

Locals taking supplies to Standing Rock

BECKY GILLETTE

John Two-Hawks, a Grammy-nominated Native American Flute music recording artist who resides in Eureka Springs, is traveling to North Dakota this week to take a trailer-load of locally donated supplies to about 3,000 protesters at Standing Rock Sioux Reservation who are gathered to stop the construction of the \$3.8-billion Dakota Access Pipeline through Native American lands.

“There is an old prophecy in our culture that a black snake will try to come across the land.”

– John Two-Hawks

“There is an old prophecy in our culture that a black snake will try to come across the land,” Two-Hawks said. “If we do not kill the black snake, our world will end. We take the prophecy very seriously. That pipeline is the black snake of the prophecy.”

Energy Transfer Partners says the Dakota Access Pipeline will transport crude oil from the North Dakota Bakken region through South Dakota and Iowa into Illinois. Plans call for the pipeline to be 30-inches in diameter crossing 1,172 miles with the capability of transporting 470,000 – 570,000 barrels of oil per day.

“Traveling through 50 counties in 4 states, the proposed route was carefully designed to transport crude in the safest, most efficient way possible,” the company writes on its website.

However, opponents say this is a classic case of environmental injustice that targets Native American lands for the pipeline after it was prohibited by

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Supply pipeline helps supply oil pipeline protesters – Farmers’ market customers gathered Tuesday morning around some of the provisions donated to support Standing Rock Sioux who are objecting to construction of an oil pipeline under their land and water source in southwestern North Dakota. Local gifts include four solar panels and three inverters. John Two-Hawks is leaving Friday to deliver a trailer full of donated goods. *PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE*

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When consideration of a planned oil pipeline from North Dakota to Illinois came up in 2016, President Obama said he wasn’t familiar with the particulars and would have to confer with aides.

“We know he’s listening, but he isn’t helping,” Alice Brown Otter, 12, said. “He said he’d do anything for us. Where is he?”

So Brown Otter and her friend, Gracey Claymore, organized a series of relay runs that stretched 2000 miles. By the time runners reached Washington, crowds of protesters sprinkled with celebrities were demanding an answer.

And they got it. After a federal judge sided with the oil companies, the Dept. of Justice, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Dept. of the Interior ruled “construction of the pipeline will not go forward at this time.”

There’s more to do, but it’s running in the right direction.



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Just do what you were hired to do.

Council strives for Aud success formula

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman David Mitchell told city council at its Monday meeting he had never had so much citizen input in two terms as alderman as lately, regarding the proposed one percent tax to fund repairing the city's infrastructure and providing maintenance and operation of the Auditorium. Oversight of the Auditorium finances would be handed to a new Auditorium Commission.

Mitchell said he has been pleased to be part of a council that has "taken the bull by horns" to get the city's finances on the path toward stability, and strongly advocated passage of the tax. However, he called the Auditorium "the 900-pound gorilla running around the city," and voters are not sure what to do about it.

He said those who have spoken with him understand the need for a tax to repair and improve the city's water and sewer systems. They also agree the Auditorium is important to the city and ought to be repaired and used for shows and events. They are ambivalent, however, about dedicating 25 percent of the proposed tax revenue toward maintenance and operation of the Auditorium because citizens who have been around awhile maintain that strategy has already been tried more than once, and they are not convinced it would work this time.

Many constituents Mitchell has heard from insist the City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC) use

more of its tourism tax to maintain the historic downtown facility. Mitchell read through highlights of the history of the Auditorium and how it has been supported, how the CAPC was created, and the convoluted intermingling of their histories. He pointed out there have been Auditorium Commissions in the past. If those did not succeed, what will make another one work any better?

He acknowledged the facility needs a steady revenue stream that the tax would provide, but insisted it should always have had one, and that would be through CAPC funds. His primary concern was that voter ambivalence toward using part of the tax revenue to fund the Auditorium would cause the one percent tax to fail.

He challenged CAPC commissioners to clarify at its next meeting their responsibility toward the Auditorium during the 10 years of the tax, put it in writing, and deliver it council by the Sept. 26 meeting.

Alderman James DeVito, who along with alderman Terry McClung is a council representative on the CAPC, said he had no problem with Mitchell's suggestion of a 10-year plan. However, he also pointed out there have been two different CAPCs. He said prior to 2007, the CAPC had been handed different priorities by different mayors with varying agendas. He mentioned that city council has had a history checkered by a lack of continuity. He called it "the Eureka Springs zigzag... we go left, we go right, but we need to

go forward." And he claimed since 2007, direction for the CAPC has been more consistent.

Mitchell still insisted some voters haunted by history find reasons to look askance at another tax to support the Auditorium. He contended citizens want to feel confident the CAPC means business regarding making the Auditorium successful, and they want a guarantee City Hall will not waste tax money. In other words, the CAPC needs to be part of the marketing plan to sell the tax to the electorate.

McClung replied the CAPC will still be a part of the formula, but the Auditorium Commission will manage and maintain the building and figure out operations going forward. CAPC staff is busy marketing the city, and running the Auditorium requires not only a revenue stream, but someone watching after things, and that would be the new commission.

Mayor Butch Berry said he has wondered if he made a mistake including the Auditorium in the tax because he has also heard from citizens that the CAPC should have a bigger part in paying for maintenance of the facility. On the other hand, he claimed CAPC staff are doing a great job bringing people to town. He noted tax revenues are up and streets are abuzz with visitors. He would not want to take away from their successes by diverting advertising money and giving them more work to do.

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Council lined out on amending land vacation

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Kristi Kendrick had asked for a discussion of rescinding Ordinance 1628, which in 1994 put all unopened streets and alleys under the jurisdiction of Parks. She came to the meeting with a 19-page presentation.

Kendrick commented that since she moved to Eureka Springs she has seen several vacation requests go through the city's ponderous and disruptive process, and she wanted to streamline it.

She detailed the process an applicant must go through to get a vacation and pointed out the \$200 application fee, refundable if the vacation is denied, does not come close to covering the expenses incurred by the city in attorneys' fees and staff time. Also the procedure requires public hearings by Parks and Planning, which could easily pull them into squabbles between neighbors about boundaries.

The current process does not require

the applicant to provide surveyed plats or legal descriptions drawn by a land surveyor, and this omission adds to the workload of city hall staff. In addition, the Building Inspector, Fire and Police Departments or Historic District are not involved.

"The procedures are overly burdensome without adequately protecting city interests and resulting in real estate transactions involving citizens being held up for months," Kendrick stated.

She recommended rescinding Ordinance No. 1628 and passing a new ordinance giving Parks jurisdiction over existing and planned trails. Also, rescind Ordinance 2195 that created the Land Bank Committee, which is now defunct. She wants to rewrite Ordinance 2203 to permit the city to "use all its tools to vacate the streets and alleys and to require a sizable, nonrefundable application fee that would repay the city all of its attorneys' fees."

She also wants to require citizens to produce land surveyor-produced plats and legal descriptions and put the entire process in the mayor's office. Applications would be reviewed by Public Works, the Building Inspector and fire and police departments, and there would be only one public hearing and it would be before city council.

DeVito lauded Kendrick's concise attention to detail but said he would need time to digest all the information in her handout. McClung added he has been a proponent of her primary focus for a long time, and although he disagreed with some of the particulars he looked forward to working out the details. Council agreed to table further discussion until the next meeting.

As a result of Kendrick's presentation, council voted to drop from the agenda a discussion of a moratorium of further vacations.

Playground coming soon to LLCP

NICKY BOYETTE

Parks Director Justin Huss told city council on Monday that when he started his job in the spring, he inherited a project for construction of a pavilion and playground at Lake Leatherwood City Park that would be funded by a 50-50 grant from the Department of Parks and Tourism. Parks dropped the pavilion from the project because bids came in over budget. Huss said the State buys equipment through "cooperative contracts" which allows for the purchase of playground equipment, for example, for more than one location in the state by negotiating with vendors for favorable prices.

Therefore, Huss requested waiving the bidding process because of the cost savings and because the project completion date stipulated in the grant is at the very latest Dec. 31, 2016, with a preferred completion date of Nov. 1, to guarantee funding.

The project cost is estimated at \$155,000, and Huss said the Parks Commission set aside the matching funds in this year's budget.

Council approved all three readings and the emergency clause of Ordinance 2247 which waived competitive bidding.



Climbing the ladder of success – Melas (Greek for Black) gets herself a dog's eye view of the crew replacing the roof at the Writers' Colony Monday morning. Melas's owner, Dan Alexander is working with A&M Roofing.

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Zika fears prompt spraying; millions of bees killed

BECKY GILLETTE

There is concern that increased spraying for mosquitoes because of fears of the Zika virus, which may cause serious birth defects for children born to women infected with the virus, could cause harm not just to people, but to pollinators, particularly bees, moths and butterflies.

Pollinator advocates are worried that increased use of insecticides for mosquitoes could have the unintended consequence of leading to a further decline in pollinators. Pollinators are necessary for 75 percent of flowering plants and 35 percent of the world's food supply.

Recently, Eureka Springs became an official Bee City USA pledging to take actions to protect pollinators. That organization sent out a press release recently regarding millions of bees killed in Summerville, S.C., after aerial spraying of an insecticide, Naled,



intended to kill mosquitoes.

Bee City USA said that according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), "Spraying Naled can kill bees outside of their hives at the time of spraying; therefore, spraying is limited to dawn or dusk when bees are inside their hives. For additional protection, urban beekeepers inside the spray zone can cover their hives when spraying occurs."

However, Dorchester County failed to directly notify beekeepers of plans to spray and sprayed at a time when the bees were active.

"We can't really afford to quite such a knee jerk reaction resorting to aerial sprays that kill bees and aren't even effective against mosquitoes," said Ken Trimble, who heads the Eureka Springs Pollinators Alliance. "It has been shown in the past that spraying adult mosquitoes is probably one of the least effective ways of dealing with mosquito-borne diseases. For those, you need to concentrate on breeding grounds where mosquitoes are in their larval stage. That is much more effective than aerial spraying that may have unintended consequences."

Bee City USA quoted Dr. David Pimentel, a former professor of entomology at Cornell University, as saying aerial spraying delivers less than 0.0001 percent of the insecticide to the target mosquitoes, and instead, releases 99.999 percent into the environment generally, threatening public health and potentially causing other environmental problems.

Trimble said in addition to aerial spraying for mosquitoes killing beneficial insects, it may also kill natural mosquito predators like dragonflies and damselflies. Those are more effective at long-term mosquito control than insecticides that, when used frequently,

become ineffective because mosquitoes build up tolerance to the chemical.

"Who knows what chemical spraying does to birds and amphibian populations?" Trimble asked. "To me, it makes sense to search out information and consult with people who really do understand how these bacterias and viruses work within mosquitoes, then formulate a plan. My understanding is that the Zika showing up in South Carolina wasn't even mosquito-borne. It was carried into the state by people infected elsewhere. We just need to be very careful to prevent having consequences we don't really intend."

Trimble said he wouldn't want to belittle how serious Zika and other mosquito-borne illnesses like West Nile Virus and dengue fever are.

"Those are all very serious," Trimble said. "But we don't want to throw the baby out with the bathwater. We have to make some very smart choices and proceed accordingly."

With Eureka Springs being a Bee City USA, Trimble said they concerned that there are sufficient protocols within the City of Eureka Springs and possibly through Carroll County to have intelligent, effective procedures if Zika or other viruses show up in the local mosquito population.

"If something happens, we need contingency plans so we aren't just reacting to circumstances, but know what our bigger goals are," he said. "We need to protect our pollinators and our food chain, and not succumb to fear."

Bee City USA encourages beekeeping chapters to meet with county officials in charge of vector control as soon as possible and each year to discuss mosquito control plans that protect pollinator health, and discuss in the event of bee kills, how beekeepers will be compensated.

Local beekeeper Frank Egan said that it is recommended that beekeepers get notified by the agency doing the spraying so that hives can be covered and protected. But Egan said that doesn't work very well in places that are very hot in the summer, like Summerville, S.C. "It is so hot that the bees hang around outside of the hives instead of in them."

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Henke addresses council regarding CAPC seat

NICKY BOYETTE

At the August 22 meeting, city council had voted 3-2-1 on approving CAPC commissioner Damon Henke's re-nomination, thereby denying retention of his CAPC seat. During Public Comments Monday evening, Henke told council he wanted to introduce himself so he could clear up misinformation aldermen might have heard.

Henke said he owns Ozark Mountain Vacation Rentals and Eureka Suites, which he turned into affordable apartments. He also owns a Bed & Breakfast where he resides. He has participated in the Eureka Springs Downtown Network, has been a CAPC commissioner for more than two years, and stepped in to help the Chamber of Commerce as Interim Director in May 2015 where he served until January 2016, "to keep the tourism flowing." He commented he had no involvement with Ordinance 2223, an anti-discrimination ordinance that passed last year.

Henke said he would be interested in serving another term on the CAPC if council would reconsider its vote. At a Sept. 6 special meeting, CAPC commissioners tabled a vote until the Sept. 14 meeting on whether to re-nominate Henke, pending further research on legalities and the opinion of Municipal League attorneys. Also applying for the position are Brandon Cox and former commissioner Bobbie Foster.

Paul Arnold said he was a tenant and neighbor of Henke's at Eureka Suites. Arnold, a born-again

fundamentalist Christian, had asked Henke about Ordinance 2223, and Henke did not influence him in any way. "He said we can't discriminate," Arnold stated. He called Henke "the least greedy landlord I've ever had."

Alderman James DeVito mentioned that any aldermen who voted No or abstained could bring Henke's nomination up again for another vote, but no one did.

Council must approve whoever is nominated.

Other items

- Berry read a proclamation designating Sept. 17-23 as U.S. Constitution Week.

- He also recognized the several Boy Scouts attending the meeting who were working on their Civics and

Government merit badges.

- Council approved the 2013 and 2014 legislative audits. Finance Director Lonnie Clark said this year's audit is almost complete and the exit interview should come soon.

- Council also approved Resolution 689 known as the 2016 Mid-Year Budget Resolution that listed budget adjustments discussed at the recent budget workshop.

- The third reading of Ordinance 2246 was approved. This ordinance vacates a portion of Hickory Street in exchange for a portion to be used by Parks for its urban trail system.

Next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. preceded by a budget workshop at 5 p.m.

Village Writing School offers dialogue workshop

Dr. Gary Guinn will teach writing compelling dialogue on Sept. 17 from 1-4 p.m. at the Center for Nonprofits at St. Mary's, 1200 West Walnut in Rogers. Dr. Guinn is a retired Distinguished Professor of English from John Brown University where he taught literature and creative writing.

In his workshop, students will learn how to shape dialogue with tone, emotion, tension, and misdirection using a set of specific techniques.

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HDC extends razing time on B-100

NICKY BOYETTE

At its Sept. 7 meeting, the Historic District Commission approved extending the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for demolition of B-100 on the Community Center property for three more months. Al Larson represented the Eureka Springs School District, and announced that asbestos removal is already underway in preparation for razing the building.

The original plan called for leaving in place the northwest corner of the building as acknowledgment of the students who had studied there. However, Larson said the Community Center Foundation had learned from engineers that it would be very expensive to leave the corner in place while removing the rest of the building. Larson asked instead for approval of disassembling a portion of the wall and reconstructing it nearby in a more appropriate location as their plans develop further.

"It would be cheaper and better to rebuild," Larson commented. He said the engineer is ready to send the specs out for bid pending approval.

Commissioner Melissa Greene was reticent to approve the change without seeing more specific plans although she complimented Larson on the progress made. Commissioners approved extending the COA but wanted to see more clearly what the changes would be.

In the next conversation, commissioners were unsure about the application to add a rear deck to cover a concrete pad at 58 Vaughn. Applicant David Hasenmueller said his contractor could start work on it next week, but commissioner Virgil Fowler wanted a site visit before he would give approval. Greene stated she did not want to hold up the project, so suggested they visit the site as soon as possible and convene a special meeting to make their decision.

Commissioners visited the site Sept. 9, and approved Hasenmueller's application.

In other business, these applications were approved:

- 34 Ridgeway – replace non-original windows and door
- 94 Wall – new paint colors
- 4 Prospect – add storm windows

- 44 Armstrong – replace door; add corner boards; add awnings; new paint colors; replace damaged siding (adding a window and replacing a window was denied)
- 82 Armstrong – rebuild rear stairway
- 51 Copper – new roofing material
- 7 East Mountain – rear ancillary building

These items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 95 S. Main – new paint colors
- 9 N. Main – new sign
- 53C Spring – new sign
- 63 N. Main – new paint color for rear door
- 107 W. Van Buren – new signs
- 53 Spring – new sign

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Chair Dee Bright presented these Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair and work involving no changes in materials or color but which include changes in roofing color.

- 36 Elk – re-roof

- 32 Kingshighway – repair fascia, new gutters; level deck
- 9 Ridgeway – re-roof
- 44 Ridgeway – repair rear stairs; repaint
- 4 Armstrong – repaint porch
- 63 N. Main – repair windows
- 36 Elk – replace front porch flooring

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m.

Moving and meditation Sept. 16

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Local women explain why 'We're with her'

BECKY GILLETTE

Laura Covington recalls the first time she met Bill Clinton. He stopped to ask her to vote for him for Arkansas Attorney General.

"I told him I couldn't because my uncle was running against him!" Covington laughed.

Covington is a member of the local chapter of the group, Hillary for Arkansas, which has been meeting regularly.

"We're with her," Covington said. "She started with us."

Bill and Hillary Clinton both taught at the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1975. In 1976, Bill was on the way to a political career after being elected Attorney General.

Covington remembers with pride the way the First Lady of Arkansas, and then the First Lady of the country, wasn't content with the usual backseat roles of wives of politicians.

One of her best quotes, Covington believes, is: "Women's rights are human rights and human rights are women's

rights."

Suzie Bell, another member of the Hillary for Arkansas group, recalls all the heat Hillary Clinton got about another quote: "'I suppose I could have stayed home and baked cookies and had tea, but what I decided to do was to fulfill my profession which I entered before my husband was in public life.'

"She was not your stereotypical First Lady," Bell said. "She worked. She had a job. She had purpose. She has been a groundbreaker for women from day one."

Both Covington and Bell believe part of the dislike and even animosity towards Hillary is sexual discrimination. For example, opponent Donald Trump has said that Clinton doesn't look "presidential."

"I've experienced sexual discrimination myself," said Bell, who was wearing a Love Trumps Hate button. "To say she doesn't look presidential is clearly sexist. Trump is such a misogynist. Look at how he has treated women his entire life."

Some might say that campaigning for Hillary in Arkansas won't do any difference because the state is firmly Republican and likely to go for Trump. All the state's electoral votes will go to the winner. But Bell still thinks it is important to be involved in supporting the first woman from a major party to run for president, a woman who has vast political experience as a senator and as Secretary of State.

"I've lived a long time and this is the most important election of my lifetime," Bell said. "It's not so much about me.

I have daughters. To me, it is very exciting to support a female candidate who has a chance to be elected. For my grandchildren, I want to show I did everything I could to get her elected. It is about the future. I want to see this very qualified candidate elected. She has class and elegance and will represent us well."

Bell has made reservations for herself and her daughters to attend Clinton's presidential inauguration.

Even many Republicans have said Trump has been a disaster as a candidate.

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Slowin' down the Mountain

Editor,

Well done, Mayor Berry, for the follow through to make East Mountain Drive a safer street.

Well done, councilman Thomas, for your instrumental role and guidance throughout the process.

Well done, Kim Stryker, for your never ending courtesy and patience, and the civic lessons you taught me.

Well done, friends and neighbors that played a part in this accomplishment.

Results have been positive; there has been more adherence to the 25 mph speed limit.

Leon Bert

Will Hillary oppose the pipeline?

Editor,

I am voting for Hillary Clinton for president because I think she is capable, intelligent, compassionate and a feminist; however, she has not yet opposed the Dakota Pipeline.

I am not voting for the Green Party's candidate Dr. Jill Stein because the Green Party has not organized enough around the country to have any chance of her election, unfortunately.

I do commend Dr. Stein for her civil disobedient action of spray painting on the Dakota Access Pipeline, a destructive and felonious act of terrorism on such a good thing as the Dakota pipeline. The 1000-mile plus pipeline over five states will destroy more of the Earth, continue dependence on dirty oil, damage cultural and sacred places of the Standing Rock Sioux, be dug under the Missouri River thereby threatening their drinking water and, once again, dishonor treaties with indigenous peoples.

As I said to a fellow member of the Eureka UU, "I will have to move to Mexico if Trump gets elected." He replied, "You'll have to pay for a wall, then." Actually, I would not move out of my birth country. I would stay to fight creeping fascism, the continuing destruction of the Earth, and racist economic inequality.

I hope Hillary will oppose the pipeline.

T.A. Laughlin

Register, choose, vote

Editor,

I want a good-hearted president, not a chest beating, name calling braggart and bully. Both Hillary and her running mate have good hearts. They both work for good. All I can make out of Mr. Trump's own words is that he wants to win. He appeals to our worst nature. For some reason he appeals to some of our Christian family members. Just which Christian values does he appeal to? Forgiveness, tolerance, brotherhood, selflessness? He is as Christian as he is loyal, trustworthy, honest and faithful. A real Boy Scout.

If there is a God please save us from this lunacy.

We can all help. Get registered, help others register. If you need help registering, obtaining forms or have any questions about the upcoming elections call your County Courthouse. In Carroll County (870) 423-2022. If you would like to volunteer with the Hillary campaign, we are now meeting on Mondays (changed from Wednesdays) at 6 p.m. at Brews across from the Eureka Springs Post Office. There will be Hillary signs available at the meeting while supplies last.

Mark Eastburn

Plea to Gov. Hutchinson

Editor,

A fully-grown tree releases 1,000 liters of water vapor a day into the atmosphere. A forest can send up billions of liters of water vapor into the atmosphere.

What happens when forests are cut down? No more water vapor. No more clouds. No more rain. Drought. A changed climate.

Water-filled clouds are *flying rivers* that travel long distances.

Cutting down forests releases stored carbon dioxide that traps heat and compounds atmospheric warming. This compounds the problem of no rain.

This is happening in places like California and Brazil because there was no planning involved.

Pleading ignorance is not an excuse. Science and following avenues of common sense lead us to the conclusion that we are at a tipping point!

How are we in Arkansas responding to this tipping point?

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@Kumailn: I really hate crime but love true crime docs so I'm at a real impasse here.

@housewifeofhell: I'm sure there's a supplement I could take or another easy

solution to cure my laziness. Someone look into it for me.

@rollintheseat: It's called mob mentality, maybe you've herd of it.

@shipinthenight: Not now, I'm tracking my order.

@ceejoyner: If you see me tied to a horse please know I don't own one so whoever robbed me has gone out of their way to make me look like a fool.

@MauiSpeaks: I'm not sure how I can prove it, but I think I'm

actually more stupid since joining Twitter.

@ConanOBrien: Hey sports fans, here's my NCAA pick: bet it all on the Savannah College of Art & Design: Go Fighting Acrylics!

@andyrichter: Has mankind ever fallen further short of his potential than "second verse same as the first?"

@coastiefish: Great. This guy double parked his Porsche and now I've got paint all in my keys.

@thisjason: Is PETA aware that we're still struggling with the ethical treatment of humans?

@jimgaffigan: I've been busy. What are we unnecessarily outraged about now?

Put grandmothers in charge of oil companies

What about those money-hungry pioneers who swarmed over private Native American land in their quest for the gold discovered in Georgia in 1829? Gold fever led to the Trail of Tears, where Cherokee who had clean villages, matriarchal societies, well-fed children and healthy dogs and horses were told they had to leave their farms right now, today. People were penned up, their homes burned to the ground and pets and livestock killed.

It's so much easier to get people lined out for a 1000-mile wintertime march when you take away everything but their arms and legs.

Gold diggers simply killed or "relocated" the natives and kept pushing west taking what was never theirs. The Rockies, California, Alaska – the pursuit of gold was so widespread it took on the properties of a virus that wouldn't die.

Of course, there was no retribution and no restitution.

Commandeering land for oil pipeline access is different how?

In the old days, U.S. Senators Daniel Webster and Henry Clay spoke eloquently and rightly against the white male government in Washington stealing yet more from people whose roots went back as far as any Europeans'. But as articulate and forceful as Webster and Clay were, it wasn't enough. President Andrew Jackson defied the Supreme Court and ordered removal of the natives anyway. Gold was clearly more important than people. "Good for the economy." Oh, joy.

Which got us thinking about who really is a benefit to society today? The only major group we could come up with is old people, especially old women.

Women can fix things. Tribal women, jungle women, war brides, crack shot hunters and imaginative cooks, writers, readers, thinkers – women seem to collectively know the advantage of maintaining order and peace. They are less likely to go on a rampage, and certainly less likely to get caught. They tend to plan.

Grandmothers, in particular, know what being pro-life really means. They know that even with control of the family money, they would trade it all for the health and well-being of those they love and those in need. Grandmothers teach that taking something that isn't offered is wrong. Grandmothers have a tendency to look out for much more than next Tuesday.

There should be no shame in being white or male, nor should there be undeserved pride. White people, or any other color combination of skin, soul, and x and y chromosomes, might want to stand on their own two feet and help out rather than insist they have some strangely concocted right to be hideous to others. Especially when they actually say, "This is good for the economy!" Seriously? Theft and deception and land mutilation are good?

We looked into it: There are 70,000,000 grandparents in the U.S., all of them old enough to vote. 86% of grandparents read a newspaper and 90% talk about their grandchildren, whether asked to or not. 70% use search engines. 65% shop online and 45% are on social networks. A third have been married more than once. Four times more of them have regular sex than have a tattoo, and 15% have demonstrated for a cause. They also control 75% of the real wealth in the U.S.

Twenty percent of grandparents in the United States are non-white, but 40% of their grandchildren are a color wheel of

diversity. Which means the next generation of grandparents will have a wide, rather than narrow, view of people not from the same neighborhood.

Grandmothers, in particular, can organize better than any other group, ever, because of centuries of doing it to ensure the freedom of the tribe, the block, the apartment building, the family. Grandmothers are the go-to person for confession or advice. They have a more fair and less frantic way of looking at the world than those who are caught up in competition.

Grandmothers could be the unpolled voting bloc that determines the outcome of our presidential election. But we're willing to bet that before that, they could stop environmental damage caused by those who aren't grandmothers. All they have to do is not invite the greedy ones to dinner or the will reading.

At the very least, grandmothers know it takes strong women to teach women to be strong, and they know to have no fear of what is to come.

Mary Pat Boian



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Are you a good person? Please, if you will, pardon my impertinence. And rest assured I don't expect an answer; the question is for you – and me – to privately suss out while gazing into a mirror, darkly. But still: are you a good person?

It seems like an easy answer. We know someone is good or bad because we observe them doing good or bad things. Alice Walton is a good person because she gives us millions of dollars of fine pictures to look at. But is Alice as good as the boy who gives his meager allowance to the hungry bum on the corner? The analogy clearly suggests that effort (personal cost) is linked to how good "good" is – but is it?

Take the case of two people handing out grub at the local food shelf. Both smile and are externally gracious and polite while doing the work, but one worker internally feels compassion and love for the client, while the other feels resentful and put upon: if only "they" would get off their butts they wouldn't need free food. Here, the (quite real) analogy suggests that the loving worker is a better person (possessing more goodness) than the judgmental worker, yet the effort (personal cost) required of the Judge is greater since the work is harder if it is motivated by duty rather than that greatest good, love.

Defining what constitutes a "good" person could be parsed forever – and has been – but work is the common evidence of who is good and who is bad; gracefulness – love vs. duty, smiles vs. frowns – is certainly qualitative, but also certainly secondary to the work (a quantitative outcome) itself.

What we can say about goodness is that it is not passive. Goodness is active, goodness requires effort, and good people are good because they take action and produce quantitative outcomes that may be as varied as a reduction of hunger, smiles among the unhappy, pictures for the masses, or lunch for a bum.

So, as you – and I – gaze into the mirror, darkly, who do we see, and what evidence is there for who we think we see?

Are you a good person?

A little help from our friends:

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

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

SEPTEMBER 5

11:35 a.m. – Constable on patrol checked up on a report someone was sleeping at the library but he found the person awake at work on his computer.

12:22 p.m. – Individual was reportedly asleep in his truck which was parked in a loading zone. He was awake when the constable found him but he was warned about parking violations.

2:38 p.m. – There was a verbal altercation in the courthouse parking lot. Individual left the scene and constables never encountered the vehicle.

5:01 p.m. – Motorist alerted ESPD to a possibly intoxicated driver heading to town from the west, but constables never saw the vehicle.

SEPTEMBER 6

8:38 p.m. – Person who lived outside city limits told ESPD a motorist had pulled up in front of his residence, turned off the lights and stopped the vehicle. The motorist then moved toward the neighbor’s property and then toward town. The caller said he was following the vehicle. Constable advised the caller not to follow the vehicle. Constables waited for the suspicious vehicle in city limits but they never saw it.

10:45 p.m. – There was a domestic dispute at a motel resulting in the arrest of the male participant. The female was transported to ESH to be checked out. No injuries.

SEPTEMBER 7

4:05 p.m. – A mother called 911 because the family had just moved to Holiday Island from Eureka Springs and the 10-year old son was supposed to ride the bus to the new home but did not. Constable went to the former address and eventually found him at a friend’s house, which led to a mother and child reunion.

7:08 p.m. – Another mother was having problems with her 17-year old daughter. A constable went to help but the mother said the storm had passed.

SEPTEMBER 8

3:18 p.m. – A miffed former employee was making harassing calls to the former boss. Constable called the pesterer and asked for a cessation of hostilities, which was agreed upon.

7:31 p.m. – Limbs fell across a street near downtown and a constable moved them off the roadway.

10:07 p.m. – There was a combative patient at ESH who told the responding constable he was irritated he was not at the Berryville hospital. Taxi was called to take him to Berryville.

11:19 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for speeding and driving on a suspended/revoked license.

SEPTEMBER 9

12:42 a.m. – Caller reported hearing a gunshot and then seeing a vehicle in the driveway shining a light. Constable took a look around the neighborhood.

3:10 a.m. – Noise complaint was prompted by a male either chanting or singing loudly somewhere

downtown but the caller could not pinpoint the location. Constable looked around to no avail.

8:52 a.m. – Resident near downtown found a suspicious backpack and book bag next to her house. Constable on patrol discovered they contained only clothes. Bags were placed in the lost and found at the station.

1:29 p.m. – Driver ran over a stop at the intersection of US 62 and a side street leading toward town.

10:36 p.m. – Two dogs whose leashes were tied together showed up unattended in a motel parking lot. Constable took them to the kennel.

SEPTEMBER 10

1:23 a.m. – While patrolling, a constable came across an individual staggering in the middle of US 62. Constable arrested the individual for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

3:31 a.m. – Resident in a mobile home park claimed her ex-boyfriend had entered her home and harassed her. He was already gone when a constable arrived.

10:44 a.m. – There was a hit and run accident on US 62 toward the eastern part of town, and a passing constable was flagged down. He took a report on the accident and arrested one individual for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and on a warrant out of Berryville.

12:07 p.m. – Constable downtown advised an individual of local leash laws.

3:33 p.m. – Merchant on US 62 in the commercial area noticed people sleeping behind his business. Constable urged the sleepers to move along, and they did.

4:15 p.m. – Person in Basin Park did not have a permit for the service being provided. Constable insisted the person get a permit before continuing.

4:18 p.m. – Parked vehicle blocked a narrow street just north of downtown. Citation was awarded to the owner.

4:56 p.m. – Passerby noticed the back door of a closed business was ajar. Constable secured the building and closed the door.

9:16 p.m. – On Main Street, a motorcycle was parked in the middle of a sidewalk which the owner learned was a citable offense.

SEPTEMBER 11

7:53 a.m. – Constable took information about criminal mischief at a church.

10:43 a.m. – Constable captured a wandering dog near downtown. Owner got the dog back along with useful information about leash laws.

12:14 p.m. – Constable put a malfunctioning parking meter out of service for the day.

2:07 p.m. – While Animal Control was looking for a missing dog, someone brought it to the kennel. Owner and dog were reunited.

6:04 p.m. – Somehow the window of a vehicle parked in a motel parking lot was broken.

SEPTEMBER 12

1 a.m. – ESFD responded to a fire at the high school. Constable assisted by checking the building.

Five elected seats being contested

NICKY BOYETTE

According to data from Sherry Cochrane, Carroll County Election Coordinator, there are 48 seats on the Nov. 8 ballot in Carroll County, but only five are contested.

Judge Sam Barr (D) is running for reelection, and being challenged by Green Forest Mayor Charles B. Reece (R).

Sheriff Randy Mayfield (D) is seeking another term and he is being challenged by Harrison police officer Jack R. Gentry, Jr. (R).

Justices of the Peace Joe Mills and John Reeve are not running for re-election. Berryville police officer Craig Hicks (R) and Carroll County Tax Assessor JoAnn Harris (D) are competing for Mills' District 6 seat. Noreen Watson (R) and Jim Lowery (D) are both seeking the District 7 seat held by Reeve.

In Eureka Springs, alderman James DeVito is being challenged by Peg Adamson.



Jazzing it up – Justin Young and his band were the last entertainers for JazzFest in the park. Justin jumped off the stage and wandered through the park, becoming a hit with the crowd. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*



My name is
Tim Brown,
I'm a successful
downtown
business owner and
**I AM NOT
VOTING FOR
DONALD
TRUMP.**

Cancer patient gets restart from O'Reilly Automotive

BECKY GILLETTE

Connie Johnson, 63, of Eagle Rock, Mo., quit breathing and her heart stopped on Dec. 5, 2015. Her husband, Bill, saved her life by giving her CPR until the Mercy Life Line medical evacuation helicopter arrived to fly her to the Mercy Hospital in Rogers.

"They couldn't find anything wrong, and five hours after she was released, she had trouble breathing again," Bill said. "So this time when the Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter came, she asked to be taken somewhere else. At Mercy Hospital in Springfield, they found two cancer flaps in her trachea."

Johnson's oncologist at Mercy Springfield, Dr. Lavanya Tiriveedhi, MD, said she thought the cancer could be killed with 30 radiation treatments and nine chemotherapy injections.

"She told me about three other hospitals that treated cases like mine and said she would refer me to those," Connie said. "But I had already been in Mercy Hospital Springfield for about a week and I had a lot of trust in her. She was kind and knew what she was talking about. The care I got when I was in there was way beyond anything I expected. They kept me educated and informed. It takes so much pressure off at times like that, to know what is going on and not have to constantly ask questions."

The problem was it takes 90 minutes to drive from Eagle Rock to Springfield. It is hard to add a three-hour drive each weekday on top of cancer treatments.

"There is so much stress anyhow and you don't feel well," Connie said. "But



Connie Johnson

the Chub O'Reilly Cancer Center offers a hospitality room to patients getting chemo and radiation, and live some distance away. This is located on one floor in the hospital. It is clean and has everything you need. I felt completely comfortable. They are just very nice people who run the front desk and even the people who come in to clean. I don't know how they hire such great people. The whole six weeks I was in there didn't have a negative experience one time. They also gave me a free cafeteria meal pass for one meal a day, something to help out a little."

O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., officially started in the auto parts business in Springfield in 1957. Charles "Chub"

O'Reilly is son of the founder of the national auto parts chain that has more than 4,600 stores, including one in Eureka Springs.

Johnson found a healing atmosphere at the hospital's cancer center. And there were perks, such as a once a month a masseuse brought in to give shoulder and neck massages to patients or the family members who drove them.

"They also provide a shuttle bus from the hospital to the cancer center," Johnson said. "This was in the dead of winter with snow blowing. We just walked out the front door and a warm shuttle bus was waiting for us. There would be another one to bring us back. About the last two weeks I was wheelchair bound, and they had a lift on those shuttle buses. They were just so kind and helpful."

While this was by far the biggest medical challenge she had ever faced, Johnson said she found so much support that it was easy to be optimistic.

"With that kind of attitude at the hospital, it was hard to have a defeatist attitude," she said. "I just couldn't. The Cancer Society gave me free wigs and free hats. They offered a class that showed us ways to do our makeup and other tips to life our spirits. All of the makeup products and wigs were donations from various companies. They gave me lotions for my radiation burns and whatever else I needed."

Johnson got very ill about three quarters of the way through the cancer treatments. At that time, it was particularly helpful not to face a long

drive for treatments.

"Our family stayed connected through Facebook and my sister made a group for me," Johnson said. "Just to see all the positive support was really motivating. My sister lives in Eagle Rock and my cousin from Joplin, drove to Springfield frequently, all of my family members made as many trips as possible. Seeing the faces of my children, grandchildren, sisters and friends are the things that helped me get through it."

Recently Johnson felt well enough to travel to Wichita to visit a sister and spend time with Johnson's kids and grandkids.

"I got to do some things I thought about that I had done the summer before I got sick," she said. "My sister has a pool, and the grandkids would come over and spend the night. We would have nighttime swimming and barbecues. At one point I thought I would never be well enough to do those kinds of things again. But I have recovered more than I thought possible. Just hugging all those people, getting to see all those people who were praying for me when I was sick, it felt good."

Her husband also has nothing but good things to say about the Mercy Hospital Springfield and the Chub O'Reilly Cancer Center.

"They were on the ball," he said. "I'm talking about everyone from the cleaning lady to the nurses to doctors, everybody has been so kind to us. We were amazed. We were really scared there. It was way too close to her being gone. And she is back. She is getting stronger every day. She is cooking. She drives. She is getting around a lot better."



Dinner and helping others

— A crowd gathered for the spaghetti dinner held by the Holiday Island Presbyterian Church on Monday. This year's proceeds went to benefit Grandma's House, a children's advocacy center, and People Helping People, a prescription assistance program for Carroll County residents.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK

AARP driving classes available

There will be safe driving classes held by the AARP. The first class will be held at the Holiday Island, Cornerstone Bank by Sonny Carter on Sept. 22. Deana Davidson will hold class at the Mercy Hospital in Berryville on Sept. 29. Classes are from 8:30 – 12:30 p.m. Classes are \$15 for AARP member and \$20 for nonmembers. Contact Sonny Carter at (479) 253-2853 or Deana Davidson at (479) 423-5230 to register or for more information.

Scorpions are shy, adaptable and wonderful mothers

NICKY BOYETTE

Let's say a conscientious homeowner is finally re-stacking piles of lumber in the yard back onto freshly refurbished sawhorses. She gets to the bottom board and upon picking it up sees the unexpected but unmistakable shape of a scorpion. STOMP! No questioning or pause for reflection, just an instinctive stomp of self-preservation.

Actually, the only species of scorpion in Arkansas is the striped bark scorpion, and sources say its sting is usually no more painful than the sting of a bee. Nevertheless, scorpions have scary pincers called pedipalps in front, a fearsome curved tail with a stinger behind, and a sinister mythology following them which prompt instinctive panic, squeals, stomps and smashes even though in almost all of the United States except the Southwest, they are benign, useful, and less a threat to health and safety.

Scorpion conservationist Matt Ellerback states, "Out of the approximately 100 scorpion species found in the United States, only the Arizona Bark scorpion possesses venom that is toxic enough to cause human fatalities. Fatal stings are rare, however, in the United States. According to the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, no fatal scorpion stings have occurred in the United States in 20 years. Furthermore, according to Health24.com, less than 5 percent of scorpion stings result in symptoms requiring medical attention." The range of this species extends from Arizona to parts of Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and southern California.

However, the story is different south of the border. Durango, Mexico, named its soccer team the Scorpions. Hunters in that vicinity capture or kill thousands of the critters every year. At one point, the local government paid citizens for each scorpion killed until it was discovered families were conducting profitable breeding operations.

A quarter million people get stung by scorpions every year in Mexico, and fatalities number from several dozen to several hundred, depending on whom you ask. In the 1950s, the number of fatalities was around one thousand per year. Medscape.com estimates there are 1.2 million scorpion stings annually around the world leading to 3,250 deaths.

There are around 1,500 species of

scorpions on the planet. In North America, scorpions reach only about 2.5 inches in length, but their range extends from mid-Canada to Tierra del Fuego, so wherever you go in the Americas, there they are. We often associate them with deserts, and some species indeed specialize in scampering across sand. Other species live only on rocks and can scale vertical surfaces or even scramble upside down.

They are marvels of adaptability. Scorpions have been seen at altitudes of 16,000 feet, in hot desert temperatures and in the darkness of caves. Some species can survive well below freezing temperatures for weeks and then thaw out and go about their business unharmed. Other species have been known to survive being underwater for a day or two. They have hitchhiked to New Zealand and England and throughout the Caribbean, where they found a niche.

A species in Guinea, the black emperor scorpion, will reach a length of seven inches, longer than most North American lizards. A South African species known as the rock scorpion might be eight inches long or more. Now we're scared. In addition, approximately 25 species in the world carry venom toxic enough to kill a human. These live in India, Africa, the Middle East, South America, Central America and the West Indies.

With their venomous and adaptable credentials, it is easy to see why scorpions have commanded respect (fear?) throughout history.

Myths and legends

Scorpions appear in stories from traditions all over the globe. They are often represented on tombs and monuments in ancient Egypt, and depictions of the scorpion goddess, Selkit, show her with a stylish scorpion on her head. A section of an important Egyptian papyrus of medical and herbal information dating to 1500 B.C. was titled "How to rid the house of scorpions." Until fairly recently Egyptians believed scorpions came from the bodies of dead crocodiles.

In the Epic of Gilgamesh, a poem from Mesopotamia dating to 2100 B.C., Scorpion Man guarded Mount Mashu, the place of sunrise and sunset.

Greek mythology has more than one version of the story of Artemis, but one retelling is that Artemis created a scorpion to kill Orion after he raped her. Scorpions are also featured in the legends of Tibet,

India and China. In fact, the Chinese character for scorpion also represents the number 10,000.

Scorpion daily life

Individuals of most species are nocturnal and solitary. They hide in cracks in the earth or under rocks, boards or tree bark during the day. Darkness falls and scorpions wake up. A curious part-time naturalist who still has a black light left over from the '70s can shine it on them at night and discover that scorpions fluoresce. They can be seen on really dark nights from 30 feet away.

Scorpions breed during warmer months, typically late spring until early fall. Like tarantulas, male scorpions will journey several hundred yards following the scent of love emanating from a prospective partner. Courtship involves grasping at first and then complicated dancing before procreation maneuvers ensue. Males who linger after mating are sometimes eaten.

In some species, the female mates several times. In others species, the female can produce more than one clutch of babies from one courtship. Females of at least two species can hatch a clutch without mating at all. Gestation lasts about eight months.

Females are considered very good mothers. They bear live little white scorpions, not eggs. The birthing process might take a few hours or several days, and the litter usually numbers around 25 but could range up to 100. The tiny little darlings crawl onto mama's back and receive nourishment by absorbing moisture she transpires. Otherwise they would die. Soon enough, they molt and leave home. Scorpions might live for 10 to 15 years.

Scorpions will eat any small creature they can capture, but typically the diet includes insects, arachnids and even other scorpions. The common hunting strategy is to wait patiently until a meal enters the kill zone. They know dinner is coming by sensing vibrations in the ground or in the air. If the prey resists being eaten, the scorpion will sting it, though it does not want to use all its venom because it takes several days to replenish the supply. Otherwise, the scorpion simply holds its victim and chews away as it softens up the meal with digestive fluids. For the record, scorpions are slow eaters.

Vital information

Evidence indicates scorpions having

been on earth more than 400 million years. Early versions lived in water. Even after moving to dry land, their body design has undergone hardly any significant evolution as species spread and adapted to various environments.

The only species found in Arkansas is the striped bark scorpion, and it prefers the western part of the state though it will live in all kinds of forests and grasslands. They spend their days out of sight and under things. At night they go to work even climbing trees or the insides of our walls. Apparently they can sustain themselves on the insects and spiders in our attics, though there ought not be much moisture up there.

Stings occur when a bare-handed person, for example, turns over a rock or log and surprises a scorpion. Stings from striped bark scorpions are usually not serious medically. Like a wasp sting, symptoms will include sharp pain and swelling, but the pain will dissipate fairly quickly leaving mild numbness and tingling. Some sensitive victims might feel nauseated or dizzy. Severe allergic reactions are rare. Precautions would be wearing gloves and boots when working around stacks of wood or lumber and avoiding sticking your bare hand into a likely hiding place.

Scorpions are valuable in the ecosystem as both predators and prey. There is medical research using scorpion venom in studies for creating antibiotics. Other studies have indicated scorpion venom has a way of assisting heart transplant patients recover because, apparently, an injection of a serum including the venom prevents the growth of cells which would interfere with the success of the transplant. There also appears to be success using the venom as part of treatment of Lupus and arthritis with no known side effects. Other studies have used the venom as a means of controlling cancer cells, but these studies are still experimental.

Maybe the possible value of using scorpion venom in medical research would be an opportunity for entrepreneurs to open scorpion ranches in the backyard. Get along, little dogies! Regardless, scorpions help control populations of insect pests and they are wonderful mothers, so respectful co-existence might be a more thoughtful choice than a quick stomp.

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 Twelve: My East Mountain School, cont.

Although some pages of my record have been destroyed, I have more than I can find space for.

That winter of 1891–92 was one of much deep snow and cold; there were not then, as there is now, efforts made to clear the street and paths for children to get to school. For lack of funds school closed after a six-months term.

Here is one note I find: October 5, there were 57 pupils present today.

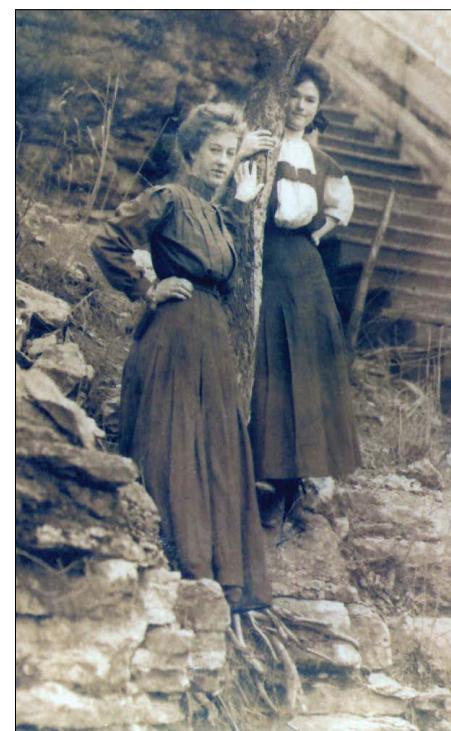
One family of two of my pupils suffered the misfortune of losing their

home by fire. Of those early disastrous fires at Eureka Springs I saw but one. I would see the ruins the next day, but I saw the Grand Central burn. There was a little house across the street that leads across Little Eureka Hollow. It was the home of the German family, two of whose children, a boy and a girl, were in my school. As the heat grew greater from the flames that enveloped the Grand Central, Mr. German was throwing water over the front of his house. Men standing by watching the mounting blazes said to him,

“It’s no use, Tom.” To me that seemed heartless advice to a man who was trying to save his home. I thought, with youthful indignation, “Why don’t they help him?”

Many buildings down there are gone forever, but the Grand Central was rebuilt years ago. The Basin Park Hotel was built where once stood the Perry House, which was also destroyed by fire.

Another thing that is gone forever is the Mansion House which stood at the corner of Spring Street and Howell Street, across from Harding Spring.



Part Thirteen: The Charms of Eureka Springs

What is the attraction that draws folks back to the Springs? Many return who cannot claim that drinking the water or taking the baths has cured their ills, for they had suffered no ills to be ended. The allure is strong for healthy, hardy folks who have climbed the hills that took strong lungs and muscles to overcome, and have developed such appetites that only strong stomachs could digest the food consumed.

In past times I have heard of the Freemasonry of Eureka; but that is not a good word. Freemasonry requires a sign and a password to secure admittance to the charmed circle. It is said there are no strangers at the Springs. Is this not a goodfellowship engendered by the informal resting places where few can sit for long without falling into conversation with those nearby?

Where else in the Ozarks are there comfortable seats where many people can sit at ease beside a busy street, rest in the shade of trees, and look out upon green hillsides glimpsed between businesses, houses and over roofs of buildings, as can be done at the Basin Circle?

In the old days, there were benches at the Harding,

the Magnetic, the Grotto, where usually people would be seated by two or more, talking busily, when perhaps none knew the names of the others.

But for the most part our memories are of rocks and flowers and trees; the Bendover Tree upon which we climbed and played; the dogwood, redbud and blackhaws above the Cold Spring; the sweet scented wild plum tree growing from a rocky mass; the anemones we gathered beside the big sand rock. These were what we loved and played around.

But the whole – rocks, bluffs, springs, trees, flowers, hollows, hills, ravines – live in our memories and call us back.

And our schoolmates through the years. There are those whose names I remember, some that the personality is vivid with no name by which to identify them. There are the Morse twins, Birgie and Katie, whose father was a baker and delivered bread to Mr. Putnam’s store; there were the Obenshain twins, May and Maude that we could tell apart only when we could see the scar one had on her temple. There were the Brittts girls. Minnie and I, when

there for an Old Schoolhouse Reunion, visited Gertie Brittts Rosewater and her father and mother. Florence Brittts I never saw after we left there; she married Ernest Miller. Ernest and his brother Willis were interested in newspaper work. I owe thanks to Mrs. Annie Ross House for the information that Ernest’s full name is Giles Ernest Miller; otherwise I would not have known that he was Giles E. Miller, Managing Editor of **THE DAILY TIMES-ECHO** of the date of April 28, 1908, which I have in my possession. Florence and Ernest now live in Guymon, Oklahoma.

As long as Mrs. Hawley lived, I never went to Eureka Springs without calling on her. Once she said, “Come in whenever you are here. I’ll either be here or up at the house – or out on the hill.”

I lived in Eureka Springs twelve years, twelve crowded years, not empty years, but fruitful years. The beauty of the mountains and hollows, the courage and character of those early settlers are things never to be forgotten.

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The Iris and the Cat

Iris at the Basin Park will host artist James Dean, aka Pete the Cat, in the gallery this weekend. Pete the Cat will be in the gallery to sign prints of his works and newest children’s books. He may even paint a new Pete the Cat masterpiece. Stop in from 1 – 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16 or Sunday, Sept. 17 for a visit.



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



I'm 34 and single. None of my long-term relationships has led to marriage. I'm still meeting and dating women but I'd really hoped to have started a family by now. I'm even considering mail-order bride services. Are they all scams? Am I just desperate? Do those marriages ever work?

The mail-order bride business is alive and well. Like many cultural phenomena it has evolved over time, for better and for worse. With the Internet providing worldwide connection, the spousal pool from which to choose is nearly infinite. Equally infinite is the cesspool of lurking scammers and downright psychopaths.

The term "mail-order bride" was born on U.S. soil and initiated as an honest and even necessary endeavor in the 19th century. While the Wild West held much allure, pioneering gents faced slim pickin's in the love and marriage department. The pen-pal or rather pen-paramour process ensued, as lonely frontiersmen placed ads in

newspapers seeking potential wives from back East.

Foreign women from impoverished countries scheming to get their hands on a western man's wealth was a much later development, as was the occurrence of chauvinistic, controlling and even murderous men using these means to hunt their prey – resource and language-limited, naïve, submissive foreign women.

Mail-order bride relationships have resulted in stable marriages. Research even suggests that these marriages are significantly less likely to end in divorce. Why, however is the question. The answer lies somewhere between sane and sinister.

Whether it's the exotic, sensual nature of Latin ladies or the well-toned bodies and unabashed nature of Ukrainian women that trip your trigger, who's to judge? Looking for love in foreign places does not make you desperate.

Get a handle on what *you* contributed to previous failed relationships so history won't repeat itself. Make sure the head that holds your brain is the one running

the show. Do your homework and be astute about the telltale signs of romance scams.

Above all, provide an honest representation of yourself. If your belly obscures the visibility of your beltline, your credit score is below sea level, your only friend is your mother with whom you still live, finding a marriage-worthy woman is not your biggest problem.

While your mail-order bride may have high hopes of attaining the American dream, if you don't consider yourself a catch, she won't either.

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



Blast from the past – People lined down Spring Street as the antique car parade rolled through town. Afterwards, everyone gathered outside the old 1st National Bank to watch three bandits attempt to rob the bank again. *PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*

Bible studies

Karen Timm will do a study of Jairus' wife and Jezebel on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. and Frank Wicks will begin the fall – winter Friday Bible Study on Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. Bible studies will be held in the Library at the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive.

HRC campaign meetings moved

The Eureka Springs for Hillary campaign is moving meetings to Mondays at 6 p.m. at Brews across from the Eureka Springs Post Office. There will be a watch party for the first debate on Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. in the Carnegie Library Annex.

Meet and greet with CCMG

The Carroll County Music Group will host a meet and greet session for new CCMG vice president Carol Morrison, Donesa Mann and Barry Milner on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 5 p.m. in the Holiday Island Sun Fest Market meeting room. The public is invited to join. For more information about the meet and greet call Mary Dolce at (479) 253-4939.

Divine singing at Metafizzies

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of Divine Singing and Sound Meditation on Monday, Sept. 19. No vocal experience is necessary. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. The gathering will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Calling All Cooperators

We are in an interesting week again – between two eclipses, a full moon lunar eclipse (moon’s hidden) Friday, and continuing Mercury retrograde turning direct (late night next Wednesday). The recent Saturn/Neptune meant many veils (hindering us from seeing, recognizing, knowing) are continuing to drop. When veils (beliefs, illusions) drop and eclipses happen, we feel naked, vulnerable. Impatient with the old, we want to move forward. However, with retro Mercury nothing moves forward. We have at present seven retrogrades (4 planets, 3 asteroids) in the sky. And Virgo Sun – esoterically known as the “cave of the heart.”

So many things in shadow this week. The pressure from work & world strain may be overwhelming us. As the world breaks down in order to reconstruct, the heavens are creating new patterns and rhythms for our world. Disciples are being called to take steps towards this reconstruction – eliminating non-essentials, practicing discrimination and conforming to the new emerging patterns required for world reconstruction. We are to begin preparing ourselves for increased future activity in bringing forth the new culture and civilization.

To know how to move forward we must ask, “*What is the need of humanity at this time?*” And recognize

there are three (3) aspects needed to birth the new world.

1) **Healing.** Compassionate lovers of humanity can heal. 2) **Clarification.** Humanity is bewildered and we must help them through clear education and communication. 3) **New Forms** (intelligently discarding old forms). Reorganization & rebuilding require dedication, insight, discernment and discrimination. Old patched-up forms no longer suffice. This latter means building a new shape of Community, template for the new culture and civilization. So... **Calling all willing, loving and intelligent cooperators so we may take Right Action together.**

ARIES: It would be good to study the history of romance and the purpose of love. Also, the unfolding of consciousness (our true history) on Earth – how love happens, why, and our behaviors in relationships when conscious (awake, aware and Soul directed). Identifying love within yourself the expression of your true self with others. Something in appearance in your daily life disappears.

TAURUS: You create new environments that prepare humanity’s future. You tell us we must turn our attention to different and dynamic ways of growing food (in biodynamic soils). Humanity’s daily life is changing quickly, being reconstructed in ways unknown. You tell us to invest in land, put 15% of our money in silver and gold. These new ideas needed for humanity’s well being we will follow, safeguarding them carefully and secretly.

GEMINI: Dualities are good for they produce self-awareness. There’s a duality perhaps in some Geminis who don’t know if they are creative. They live with an “un-thought known” (Bollas, 1980, & Pearl Jam). Your creativity is this – blending opposing forces into a synthesis. Being Mercury, the messenger. Speaking with Right Human Relations and from your heart so everyone learns from you.

CANCER: At times you hide under a shell like a tortoise or a scarab, a sacred creature signifying rebirth. There’s a turtle that comes to the door of a house and waits patiently for the door to open. He enters the house and rests awhile in the cool dark shadowy corners. He’s offered a fresh banana. After a while he retraces his steps, waiting patiently for the door to open. Refreshed (and grateful), he re-enters the world. You are the turtle.

LEO: It’s important for you to be seen and heard, understood, praised, recognized, applauded and known. Sometimes you’re called narcissist, mirror gazer, one focused on self alone. Some of us, however, know the truth – that you must do these things, must discover, look at and talk about yourself. You’re learning how to rule, how to lead and how to love, stumbling along, falling, most of the time, just like everyone else.

VIRGO: Virgos carry a secret reality; a hidden purity they show no one. Virgo’s light is always veiled... being nurtured within. Virgos realize that everyone carries a different light (and darkness) and each person is aspiring to be a Light for the World, a bearer of light of great value and tenderness. We all aspire to this. We prepare together for that light at Winter Solstice.

LIBRA: You’re developing a radically new sense of self. You can not be controlled by others. Libra’s freedom is most important yet they must have companionship. Libra asks others to walk with them in life. Relationships define Libras. Juxtaposing self to the “other,” a Libran sense of self emerges. Human contact releases love hidden in Libra. We must let them be, allow them to sort out realities and achieve independence. Then their love is *exalted*.

SCORPIO: Scorpio is known for depth of feeling, being alone and isolated (at times). To proceed on the evolutionary (back to spirit) path, Scorpions must develop the higher mind (education, then teaching), distributing God’s Plan to the world. Scorpions must withstand the heat of the Sun on the mountaintop, collect the light and distribute it on Earth. You’re to reveal through this light, all the mysteries you’ve encountered in this life, preparing for

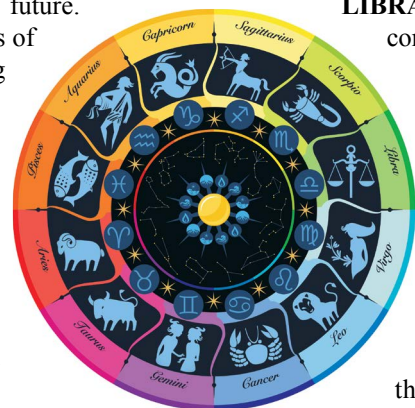
the next.

SAGITTARIUS: The life of a Sag reveals so many influences at work simultaneously along with offering the personality to the Soul. To fuse and balance your personality with the Soul (ending confusion), and to have a better sense of spiritual direction, recite the Soul invocation daily (ceaselessly). “*I am the Soul. I am Light Divine. I am Love. I am Will. I am Fixed Design.*” You realize you’re *not* your body, emotions, or lower mind. So, what are you?

CAPRICORN: Whenever there’s conflict, something’s being learned; harmony is being disrupted so a higher harmony can emerge. Sometimes there’s a conflict between personal aspirations and the needs of others. You reorient your needs so the “little ones” are nurtured. This is Soul work. You’re a mentor for others to transform and stand with poised in grace. At other times you take your own path up the mountain. Planting trees along the way.

AQUARIUS: You’re in a time of pause, an interlude, considering your next life steps and creative endeavors. It’s not a time for excessive outer actions. It’s a time of rest, reflection and relaxation of your energies. As you see both sides of all issues, achieve a position of poise and balance. Often standing on the “razor’s edge,” you lead the way down the mountain to safety. Read this over and over.

PISCES: A love-filled state will be the consequence of Jupiter in Libra. Your abilities and devotion will see you through any necessary tasks, tests, difficulties, disharmony and/or strife. You are entering into a new level of your spiritual Work. Greet the sunrise each day. It will vivify you. And the sunset, too. The angels and all of nature are with you during these holy times. Courage is offered.



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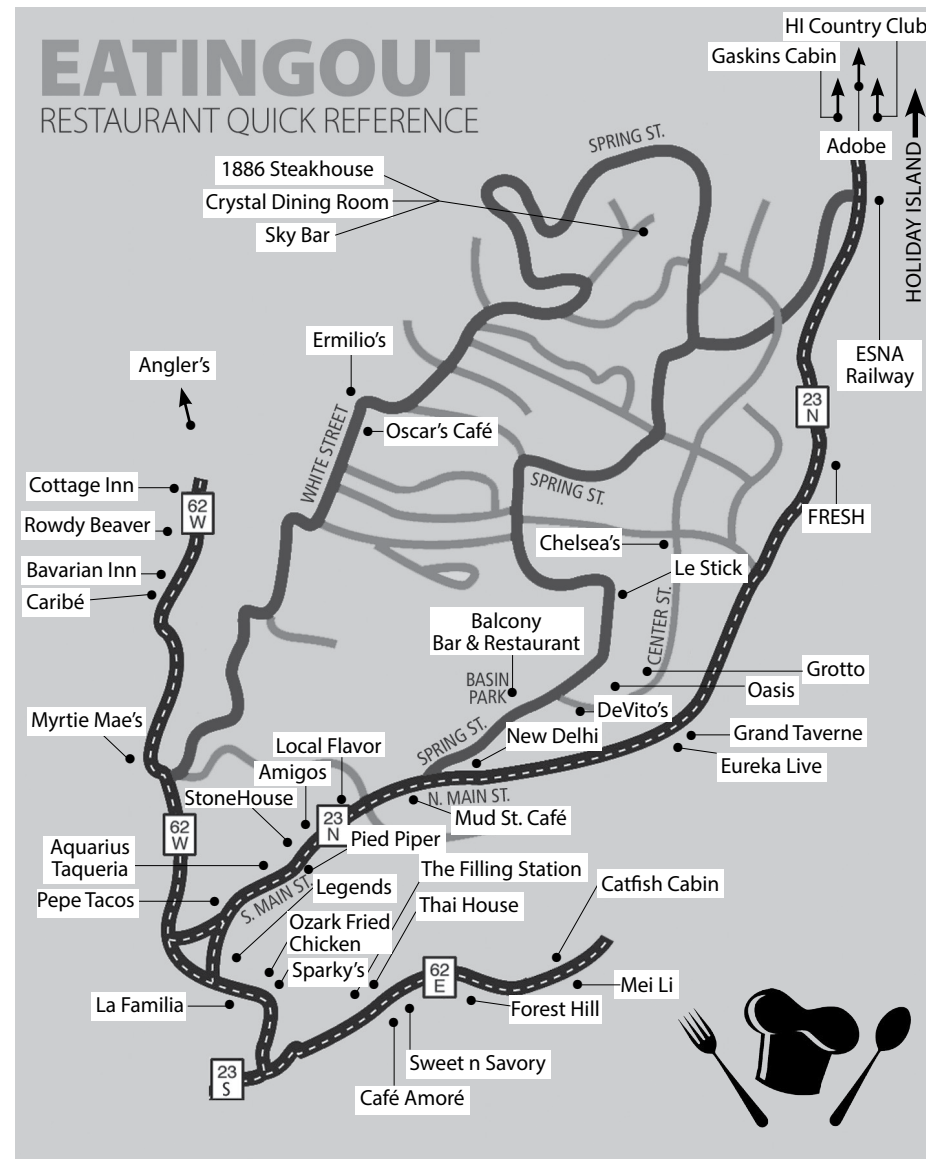
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Unfortunately, in the *Natural State*, we are doubling down on deforestation! Front page news says a Chinese paper firm is to open a \$1 billion pulp mill near Arkadelphia.

NWA trees face death for the benefit of another country that has already cut down most of its own forests. This foreign enterprise is not being located here for benevolent reasons. What is the Arkansas government getting out of it? What are the politicians getting out of it? Why did they allow this venture, or ventures like it, to take place? Why are they allowing our precious trees that take a lifetime to mature be plundered for export?

We cannot allow shortsighted governors to sell out our strategic reserves!

It all begins with the forests, and how it ends depends on how much forest we keep. Our Ozark forests are our strategic reserve! The real costs of not keeping the forests are not even quantifiable.

Governor, please meet with a few of us here in the Northwest Arkansas. We can't give you cash, but we can give you brilliant ideas and a novel way of looking at things. We can guide you through the forest and the rivers that float on the ground and in the sky. The ones that cause rain and prevent drought.

Susan Pang
Garfield, Ark.

Church dedication Saturday

Editor,

This email is to introduce a very unique ministry in the development stages at this time. I, Al Pryor (pastor) at age 71 almost totally by myself have been constructing an early pioneer log church in Berryville, Arkansas. I began this work Sept. 15, 2015. Although the construction is not totally complete, this Saturday, Sept. 17, my wife and I and many friends from near and far will dedicate this building and the ministry that will develop in the next few months.

The name of this ministry will be Kings Hill Pioneer Church. The goal of this new

ministry will be to develop gospel music that will please God the father in an attempt to fulfill the primary reason for mankind's creation. To praise, worship and fellowship with God.

Our secondary goal will be to minister to and help the elderly and older generation as best we can, these whom so often fall through the cracks of ministries. Thirdly it will be to reintroduce folks to a "love thy neighbor" mindset that seems to elude most today.

We are expecting a rather large turn out for lunch, Gospel music and fellowship. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate Jesus and this new work in His name.

Thank you.
Al Pryor

Trout Fishing in America opens Eureka House Concert season



Trout Fishing in America play Sunday, Sept. 18 at 17 Elk St. to open Eureka House Concerts season.

Friday night our friends Brother Bagman from Kansas City play rock and roll stew from deep within their groove satchel at Chelsea's, you really don't want to miss that. Trout Fishing in America, Grammy nominees, open the Eureka House Concert season at 17 Elk Street. Doors open at five, music at six. For more info and tickets: eurekahouseconcerts.com

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

BALCONY RESTAURANT –

Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Stevie Tombstone with Ralph White*, Americana, 6 – 9 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

ANGLER'S – *Adam Moraga*, Blues, 7 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Steve Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Stephen Pruitt of Voxana*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Outlaw Hippies*, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Brother Bagman*, Rock, 9 p.m.

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

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

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

ROWDY BEAVER – *Karaoke with Brock Entertainment*, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Tightrope*, Rock, 9 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ANGLER'S – *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Steve Zimmerman*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

BREWS – *Kit and Kaboodle with Guest Blind Boy White*, Blues, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jerry Jones*, Blues, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Chucky Waggs and Jenny and the Johnsons*, Americana, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *Headley Lamar*, Rock Ridge, 9 p.m.

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

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the City of Bismarck, the 92-percent white capital of North Dakota, because of concerns about water contamination from a pipeline break.

Two-Hawks said the protest is getting very little national media attention, even though it is likely one of the larger and more important protests in the history of the U.S. It is the first meeting of the Seven Council Fires of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota people since before the Battle of the Greasy Grass, which white people refer to as the Battle of Little Big Horn.

"It is pretty significant stuff," Two-Hawks said. "One thing important to understand is the people at the camp aren't moving. They have relocated from their homes. They are now living in this camp. They don't plan to go anywhere. They are preparing even now for the colder weather. We're talking about forty below zero at night in the winter. The cold is brutal. They are determined. Indigenous people from everywhere are coming to this camp."

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ROWDY BEAVER – Doc Tucker and Tin Foil Hat, Rock, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Tightrope, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

ANGLER'S – Steve Pruitt, Open Jam, 7 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Michael Dimitri, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., **Melissa Carper**, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS – Kit and Kaboodle Jazz Set, 2 – 5 p.m.

EUREKA HOUSE CONCERT – Trout Fishing in America, Americana, 5 p.m.

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

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Michael Tisdale Duo, Folk, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

OSCAR'S CAFÉ – Buffalo Gals, Americana, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

CHELSEA'S – Open Mic, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

BREWS – Teen Open Mic, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – The Liberty Bell Rhythm Band, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.

Two-Hawks said the pipeline is the proverbial straw that broke camel's back: After Bismarck refused to let it happen in their community, the energy company decided they would find it easier to run it through Native American lands because they don't have enough money, political power or resources to do what Bismarck did. Instead of going through regular channels to get permits, they used legally questionable methods to get quick permits.

Two-Hawks said the reason for stopping the pipeline is more than cultural. It is more than about preserving sacred Native American sites, such as burial grounds.

"Although it is about those things, and those reasons do matter, the bigger reason is protecting Mother Earth, the environment, the future of all our grandchildren and great-grandchildren," he said. "It isn't a matter of if the pipeline would break and contaminate the ground and water supplies, but when. Piping hundreds of thousands of barrels of fossil fuel across the midsection of this continent is not the answer to our economic woes, and it is certainly not an environmental solution. The time to stop has come."

"The future of all our children hangs in the balance. We intend to stand in the way until the pipeline dies, however long it takes. Our people have been protectors of the Earth for thousands of years. Even way back in the day when early settlers used to think the primeval forests of North America were endless, the indigenous people were trying to say 'no.' We must have the foresight to stop or there will come a day when we have no clean water, no clean air, and no clean soil, and we will have done this to ourselves."

Recently the federal government ordered work stopped for 20 miles on either side of the area where protesters are gathered. But it is uncertain how long that will last. Protesters aren't going anywhere and don't trust the company or the government.

"They have tried to circumvent the regulatory process which, if they had gone through, would have prevented the pipeline from ever going through," Two-Hawks said. "There is hope with the lawsuit. I do, however, think the cards are stacked against us because of the money. I think these people will do anything to the Earth in the name of profit. We are trying to stand in the way of a \$10-billion Goliath. So it won't be easy. It will require more sacrifice. But our people are up for the task. And we always have been. We are happy that President Obama stepped in, but we know the fight is not over yet,



This prayer's for you – John Two-Hawks (right) and his wife Peggy Hill (c.) demonstrate at the farmers' market how to make prayer ties to take to Dakota Pipeline protesters. Peggy suggested people make two prayer ties, one to take home and one to donate. The ties are a Native American tradition where prayers or intentions are put into tobacco wrapped in a colorful cloth. Also shown above are Kathy Harrison (left), KJ Zumwalt, Nancy Wines and Wayne Schmidt. **PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE**

so the people are staying until the black snake of the prophecy dies completely."

Two-Hawks is traveling with several other Native Americans leaving Friday, Sept. 16.

"My whole point for going up there is to see it myself, and connect with our Seven Council Fires," he said. "I want to bring supplies and some of the things that people need. I just want to do my small part. We have to stop sucking the blood out of Mother Earth. Mother needs that oil. It is her blood. When we drain all that out of her, bad things happen. Look at what happened last week because of that earthquake from oil companies doing wastewater injection in Oklahoma. The time to stop is not tomorrow. It is today. The moment is now and that is why our people are there and that is why they are standing up."

Two-Hawks expressed gratitude to the community of Eureka Springs for incredible support and generosity in donating supplies.

"It is one of the reasons I moved here seventeen years ago, because this community has such a passion for keeping the environment intact," he said.

His wife, Peggy Hill, said she has received tremendous response from putting an appeal on Facebook. She has

a long list of needs including school supplies (children at the camp are in school), diapers, food, blankets and tents.

"I barely put anything out and people were dropping things off and sending me messages," Hill said. "One lady offered to pay for the travel expenses up there. Steve Gassaway of Mountain Bird Coffee donated coffee. The response from Eureka Springs is wonderful and reminds me of the SWEPSCO protest."

Hill said there are 3,000 people at the camp now, and it may end up being 10,000. Native Americans have come from as far away as New York and Alaska. There are hundreds of tribal flags in the camp.

Hill said despite news reports to the contrary, the protesters are 100 percent peaceful.

"The only violence has been perpetrated by the oil companies, which sent in attack dogs and people with mace, and made aggressive acts towards the people," she said.

The last day to donate supplies for this trip is Friday, Sept. 16, but Hill said there would be other opportunities to help later. Hill can be reached at (479) 253-1732. There is also a fundraiser on Go Fund Me. Google Go Fund Me Dakota Access Pipeline Protest and Go Fund Me.

Blue Skies book study September 27

Love That Boy by Ron Fournier is the selection for the upcoming book study at St. James Episcopal Church, 28 Prospect on Sept. 27. Ann Helmer, LCSW will lead the discussion.

The book is the author's personal story about living with and learning to love a son who has Asperger's. The program will run from 5 – 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome.

HIFDA luncheon

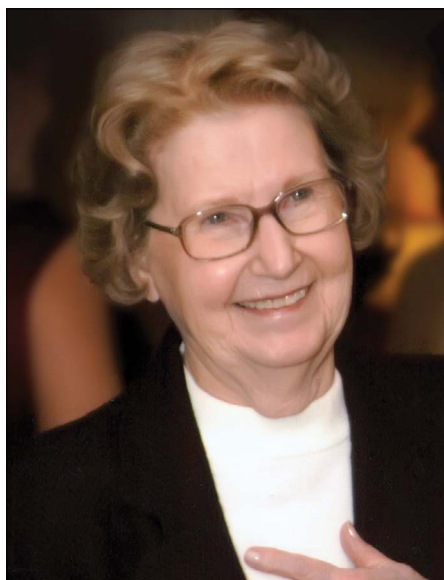
The Holiday Island Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its first luncheon and business meeting of the 2016-17 season on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at noon in the Clubhouse Ballroom at 1 Country Club Drive with doors open at 11:30 a.m. for social time. Cost is \$8 and reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 23 by calling Peggy Amhart at (479) 363-6235.

The auxiliary holds several fundraisers to pay for equipment, training, and supplies for the Holiday Island district and rural fire departments, and membership is open to both men and women.

Meditation, reading and discussion

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, September 15 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

DEPARTURES



Helen Baker Brashears July 15, 1923 – Sept. 8, 2016

Helen Baker Brashears of Berryville, Ark., was born July 15, 1923 in Stonington, Colo., daughter of Frank S. and Bertha (Hunt) Baker. She departed this life Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016 in Berryville at age 93.

Helen grew up in Berryville and graduated Valedictorian of her high school class. After attending business college, Helen began working at First National Bank of Berryville where she served as assistant of the President, Digby West.

After raising her three boys in Springfield, Mo., Helen and her husband, Vol, returned to the family business in Berryville, where Helen and Vol owned

and operated Brashears Furniture for many years. During those years her rare sense of humor and caring touched the lives of many employees and customers. Helen was very involved in the United Methodist Church, serving on a number of boards and committees over the years.

Helen and Vol recently celebrated 71 years of marriage and their relationship was an inspiration to those who knew them.

On August 22, 1945 she was united in marriage with Vol Brashears, Jr., who survives her of the home. She is also survived by her three sons, Vol Brashears III of Berryville, Ark.; Kent Brashears of

Galveston, Texas; and Doug Brashears, and wife, Susan, of Eureka Springs, Ark.; numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends and loved ones.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Frank S. and Bertha (Hunt) Baker; three brothers, Oscar, Frank and Warren Baker and her sister, Hazel Baker.

Visitation will be 5 – 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel, Berryville, Ark. With respect to Helen's wishes, a private family service will be held in her honor. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016



Gracia Irene Richardson Stewart 1926 to 2016

Gracia Irene Richardson was born to English immigrants as the youngest of nine children in Mumford, New York, where she lived most of her school years on the family farm. Gracia made many positive differences for others throughout her lifetime, which included while in school she successfully petitioned to have the name of her parent's street changed to Brookside Drive, reflecting the scenic babbling brook that ran by their home.

Gracia married Calvin Stewart on October 15, 1950. They raised their four children in North Bergen until 1970, when they moved to Ft Worth, Texas.

Among other careers, Gracia worked for American Airlines, which allowed her and Calvin to travel the world with several trips to England visiting relatives, Europe, and Hawaii. In 1992 Calvin and Gracia retired to Beaver Lake, Ark., where they built their own home and lived until Calvin's passing in 2014.

Gracia enjoyed raising her four children, the bountiful rewards of her green thumb, entertaining family and friends, and dabbling in the arts. She was an inspiration of grace and kindness, always blessing us with that wonderful contagious smile and laughter.

Gracia is preceded in death by her parents, eight siblings and husband, Calvin. She is survived by her four children, Lon Stewart, Sally Livingston, Susan Stewart, and Sidney Stewart; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She will be laid to rest with her beloved husband in the Olivet Cemetery in Covington, New York.

Gracia courageously fought a silent battle with cancer while keeping her dignity. We have all been blessed to have her in our lives.

Cards and condolences may be sent to: c/o Susan Stewart, 816 Riviera Drive, Mansfield, TX 76063.

Crissy Prysock Sept. 5, 1981 – Sept. 8, 2016

Crissy Prysock, 35, of Eureka Springs, died Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016.

Born Nella Christine Prysock Sept. 5, 1981 in Monroe, La., she was the daughter of Steve Strange and Sandy Prysock.

Crissy was reared and received her early education in White Hall and Eureka Springs. She was a member of

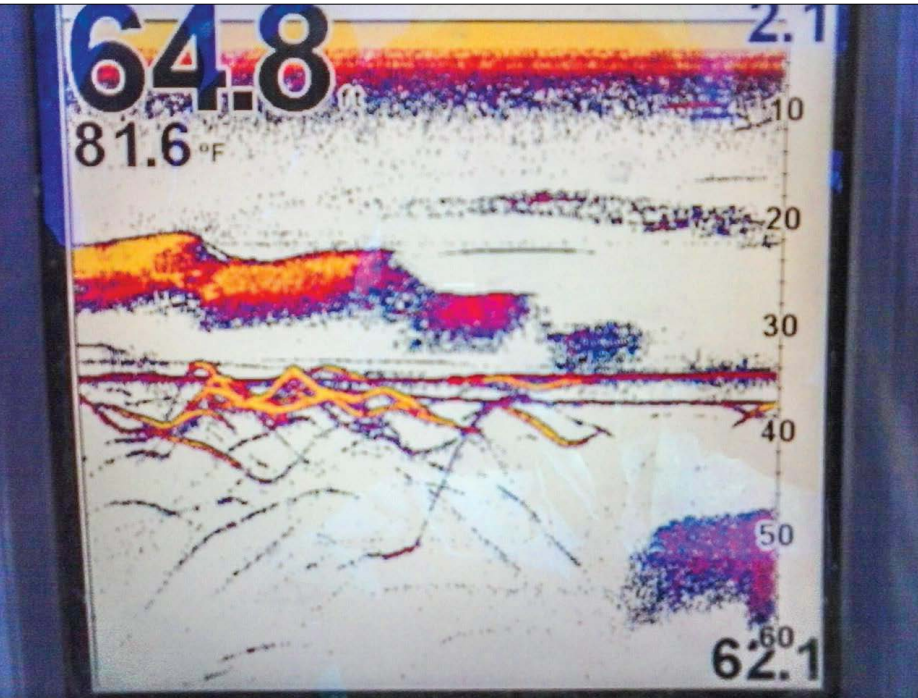
Bethany Missionary Baptist Church in White Hall.

Crissy loved painting, cooking, debating and playing with her animals, especially dogs. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Survivors include her husband, Sam Creighton of Eureka Springs; children, Gavin and Savannah Lester, both of New Braunfels, Texas; dad, Steven Strange of

Little Rock; brother, Bradley Strange of Sheridan; and aunt and uncle, Bobby and Brenda Allbright of White Hall.

A memorial gathering was held Sept. 11 at Ralph Robinson & Son Funeral Directors, Pine Bluff. A private service will be held at a later date. Online register: www.ralphrobinsonandson.com



Well, we got a good pic of fish and bait just out scouting around on Beaver Lake. It seems September is a slow month for the motels, restaurants and fishing here in the Ozarks. Kids are back in school. Most vacations are over so we get in the transition between the summer visitors and the fall visitors, but it only last a few weeks with October being the best month for most business in Eureka. October brings the cooler weather along with the War Eagle Crafts Fair and our fall colors.

The fish are in a transition state, too, and with cooling water that is already happening now. The lakes are turning over, which is bringing the algae up along with the shad. Water temps have now dropped below 80°, so getting below the thermocline to catch fish is gone with the summer.

The stripers on Beaver Lake are still up here on our end with most being caught between Points 3 and 7. More schools are coming to the surface every day now and being caught from the surface down to 30 feet. Big topwater baits are working along with spoons during this transition.

If fishing live bait, big shad and shiners are both doing good now. We're freelining two rods now and running five more on

down to 30 feet deep. White bass and spotted bass are also chasing the shad to the surface on Beaver Lake and here at Holiday Island.

Crappie have also moved up and back closer to the shoreline in the treetops and brush close to 12 feet deep, and being caught on crickets, minnows, jigs and trolling crankbaits.

Trolling the flats and humps from Holiday Island to Houseman can also get you some walleye, along with bigger trout that don't like the tailwaters being as low as it is now. Trout fishing in the tailwaters is also doing well with a fresh stocking just a couple weeks back.

Boat anglers are doing good in the mornings and evenings, but if you're fishing from the shoreline you might do better in the mornings due to running water in the afternoons. Power Bait and worms, along with small spoons and crankbaits cast or trolled, can get your limit of trout now.

Well, I better go now. Get out and enjoy catching some fish now for the excuse of being too hot is now also in the past with the thermocline.

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

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And second, not all beekeepers will register.

"In that climate down there, there is no way to contain their bees," Egan said. "No matter what, there are going to be losses."

Egan points out that Naled is banned in Europe.

"This is banned in Europe, and why would they do that?" he asked.

"There is some doubt as to its efficiency as an insecticide and its safety for human beings. Europe also bans the neonicotinoid pesticides that are long-lasting and very harmful to bees. Europe is far ahead us in protecting both the pollinators and people."

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INDEPENDENT**Crossword**

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

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- ACROSS**

1. Cutely attractive
5. Nerve network
9. Lighted from within
14. Upper portion of either hipbone
15. Mideastern leader
16. Grasp blindly
17. Thailand, once
18. Bavarian leather shorts
20. Secretly plan together
22. Do not possess
23. ___time piano
24. Get up
25. Solitary, e.g.
30. Distant
33. Bless with oil
34. Last words of freedom
35. Sarcastic remark
36. Failed to perform
37. Laurel, Hardy linkage
38. Fundamental principle or general rule
39. Wends ones way
40. Unhappy
41. Wheel with a grooved rim
42. Naval officer's first rank, abbr.
43. S'more ingredient
45. Roam all over the place
46. Sculler's need
47. Relative by marriage
50. Affects appearance
55. Bubonic plague result
57. Quick; agile
58. Very strange
59. Olympic sword
60. Zest, impetuous ardor
61. "Itsy-bitsy, ___-weeny"
62. Bookworm
63. Fender imperfection

DOWN

1. Public treasury
2. Hodgepodge
3. Capital of ancient Chinese empire
4. Sweet potatoes
5. Dependable
6. Come into the light
7. Ocean movement
8. Before
9. Filled with sudden horror
10. Cluster of trees
11. Misplace
12. Greatest British golf tournament
13. Moved from here to there
19. Threatened African species
21. Write without joining letters
24. Decorate differently
25. Borrow without intent to repay
26. It can make one cry
27. Protuberances
28. Decorative surface on '50s automobiles
29. Cares for
30. Last
31. From the beginning
32. Reestablish an expired subscription
35. Scottish Celt
37. Swiss river flowing to the Rhine
38. Bracelet accessory
40. Rescued
41. Destroyed with blows
43. Certain playground bars
44. Night owl
45. White, poisonous powder
47. Assist
48. Run away
49. Food; diet
50. Batman's accessory
51. Checked out visually
52. Yarn
53. Persia, once
54. Penny
56. Evening, in poetry

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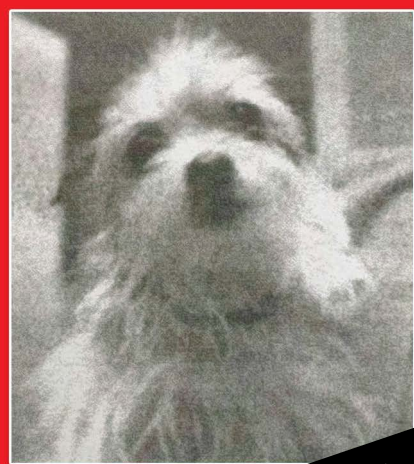
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COUNCIL continued from page 2 "However, we have a large building over there, and it takes a lot of care," Berry commented, saying studies continue to maintain a commission is the way to keep it going. He also challenged the CAPC to come up with a long-range plan for what it would do to keep the auditorium running and successful.

Berry contended volunteers cannot run the facility without a revenue stream, and whether including the Auditorium in the tax is good or not, the facility needs repairs and the city needs a way to pay for them. He encouraged CAPC commissioners to show the town how they will work with council to find the best solutions and make the Auditorium successful.

DeVito acknowledged comments from citizens that the Auditorium needs more shows and events, but warned promoting shows is a tricky business, and "the CAPC could lose a ton of money." He contended to maintain the historic facility and bring in big shows takes a steady flow of money, "and the tax could turn things around."

LOCALS FOR HILLARY continued from page 7 Currently Hillary is considered to have a 75 percent chance of winning the election. Rolling Stone recently had a story, "R.I.P., GOP: How Trump Is Killing the Republican Party, Donald Trump crushed 16 GOP opponents in one of the most appalling, vicious campaigns in history. His next victim? The entire Republican Party."

But Bell feels no sympathy for the Republicans. "They deserve it for not standing up to him for saying hateful things like what he said about Mexicans," Bell said. "Love will win every single time and hatefulness gets us nowhere."

The Hillary for Arkansas group is working on a voter registration drive. The local group will have a debate watch party at 8 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library Annex.

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