertysvc@sbcglobal.net or by calling (479) 981-0072.



Watch the wind chill and keep a dry pair of gloves handy. Well, we went from cold to hot fast so leave the jacket at home and grab the sunscreen.

Caught some good fish this week but they had to rush off before we got a pic so threw in this one from the ‘90s of me on a cold winter day.

Well, a lot has changed this week with the warm weather. Water temps went from 78° to 83° both here at Holiday Island and on Beaver Lake. Last week the thermocline did not matter. This week it does.

Last week we caught stripers from the surface without weights and below with weights, and shad did great even on top. From now till September, add the weight. Get the bait down in cooler water or they will die.

Stripers are still being caught on topwater lures close to sunrise and sunset on top water lures and shad, brood shiners and perch, early and late in the day 18 – 30 ft. deep from the dam to Rocky Branch. As the water warms more the more they will move into the cooler water near the dam.

Here at Holiday Island we still have some big schools of white bass between

Beaver and Houseman in the river. A lot of our warm water fish will go deeper here to cool off, but a lot of bait and fish know cooler water is also up river. Go up till the temp starts dropping into the 70s. You will know you’re there when you see bait on top, and hear on the shoreline along with the cows, hint, Cows Creek.

Here closer to the Island we still have walleye off the flats being caught 10 – 20 ft. deep on jigs tipped with a minnow or worm, 1oz. spoons and trolling deeper diving crankbaits. Crappie and bass have moved closer to the 10 – 15 ft. department close to the trees and sunken brush.

If you’re fishing off the shoreline you can now get bigger perch near brush and rocks on worms, crickets and grubs, or go for some trout from Houseman to the dam.

Lake Leatherwood is also a good place to go now if you want to try for some crappie, catfish, bass or perch. They can point you in the right direction and also rent you a canoe, kayak or rowboat close to the cost of when I was a kid, and that was a ways back.

Well that’s it for this week, fish the cooler hours and stay cool.

Robert Johnson, fishofexcellence.com, (479) 253-2258

INDEPENDENT**Crossword**

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann Solution on page 23

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ACROSS

1. Grip
6. 1907-08 World Series champs
10. Segments of a play
14. Non-urban
15. Olympic fencing weapon
16. Hindu garment
17. Agave fiber
18. Slang for “feet”
19. Minor aggravation
20. Turtle or tortoise
23. Formerly
24. Significant years
25. Unused quality
27. Migraine, e.g.
32. Species of duck
33. Standard weight in physics, abbr.
34. Capital of Tibet
36. Parts
39. Pasta type
41. Evaluate
43. Type of cracker
44. Wear away
46. Section of Muslim house reserved for women
48. Louse egg
49. Reward, *archaic*

51. Resident of Aden is one
53. Childhood disease
56. Central focus of Freud
57. Picnic companion
58. Floats on the surface
64. Mix ingredients
66. Call out
67. Ringworm
68. Ricelike pasta
69. Sea eagle
70. Vast sea
71. Russian negative
72. Group of two
73. Salamanders
12. Attempts
13. Locales
21. Odessa summer house
22. Pitcher
26. Temple
27. Smoky atmosphere
28. Islamic chieftan
29. Set up to run by itself
30. Form of corned beef
31. Written tract
35. Swiss tributary to the Rhine
37. Refine text
38. Completely fill
40. Mid-month date
42. Where an Adenite lives
45. Charged swimmers
47. Blast measure
50. Confounded
52. Announcement
53. Stone worker
54. Contest submission
55. Having a tapering, pointed body
59. Highest volcano in Europe
60. Type of horn
61. Over again
62. Whiskey, no water
63. Light brown shades
65. Decay

DOWN

1. Indomitable spirit
2. Deception
3. Objects subject to aesthetic criteria
4. Style of peanut
5. Type of fluid buildup in the chest
6. Monetary unit of Ghana
7. Atop
8. Commenced
9. Second part of a sonnet
10. Donkey
11. Pasta filled with meat or cheese

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
WESTERN DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CLARENCE LEWIS MCILVAIN, JR.,
Deceased
NO. 08W-PR 2016-_____

Name of decedent: Clarence Lewis
McIlvain, Jr.

Last known address: 12148 Maverick
Dr., Willis, TX 77378

Date of death: November 22, 2005

On June 17, 2016, an affidavit for
collection of small estate by distributee
was filed with respect to the estate of
Clarence Lewis McIlvain, Jr., deceased,
with the probate clerk of the circuit court
of Carroll County, Arkansas, under Ark.
Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the
estate must exhibit them, properly
verified, to the distributee or his or her
attorney within three (3) months from
the date of the first publication of this
notice or they shall be forever barred and
precluded from any benefit in the estate.

The name, mailing address, and
telephone number of the distributee or
the distributee’s attorney is: Kristine B.
Kendrick, Attorney at Law, 105A W. Van
Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

This notice first published: June 22, 2016.

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LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
WESTERN DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
EVELYN MCILVAIN, Deceased
NO. 08W-PR-2016-_____

Name of decedent: Evelyn McIlvain

Last known address: 12148 Maverick
Dr., Willis, TX 77378

Date of death: December 22, 1997

On June 17, 2016, an affidavit for
collection of small estate by distributee
was filed with respect to the estate of
Evelyn McIlvain, deceased, with the
probate clerk of the circuit court of Carroll
County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann.
§ 28-41-101.

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estate must exhibit them, properly
verified, to the distributee or his or her
attorney within three (3) months from
the date of the first publication of this
notice or they shall be forever barred and
precluded from any benefit in the estate.

The name, mailing address, and
telephone number of the distributee or
the distributee’s attorney is: Kristine
B. Kendrick, Attorney at Law, 105A
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The Holiday Island Elks Lodge 1042 will hold a BBQ on Saturday, July 9 to raise money to fund its Drug Awareness Program. The BBQ will be from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Cornerstone Bank parking lot in Holiday Island. The cost is \$5 for a burger or brat, chips, and a soft drink or iced tea. Proceeds will be used to purchase packets, rulers, pencils, and pens that children receive from the Holiday Island Elks three part Drug Awareness Program.

CONSTABLES continued from page 10

1:03 a.m. – There was a domestic dispute in a parking lot downtown. Constable arrested the male for public intoxication and on a warrant out of Ohio.

10:33 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving left of center, driving on a revoked license and no proof of insurance.

11:17 a.m. – Another traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for no proof of insurance, failure to pay registration, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. A passenger was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

1:27 p.m. – Constable checked on malfunctioning parking meters downtown.

1:50 p.m. – Constable issued a ticket to a vehicle parked in a loading zone for more than an hour.

4:37 p.m. – Motorist called in a particular car that had nearly run the motorist off the road. Constable followed the vehicle through town but saw nothing untoward.

5:16 p.m. – Mother and son came to the station to report a stolen cell phone.

6:17 p.m. – A pickup reportedly blocked a city street for a moment or two.

10:22 p.m. – Constable waited at city limits for an erratic driver, but the vehicle did not make it to town.

10:43 p.m. – Trespassers returned to a motel parking lot, and the clerk was displeased. Constables showed up to defuse the situation.

10:50 p.m. – Several callers alerted ESPD to an intoxicated naked person in a parking lot downtown. Constables learned the person was not naked but was inebriated. Family members arrived to take over.

11:17 p.m. – Constable determined the music at a location downtown was not nearly as loud as the complainant had suggested.

JUNE 19

1:48 a.m. – Traffic stop downtown resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, no driver’s license, no proof of insurance, driving left of center and no seat belt.

7:33 a.m. – Constable toured the cemetery after a report of suspicious activity.

1:51 p.m. – Vehicle parked in a loading zone too long got a ticket.

2:33 p.m. – Vehicle damaged a fire hydrant on Main Street.

5:13 p.m. – Driver on a side road south of town found herself stuck in a ditch and needed a tow truck to get pulled out.

5:23 p.m. – Driver got his vehicle high-centered at Lake Leatherwood City Park. Constables arrested him for public intoxication.

6 p.m. – ESPD got a call claiming there were subjects drinking in Harmon Park with whiskey bottles and beer cans scattered around. Constables found three males at the skateboard park and one of them was drinking an energy drink, but there was nothing like the caller had described.

8:47 p.m. – According to an observer, a male in a pickup was arguing with a female pedestrian on a street above downtown. Constables did not encounter any of them.

JUNE 20

12:16 a.m. – Constable took a report of a 911 call.

12:50 a.m. – Central dispatch passed along that an intoxicated driver in a damaged vehicle with its airbags possibly deployed might be headed toward town. Constables never saw the vehicle.

1:34 a.m. – Person was arrested for public intoxication.

2:40 a.m. – Alarm called in an alarm at a bank and then called to disregard the first call.

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