

New B&Bs on suspension

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday evening's meeting, Eureka Springs city council voted to impose a six-month moratorium on issuing licenses for Bed & Breakfasts in all residential zones in the city. The decision was prompted by recent confusion caused by what Planning commissioners and aldermen have both called vague language in City Code related to B&Bs.

Alderman James DeVito began the discussion by pointing to the changing nature of the residential landscape in Eureka Springs. He said affordable housing is scarce for prospective workers and there is an increasing number of people buying second homes in town, so fewer rental properties increases what renters must pay. He contended if council does not do something soon, the town will revert to having too many B&Bs and not enough housing.

"What we need to hold onto is we are a living, breathing community. We are not Disneyland. People do live here," he said, proposing that council consider a moratorium on B&Bs "until we can address the bigger issues."

Alderman Mickey Schneider responded she was the exact opposite of DeVito. She claimed a B&B is a home where a family lives and they rent a room to visitors. She claimed B&Bs expand the town's population. "How does this take away from our population? What am I missing? I don't get it," she stated.

"This is a complex issue," alderman David Mitchell replied. He maintained some people cannot afford to live in neighborhoods because of the high rent, but B&Bs do not take away affordable housing. He reiterated the cause of recent problems is vague language in City Code about B&Bs and tourist lodgings.

He added that new rental strategies such as Airbnb only confuse the issue further. He agreed with DeVito that council must pay attention and do something. However, he was not confident imposing a moratorium would

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A buzz in the air – The Eureka Springs Pollinator Alliance took to Basin Park on Thursday, celebrating Eureka Springs' affiliation with Bee City USA. Visitors learned what plants attract pollinators to their gardens, and bee-keeping equipment was on display.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Facing east were 13 colonies full of people in a raw, unmapped land, staring at the Atlantic Ocean. Inhabitants were taxed, but not allowed representation. When the colonists turned around there were natives saying things like, "Maps? Kidding? Who are you people?"

On July 2, 1776, this country's independence was declared from England. On August 2, 1776, the document was signed, and not one signer was born in the United States, as the United States didn't exist.

New Americans got a lot of things wrong, starting with the dates, but 56 men did sign a document that turned a rebellion into a revolution. A free country was born and no one knew much about it or how to do it.

The Declaration of Independence is a metaphor for what we all crave. Happy Birthday, America (240!). Happy Birthday, Eureka Springs (137!). Happy Birthday *Eureka Springs Independent* (4!)

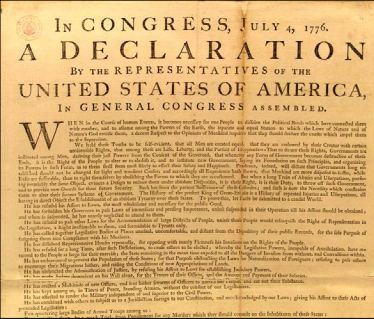


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solve the problem.

DeVito disagreed with Schneider's claim that families run B&Bs, and having a place for families is one of his concerns. He said he is looking out for the city as a whole. In his view, council has an opportunity to act before the number of B&Bs proliferates.

"We can do nothing and later lament the fact we didn't shut the barn door, or we can be proactive," he commented.

Schneider still insisted B&Bs are homes for locals plus temporary locals who might become return visitors. She

stated council must take time to "hash this thing out."

Mitchell pointed out rental of cottages and cabins has boomed, but B&Bs not so much. He said a moratorium would make sense, but was not sure what Planning would be able to do. Nevertheless, he pointed out, "We slammed the door shut on weekly rentals, but the door for B&Bs is still open."

Alderman Terry McClung said this predicament is not what city leaders envisioned 15 years ago when parts of Code were crafted. He said a moratorium was a good idea, would give Planning a chance to work on Code language, and council would have to contribute effort as well.

Alderman Bob Thomas asked what would be accomplished by imposing a moratorium, and mayor Butch Berry answered it would give Planning time to come up with recommendations for council to consider.

At that point, DeVito moved to impose a six-month moratorium on issuing licenses for B&Bs in all residential zones in the city, and McClung seconded the motion.

Schneider insisted a moratorium did not make sense. She wondered if council should appoint a committee to look at

revising Code.

Berry was firm that it was the task of Planning to make recommendations about Code revisions to council. Mitchell said council should give some direction on what it wants from Planning and Thomas agreed. Berry maintained Planning commissioners were aware that the ordinance regulating B&Bs needed revision, and council should let them do their work.

McClung stated Planning lost a very qualified commissioner because of the vagueness in City Code, and a moratorium would give the city a chance to clear up the confusion. He added he did not appreciate those who take advantage of the rules.

"And someone needs to enforce the rules," Mitchell asserted. He agreed times have changed and interpretations of Code are different, and it was unfortunate Planning lost a valuable commissioner because of ambiguity left uncorrected. The vote on DeVito's motion to impose a six-month moratorium on issuing licenses for B&Bs in all residential zones in the city was 3-2, Thomas and Schneider voting No. Berry cast the deciding fourth Yes vote.

Other items

• Council set 5 p.m., August 8, as the date for a workshop to go over recommendations of the food truck committee.

• Berry announced Planning has a vacant seat.

• He also announced the Auditorium Committee will continue to meet under the auspices of the City Advertising and Promotion Committee.

• Planning commissioner Fergie Stewart told council there would be a Eureka Springs block party at Lake Leatherwood City Park from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on August 20. Activities will take place in the ballfields and in the main meadow at the park. Service organizations including the Good Shepherd Humane Society, Flint Street Mission, the Historic Museum and others as well as ESPD, ESFD, ambulance providers and more will be on site to explain what they do.

• Council approved all three readings of Ordinance 2243 which removed part of Hickory Street from the jurisdiction of Parks for further consideration by council.

• Also approved was Resolution 685 which authorized Interim Fire Chief Nick Samac to submit a grant request to the Arkansas Rural Economic Development Commission for the purpose of securing state funds of \$50,000 for purchasing additional breathing devices.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 11, at 6 p.m.



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Council to fill vacancy July 25

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry told city council June 27 that the procedure for filling a vacancy at the council table, such as the one created by the passing of alderman Joyce Zeller, would be for council to first declare a vacancy, which alderman David Mitchell then moved to declare.

City attorney Tim Weaver said aldermen could fill the vacancy at the next meeting. However, there would need to be a quorum comprised only of aldermen – the mayor could not be included in that count – and aldermen Terry McClung and Mickey Schneider had already announced

they would not be at the July 11 meeting.

McClung and alderman James DeVito urged council to declare the vacancy that evening and choose the new alderman at the July 25 meeting. Schneider commented they did not need to rush into choosing a new alderman. She preferred waiting to declare a vacancy. Alderman Bob Thomas agreed with McClung and DeVito, and vote to declare a vacancy was 4-1, Schneider voting No.

Weaver suggested council set a date for filling a vacancy so it could be published and provide notice to those interested in applying to fill the seat.

Aldermen voted 4-1, Schneider voting No, to establish July 25 as the date for filling the vacancy.

Thomas asked for clarity regarding the procedure for voting, and after discussion, aldermen agreed unanimously that those interested would need to have applications in the mayor's office by the end of business Monday, July 18, the mayor's office would prepare ballots for council's vote. Those ballots will be preserved as part of the public record.

Parks approves Huss's plans for Leatherwood

NICKY BOYETTE

At the April 19 Parks Commission meeting, Director Justin Huss presented a list of items he said needed immediate attention at Lake Leatherwood City Park. He convinced commissioners the need for new rental boats was urgent, and they voted to allow him to spend up to \$13,075 to replace equipment at the marina. However, commissioners wanted a clearer projection of expected revenues and more specific cost analysis of the other projects.

At the June 21 meeting, Huss delivered his five-year Capital Improvement Plan along with a 17-page addendum with details for 49 projects he identified for LLCP. Huss divided the projects into three tiers of priority with 13 items in the Main Priority list. He mentioned he used previous plans for LLCP as well as public input to develop the list.

Chair Bill Featherstone said Parks might still receive as much as \$400,000 from the 1/8-cent sales-and-use tax dedicated to LLCP, which ends September 2017. He called items on the list a "good mix of necessities and electives."

Huss budgeted \$30,000 for a contingency fund and \$20,000 for a maintenance fund. His Main Priority list includes new septic system, Wi-Fi and a reservation system, a kiosk in the day-use area, main road signage, repair of the cooking pavilion, improvements to concessions, toilets and trail rest areas, and cabin renovations, additional camping sites, additional enhanced camping sites, bike repair/air stations, bike huts and yurts. Huss estimated these items would cost

\$255,700.

He also envisions the improvements will attract more visitors, which will generate more income. He said the new fleet has already been a big hit with visitors. Revenue from rental of new boats recently out-paced cabin rentals.

Commissioner Barry Reed moved to approve the CIP and to approve the first 13 projects listed under Main Priorities, and give Huss authority to implement those items in the order he sees fit given needs and cash flow. Vote to approve his motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Steven Foster suggested the CIP be posted on the Parks website, and Reed added it should also be available at city hall and the library.

Other items

- Commissioners voted to authorize Huss to negotiate a deal with Fat Tire Festival organizers so there can be a beer tent at the event and Parks would get a cut of the proceeds. The event will be July 15-17.

- Huss announced revenue at LLCP is ahead of last year's numbers, and he has yet to implement many of the projects at LLCP designed to move the park toward being self-sustaining. "We are seeing what kind of revenue a little fine-tuning can provide, and I am confident we will see major returns on these expenditures," he said.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, July 12, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park. This is one week later than the usual workshop date. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, 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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Council makes no move on Washington parking

NICKY BOYETTE

Fire Marshal Jimmy Kelley gave council his assessment of whether a section of Washington Street should be a No Parking zone because of the difficulty fire crews have turning onto Point Street when cars are parked near the intersection with Washington.

Nearby residents had voiced opinions for and against painting the curbs red on either side of the entrance to Point Street. Apartment house owner Bill King had insisted the red curbs would create a hardship for his renters by taking away parking. Other residents said the red curbs would alleviate congestion.

Kelley said his job as fire marshal was to evaluate every situation to determine what's in the best interest of citizens, and he thought fire trucks should be able to access Point Street from both directions on Washington. He said he watched as a firefighter tried to drive a fire truck onto Point Street, but couldn't when approaching from the south. The driver tried approaching from the north and was able to make the

turn with assistance from Kelley. However, no vehicles were parked in the vicinity at the time, and Kelley's opinion was the fire truck could not have made the turn if cars had been there.

"It will be my recommendation... that we do require no parking on the west side of Washington Street directly across from Point Street and for 60 feet in either direction to the North and South from the center of Point Street to allow fire engine access," Kelley's report stated.

Alderman Mickey Schneider asked Kelley how many streets in town were similar, and he replied several. She asked if it were possible to identify them so the city could begin preparing to rectify tight situations, and Kelley said ESFD could, but he didn't know when they would have time.

Alderman David Mitchell replied, however, the issue before council was this one street. He said the city has even widened streets in the past when necessary, and other issues related to fire department access have been addressed when identified, and that

Kelley established the difficulty in providing fire protection for three houses on Point Street, and another house being planned. In addition, Point Street is only 18 ft. wide, and 20 feet is mandated for access by fire trucks. He also pointed out where additional parking could be created, so loss of parking was not necessarily a major concern. Mitchell contended council had been apprised of a safety concern, so it was incumbent upon them to resolve it.

Schneider asked Kelley if the curbs at the intersection could be moved back, and he replied it was possible.

Alderman Terry McClung told council the Fire Department has a first responder mini-pumper truck that can make the

turn onto Point Street, and has for years. He remarked painting curbs red in that neighborhood would open a can of worms for the city because similar situations exist all around town.

"I'm with leaving things as they are," he said.

Mitchell stated, "History is nice, but history is history." He reiterated council had before it a recommendation from the fire marshal plus there was a possible solution to loss of parking.

"We're addressing the facts before us," Mitchell proclaimed as he moved for council to proceed with amending a city ordinance to include Kelley's recommendations. There was no second, so the motion died.

Parks Director gets what he had coming

NICKY BOYETTE

Commission Chair Bill Featherstone said last Tuesday that Parks needs a formalized, written policy regarding vacations, holidays and sick leave that the city finance director could follow when processing payroll. Director Justin Huss added he would need it for the annual audit as well. Huss had prepared a Memorandum of Understanding clarifying his perception of what the director's benefit package included.

The job description posted in advertisements stated under Compensation and Benefits that the director would receive salary based on education and experience, four weeks paid vacation, 11 paid holidays, sick pay, a tax-deferred retirement program and health and accident insurance.

Commissioner Fergie Stewart

suggested some businesses use a set number of floating holidays for employees like Huss who must work on some holidays.

Discussion hit upon particulars, such as carryover from one year to the next, and a cap if benefits were to be accrued. Featherstone said they did not necessarily need to settle the questions at that meeting, but Huss disagreed. He said he accepted the job with an understanding of what his benefit package would be, and stated he would not be sitting at the table that evening if he knew the situation were going to be otherwise. He insisted they resolve the dilemma at that meeting.

After a bit more discussion, commissioner Ruth Hager moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Her motion was unanimously approved.

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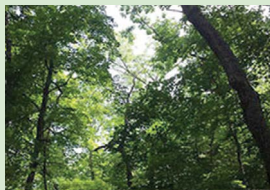
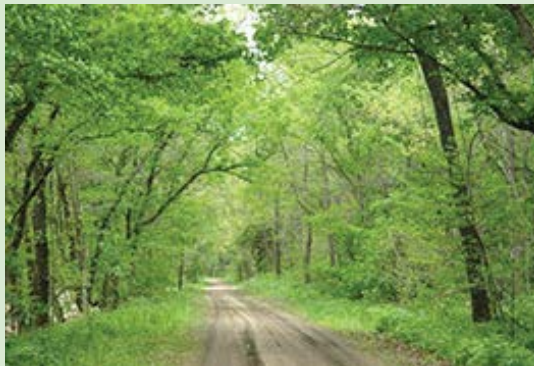
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The National Forest Service (NFS) should stop all efforts to foist "Landscape Restoration" on the

American public. These plans will surely result in the desecration of the National Forest as it exists today. Whole segments of this priceless jewel will be eliminated by wanton deforestation and subsequent burning. The very fabric of our precious heritage will be mangled and shredded beyond recognition because the NFS has nostalgic notions that pre-settlement conditions are preferable to the forest in its present state. Failed attempts at Chute Ridge, Pine Hollow and North Rock Creek Watersheds are blatant examples of unsuccessful projects to achieve their desired conditions. So now the NFS have given themselves permission to despoil another 2,600 acres. That's tantamount to rewarding themselves for their past mistakes. It makes no sense and defies all logic. You can't keep repeating the same mistakes over and over and expect different results!

The justification for this project is that the clearing and burning that form the heart of this project will have NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT on the forest or the plant, animal and human communities that exist therein. A basic ecological premise is that diversity is the key to maintaining the stability in any ecosystem. Clearing and repeated burning can only decrease the stability of the forest.

One of the most destructive aspects of this project is that a large portion of the existing forest will be subjected to "Understory Vegetative Thinning," where ALL trees 9 inches or less in diameter at chest height will be cut and burned. This will effectively eliminate many species of trees that will never reach that size in their entire life spans, including flowering dogwood (the Missouri State Tree), Pawpaw, Persimmon, Witch Hazel and Redbud, to name only a few of Spring's dazzling floral display.

Clearing out the understory will cause habitat loss for hundreds of species of shade lovers from mosses, ferns and mushrooms to Yellow Lady Slippers, Ginseng, Goldenseal and countless more.

Out of 3,607 acres of forest, only 17 acres of old growth forest will remain if this project goes forth as planned! This is appalling!

The sad fact is, that while the forest service has asked us to voice our opinions, not one of our concerns has been specifically addressed. Their only response has been, NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. We don't believe that manipulating over 2/3 of the forest with "Cut and Leave" and burning will not affect current plant and animal communities. They use forest decline as their purpose for the project. SHOW US THE DECLINE. We take many hikes in this forest, the last one on Forest Lane 1053 in the Chute Ridge unit and saw NO evidence of decline. We took this hike with Michelle Bowe, PhD, Botanist and professor at Missouri State University, Springfield. She agreed, she saw no decline. What we did observe was a pristine, cool forest.

Forest Lane 1053 descends down a steep slope right through the heart of the Chute Ridge Unit Project area. As we followed the lane downhill, we discovered several rare Ozark Chinquapin Chestnut sprouts. When the NFS employs "Cut and Leave" and "Understory Vegetative Control" in this area, this rare tree will disappear.

Moving further downhill, we came upon a lush ravine with a sparkling clear gravel bottomed rivulet, where to my delight, I found both minnow fry and aquatic salamanders, with several patches of increasingly rare Goldenseal located along its banks.

Surely when the steep slopes above the aquifer are "managed," the ensuing muddy runoff will eliminate its inhabitants and the Goldenseal, which needs shade, will also

disappear. THIS AREA DESERVES PROTECTION, NOT "MANAGEMENT." Forest Lane 1053 could be an interesting hiking trail, featuring the rare and endangered plants and animals found there. This is mature forest that SHOULD NOT BE MANAGED FOR GLADE RESTORATION!

One of the most devastating aspects of this plan is the need to keep burning, for DECADES, to ensure that the forest will not regenerate. This will deplete the forest of both moisture and nutrients and destroy the leaf mold that constitutes the forest floor. Leaf mold intercepts water from heavy rains, holds it and contains the microbial life which is the basis for life in the forest. It prevents erosion, slows runoff, starts new seedlings and houses insects, amphibians, reptiles and small mammals which are the basis for a stable forest. It provides the food that feeds the forest. The leaf mold itself sequesters carbon.



Climate change requires attention to carbon sequestration. Trees sequester carbon. The red cedar sequesters carbon year 'round when deciduous trees are dormant. While the NFS considers it invasive, it provides cover and food for animal populations and stops erosion.

A total of 1,330 acres are slated for cedar removal.

There is no intention to use these cedars commercially. This is strictly a slash and burn operation with no regard for the value of the species as important nesting and bedding areas for both birds and mammals and for both erosion and flood control.

The NFS *must* be familiar with the April 2015 Climate Initiative brought forth by Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees the U.S. Forest Service. He says Federal Stewardship of our national forest must include:

- Reforesting areas damaged by wildfire, insects, or disease and restore forests to increase their resilience to those disturbances
- Stopping Deforestation – Maintaining forests is crucial to avoid carbon dioxide pollution and ensure the ability to sequester carbon
- Reforestation – Maintaining areas as forests, trees will continue to sequester carbon
- Afforestation – Converting agricultural land to forests to increase the amount of carbon sequestration
- Forest Management – Improving forest carbon sequestration

How does reducing forest density by 50% through "Cut and Leave" and employing the burning of our forest for decades fit into this plan? In short, present NFS practices run contrary to current enlightened attitudes about CO2 build-up and subsequent global warming. These antiquated practices must be stopped or we will all face the consequences.

Repeatedly burning these areas will have a devastating effect on the human population, both local and tourists. It will destroy the esthetics of the whole area and surely squelch our tourist trade while endangering the health of all who must endure it.

It appears the National Forest Service can't see the forest for the trees.

If you're opposed to the Butler Hollow Project and similar projects around the nation, you can still voice your opinion by going on the website www.savethemarktwain.org. There is a "take action" section where you can sign petitions and send letters voicing your concerns about this project to appropriate individuals.

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Dale R. and Sharron Becker,
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Problems at the Point

NICKY BOYETTE

Director Justin Huss told Parks' commissioners June 21 he has had visitors drive vehicles down a narrow pathway to a clearing by Lake Leatherwood City Park that has a picnic table. The area is referred to as the Point, and it is not set up as a camp, yet there has been camping there. He cited a litany of safety issues with vehicles traversing the pathway including damage to the park, danger of flat tires and inability of a tow truck to rescue vehicles. So he blocked the pathway to vehicles.

Huss also mentioned that cleanup by Parks staff "is above and beyond" because there are no sanitation facilities at the site. He suggested if the site were to be used for camping, it would need at a minimum a composting toilet that would sit near the lake and cost at least \$1000.

Huss said if they were to go to the expense of providing a composting toilet and regular maintenance, it would take years of camping fees to recoup the investment. He acknowledged it is a beautiful spot – remote, by the lake, away

from other campers and activities – but added, "From a management side, my people are carrying buckets."

Commissioner Steven Foster moved to make the Point area a day use area only, effective immediately until Parks decides to develop it as a campsite, with no vehicle traffic allowed there except Parks vehicles in an emergency. Vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

Foster added that Parks needs to develop policies relative to biological and environmental issues in the park.

He gave as an example that he recently encountered a hiker carrying a bouquet of rare delphiniums she had picked, and by the time she walked back to the parking lot, the flowers had wilted and she just threw them on the ground.

Huss wondered if the park could be designated a nature preserve. Chair Bill Featherstone followed that at least they need signage to educate the public, and agreed with Foster that Parks needs a policy they can communicate to visitors.

Trailing along with Parks

NICKY BOYETTE

Parks Chair Bill Featherstone announced there would be a town meeting about trails from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, June 30, in the cafeteria of the old high school. Primary focus will be to explain the role of the Community Center as the hub of the trails system, but there will be time for reviewing the Master Plan for

Trails as well as an opportunity to ask questions about the Community Center. This will be the first town meeting on the Community Center since January.

Director Justin Huss mentioned there would be a mountain biking skills' clinic for students in grades 6-12 on August 13 at Lake Leatherwood. The clinic is part of a budding relationship with the National Interscholastic Cycling Association that prepares students for participating in the

NICA mountain bike race for high school and junior high-aged students to be held at LLCP October 23, an event Huss said he hoped would become annual.

Featherstone said the Slo-Ryde Trail, a beginner trail built by the Carroll County Off Road Cyclists, opened June 4. In addition, Dave Biossat created a limestone walking bridge for crossing a creek near the trail.

Also, the Trails Committee now has

a website. Viewers can find it at either eurekaspringstrails.com or eurekatrails.com.

Huss is planning to have a strong presence at the International Mountain Biking Association World Summit in Bentonville in November. He is working with the mayor's office, the Chamber of Commerce and the City Advertising and Promotion Commission to ensure Eureka Springs makes a memorable impression on attendees.

School board, Foundation inching toward agreement

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs School Board and the Community Center Foundation moved closer to transferring possession of the old high school property to the Foundation, but the changeover will have to wait another month. The school board voted to extend the transfer deadline, originally scheduled for June 30, another 30 days.

Diane Murphy, president of the CCF board, told the school board she was confident her group will have raised \$200,000 by the end of June, and the Foundation would be prepared to take possession of the property if the latest version of the lease were approved by the school board.

"We are prepared to act. If we get under contract, we'll all know where we stand," Murphy said. Attorney Wade Williams, acting on behalf of the Foundation, sent the most recent draft of the lease to school board attorney Kristi Kendrick, but neither Kendrick nor the board had a chance to review it.

School board president Chris McClung also said he would need to review the lease before he agrees to anything. To accomplish a June 30 transfer, board members would have to convene a special meeting and make counter offers. However, Supt. Bryan Pruitt said he would be out of town, plus there are still other unsettled matters related to the transfer of the property.

Kendrick said a bond attorney told her the district still owed \$88,000 on old bonds tied to the property, and this

indebtedness restricts what the district can do. The district cannot pay off the bonds until they mature in four years. She mentioned one option would be to sell the property instead of leasing it.

Pruitt said another choice would be to purchase additional bonds to cover the old bonds, and with new bonds the district can turn over the property to the Foundation.

Board member Gayla Wolfinbarger said she wished the board had known about this encumbrance before they began lease negotiations, but board member Debbie Davis responded they could authorize Pruitt to work with the bond attorney to purchase new bonds, then proceed.

Pruitt told the board the district has the \$88,000 plus the attorney's fee – as much as \$1500 – but funds were not budgeted for this purpose. He added the district pays about \$40,000 annually on upkeep of the vacant property.

Wolfinbarger preferred delaying paying for bonds. "We're here for the schools," she said.

Board member Al Larson countered that if the bonds were secured and versions of the lease rectified, the Foundation could take possession of the property.

Davis again urged, "Get the bonds taken care of." She pointed out during the four years until the bonds are due, the district would have paid almost \$200,000 in maintenance of the vacant property.

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Also, the Trails Committee now has a website. Viewers can find it at either eurekaspringstrails.com or eurekatrails.com.

Huss is planning to have a strong presence at the International Mountain Biking Association World Summit in Bentonville in November. He is working with the mayor's office, the Chamber of Commerce and the City Advertising and Promotion Commission to ensure Eureka Springs makes a memorable impression on attendees.

Smoking lights up commission

NICKY BOYETTE

Parks Director Justin Huss pointed out at the June 21 meeting that Parks has a No Smoking policy for Basin Park and the playgrounds at Harmon Park, but the city has no ordinance to back it up so there is nothing anyone can do about smoking other than ask smokers to please abide by the policy. He urged commissioners to pursue an ordinance.

Huss introduced Brenda Patterson who promotes tobacco prevention

education in Carroll, Madison and Newton counties. She said she was able to make progress in Huntsville on eliminating smoking in public places, and agreed with Huss an ordinance would enable enforcement.

Chair Bill Featherstone pointed out Huntsville does not have the influx of visitors like Eureka Springs. "Here it is not just locals in the park. What are the implications to our only economy?"

Patterson responded it takes building awareness.

Commissioner Steven Foster suggested they review state law for guidance. Huss added the ordinance would need to be well crafted because some towns overreach in attempts to eliminate to smoking in areas and citizens voted them down.

Commissioner Fergie Stewart said he was on the fence about a smoking ordinance. He would rather give folks a chance to respect others and choose not to

smoke in their proximity, but Featherstone pointed contended smoke does not stay in one place.

Commissioner Barry Reed pointed out, "You have the right to swing your fist. You don't have the right to land it on someone's face. Smoking is the same thing."

Commissioner Ruth Hager added that tourists are possibly more indulgent when on vacation, so the city must walk a fine line with a no smoking ordinance.

Foster replied Basin Park is a small, finite space they can focus on, and Reed said they could ask Huss to bring back the language they need for an ordinance. Reed moved that Parks ask council to draft an ordinance based on Parks' policy of no smoking in Basin Park or the playgrounds. Foster said they can add other areas if they see fit, but this ordinance would be a start.

Vote to approve Reed's motion was unanimous.

Meditation, Interpolation, Articulation

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

Parents get a break, kids have fun

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.

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Power of jewelry explained

Jonathan Batchellor of Body Tune will speak about how wearing jewelry tuned to the frequencies of your body can make your life better on July 3 at Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street at 11 a.m. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

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Switchback rumble

Editor,

We know the switchback curves of 62 West of town are deadly – recently there were two killed when a truck crossed the center line. New to that piece of road are “rumble strips” on the sides of the road.

Rather than making it safer to drive the road it has done the opposite. To avoid collisions with the rear of a truck trailer, motorcycle, or other tourist vehicle it is advisable to hug the white line while negotiating the tight curves as the aforementioned will often be left of center coming from the other direction.

The rumble strips on the white line are improper at best. If there is to be rumble strip on the side it needs to be right of the white line, not on the line. If your wheel hits the rumble strip on the curve it affects handling. This needs to be fixed. The rumble strip should be at the centerline as that is the problem, crossing the center line.

Ivan Thompson

you fly? My fear is you.

John R. Willer, artist

Politics should be unusual

Editor,

I wrote this for the *Independent* back in 2012 right after the Sandy Hook massacre. Four years and countless mass shootings later, it does indeed look like “politics as usual.”

“It was hard to speak, never mind write about something after last week’s tragic shooting, an event so horrible and beyond comprehension that it will remain a collective wound to our nation’s psyche for a very long time.

“The debate on gun control, mental health, and this country’s culture of violence will go into chatter overtime – peak – subside and return only when the next inevitable ‘record breaking’ mass shooting occurs. Politics as usual.”

John Rankine

Signs of the times

Editor,

In response to Mr. Keck’s letter to the editor in last week’s paper.

Mr. Keck,

Thank you for allowing us to see your true colors, but this isn’t 1973. Maybe it’s time to start living in the 21st Century. Talk about naive. Why so much fear? Assault rifles, really? What flag do

Times, they are a changin’

Editor,

I wish to correct this gentleman. [ESI Letters June 22]

He refers to the outdated, homophobic classification of homosexuality by the *American Psychiatric Association* as “a mental disorder.” Forgetting that updated

research and more enlightened views occur among even psychiatrists, Mr. Keck fails to understand that this accusation was prior to 1973. Does he not know that 43 years of research and knowledge may correct this false characterization?

Further, Lay Minister Keck allows his religious conditioning to ignore the humanity of gay people and the frightening reality that guns, especially assault rifles, kill. That is what guns are designed for. To fire loudly and kill painfully.

He, like too many brain-washed coreligionists, think of God as a male, the devil as a real being, and eternal damnation to any thinking person who does not automatically Sieg Heil to their interpretation of the eternal night (aka, damnation). He thinks that the *Second Amendment* means allowing countless numbers of destructive weapons to be sold to just about anyone and make a whole lot of money for gun manufacturers and their representative, the NRA.

I can hardly wait for letters next week damning me for allegedly hating religious people, supporting terrorists and denying sweet and gentle men the chance to go shoot. Frankly, I just cannot understand such misguided and mean religious misinterpretations of Jesus’s teachings, and appeal to love our sisters and brothers. I think it is about power, the need to feel powerful within a public diversity that perhaps the *bigotti* want to destroy. It’s called fascism.

T.A. Laughlin



WEEK’S Top Tweets

@Mr_Kapowski: Farmer: Is my pig going to be okay? Vet: Of course. Just apply the oinkment. I ham so sorry. I don’t know what’s bacon me say these things.

@theboydP: How men return shopping carts: Run fast while pushing cart. Let go 7 feet from return area. Cheer crash and perfect fit into other carts.

@AyshaASiddiqi: What I love about Whole Foods is you can fit \$50 worth of groceries in a stylish evening clutch.

@sammyrhodes: Instead of buying a new pair of sunglasses I think I’ll just randomly leave \$100 somewhere.

@TheThryll: Imagine how frustrating it would be if Tic-Tacs were

individually wrapped.

@CarolEdie: You say to-May-to and I say to-May-to because nobody says to-Mah-to. Nobody.

@KKAITHANI: You can tell a lot about a person by holding them hostage and asking them questions.

@JohnFugelsang: Remind the GOP that Obama’s not a radical brown-skinned antiwar socialist giving away healthcare. You’re thinking of Jesus.

@meganamram: Just read “The Three Musketeers,” and it’s true, the book is always better than the candy.

@kevinseccia: I bet there is already someone who’s put their number of twitter followers on a college application.

It makes a village

The Good Shepherd Humane Society (GSHS) is a non-profit corporation in Eureka Springs that's more than 40 years old. During that time there have been many successes, but also some failures. In speaking to locals, I know many of you have been involved in some way or another with the Good Shepherd and I've heard positive and negative things. And I've heard many wild rumors that are just not true. At the end of the day, the Good Shepherd is usually struggling... which is the nature of the beast, so to speak.

Ironically, animals are usually much easier to deal with than humans. Dogs and cats are exceptional judges of character. If humans were as good at summing up other people as dogs and cats are, the world would be a better place. Still, our furry friends do one thing that to humans is often an insurmountable challenge. They provide unconditional love. This one thing, unto itself, reveals their spiritual value.

Good Shepherd has recently said goodbye to some board members; and longtime friend of Good Shepherd and manager of our thrift stores, TraceEllen Kelly, is retiring. On behalf of the community at large, thank you TraceEllen and former board members for your tireless work. It takes much hard work, sacrifice and passion to keep Good Shepherd running efficiently, ethically and properly. For a non-profit like GSHS to be truly healthy, losing long-time employees or volunteers represents a challenging transition, yet it also represents a time for invigoration, fresh ideas and renewed energy. New participation is always welcome at GSHS.

In 2015 the Good Shepherd Humane Society adopted out 660 cats and dogs! That is a terrific number of successful adoptions given the demographics of Carroll County. And compared to 2014, GSHS reduced the average stay for cats by roughly 83% (from 131 days to 26 days); and reduced the average stay for dogs (from 67 days to 30 days). These are truly awesome statistics that sometimes get overlooked or are unknown to the community. Our managers and techs at the shelter work in a stressful environment to ensure the wellbeing, health and happiness of all those in our care.

Recently, the GSHS closed for a period of time for some much needed renovations. Since reopening the shelter to the public in May, Good Shepherd has made over 50 adoptions! These adoptions include special need cases, such as Lucky the dog and Lucy the cat. Both of these now three-legged furry

friends were found near death at different times, and taken to Good Shepherd.

GSHS operates two "Doggy Thrift Stores" located in Eureka Springs and Berryville. These stores not only provide a service to reuse, recycle and repurpose clothing and a wide range of other items, but they also give 100% of net proceeds directly to the animal shelter. Buying thrift is not only socially responsible, but the stores offer these donated items to many residents in our area that really appreciate having lower cost options for clothing, household items and even furniture. The thrift stores are really a win-win for our entire community.

GSHS has a major fundraiser still to happen this year, and a new addition. Coming in September will be the 1st Dazed & Confused Holiday Extravaganza, where we will be selling a massive quantity of Holiday items. This mega Holiday sale will offer everything from Mardi Gras to Halloween to Christmas items. And the

Doggie Style Show is back for its 35th annual celebration on Nov. 15. This year's theme is "The Cat's Meow," a salute to the Roaring Twenties. Volunteers are selling ads for our Style Show ad book and we sincerely thank all local businesses supporting GSHS.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. To say thank you, the GSHS annual Volunteer Appreciation picnic will be on Sunday, July 10 from 1 – 6 p.m. at the Beaver Lake Pavilion. Anyone who has volunteered in the past 12 months, please RSVP at goodshepherdhumanesociety@yahoo.com. Volunteers will be treated to door prizes, raffles, hot dogs, hamburgers, plenty of 'fixins', desserts, soda and tea.

With a new board and new officers barely three weeks into our term, we face this time of transition with hope and optimism for the future. It takes a village and I personally want to thank all of you who have been or are currently involved with GSHS. Onward and upward!

Troy Johnson, President GSHS



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

The newspaper headline, **Fertile Woman Dies in Climax**, raised no eyebrows back home in Minnesota when I was a boy. That's because everyone knew that Fertile and Climax were towns a short distance from one another in Polk County – up near the North Dakota border – and all it meant was that some poor woman had a car crash.

How did we know that? Back in the day, every kid in school had to memorize the names of all 87 of the state's counties, and know something about each. Polk County, for example, was named after President Polk, and is comprised of 1,970 square miles. And yes, I know what you're thinking what a fascinating dinner guest I must be, right?

I'm sure that such a learning task seems like a waste of time these days, but the purpose was to instill in students some "pride of place" and a sense of belonging to that place. Even as little kids we knew where we lived and, if you lived in Minnesota too, we knew something about each other and somehow felt "related" to each other. We shared a culture and context.

That sharing of culture and context also occurred on the national level. Teenagers listened to the same Top 40 tunes, everyone had seen *The Wizard of Oz*, and we all knew who said, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." Along those lines, every healthy adult male in our circles had served in the armed forces and had fought a war for democracy. We were all in it together.

It wasn't all roses and moonbeams, and what follows is not a lamentation. Things change. We change. Always. The biggest change is how mass media – the Internet, social media, cable television – has allowed us to find even the tiniest cohort of like-minded people (hot glue gun vandals, sidewalk lickers, Michele Bachmann supporters), and consequently feel legitimized by association. No matter how odd, profane, deviant, malformed, or eccentric you may be, you can find a BFF on Facebook.

In this brave new world everyone is a rock star, and the only place that matters is the hand in which you hold your phone.

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.

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.eukekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org or at 95 S. Main Street. Call (479) 253-9417.

Interpreting the New Testament at Metafizzies

The July 4 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature Stephen Foster continuing his discussion on metaphysical interpretation of the New Testament. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

JUNE 20

7:47 a.m. – A girlfriend could not find her boyfriend. She told ESPD they had been out on the town the night before, and now he and his truck were missing. Constables found the truck first and then the boyfriend. All okay.

7:59 a.m. – Innkeeper called about an apparently abandoned vehicle on the property. Constable advised a call for a tow truck.

9:51 a.m. – Constables resolved a parking dispute in the north part of town.

JUNE 21

4:23 p.m. – Individual arrested on an ESPD warrant.

5:21 p.m. – Man was being disorderly at a gas station, but left before constables arrived.

6:04 p.m. – Berryville PD asked constables to watch for a particular vehicle, but they never encountered it.

8:06 p.m. – The disorderly person had returned to the gas station, and so did the constables. They told him to leave and not come back.

9:25 p.m. – A person lurking around apartments aroused suspicion. Also, items turned up missing, so constable took a report.

11:40 p.m. – Individual was arrested on a Berryville PD warrant for failure to pay on charges of DWI and third degree battery.

JUNE 22

9:02 p.m. – Constables encountered the person who had been disorderly at a gas station the night before. They told him a warrant would be issued for returning to the property.

9:59 p.m. – Report came in about noises coming from a business that was closed. Constable walked through and did not find anything or anyone making noises.

JUNE 23

3:58 p.m. – Resident near downtown reported jewelry had been stolen from her house.

4:21 p.m. – Constable performed traffic control until a stalled vehicle was moved off US 62.

5:47 p.m. – Person filed a report claiming his life had been threatened.

8:01 p.m. – Constable spoke with the individual who allegedly had made the threats.

JUNE 24

7:32 a.m. – A large dog scampered along US 62. Constable looked for but did not find it, although he did try to find its owner.

1:58 p.m. – Call came in about an RV stuck on a tight street. It had extricated itself by the time a constable came to help.

3:35 p.m. – Individual reported possible identity theft.

5:54 p.m. – Another report of identity theft was filed, this time by a person accusing his brother.

7:05 p.m. – There was a domestic dispute at a restaurant, and the female was arrested for third degree battery.

10:21 p.m. – There was an accident on US 62, and one individual was arrested for DWI.

10:33 p.m. – Alarm was triggered at a business, but the constable found the building and area secure.

JUNE 25

6:31 a.m. – Loud neighbors prompted a call to ESPD. A constable got everybody settled down.

6:42 a.m. – Caller reported a female had been stabbed in a domestic disturbance and her musical instrument had been taken. Constables and EMS responded.

7:18 a.m. – Alarm at the same business as before rang out again. Again everything was secure.

9:41 a.m. – Constable provided escort for a funeral.

12:27 p.m. – Individual was arrested for aggravated robbery and first-degree battery.

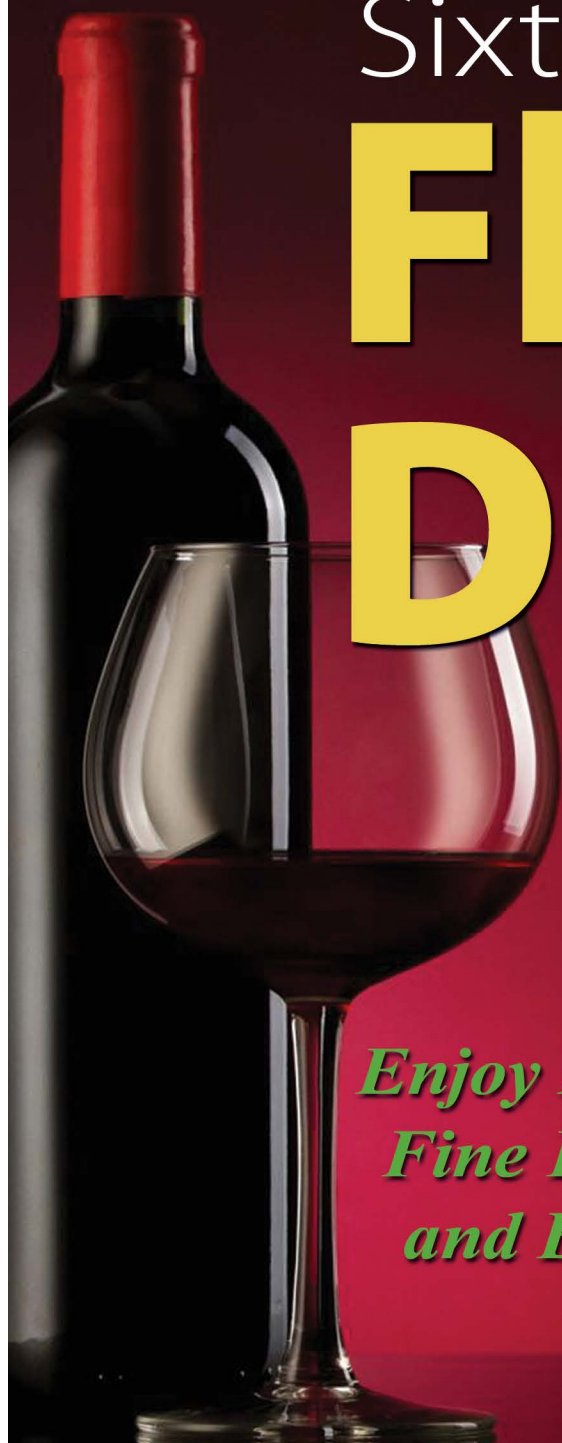
2:22 p.m. – Person was picked up on a Madison County warrant for failure to appear.

11:39 p.m. – Staff at a downtown bar reported a patron had injured herself. EMS responded.

JUNE 26

12:07 a.m. – EMS asked for constable assistance at the scene of the previous call. Individual was arrested for public intoxication, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

6:13 p.m. – Resident told ESPD his neighbors were yelling at each other. Constables checked out the situation.



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For more information see page 24 or for a full list of events go to www.fleurdeliciousweekend.com.



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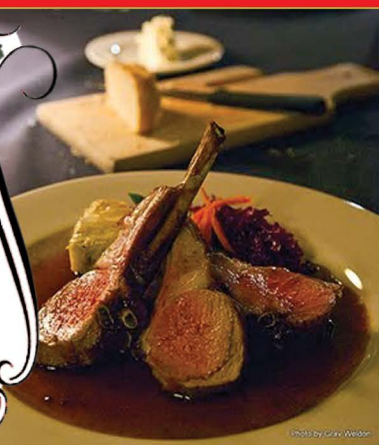
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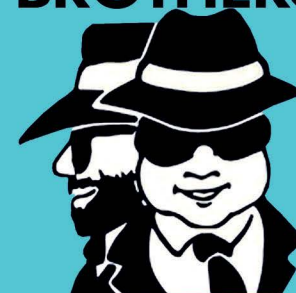
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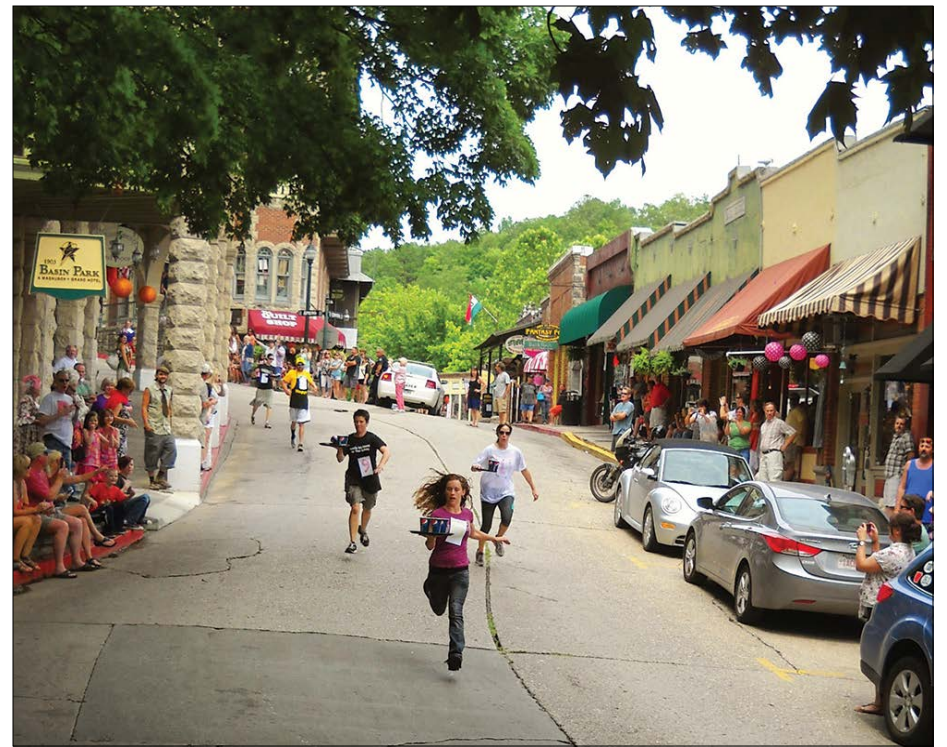
Fleur Delicious Bartender Competition

The annual Fleur Delicious Ciroc Vodka Bartender Competition at Chelsea's Corner Café and Bar will be on Wednesday, June 29 at 5 p.m. The competition will be emceed by Gina Rose Gallina and KJ Zumwalt with a special appearance by Delvis (Dusty Warren Duling).

Any local bartenders wanting to participate need to arrive no later than 5 p.m. to register. Competitors need to bring 1 pre-made gallon of their cocktail which will be poured for audience participation for People's Choice. Also bring ingredients, garnishes and serving glasses to make four of your cocktails during the competition for Judges' Choice.

Judges will be Damon Henke of Ozark Mountain Vacation Rentals, Peggy Kjelgaard of ESSA, Sunshine "Shine" Broder of Shine Salon, and last year's People's Choice Winner Bert Jones of Gaskins Cabin Steakhouse.

For more information go to www.FleurDeliciousWeekend.com or Fleur Delicious Weekend on Facebook.



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.

Ready, Set, Race!

The Fleur Delicious Weekend Spring Street Waiters' Race will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 9 starting at Eureka Grill, 71 Spring Street and finishing at Basin Spring Park. Participating waiters should be in front of the Eureka Grill by 2:30 p.m. to sign in for the race and are required to bring their own trays.

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TraceEllen off to a new adventure

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For nine years, the dogs and cats at the Good Shepherd Human Society have had a special friend looking out for them. TraceEllen, who prefers her one name, has been manager of the Good Shepherd Humane Society thrift stores in Berryville and Eureka Springs, and in charge of various fundraisers that keep the no-kill shelter operation going.

“What I like most is knowing every dime we make at the thrift stores goes to the shelter, to the animals,” TraceEllen, who is retiring to travel with her husband, said. “The second thing I have really liked about the job is that we are helping the environment by leaving a small footprint. We recycle, reuse and repurpose a lot that comes in our store. We don’t put a lot in the dumpster. The third thing I really like is that the pricing is very reasonable. The majority of items in the store have good pricing where the average family can come in and save money.”

This has not been a nine-to-five, five-day-a-week job. When she first started, TraceEllen was working 65 hours per week. Two and a half years ago, she got an assistant, and her hours dropped to 58 per week. Fundraising activities, like the annual Doggie Style Show, soak up her spare time.

“But I have always loved it,” she who has four dogs and two cats, said. “It didn’t bother me I had to work long hours because I knew it was for a good purpose. We’ve always been lucky with the community



PHOTO BY RICHARD QUICK

being generous, and we have the best volunteers ever. They put in so many hours. It takes an average of thirty volunteers per week to cover every shift. I have a lot of five-year and ten-year volunteers. Connie Schrader has been here twenty years!”

Schrader is sorry to see TraceEllen leave. “She is one of the few people I have met who can juggle six different problems at once,” Schrader said. “She is wonderful. She doesn’t micromanage. She knows if you are sixty years old and have managed to live this long, you can solve ninety percent of the problems. She counts on everyone’s ability and ingenuity. She ignores quibbling problems and lets people make decisions. She understands human nature.”

Schrader said TraceEllen has up to 50 people working for her off and on, and is able to juggle their needs while making them feel like valued contributors.

TraceEllen knows how important it is to tell volunteers they are appreciated. If they don’t hear that, they won’t stick around. Right now they are looking for about 12 new volunteers to work one 3.5-hour shift per week.

“Dealing with volunteers takes a special talent,” she said. “For thirty years I worked at supervisor-type positions, and then came on to Good Shepherd where the workers are all volunteers. You want to make them happy and not waste their time.”

Her pet peeve is people who donate things that should go in the trash. If there is an item you wouldn’t buy at a garage sale, don’t donate it to the Doggie Store. Only donate clean things, and don’t put donations in 50-gallon plastic bags because they are too difficult for volunteers to pick up.

Part of the transition for her happened when the father of her husband, Paul Kelly, passed away.

“It made Paul realize you need to stop, smell the roses, slow down,” TraceEllen said. “He wants me to semi retire with him so we can travel and do the things we have wanted to do. We bought an RV and want to travel the U.S. We want to spend more time with our grandkids in Round Rock, Texas. Our son lives in Amarillo, so everyone is far away. For my husband and me, family is really important.”

TraceEllen is confident that while she enters a new chapter of her life, Good Shepherd will continue to thrive.

“Whoever gets hired as manager will be good,” she said. “There will be some changes because that always happens. But they will be good. We have seven new board members, which is terrific. I’ve been talking to them and there are some wonderful things they are going to start doing.”

Janet Chupp, assistant thrift store manager, said she has absolutely loved working with TraceEllen.

“She is dynamic!” Chupp said. “If you want something done, she does it. She will be missed tremendously.”



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Not a Rainy Day in sight – The Auditorium was packed to listen to Gordon Lightfoot play his greatest hits last Thursday. PHOTO BY SUSAN STORCK



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Cancer New Moon & the United States Birthday

There are many icons for the sign of Cancer. Garden gate (where spirits enter matter); crab in water, on land and under its shell; red vermillion bird, Hydra, lighthouse; and a "Lighted House to Dwell Therein." Cancer is about one's home and home's comfort, roots, foundations, family history, nurturing traditions and being patriotic. Cancer has an extraordinary memory, is very sensitive (Leos are too) and, due to the Moon's rulership, fluctuating moodiness and a brooding over things.

Often Cancer sensitivity can interpret situations, words and events in ways that separate them from others.

Cancers, when feeling hurt, fold into their shells. Cancers are tenacious, strong willed and, due to their cardinal energy, like to be first. Kind, nurturing and gentle, they can also manipulate, sulk and be temperamental, all the while protecting home and family. It's good for Cancers to exercise. It helps work off sad feelings. Cancers are wise and instinctual and later, directed by the Soul, intuitive.

Monday, July 4, is the 240th birthday of the United States (signing of the Declaration of Independence). It's also a new moon on the U.S. Sun (both 12 degrees

Cancer), next to the blue star of freedom, Sirius (13 degrees Cancer). New moons signify new beginnings. The Cancer new moon, occurring in the 2nd house (values and resources) could initiate new economic values and agendas, an economic reorientation (of American values and resources). Perhaps our country will begin to see humanity (Cancer) and the children of the U.S. as valuable and vital resources. Cancer is the sign of humanity. Let the government of the people reach down into our nation and be, no longer against our people, but *for* our people.

ARIES: Home and how it sustains your relationship must hold your focused attention. There's much to be done here. Ask yourself what the bigger picture is concerning your life, geography, relationships and partnerships. Careful if working in the hot sun. You may not be absorbing enough water. Maintain proper and adequate electrolytes each day. Something challenges you, calling you to consider other realities. Step into them.

TAURUS: Mercury and Venus (your ruler) surround the Sun and Moon in Cancer this week and your communication aligns with your true hopes and dreams. A line of light streams directly into your mind and heart. It unifies polarities if you love (Ray 2) and cooperate and listen more. Study and gather facts on finances, resources, gold and silver, land, gardens, foods and herbs that sustain a large community.

GEMINI: You hop, skip & jump between home and work, attempting to unify both. Home feels expansive, as if the future rests there. Work seems cloudy, old and wounding. This is a crisis! Daily life is filled with desires for change. But nothing seems to move. You're on a cross, attention called in four different directions. Nothing's consistent. You're seeking, navigating the waters of change. Return to a previous spiritual study.

CANCER: Being creative is a good self-identity. Creativity seeks you every minute calling you to initiate new endeavors that respond to all the changes coming your way in terms of order and organization, relationships and self-identity, all of these important. Observe everything with calmness. Tend to health with a focus on proper digestion (probiotics, enzymes, green foods, alkaline waters, etc.). Communicate and share more.

LEO: An inner silence and solemnity is preparing for your birthday. Sitting amidst your Sun is the past providing you with opportunities to remember, forgive and ask for forgiveness. Gratitude is part of forgiveness. You're asked to value every person, event and occurrence in your life. When you're able to understand and work on these, a new breath of life, a baptism fills you. And all restrictions, hindrances and obstructions disappear.

VIRGO: A new life and self-identity beckon. Be sure to navigate slowly; allowing yourself rest so your physical body, emotions and mind can catch up to the expansiveness flowing through you. You will restructure all beliefs and ideals. We need this reorientation several times in our lives so values and pioneering inner resources can emerge from spiritual sources. A new Jupiter cycle begins. Jupiter is Ray 2, expanding Love/Wisdom.

LIBRA: Communication may be difficult and you may feel anger and frustration. Simultaneously others could be acting out those feelings for you in daily life. Just observe and know the planets are acting out, just for you.

There's a situation with money? Know whatever you give opens a gate or return, tenfold. That's a cosmic law. Is there a wound or hurt occurring? Something you don't understand and it's limiting you? A cold laser light would help. And turmeric.

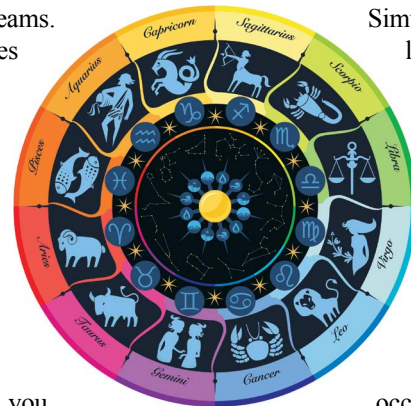
SCORPIO: Try not to be careless when communicating about people's lives. Maintain ethics within the constant variations of reality. Your values have shifted so now you're evaluating communications. This is good. Home is dissolving and coming together simultaneously as you seek comfort within groups. A wound seems to come from the future/past. Don't worry about these strange occurrences, normal in times of reorientation.

SAGITTARIUS: A deep inner light focuses on money and resources. Questions appear concerning what you value. It's good to create a list of values, concerning all aspects of life; personal, public, political, possessions, people. Who do you value? Why? What do you value, in terms of relationships and communication? Why? Your inner self needs to be discovered more deeply and so these questions are posed. Pluto is asking.

CAPRICORN: An illumination of new beginnings occurs this new moon which is opposite your Sun. Do you (like Virgo) feel stretched in many directions? The direction of others, of work in the world, of home, family and finally yourself (where are you)? Tension leads to polarity, which leads to a sweep into the future. Acknowledge all realities including tension. It's purposeful. Place (visualize) an angel at each of the four directions of your home (and work). Stand in the center and intelligently and lovingly conduct the symphony of your life.

AQUARIUS: Each day is busy, filled with responsibilities, tasks, errands, strivings attempting to create comfort and nurturance. Simultaneously, dreaminess seems to permeate daily life and choices. Relationships become more important and you wonder if you need to learn different communication skills. The answer is yes. Ones that are less strict and more conciliatory, as if you've been listening with deep and loving curiosity and kindness.

PISCES: As you step more into a state of repose and reflection, hidden abilities come forth, awakening a deeper spiritual self-identity. You recognize you're to direct, teach, learn from, work with and serve others. So many (humanity & its children) need nurturing and you the skills. However, you feel a great tension and unease of not being in the right place. Yet you continue forward. Something will change soon. Quietly carry on.



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Tours and banquet at Cadet World

Aviation Cadet World will hold Grand Cousin, Relations, Friends and Aviation Cadet reunion July 19 – 21. Tours will be conducted and there will be a banquet for all on July 20. Go to www.aviationcadet.org or call (479) 253-5008 for more information. This event is in conjunction with the opening and dedication of a new 2200 sq. ft. hangar at Aviation Cadet World.

Help the Elks fight drug abuse

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.

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.

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Eric Howell, husky-voiced troubadour, plays graveyard songs and select favorites on his 12-string guitar at Brews twice this weekend. African transplant and polyphonic percussionist Yao Angelo hosts Drumming in the Park Saturday evening, an event that draws hundreds. Saturday, Cadillac Jackson from Fayetteville brings their tight funk and MC skills to Chelsea's for a smoky, blissed-out ride into space.



Cadillac Jackson play Chelsea's Saturday, July 2.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS – *Another Turn*, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 1

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Steve Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.

BREWS – *Eric Howell*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Skinny Gypsies*, Folk, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *Liberty Drag Event, DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS – *DJ Karaoke with Stan*, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *2 Dog 2 Karaoke*, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Jimmy Garrett Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

STONE HOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.

BASIN PARK – *Drumming in the Park*, 6 p.m.

BREWS – *Caleb Ryan Martin*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Cadillac Jackson*, Funk, 9 p.m.

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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.



Sculpture by John Stalling

"Autumn Medley" oil on canvas by Barbara Robinson

New stone gallery for Second Saturday Gallery Stroll



Wings bronze sculpture by Mel Shipley

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.

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 downloaded from the Eureka Springs Indie Film Fest website www.esfilmfest.org.



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EUREKA LIVE! – Liberty Drag Event, DJ & Dancing, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – Jerry Yester, Singer/Songwriter, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS – Another Turn, 8 p.m.

LE STICK – Pete Maiella, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – The Millionaires, Rock, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Rodney Jeremiah, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Hedtripp Rate*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Pearl Brick, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Melissa Carper,* Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS – Eric Howell, Singer/Songwriter, 2 p.m., *Trivia,* 7 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Paseo Street Walkers, Americana, 7 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – Green Screen Karaoke, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – Kirk Brown Band, Rock, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Tyler Brant, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Sumthin for Nuthin,* Rock, 9 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 4

AQUARIUS TAQUERIA – Buffalo Gals, Americana, 5:30 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Sprungbilly, Bluegrass, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – Hot Dog Eating Contest (All ages), 12 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Mudhound Watson Duo, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Los Roscoes, Blues, 6 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Open Mic, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

BREWS – Open Mic, 7 p.m.

Wait, what's coming down the street?

– (Above, left) My dad and I were sitting in his truck pulling a 12' trailer of furniture up Hillside Avenue when we caught sight of the Scikotics Car parade. I quickly grabbed my phone and snapped a couple of shots after photographer Jay Vrecenak called and told me the parade hadn't gone down Spring Street. I'm still not sure what route they took but it's a good thing we had to turn the trailer around or there wouldn't be a parade picture.

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO

Scikotics on display – The Scikotics Asylum held on Friday and Saturday at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks drew in Scion owners from all over the country.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK



Ozark Leatherwood

Over the last five or six years I have been somewhat obsessed by the origin of the namesake of our local geographic features known as Leatherwood Creek, Lake Leatherwood and the city park of the same name. My curiosity was first sparked by a 1987 Master's Thesis "A Survey of the Vascular Plants of Carroll

County, Arkansas" which noted that eastern leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*) was known only from historical plant collections for the county, as Murphy was unable to find it here. I found it curious that a plant that sparked a number of local geographical names was not to be found.

The genus *Dirca* is a very small plant

group, with only three species, until a fourth species was discovered in 2007, then named in a 2009 publication by Aaron Floden and colleagues at Kansas State University. The widespread, North America species, eastern leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*) is found in rich, moist woods.

Western leatherwood (*Dirca occidentalis*) only occurs in a narrow range near the San Francisco Bay area. The rare Mexican leatherwood (*Dirca mexicana*) is known from only one population in the mountains of northeastern Tamaulipas, Mexico. And now we have the new species – Ozark leatherwood (*Dirca decipiens*).

In a 2007, Aaron Floden first saw a leatherwood population in Johnson County, Kansas, and noticed unusual features. Further fieldwork over the next two years found the same plant in two counties in Missouri and two counties in Arkansas – Benton and Carroll. In 2009 Floden and colleagues recognized that this was actually a new, undescribed species, *Dirca decipiens*.

In May of 2014 I found leatherwood growing at Lake Leatherwood City Park, and simply assumed it was eastern leatherwood.



The newly described Ozark leatherwood usually occurs in dry limestone habitats, whereas eastern leatherwood grows near creek bottoms, where I found it. Just last week, I got an email from Brent Baker, a botanist with the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, who had recently done fieldwork in the area and believes that most of the leatherwood at Lake Leatherwood City Park is actually the new species Ozark leatherwood (*Dirca decipiens*).

This is an exceedingly slow-growing shrub with flexible branches. A trunk only two inches in diameter can be a century old. Since the plant has no real material value, it has pretty much been left alone by humans. Finding leatherwood at Leatherwood was special, but for the inner botanical nerd, finding out it is Ozark Leatherwood is downright exciting!

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

The result of Mr. Barnett's work that year was to arouse the public to the needs and abilities of the younger generation; and it brought back to school some young folks who had grown weary of no opportunity for advancement. After reaching a certain stage there had been nothing for students to do but to repeat the same subjects. With no provision for advance work they must tread again familiar ground.

The schools, under Mr. Barnett's administration, took their rightful place in the community. He became influential in the educational circles of the state.

There were not many of us in high school, only two classes, and in some subjects Mr. Barnett combined

the classes. We got our diplomas for a two years' course. I later attended one year in the Springfield, Missouri High School. Before I got my degree at the Southwest Missouri State College I had to furnish evidence of sixteen unites of high school work. The Missouri Department of Education would accept from Eureka Springs credits approved by the Arkansas State Board of Education, and that board discounted my credits, allowing me little more than half, because Eureka Springs was not in 1890 an accredited high school; at that time there were no accredited high schools. I wrote to Mr. Barnett, whose influence in the state of Arkansas was such that he obtained for me full credit for my works at Eureka Springs

and Neodesha, Kansas. These grades, when approved by the State Board of Education in Arkansas were accepted by the Missouri State Board.

Mr. Barnett was not only superintendent of all Eureka Springs schools that first year, he was also the only teacher in high school. The next year he had an assistant, Miss Agnes Carey. But he was a man of great energy, though not rugged physically; however in those years he was never ill. The schools were scattered widely, and Mr. Barnett walked from one school to another.

Here is the corps of teachers as printed on the back of our Commencement Program in 1890:

SUPERINTENDENT

C. S. Barnett



TEACHERS

Mrs. C. S. Barnett
Miss Nannie Wilson
Miss Ophelia Overstreet
J. S. Greenawalt
Miss Hattie Fraker
Miss Mattie Foote
Miss Julia Adams
Miss Ora Obenshain
Mrs. Mary Brown
J. M. Dorsey

DROPPING**A** Line by Robert Johnson



Have to make this one fast! Got in late today and have to find a prop for tomorrow.

Here’s Tryston and Collin Altensey from Port Byron, Illinois, with a couple stripers they got Sunday. Most stripers now are pretty well between the dam and Point 8 and being caught in water above 40 feet deep with lines running 18 to 30 feet deep. Shad are still the best bait, but brood shiners and perch can catch them, too.

We got our biggest fish on a 2 oz. white bucktail, early, when a few fish came to the top for us.

Have not been out here at Holiday Island this week but crappie and bass can be caught from 6–12 feet deep. Perch are near the shoreline in brush. Walleye are on the flats between here and Houseman, and the trout are always hungry. You can find them going upriver till it gets cold.

Well, got to go. Take a kid fishing and stay cool.

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

Singing 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.



Long line, great food, close friends – The abundance of Holiday Island Fire Department supporters packed the HI Ballroom and had to overflow on the deck on June 24. The crowd enjoyed a fish fry and silent auction items with serious bidding taking place. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECNAN*

INDEPENDENT**Crossword**

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

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- ACROSS**

 - 1. They shall inherit the earth
 - 5. 1950’s B movie hero _____ Larue
 - 9. Quaking tree
 - 14. Earthen pot
 - 15. Unemployed
 - 16. Democratic Republic of the Congo, formerly
 - 17. Gloomy shroud
 - 18. Multi-match contest
 - 20. Sword shaped
 - 22. Portuguese islands
 - 23. Dined
 - 24. Engine quits
 - 25. Light or frail vessel
 - 30. World War I fearsome weapon
 - 33. Clue category
 - 34. No longer current, *abbr.*
 - 35. Beer ingredient
 - 36. Form
 - 37. Dab
 - 38. Suzanne of *Designing Women*
 - 39. 9th letter of Hebrew alphabet
 - 40. Rocky pinnacle
 - 41. Devalue a person
 - 42. Poetic before
 - 43. Aquatic exerciser
 - 45. Filing aides
 - 46. Cereal grass
 - 47. Loose fitting long sleeved shirt
 - 50. Good luck
 - 55. Peace of mind
 - 57. Toward the mouth
 - 58. Unequivocal instruction
 - 59. Type of mind
 - 60. Old Italian money
 - 61. Poetic composition
 - 62. Dispatch
 - 63. Solo
- DOWN**

 - 1. Sulk
 - 2. Verve
 - 3. Building additions
 - 4. Wife of Shiva
 - 5. Form of understatement
 - 6. Idolizes
 - 7. Worn out area
 - 8. That woman
 - 9. Evil spirit in the wilderness
 - 10. U.S. reconnaissance satellite
 - 11. Docking place
 - 12. Sea eagle
 - 13. Acrobat catchers
 - 19. Finger and toe protectors
 - 21. Untruthful
 - 24. Amount in arrears
 - 25. Hindu social division
 - 26. Reddish orange color
 - 27. Wooden container
 - 28. 19th letter of Hebrew alphabet
 - 29. Amass unreasonably
 - 30. Petal shaped like a helmet
 - 31. Religious table
 - 32. Rise
 - 35. Brief reminder
 - 37. Temporary storage units
 - 38. Multiple obligations
 - 40. Gradually progressive emaciation
 - 41. End of the road
 - 43. Flaky confection
 - 44. Untie
 - 45. Runs down
 - 47. Axe action
 - 48. Denoting air or atmosphere
 - 49. Constructed
 - 50. Slack-jawed expression
 - 51. Horse hockey
 - 52. Land of St. Patrick
 - 53. Weaver of Orioles
 - 54. Any invasion day
 - 56. Greek goddess of dawn

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LEGAL

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 29, 2016.

MISSING

MISSING WHITE HUSKY

(Rockhouse Road)

Missing our Puppy Dog
"Wayah."

LOST: White female Siberian Husky
with bright blue eyes.

She is a very friendly one year old.
Missing from the paved part of
Rockhouse Road on 6/18.

She comes when you call our other
dog's name "Daisy!"

Please call Greg (518) 965-6606.

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.

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 29, 2016.

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LAUGHING HANDS MASSAGE is
back from a ten day Lomi Lomi retreat and
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Focaccia, Rye, Onion Buns!
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more by Ivan of the Ozarks & Anglers
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afternoon, 3 sharp

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the gently-used book store featuring
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PERSONALS

Dear Mother & Father,
Next visit will be even better.
Love, your daughter

HKP – Saving my \$'s for Lanai. Tell me
when to stop.

THANKS TO THE YOUNG ADULTS
who helped save the baby owl on Holiday
Island Hill. Cute owl. Awesome humans!

FOR SALE

**INFLATABLE STAND-UP PADDLE
BOARD FOR SALE** with electric
pump. Used once. \$200 firm. Call (479)
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YARD SALE

**MR. HANEY AND FRIENDS MULTI-
FAMILY YARD SALE** – Antiques and
collectibles. Thursday 6/30 through
Sunday 7/3. Corner of Hwy. 62 and
Rockhouse Rd.

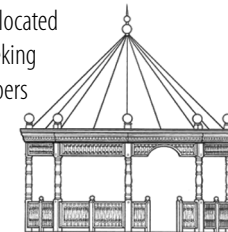
HELP WANTED

ROCKIN' PIG now hiring experienced
host or hostess. Apply in person only.
Gaskin Switch Center, US62.

FARM TO TABLE FRESH is seeking
a line cook, prep person, and server part
time/full time. Apply in person at 179 N.
Main St.

HELP WANTED

Gazebo Restaurant located
in Eureka Springs is seeking
hospitality team members
for the positions of
A.M. waitstaff &
dishwasher. Full-time
or Part-time positions
available. Applicants
please apply at the
front desk of **Best
Western Eureka
Inn** located at the
intersection of Hwy. 62 & 23 N.
at the entrance to downtown Eureka Springs.



*Gazebo
Restaurant*

**NOW HIRING PREP AND LINE
COOKS.** Apply in person at Pied Piper/
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AQUARIUS TAQUERIA – Experienced
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Please pick up an application at:
2 Parkwood Drive, Holiday Island
(479) 253-7556 Ask for Barbara

To place a classified,
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HELP WANTED

PART-TIME KITCHEN, back of the house. Inquire at Sweet 'N Savory, 2076 E. Van Buren after 2 p.m. Any day but Wednesday.

“**MASTER GARDENER**” to help in large yard/garden/hillside. Many native plants and weeds. 10 hours per week. Name your price, we'll talk. (720) 212-8495, Peg.

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce is looking for a **SALES PERSON** for a 90-day assignment, selling ads for Chamber publications. Sales experience is preferred. Start date will be mid-July. If interested, e-mail your résumé to tammygescoc@gmail.com, or drop it off at the Chamber office at 516 Village Circle, Eureka Springs. No phone calls, please.

PARTS UNKNOWN, Eureka Spring's destination for a broad assortment of fine men's and women's fashions and accessories, is hiring Part-Time Sales Professionals. If you are a service driven, energetic fashion enthusiast, we'd like to meet with you. Please email your résumé to eureka@partsunknown.com or call (479) 363-6415.

REAL ESTATE

HOMES FOR SALE

DARLING UPDATED 2 BR BUILT 2003. Expansive Ozark views in serene Holiday Island location. Bright & cheery has open concept living with soaring vaults. 802 SF, garage, porch & deck, all appliances, laundry room. New 40 yr. metal roof. Fresh paint. Enjoy golf, pools, marina, tennis + more. See details at http://www.zillow.com/homedetails/8-Blackfoot-Dr-Holiday-Island-AR-72631/2146048454_zpid/?view=public. Only \$89,900 possible owner financing with \$10k down. (763) 244-7707

RENTAL PROPERTIES

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

SHARE BIG BEAUTIFUL HOUSE. Ten minutes out of town. Lots of parking, lovely setting, washer and dryer. \$400/mo. + electric. (479) 981-6049

HOLIDAY ISLAND VILLAS & TOWNHOUSES near lake and marina. Peaceful and quiet, ample parking. From \$400/mo. (479) 253-4385

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1,000 SQ. FT. – 99 SPRING. Studio/workshop next to post office. Mountain Street access. (479) 244-5100, (479) 253-4314.

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CAFE OR RETAIL BUSINESS with deck overlooking creek on North Main. Beautiful location! All utilities paid but electric. (479) 981-9811

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ARTIST STUDIO COTTAGE. Quiet, on creek, private, in Eureka Springs. @400 sf, kitchenette, bathroom, large living area, huge porch. Water/sewer/trash paid. \$600 pm/\$600 deposit; available 1 Aug. Call Peg: (720) 212-8495 for more info.

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SCHOOL BOARD continued from page 6

“I don’t want to be here in a year rehashing this same thing. We need a takeover date,” board member Jason Morris said.

Other unresolved issues included roof repair of B-300 and asbestos removal in B-100 before it can be razed. Also, a survey revealed part of B-100 extends beyond the property line, and it has yet to be determined who owns the adjacent property. However, the board voted unanimously to extend the deadline 30 days for transferring the property to the Foundation.

CCF board member Glen Crenshaw commented Mayor Butch Berry had suggested the district could draw up a quitclaim deed on the property in question, and the school board voted to authorize Pruitt to take the necessary steps for a quitclaim deed.

The board also agreed to authorize Pruitt to solicit bids for the asbestos removal in B-100 and roof repair of B-300. These two tasks would be paid for with insurance money the district already received. Pruitt suggested the district would continue to pay for utilities and maintenance of the property for another month.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 21, at 5:30 p.m.

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THE SIXTH ANNUAL

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July 5-10



Wednesday, June 29 - "Kick Off" Event!

5pm: "I Take The Fifth" Annual FDW Ciroc Bartender Competition at Chelsea's Corner Cafe - 10 Mountain St.

Tuesday, July 5

5pm - 7pm: Writer's Colony "Sips and Samplings" homemade breads and cheeses from the Kent Walker Cheese Company in Little Rock - 515 Spring St.

Tuesday thru Saturday, July 5 - 10

10am - 5pm: Fresh Harvest tasting tours - 512 Village Circle

10am - 5pm: The Spice Boat sniffing tours - 512 Village Circle

Throughout The Weekend: Keels Creek Winery wine tastings - 3185 E. Van Buren

• Railway Winery wine tastings - 4937 Highway 187

• The Stone House French wine flights and cheese pairings - 89 S. Main St.

Wednesday, July 6

5pm - 7pm: Bossa Screwanova at DeVito's of Eureka Springs - 5 Center St.

Wednesday thru Friday, July 6 - 8

1am - 12pm & 2pm - 3pm: Keels Creek Winery wine pairings - 3185 E. Van Buren

Thursday, July 7

9am - 11am: Eureka Springs Farmers Market - several events featuring local chefs - 2075 E. Van Buren St.

6pm - 9pm: Palette to Palate: "Watercolor & Wine" Edition at Basin Park Hotel with Julie Hop - 12 Spring St.

Thursday thru Saturday, July 7 - 9

5pm - 9pm: Grand Taverne "Celebrating the Senses" offering FDW Specials - 37 N. Main Street

Thursday thru Sunday, July 7 - 10

5pm - 9pm: French themed dinner at Caribe featuring Railway Winery Wine pairings - 309 W. Van Buren

Saturday, July 9

8:45am: Nom Nom Namaste Yoga + Brunch at Fresh - 179 N. Main

9am: White Street Saturday Market cooking demo with Chef David Gilderson - 26 White St.

11am: Saturday lunch at Fresh - 179 N Main

12pm - 7pm: Delicious Art Market at Basin Spring Park - Spring St. Downtown

2:30pm: Waiters' Race down Spring Street

4pm: Melonlight Dance will perform "Tango a Paris" in Basin Spring Park - Spring St. Downtown

5pm - 7pm: Second Saturday Music in the Park with Brave Combo Basin Spring Park - Spring St. Downtown

5:30pm, 6:30pm & 7:30pm: Guided Art Walk Tour - Basin Spring Park - Spring St. Downtown

6pm - 9pm: Second Saturday Gallery Stroll - Throughout Eureka

5pm: 7-course FDW tasting menu wine flight at Le Stick Nouveau - 65A Spring St.

Sunday, July 10

10am - 2pm: Sunday Brunch at Fresh - 179 N. Main

7pm: French Wine Dinner at Cottage Inn - 450 W. Van Buren

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