### NICKY BOYETTE

outlawed

Parks Director Justin Huss addressed Eureka Springs City Council Monday evening about a No Smoking policy being proposed for city parks. He passed around No Smoking policies from nearby cities, all different, for council to peruse, saying Eureka Springs passed a resolution banning smoking in Basin Park, but there is no ordinance to back it up, so there is no penalty. His handout included a rough draft of an ordinance.

Huss urged council to acknowledge that Lake Leatherwood is a city park, and a camper at a site with no one nearby would be violating a city ordinance by lighting up a cigarette if council imposed a blanket ban on smoking in all city parks. He said he preferred education and appropriate signage at LLCP to address smoking in the campsites.

Alderman Mickey Schneider commented, "Eureka Springs is a tourist town, and there are certain things everyone must put up with." She maintained it is not illegal to smoke.

"Every reason to ban it in Basin Park is the same reason to ban it at the Lake Leatherwood campsites," declared alderman James DeVito. He insisted the city should not send a mixed message – it is okay here but not over there? Harrison banned smoking in all city parks, he said, but Eureka Springs is the leader in the state. "We can ban cigarettes," he stated. He added that besides the litter of butts, there is a danger of a wildfire starting at a campsite. "Profit is not a good reason to allow harmful behavior."

"We do not have the right to tell

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**PBS explores Beaver** – Local history came alive when the PBS/AETN show *Exploring Arkansas* rolled into Beaver. Producer Chuck Dovish interviews Bill Jo Crough on the porch of the historic Swope building where she grew up. Whitney Capps coordinated the crew and residents for the show. The crew spent the day documenting antiques, collectibles and historically significant sites around the town. The segment will air on PBS/AETN on Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. *Photo Submitted* 

# This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North Dakota has had it up to here with oil companies and their "just one more pipeline" attitude. On July 25



Shown: Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council

the Army Corps of Engineers granted ingress across the Missouri River so half a million barrels of crude oil each day could be piped from the Williston Basin to Illinois refineries. But they came a little too close to sacred tribal lands and water supplies, and underestimated the power of social media.

The tribe started making Facebook posts, the movement grew, and now hundreds of people are camping on the banks of the Missouri, risking arrest to stop the madness.

Wouldn't it be crazy if the planet just locked up because all its vital lubricants were extracted? Ouch.

Say what you will about social media, but it does put power in the hands of the people.

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# INDEPENDENTNews

# Henke loses CAPC seat

### NICKY BOYETTE

Aldermen at Monday's council meeting unanimously approved seating Ann Tandy-Sallee to the Planning Commission, and Susan Harman to fill a vacant seat on the City Advertising and Promotion Commission.

When Damon Henke's name came up for confirmation to remain seated on the CAPC, alderman Mickey Schneider stated she had a problem with someone who puts personal goals before the best interests of the city. She claimed Henke represented the interests of the Great Passion Play during the controversy

around Ordinance 2223 last year, and "he fought against us. I'm having a major problem with this," she said.

Alderman James DeVito, who sits with Henke on the CAPC, asked, "Are we even talking about the same person?" Alderman Terry McClung, who also sits with Henke at CAPC meetings, stated, "He has the right to his own opinion and he does a good job at the CAPC."

Vote on confirming Henke was 3-1-1, Schneider voting No and alderman Kristi Kendrick abstaining. Alderman David Mitchell voted No, so Henke's confirmation was denied.

# Bugs cruisin' in the Ozarks

The Volkswagen swap meet is coming to Eureka Springs from Aug. 26-28 down at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. The parade will cruise Eureka at 3 p.m. on the  $27^{\text{th}}$  and the awards show will start at around 4 p.m.

# Open seating

The Eureka Springs City Advertising & Promotion Commission has an open position. Applicant must be a Eureka Springs restaurant or lodging owner or manager and reside in Carroll County. For more information and an application form visit capc.biz/about or visit the CAPC office at 121 E. Van Buren, Suite 3B.

### **COUNCIL** continued from page 1

people they can't smoke. It's their right," Schneider declared.

DeVito said he would like for Huss to bring council a more specific ordinance, and said he had no problem banning tobacco from all parks.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick stated, "I have no problem banning everything [tobacco-related]."

"Cigarettes are not illegal," Schneider maintained, "whether you like it or not."

Mayor *pro tem* David Mitchell asked Huss to update his draft ordinance to stipulate using tobacco products would not be allowed on property over which Parks has jurisdiction.

### Vacate or not

Huss then asked council to consider a moratorium on vacating green spaces. He urged the city to reassess its goals and procedures regarding giving away undeveloped spots around town.

Alderman Terry McClung stated firmly the city should not relinquish its ability to let go of land not useful for Parks or the city. He held it was a citizen's right to petition for a vacation although he agreed the process sometimes is too time-consuming.

### Other items

- Mitchell read a proclamation signed by Mayor Butch Berry stating Sept. 5-11 to be National Patriotism Week.
- Council voted to approve Resolution #679 which amended a previous resolution to state that instead of three city vehicles, only the ESFD 1982 Hendrickson Telesquirt ladder truck will be sold in the auction. The other vehicles are being retained for further use.
- Council quickly approved Resolution # 688 "in support of Fayetteville, Arkansas's efforts to ensure individual civil rights."
- Council approved the first two readings of Ordinance #2246 which will allow vacation of a green space called Hickory Street which is surrounded by property owned by Jim Girkin in exchange for relinquishing ownership of two small parcels on one end of the area in discussion to the Parks Department for its urban trails plan.
- Kendrick asked to place on the next agenda the rescinding of Ordinance 1628 which would allow the city to take back jurisdiction of all green spaces from Parks.

Next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m.

# INDEPENDENTNews

# CAPC audit starts with interviews

### NICKY BOYETTE

Blair Johansen of the Johansen Group, a Fayetteville-based management consulting firm, explained to commissioners and staff of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission Friday morning what to expect as he continues his operations audit of CAPC.

Johansen said he has begun initial information gathering, which he called Phase 1, by interviewing staff and commissioners, checking policies and procedures and exploring the website. He said his initial impression of everyone he has talked to is they want what is best for Eureka Springs and are committed to helping the town grow.

Phase 2 will be to review and sort through the information and compare it to similar situations. Fayetteville, for example, is also going through a process like this.

Johansen said this part of the process might take three weeks.

Phase 3 would be preparing a report. "I'll be an outside person looking in," he

Executive Director Mike Malonev mentioned he already learned from Johansen a strategy for reaching out to the small meeting market that he intends to try right away.

# JP charged with assault

### MIKE ELLIS

A service station scuffle last week in Berryville led to an assault citation for a justice of the peace. District 7 JP John Reeve stopped at Danny's Tire on S. Main St. at about 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17. and went inside the station where customers often linger over coffee.

Reeve sat down next to Jim Lowery, and objected to some things Lowery had said at Monday night's quorum court meeting. Lowery, a candidate for the JP position Reeve will leave at the end of the year, spoke during public comments and stated opposition to efforts to create a new ambulance district for the eastern half of the county, funded by a half-million dollars a year in new taxes.

Sign-up dates for the fall soccer season will be at the Eureka Springs

Wednesday, August 24 from 3:15

Saturday, August 27 from 9 -

Wednesday, August 31 from 3:15

Saturday, September 3 from 9 -

Registration forms will be available from local schools. First

sign-up

and ongoing

registration for all teams will be

Wednesday, Sept. 7 at Leatherwood Soccer Fields. Check the club website

at ww.eteamz.com/eurekasoccer for

Middle-School cafeteria with teams

in the U6, U8, U10, U12, and U14/15

age groups. Sign up dates:

-5:15 p.m.

11:20 a.m.

-5:15 p.m.

11:30 a.m.

practice

more information.

Lowery said when Reeve first confronted him, he readily began to explain his position. As the conversation became more acrimonious, bystanders began to walk away from the pair. In an interview with the Independent, Lowery said the encounter took a surprising turn when Reeve threatened him.

"He squared off, with his fists up, and said, 'I'm going to beat the (expletive) hell out of you!" Lowery said. Reeve grabbed and twisted Lowery's arm and pushed him backward, then squared off again with fists ready. "I didn't want to fight him - that's stupid!" Lowery said. Others had just begun to notice the outbreak of hostilities, and Lowery yelled for someone to call 911.

Berryville police arrived to find Reeve and Lowery had already regained their composure. Based on statements of witnesses and the two parties to the argument, a citation was issued to Reeve for third-degree assault. "I wasn't mad, I didn't even get upset," Lowery said. "I just think it's best to settle things verbally."

Reeve, who did not reply to a request for comment, has taken the leadership role in pushing for the new ambulance millage. At the Aug. 15 quorum court meeting, JPs approved two readings of an ordinance in order to put the question on the November ballot. A special quorum court meeting Tuesday will discuss specific ballot language.

# Jamming with the community Fall soccer season coming soon

Instrument players and singers are invited to an evening of music at the Library Annex on Tuesday, August 30 from 7 - 9 p.m. All styles are welcome.

# Meditation, reading and discussion

Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and

The Eureka Springs Buddhist discussion on Thursday, August 25 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.





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# **INDEPENDENTNews**

# Three grandmothers join forces to appeal ADEQ permit

Three Northwest Arkansas women have banded together to appeal a recent decision that would allow EC Farms to spray hog waste from C&H Hog Farms, Inc., onto additional pastures within the Buffalo River watershed.

All three had independently attended a public comment hearing in Jasper last March to object to allowing the transfer of a modified permit that would expose more tributaries, springs and groundwater to potential pollutants in a sensitive ecosystem already showing signs of stress. The comments they made at that time give them standing to appeal the decision. Fifty-three comments were recorded, either online or at the hearing, against allowing even more widespread spraying of untreated swine sewage.

Now the three women, all grandmothers, have hired an attorney to guide them through the process.

"None of us has done anything like this before, but we met up afterwards and discovered that we share a common determination to fight for the Buffalo. Someone had to take a stand for the river and it seemed to each of us that it was our turn," Carol Bitting explained.

Bitting lives on the Little Buffalo

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- Dr. Nancy Haller

River, a tributary to the Buffalo National River in Newton County. For years she has volunteered her services as a biological technician for Buffalo National Park, conducting field surveys and documenting karst features within the park. She's also a member of the Arkansas Caves Association, cataloging and measuring numerous caves in the county. Her spare time is spent hiking, biking, paddling

the river and enjoying the outdoors with her grandkids.

Dr. Nancy Haller also has a long history of public service. She is a medical doctor who formerly served as Public Health Officer for the Newton County Health Department. In the 1990s she spearheaded the effort to establish the county as an eco-tourism destination, and wrote numerous grant proposals that have helped improve the quality of life for residents of Jasper. Her concern for the Buffalo River stems from her understanding of the pathogens, bacteria, viruses and other substances known to leach into waterways and threaten human heath in areas where confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) dispose of waste by spreading it on the ground. "It already happened once, when too much chicken litter ruined the wells around Mount Judea. That's when they had to pipe in water from the lake," Haller points out. "This permit would allow in excess of 6.5 million gallons of untreated waste to be sprayed on fields and pastures south of Mount Judea. That's crazy!"

Lin Wellford of Carroll County is an active member of one of the state's first watershed partnership groups and has been involved in preserving and protecting Ozark waterways for more than a decade. An avid kayaker who frequently floats the Buffalo, she worries that spraying waste on additional fields within the river's watershed will skew results of the Big Creek Research and Extension Team's taxpayer-funded monitoring efforts on a major tributary to

> the Buffalo River. The new fields drain into different tributaries that are not currently being monitored.

> "People had already started whether question BCRET's mission was compromised by the fact that the director of the team is so closely associated with the U of A School of Agriculture," Wellford said. "Originally the study was supposed to focus on water

monitoring to protect the Buffalo National River, but once it began, the title was quickly changed to 'Proving the Sustainability of C&H Hog Farm.'"

According to the EPA, non-point source pollution associated with agriculture, mostly stemming from the rapid evolution of indoor feedlots known as CAFOs, is now the leading cause of impaired waterways within the US.

These grandmothers agree that agriculture is important to the state and they support the rights of independent farmers to make a living on their land. But they also think that the corporate takeover of farming is turning farms into factories and transforming farmers into contracted operators who have little say in decision-making. "We keep hearing how industrial-scale agricultural is the only way to feed a hungry world, but CAFOs have been shown to be hugely damaging to the environment. How long can we feed the world if we wreck our land and water resources in the process?" Wellford asked.

"And if it turns out that we can't protect a river that has been set aside as a national park, is any waterway in this country safe?" Dr. Haller added.

The hearing has been set for Dec. 4-5 at the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology building in North Little Rock.



# **INDEPENDENTNews**

# Budget wrinkles getting ironed out

For the third month in a row, Eureka Springs City Council convened a 30-minute budget workshop before the second meeting of the month. Monday evening's workshop, like the previous one, left hardly any break before the regular meeting. Alderman Bob Thomas requested the budget workshops start earlier, and 5:15 p.m. before the second council meeting of the month was the agreed upon future starting time.

During the workshop, Finance Director Lonnie Clark found himself explaining apparent anomalies in the city's budget, such as the cost of two new trolleys when only one was budgeted for this year. He said the first trolley arrived in January but was expected in 2015, and Transit Director Ken Smith will not sign off on a new trolley until all problems have been resolved. Therefore, the delivery date was later than expected and it crossed over into this budget year.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick then remarked if the trolley had arrived on time, last year's budget would have looked even worse. Clark could not disagree.

Kendrick also noticed a \$15,451 expense in the Fire & EMS line that had not been budgeted and most of the year's allotment for legal services has been spent. Clark explained the first expense had been for an upgrade in equipment for firefighters in the aftermath of a near disaster. To her second point, alderman David Mitchell, who chaired the workshop, mentioned there had been attorneys' fees for unexpected suits, but assured her Mayor Butch Berry's office is paying attention.

Alderman Terry McClung noted that overtime at ESFD had picked up dramatically over the past two months, and Mitchell said that council would be getting updated information about the fire department's budget situation soon.

Aldermen and Clark discussed budgets in general and particular items in this year's budget in detail in search of a better understanding of how the flow of money through the city is tracked and how to makes reports clearer and more complete for aldermen.

"It's getting better," Mitchell commented.



**Building bigger is better –** A new store twice as large as the current Hill Country Hardware and Lumber on US 62 east of Eureka Springs is taking shape. Manager Shane Kilgore said the buildings will be connected, for an extra 50x100 feet. Hill Country needs more room for a larger selection of doors, windows, and everything else you get at a hometown hardware store. PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

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# Lake Leatherwood City Park getting cosmetic overhaul

### NICKY BOYETTE

"A facelift it so richly deserves," continues at Lake Leatherwood City Park (LLCP) according to Parks Director Justin Huss. He told Parks' commissioners at the August 16 meeting, "Utility work is underway for our playground project, utility and site preparation will begin soon for our bike camp and camper cabins, campsite improvements are marked, and new tent pads will be installed in the next month."

Huss expanded his outreach for citizen input for the proposed playground project by inviting the public to meet chair Bill Featherstone and him Thursday, August 18, at the proposed site to offer opinions and advice about the playground. Featherstone said input, still being compiled, included lots of swings, with some tall enough for big folks; slides in the shade; natural appearance; activities to keep parents occupied while watching their kids, like a perimeter walking path; and nearby bathrooms.

Huss reported the mowing contractor

is regaining control of the weedy margins at LLCP and there is new gravel on the parking lots. The new four-person pedal boat is in action and very popular. Improvements are ongoing in preparation for the autumn soccer season, including upgrades to parking.

He also announced that within 90 days Parks will have an active reservation system. "I am confident in this decision and look forward to the increased revenue it will provide," Huss commented. "ReserveAmerica will provide our reservation system, creating interactive maps and allowing us to schedule and charge for special events and a multitude of metrics to help fine tune our offerings and advertising."

Regarding finances, Huss said, "Overall, with what is 71 percent of the year in the books, our expenses are at 58.7 percent of the annual budget." He cited income figures, which did not reflect July tax deposits, were already at 67.9 percent of the budget with the preponderance of the unanticipated income coming from Lake Leatherwood, which has already generated 96.3 percent of what was expected for the

Huss was confident the increase in revenue generated at LLCP is a "sustainable trend." He pointed out because of the investment in rehabbing the boat fleet, revenue from boat rentals is up more than 300 percent. In addition, cabins are being overhauled and will be rented through the winter.

Maintenance projects such as dredging and controlled burns will be coming soon, and Featherstone commented new signs for the LLCP trails should be in place before the end of October. Also, Eagle Scout Justin Ermert completed his Eagle Scout project of constructing bleachers for the soccer fields.

# Director's report

Featherstone announced Parks intends to begin an Adopt-a-Trail program where individuals and groups would have a chance to help Parks take care of the evergrowing number of trails.

He also remarked the Community

Center Foundation signed the 20-year lease to take possession of the old high school property on Sept. 1. Even though the Foundation achieved its first goal of taking possession, "the fundraising never stops," he said, urging the public to go to the Foundation website at eurekaspringscommunitycenter.com igave50.com for ways to donate.

Featherstone stated a trail would open soon which connects the Crescent Hotel property with Harmon Park. Also a new Trails map is being updated to include only trails over which Parks has access.

### **Better springs**

Huss stated the Springs Committee announced interest in the proposed tax to improve the city's infrastructure because improving water and sewer delivery would improve the springs. He said his staff would be putting up signs at the springs alerting visitors that the water is contaminated. "I'm not excited about putting them up," he said, adding it needs to be done for public safety.

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# INDEPENDENTNews

# Renovations, building in high gear

### NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District Commission mirrored construction activity considering seven applications at the August 17 meeting. Five applications were approved:

- 14 White new door cut/door; new walkwav
- 82 Armstrong open filled rear doorway
- 8 Angle new construction: single family residence
- 28 S Main new construction: addition
- 12 Hillside pave driveway

Commissioner Steve Holifield recused himself from the vote on 12 Hillside.

The application to replace nonoriginal windows and a door at 34 Ridgeway was tabled pending a site visit to see if commissioners could tell what was original to the studio and what was not.

An application for new paint colors at 94 Wall was also tabled pending a site visit. Commissioner Doug Breitling stated their guidelines mention garish colors or too many colors should be avoided. He wanted commissioners to look at the nearby homes to see if the bold colors proposed would be out of character with the neighborhood.

These items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 23 Elk new sign
- 51 12 S. Main new sign
- 155 Spring new paint colors
- 5 Spring new sign
- 90 S. Main new paint colors
- 58 Vaughn replace porch posts and railing

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 do include applications for changes in roofing color:

- 33 Prospect repair siding
- 28 Prospect re-roof, new drainage, remove guttering, replace damaged trim and siding, lower side porch roof back to original
- 19 Ridgeway rebuild two chimneys
- 39 Mountain repair, repaint
- 42 Vaughn repair, repaint rotted siding
- 101 Spring replace sidewalk with imprinted concrete
- 9 East Mountain re-roof
- 14 College reroof
- 16 Pine re-roof, new color
- 39 Steele replace picket fence; repaint
- 34 Ridgeway re-roof

Commissioners voted to approve the proposed updates to their guidelines recommended at the August 3 meeting.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m.

# Smooth sailing on new runway

### NICKY BOYETTE

Michael Pfeifer, manager of the Carroll County Airport, reported at the August 19 commission meeting that CCA had its first fly-in after the June runway resurfacing, and 30 people attended. The runway improvements were funded by grants from the Federal Aviation Administration and Arkansas State Aeronautics.

Other improvements around the airport included regular mowing and weed control, adding gravel to eroded areas and installing a new fueling hose. Pfeifer said he was getting estimates for rewiring the fuel pump and installing an awning over the pump area.

### **Engineer's report**

Engineer and consultant Dan Clinton explained the process of receiving grant funds from State Aeronautics for extending the apron and taxiway in front of the 60x60-ft. hangar on the south side of the runway. This extension would also serve new hangars in the future. Commissioners voted for Clinton to move forward on the design process, which he intends to submit before the end of September.

Pfeifer reported the tenant in the 60x60-ft. hangar agreed to lease it for 25 years for \$60,000 with \$30,000 worth of improvements to the structure counting against the total. The hangar rehabilitation has begun.

### Vacancy not quite filled

Harper Goodwin and former commissioner Dave Teigen had applied to fill the vacant seat on the commission. When Teigen noticed Goodwin had applied for the seat, he withdrew his name and spoke highly of Goodwin's credentials to serve. Commissioner Mark Mallet then acknowledged Teigen's qualifications and prior dedicated service to the commission.

Commissioners retired into executive session to consider

the vacant seat, and afterward Chair Chase Tresler announced they had decided to take no action.

### Other items

- Commissioners asked Pfeifer to prioritize his list of future improvements at CCA so they could figure out how to pay for
  - There is a waiting list for renting hangars. Next meeting will be Friday, September 16, at 12 p.m.

# Overtime rules and new employer responsibilities at the Chamber

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce invites the chamber membership and the community to attend the FLSA overtime rules and new employer responsibilities educational seminar. The seminar will teach you about the changes that the Department of Labor have made to the Fair Labor Standards Act. Topics covered:

What the proposed changes are Who they will affect

The timeline of the changes

How employers can know the difference between exempt employees and those eligible for overtime

The event will be held at the Best Western Eureka Inn on Tuesday, August 30 at 2 p.m. There is no cost to Chamber members and \$5 to non-members. You can register online by going to www.eurekaspringschamber.com.

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Editor.

Thanks to John Rankine for hitting the nail on the head. Any potential vote for Hillary, whether lost to a protest for an alternative candidate or a refusal to go to the polls at all, is a vote for Donald Trump. It is your conscience that will make you realize the consequences of your actions.

My conscience tells me to get involved for the first time in my life. Please get involved. Eureka Springs has a Hillary Clinton volunteer group meeting each Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Brews. Please join us. The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 10. Mark Eastburn

# We'll see how this works out

Editor.

The area called the U.S.A. was controlled by tribe-raiding savages and sun worshippers that arrived via the Bering Strait.

George, Abe and the Christian farmers, craft folks and military produced and protected our country.

Now the ungodly, false god worshippers, dolts, lazys and other losers get to vote and they outnumber the godly and wise.

Get set to see how this works out.

Richard Waxenfelter Berryville

# Taking care of each other

Editor,

Thank you so much to the entire Independent staff for posting the article on the Matt Davis Family Relief Fund. Throughout this ordeal I've been blown away by the support from the community, and your contribution just reinforces my renewed belief in humanity.

When the chips are down we really are all here together. Tony Freeman



# WEEK'S Top Tweets

anniemuf Mary: Ipainted 1 room & then the hallway and the room

next to it looked kinda shabby and I'm guessing this is how plastic surgery gets out of hand.

**@E jok44:** I called roadside assistance but they didn't want to hear about my problems unless it had to do with my car. **@goldenspirals:** Hot singles in your area looking for an air conditioned indoor court

to practice on before their match.

**@WheelTod:** Tarantulas make great pets because when they die, rather than grieving you'll feel an almost overwhelming sense

@thenatewolf: Falafel is a weird name cuz I actually falgreat every time I eat one. **@VanGobot:** Most people don't realize that chickpeas only get 79¢ for every \$1 a manpea makes.

@jeffreycanclea1: In other words, 2 percent of household germs kinda like chargers called apple juice?

Lysol spray.

@aspersioncast: The letter I takes up less room than the letter W yet they're both counted as one character. If Twitter were an airline this wouldn't happen.

**@kelkulus:** I was in a serious relationship once. We never even smiled.

**@monkeyeggnawg:** English teachers put more thought into novels than authors

@landonashworth: Why aren't iPhone

# **INDEPENDENT Guestatorial**

# Ethic of Sustainability

A thing is right when it tends to enhance the quality and integrity of both human and non-human life on earth by means that honor our uniquely human responsibilities and rewards, as members and caretakers of the earth's integral community. A thing is wrong when it tends otherwise - Dr. John Ikerd

The three years since discovering that a 6500-head factory hog farm had been stealthily permitted and secretly constructed on a hilltop in Mount Judea have been a time of intense learning for a number of us who are involved in the fight to ensure that the Buffalo River is protected and preserved.

Obviously, all controversies have two sides. I have friends who farm and ranch and I know many people in our county who make their living on their land. They are good folks, good neighbors who love their community. Farming is not an easy life, as anyone who's tried to grow a garden knows. It takes skill, dedication and luck. Perhaps it is a calling, for certainly not everyone who tries it succeeds.

There has been a rapid evolution in the way our food is being grown having a major impact on people who want to farm as well as on the environment we all depend upon for life. Where once farmers were independent and free to decide how best to operate their farms, particularly if they wanted to raise poultry, hogs and, increasingly cattle, the playing field is altered as corporations step in.

Integrated marketing is what they call it, but what it looks like in practice is the closing off of markets, the monopolizing of food production. If you want to grow poultry, you must build metal houses to the specifications of the corporation who dominates your area. They will supply the birds, the feed and the rules. You will supply the labor and pay the utilities and mortgage. Your contract will be from flock to flock, and you will have no say in how long there may be between flocks. Oh, and you must deal with all the litter that's produced.

The same goes for swine. Independent hog farmers were squeezed out of the marketplace by the "big boys" who flooded the market with pork and ran small operations out of business, then went out looking for former hog farmers willing to be contract growers instead. The only difference is that the waste is more problematic since there is exponentially more of it.

We've all heard the corporate justification for the takeover of agriculture: "They are just trying to

feed a hungry world!" But in the 30 vears it has taken to see results of these mega-sized factory farms, including dairies and cattle feedlots, it has become abundantly clear that "bigger is not better," not for contract growers who now often make less than minimum wage for their labor, not for animals that never feel sunshine on their bodies or grass beneath their feet, and not for the environment that simply can't assimilate the mountains of waste produced by crowding animals into metal sheds for their short lifetimes. And it is certainly not better for the environment. The EPA now cites nonpoint source pollution from agriculture as the Number 1 cause of impaired waterways in the US.

Yes, it's true contract farmers have a more dependable income, but not at the same level when averaged out, as they could make as independent farmers if the marketplace had not been closed to them. Rural communities are not flourishing. Income inequality is a growing problem in our country.

Those who own stock in corporations are the real beneficiaries. In effect, we are turning farmers into sharecroppers on their own land.

The real cost of cheap food goes up when you factor in damage to the environment that we will all pay for either in lowered quality of life or in the cost of clean up. But there is a cost to the fabric of our society when we allow those who grow our food to be subjugated. And where, oh where are our politicians in all

Lin Wellford

# I AM SO TIRED OF POLITICS, I THOUGHT A PAINTING OF A COVERED BRIDGE MIGHT BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY Bennett's Mill, Kentucky

# **Pursuit Of**

# **HAPPINESS**

by Dan Krotz

dinner guest offered a startling factoid. "Forty percent (40%) Lof the population of Eureka Springs," she said, "is comprised of single women." This was affirmed by another guest (a single woman) who told a little story:

"When I first came to Eureka Springs," she began, "an old lady came up to me and said, 'I hope you didn't come here looking for a man.' I told her I wasn't. 'That's good, honey,' she said, 'cuz every woman in town who's got a man has to work two jobs just to keep him."

We'll evaluate the factoid in a moment, but their backstory is that there are a lot of single women in town who support a lot of shiftless men. These men were not discussed in detail, but the impression was of mopey, unemployed failures to launch -representing all generations.

Reliable data from 2014 sources shows that 944 men and 1,147 women live within our city limits. Fifty-five percent (55%) are women and 45% are men. Because the 55% includes women of all ages and statuses it was hard to drill down to find 40%, but a solid 34% (18-65) are single, widowed, or divorced. Twenty-four percent (24%) of men straight and gay - are footloose.

This may make the ladies sad, but the bigger story is that the median age of Eureka Springs' people is 50, and our population has declined by 8.5% since the last census. Outside of planned retirement communities, that makes us one of the oldest city populations in the state of Arkansas. By contrast, Berryville's population has grown by nearly 22%, and the median age is 34.

Meanwhile, our city leaders are working overtime to chisel more sales tax dollars - to fix our wobbly sewer and water system – out of the Baby Booming Jesus Freaks and Biker Freaks who come to visit. Which they've been fixin' to fix - the sewer system, not the Freaks (the Freaks are fine) – since I got here in 1995.

Suggestions to engage in genuine economic development, alongside tourist promotion, are met with the dirtiest of looks. God forbid that we'd do anything to stem our population loss, or to encourage young families to live here.

# 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 vellow 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 Christcentered 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 Parkeliff 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.

# **INDEPENDENTNews**

# Start off the weekend with a delicious breakfast

A pancake breakfast will be held by the Holiday Island Elks Lodge, 4 Park Cliff Drive on Saturday, Sept. 3 from 7 – 10:30 a.m. with all you can eat pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee. Adults are \$6 and children under 12 are \$3.

Proceeds from the event support Elks Lodge programs including veterans assistance, drug awareness education, and scholarships for higher education.

# Sunset tours on Beaver Lake scheduled

Hobbs State Park Conservation Area's 15 Sunset Pontoon Boat Cruises on Beaver Lake, departure times from Rocky Branch Marina

### September

Thursday 8th 5:30 p.m. Sunday 11th 5:30 p.m. Thursday 15th 5:30 p.m. Sunday 18th 5:15 p.m. Thursday 22nd 5:15 p.m. Sunday 25th 5:15 p.m. Thursday 29th 5 p.m.

October

Thursday 6th 5 p.m.

4:45 p.m. Sunday 9th Thursday 13th 4:45 p.m. Sunday 16th 4:45 p.m. Thursday 20th 4:30 p.m. Sunday 23rd 4:30 p.m. Thursday 27th 4:30 p.m. Sunday 30th 4:15 p.m.

Many birds will be coming back to their nests this time of day, so times get earlier as darkness falls. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Adults \$10 + tax. Children 6-12 \$5 + tax. For more information and to make reservations, call (479) 789-5000.

# INDEPENDENT

# **ConstablesOnPatrol**

### August 15

12:44 p.m. – Constable was called to a residence in the west part of town because a feral hog was near a residence. Constable never saw it.

1:52 p.m. – Observer claimed two males drove up to an ATM and one stumbled out of the vehicle, ran toward the ATM, dropped a package and stumbled back to the car. Constables found nothing suspicious about the package.

### AUGUST 16

7:50 a.m. – Constable collected an unattended dog near the schools. He located the owner and returned the dog along with a citation for dog at large.

8:15 a.m. - Business owner reported criminal mischief.

11:39 a.m. - Individual reported a theft from his vehicle but soon called back to say he found his

3:48 p.m. - Concerned observer in the ESH parking lot told ESPD two dogs had been locked in a car with windows up for more than an hour. Constable arrived to find the dogs in the car with air-conditioner running while the owner visited his

4:47 p.m. - On US 62 toward the western edge of town, a dog darted in and out of traffic. It ran into the woods when Animal Control arrived.

6:22 p.m. – Caller told ESPD a child was missing. Constables went to the scene and later found the child in a house down the street.

### August 17

8:33 a.m. – Constable responded to a call about a burglary. The location was put on the extra patrol

9:17 a.m. - Constable took information about a missing female juvenile.

7:39 p.m. – Resident near downtown reported two males had been sitting in a vehicle parked on the street for the three hours since he arrived home. and the vehicle had no license plate. Constables encountered the vehicle nearby and issued a warning, but everything was okay.

8:27 p.m. – Individual told ESPD several items had been taken from a boat in a motel parking lot.

### August 18

7:18 a.m. – Constable went to the location of a 911 hang-up call. Everything was okay.

7:21 a.m. - ESPD learned of a trespasser on property east of downtown. Constable scoured the area and did not encounter the person.

10:09 a.m. – One dog bit another one at the dog

1:02 p.m. - A merchant reported a theft from the business

1:32 p.m. – ESFD responded to a fire alarm call that turned out to be a false alarm.

8:59 p.m. – There was a two-car accident on US 62 with injuries. One vehicle carrying an injured person left the scene.

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# **INDEPENDENT News**

# Eating intelligently is an art

### **B**ECKY **G**ILLETTE

White Street Market vendor Mark Dewitz is a familiar figure in town. Although the graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, has worked as a chef in many different areas of the country, he bought 2.5 acres of land sight unseen near Beaver in 1981 and has lived there off and on since 1989.

After cooking school, he traveled and worked in Florida and New York. Then he ended up visiting Arkansas, and fell in the love with Eureka Springs. But finding it difficult to get a job paying a living wage as a chef, he worked for nine years as a captain at Commander's Palace in New Orleans.

"It was the only way to save enough money to buy this homestead near Beaver," Dewitz said.

Then, for nine years, he was a pastry chef at the Pinnacle Country Club in Rogers. That was a long commute, so he started baking deserts for Mud Street, DeVito's, Center Street and Local Flavor. He has also worked at the Crescent Hotel, Forest Hill, the Cottage Inn, Dairy Hollow House and the Eureka Springs and North Arkansas Railway.

After a stint as a part owner of the Break Time Bakery, he worked to prepare the buffets at Myrtie Mae's for seven years.

"You learn something at every job," he said.

He retired a year ago, but stays plenty busy cultivating his garden and selling flowers, vegetables and fruit at the White Street Market on Saturday mornings.

Dewitz also still enjoys his culinary talents. He shares with friends his delectable cakes, pies, cookies, and breads other treats like wines sorbets and jellies made from crab apples, chardonnay wine and black raspberries.

Unlike some chefs, he is trim and doesn't overindulge. He thinks pastries and other sweets should be an occasional treat, not something to eat all the time.

"I don't trust the public with baked goods," Dewitz said. "Some people can't control themselves. They will stuff themselves with a dozen cookies at one time. I like baking a lot. But pastries are made with white flour, sugar, butter and cream. You don't need to eat too much of those. I only eat a treat once in a while."

He quotes Mary Frances Kennedy Fisher, a food author, who says: "To eat is a necessity. To eat intelligently is an art."

He wasn't always thin. He weighed 250 pounds in high



Ever plant a watermelon seed? With good soil and careful tending, here's what can happen. Mark Dewitz could have an all-out watermelon seed-spitting contest at the White Street Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings in the Ermilio's parking lot. If not, save the seeds and plant them next year. PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

school. But he took that off after going into the Navy. Since then he has been careful about eating in moderation.

Dewitz gardens organically. He uses trap crops like amaranth and passion vine for Japanese beetles, and then picks them off. He adds horse manure, grass clippings and wood chips for mulch and organic matter.

"It's all about the dirt," he said. "You have to feed the dirt and improve the dirt. I bring in all the organic matters than I can, and use organic products from Nitron in Springdale. The results are what I bring to the farmers' market."

Like most gardeners around, Dewitz sometimes has competition for the harvest from wild critters. His dog, Duke, keeps away the deer, but moles, voles and groundhogs can sometimes be a problem.

Dewitz doesn't sell at larger farmers' markets in the area, preferring the intimacy of the Ermilio's parking lot.

"The White Street Market is a good thing," he said. "It is a small neighborhood market where a lot of my customers are people I've known for a long time."

# Attention singers

Join the Holiday Island Singers on Wednesday, August 31 at 1 p.m. at the Holiday Island Country Club Ballroom and look over the song selection for the Christmas Concert. The Holiday Island Singers rehearse every Wednesday afternoon. Call (479) 239-0579.

# Trail opening September 3

The Holiday Island Trails Committee will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Starlite North Hiking Trail on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 9 a.m. on Starlite Drive near the Holiday Island Community Church. Bring you hiking gear and experience nature in Holiday Island!

# Sunday at EUUF

Local author Harrie Farrow will share her recent experience at The United State of Women, a summit recently convened by the White House, on August 28 at Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street at 11 a.m. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

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# Burning Man, Mercury Retrograde - Back to the Future

urning Man, nine-day, intentional, temporary, desert art community on the playas of Black Rock City, (northern) Nevada, begins Sunday, August 28 and ends Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 5. The formation of this temporary society is based on "radical self-reliance and self-expression" within the context of art, community and cooperation, a new social structure. As the old society falls away, we will seek community, places of refuge based on this experiment. Everything that occurs is created by its citizens. Everyone participates. It's an experiment. Theme for 2016 is "Da Vinci's Workshop."

Inspired by the Italian Renaissance (15th and

16<sup>th</sup> centuries), when Ray 3 (Divine Intelligence), Ray 5 (Concrete & Scientific Knowledge) and Ray 7 (anchoring a new template, rhythm, new archetypes of living), streamed into the Earth, creating artistic and scientific innovation and an enlightenment that led Europe out of the Dark Ages (6th-14th centuries).

The Renaissance was a revolutionary cultural movement. Science and art flourished, especially in Florence, Italy. An example of Renaissance art is Botticelli's "Birth of Venus" (1480).

Burning Man 2016 "attempts to become the epicenter of the new present day renaissance." Its "hero" is Leonardo da Vinci, creator of "Vitruvian Man," head, arms and feet outstretched, representing the 5-pointed star of Venus. Read more: burningman. org/event/brc/2016-art-theme-da-vincis-workshop/.

Appropriately as Burning Man looks to the past, Mercury retro begins, stationing at 29 degrees Virgo (early morning Tuesday, August 30). What does this mean? The "new renaissance" at Black Rock will have unusual turnabouts and surprises. Mercury retro is heyoka, the trickster, contrarian, medicine man, healer, functioning upside down, inside out, posing questions, zen koans, so we see things differently. Mercury retro is perfect for Burning Man... looking back to the future.

**ARIES:** All work environments, both home and professionally will feel cluttered and disorganized. They will call you to order and organization. There will be changes in scheduling and routines. There is no routine in Mercury retro times. Mercury retro doesn't allow it because things are supposed to be different, upside down & sideways. Careful with communication for it doesn't work well, either. Not in the usual way. Nothing will be safe, Nothing predictable. Play with it.

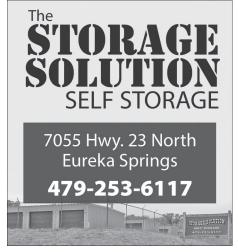
**TAURUS:** Your usual creative energy will withdraw inward for a while. Remember all that you did as a child. Remember what you liked and didn't like. Remember what you did for pleasure, for comfort. What art did you offer others? How curious were you? It's a good time to be with children, to gather groups for art, dance, painting, gallery, theatre, beach, park night. Crafts nights. Someone from the past reappears. Uh Oh.

GEMINI: Things might be, should be (are they?) happening in your home. Or things concerning home. Mercury retrograding through your home (foundation) brings up the idea of roots, childhood, thought patterns and belief learned while young. St. Paul's saying comes to mind, "When a child I thought like a child." How are your thoughts different now? While pondering this question, rearrange the furniture, kitchen, garage and yard, too.

CANCER: Everything concerning travel neighborhoods, communication, learning, talking, cars, driving, trips, appointments, plans – all may go into a state of confusion for you. Mercury retro makes everything topsy-turvy, not understood, changed, sometimes difficult and calls everyone to just do things over again. But in a different way. All those "r" words come into play. Rewrite, renew, review, re... everything.

LEO: Values, resources, money, finances and more money. It's good to create a Values Journal. Title: "This is What I Value." And write your values in it every day. What is the situation with your income? Shifting to the Soul's questions. How is your life energy? And what are your spiritual values? What in life do you truly seek? Do you feel you





are of value to the world? Are you tithing?

of pure water, purifying and cleansing.

VIRGO: There will be a re-thinking and re-assessment concerning your self-image. The image you see in the mirror and the image you project to the world. Virgo likes to be impeccable with speech and communication, plans and organization. However, Mercury, Virgo's ruler, has other plans. Words aren't available, perceptions may be skewed, all reflections will not be remembered when Mercury turns direct.

Virgo, forget everything & just have fun.

LIBRA: I like to write about Libra, a social sign (out & about), my rising and my daughter's Sun sign. It's always about balance, poise, beauty and Right Relations. However, this month all these virtues becomes veiled. Mercury whisks Libra behind the scenes into the depths of religion and psychology offering messages from the underworld, overworld... somewhere... and dreams are the result. Libra, you're not alone. Create an altar.

**SCORPIO:** So you want to be with friends, especially those from the past. There's something special from the not too distant past that you long for, think about, pine away for. It's not just desire.

It's actually need. And so you must take the time to revisit and discover if returning is the right move. Don't move yet. Only visit. Allow

no misunderstandings to go unattended. Goals, dreams, hopes, wishes need serious consideration.

**SAGITTARIUS:** There's work from the past, a job, or business or promises or a promotion perhaps, that must be tended to. You're a leader. A leader's gifts are leading with will, love and patience. Patience. Is there a job you need to reapply for? Something you must do again? Mercury retro helps you reconsider career and make contact with important people. "Contact releases love." And direction.

CAPRICORN: You might be thinking of a place you would like to (re)visit. You might think about studying something, returning to school, completing a course. You may be confronted with aspects of truth, morals and ethics. It's good to review what your truths morals and ethics are. As we enter Aquarius the New Laws & Principles of the Aquarian Age become our new morals and ethics. Watch your step when walking. AQUARIUS: Check all legal financial papers - bank accounts, insurance, loans, mortgage or car payments. Is anything due? Pay bills on time. Make sure when sharing resources that everyone receives their fair share. Be sure too of a proper balancing of energies when helping others. Don't overdo, overexert, overtax or overheat. Drink lots

**PISCES:** When marrying we promise to honor the other in sickness or health, good times and bad. We promise to respect the other and help them "till death do we part." Commitments we make usually in the throes of emotional passions and desire. As Mercury retro passes through your relationship/marriage house you may want to renegotiate those vows. Adding to them by loving more, giving more, promising more. Just don't get married. Not yet. These words apply to all relationships.

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### Art space gets a diggin' -

ESSA recently broke ground to begin building its new Wood Studio. Board members and staff showed up shovels and cameras. From (I. - r.)Mary Springer, Doug Stowe, Bill Carmichael, Peggy Kjelgaard, Dave McKee, Elise Roenigk, Eleanor Lux, Sandra Templeton, Max McKee, Maureen Alexander, Jim McCoy and Arlie Weems in the bulldozer. Daniel James is not in the picture but took the photo.

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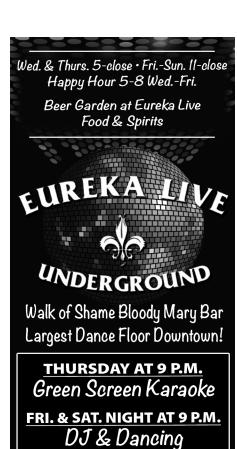


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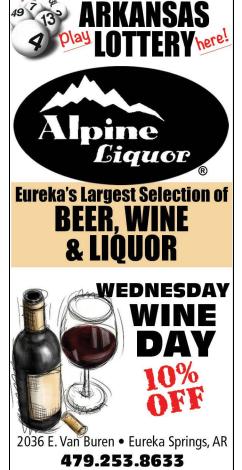












# INDYSoul by Reillot Weston

# The Lark and the Loon serenade at Brews Saturday following VW Parade

hicago transplants The Lark and the Loon are a sweet-voiced, married, songwriting duo, Rocky Steen-Rolfzen and Jeff Rolfzen, who recorded a Eureka-European-style album earlier this year and are showcasing cuts at Brews on Saturday. Touring frequently, their songs are imbued with a traveler's keen eye for detail and emotions as deep as the miles they cover. Sea shanties, Irish jigs, blues, rags, and old-timey music – that's their signature.

The annual Volkswagen Parade pushes Bugs and Things through downtown Saturday at 3 p.m.

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**

**BALCONY RESTAURANT -**

Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 5

EUREKA LIVE! - Green Screen Karaoke, 9 p.m.

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

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**

ANGLER'S – Adam Moraga, Blues, 7

**BALCONY RESTAURANT -**

Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Jeff Lee, Folk, 5 p.m. BREWS - Buffalo Gals, Americana,

7 - 10 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Mark** *Shields*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 – 11 p.m. CHELSEA'S - Smokey Folk, Americana, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – DJ and Dancing, 9

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The Lark and the Loon play Brews Sat., August 27.





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

LEGENDS SALOON -

**NEW DELHI** – *Vibe Tribe*, Soul, 6 – 10

**ROWDY BEAVER – Leather N Lace,** Rock, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Terri and Brett, Rock, 9 p.m.

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

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**

\*\*\*DOWNTOWN - VOLKSWAGEN **PARADE, 3 P.M.\*\*\*** 

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

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

James White, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

BREWS - The Lark and the Loon,

Americana, 7 - 10 p.m. CATHOUSE - Blue on Black, Rock,

8 - 11 p.m.CHELSEA'S - Sam and the Stylees,

Reggae, 9 p.m. EUREKA LIVE! - DJ & Dancing, 9

GRAND TAVERNE - Jerry Yester,

Singer/Songwriter, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON -

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

NEW DELHI - Blew Reed and the *Flatheads*, Blues, 6 - 10 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER** – Terri and the Executives, Rock, 8 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Terri and Brett,** Rock, 1-5 p.m., **Leather** N Lace Trio, Rock, 9 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**

ANGLER'S - Steve Pruitt, Open Jam,

BALCONY RESTAURANT - Jeff Lee, Folk, 12 and 5 p.m.

BREWS - Trivia Night, 7 p.m.

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

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Terri and Brett,** Rock, 1-5 p.m.

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 29**

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

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**

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

CHELSEA'S - Open Mic, 9 p.m.

# TheNATURE of EUREKA by Steven Foster

Perilla: A weed to know



This time of year, one annual weed starts to dominate the landscape in my backyard, in open woods, and all about town. It stays out of the limelight. There



are no showy flowers, it's only about a foot tall and it's vegetation looks like, well, vegetation. About the only distinguishing feature comes with stepping on the plant or weed-eating it – the fragrance, which is like a peculiar brand of oil paint, somehow familiar and exotic at the same time. It is known as Perilla (Perilla frutescens), also beefsteak plant, wild basil, summer coleus, and rattlesnake weed.

If Japanese cuisine is to your liking, you may know it as shiso, which is available from nurseries, usually in a purple-leaf form. Localized as an Ozark weed, this annual member of the mint family has a global reach.

Think of it as the Asian equivalent of parsley as a garnish. It you go to Japan, the fresh leaves are commonly seen decorating a plate. The flavor and fragrance - piquant, oily, and thick, with an overtone that nips the nose – can only be described as that of perilla. In Korea the leaves are seen in every market. Any Korean grocery, including those in Northwest Arkansas, offer carefully selected whole perilla leaves preserved in oil and neatly packed in sardine cans. Believe me, those preserved perilla leaves are certainly an acquired taste. Also used in Korean cuisine as a garnish and flavoring, fresh bunches of the leaves are sold as a vegetable.

The rattling sound of a walk through a patch of dried perilla gone-to-seed on any old abandoned Ozark road has earned it the name rattlesnake weed. In China the juice of the fresh leaves is sipped and the crush leaves are used as a poultice to treat snakebites.

In Asia it is a delicate condiment, with only a small amount consumed at a time. Don't think of this plant as an "all you can eat" vegetable, but not to worry. The odd flavor will deter most Western palates from consuming more than a nibble of this Asian vegetable, which in the Ozarks is demoted to weed. It is curious how bias and prejudice define a plant depending upon cultural perspective.



Scissors snip the red **ribbon** – The ribbon cutting of the new big cat vet hospital brought more than 100 people to celebrate and view the new facility last Thursday. Chamber of Commerce reps from Eureka Springs and several nearby cities participated.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAR





**Bluegrass beats entertain –** Free bluegrass music in the park brought crowds on Friday and Saturday to enjoy chord picking and skillful breakdowns. Afterwards, folks could go down to the Auditorium to listen to more bluegrass late into the night.

Рното ву Јегеміан Alvarado



Bringing out the color on the canvas

- The ESSA Studio Stroll featured Barbara Kennedy's The Art of Oil Painting and John Engler's Relief Woodcarving & Watercolor Painting classes. The public was invited to the 4 p.m. reception and viewing of the week's accomplishments.

ното ву **J**ay Vrecenak



Pedaling out the stunts - The BMX stunt team Lone Star Action Sports from Dallas showed their skills Monday night on Dairy Hollow Road. They entertained a large crowd and Sonny Carter let them use his electricity for music. PHOTO BY SONNY CARTER

# **DEPARTURE**

# **Bill Earngey** March 21, 1943 – August 21, 2016



Bill Earngey of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born March 21, 1943 in Norfolk, Va., a son of Willard Phelps Earngey, Jr., and Ada Sue Thomas. He departed this life Sunday, August 21, 2016 in Eureka Springs at age 73.

Bill was a writer and a former Marine.

He is survived by his daughters, Emma Earngey of Florida and Carrie Earngey Wallace and husband, Philip, of Oregon; four sisters, Lynne Earngey Fisher of Tennessee; Martha Earngey of Texas; Linda Taylor of California; Ilene Walker of Colorado; and three grandchildren, Elijah Langdon, Scotty Wallace and Audrey Wallace. He is also survived by Terri Weems, Bri Freeman, Bryan Adams, Rudy and her pups of the home, and a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

He was united in marriage with Mary Adelyn Sims who preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by his father and stepmother, Willard and Irma Earngey and his mother, Ada Sue Thomas.

Graveside service will be at 1 p.m., Monday, August 29, at the Eureka Springs Cemetery, Eureka Springs, Ark., with Lyn Jerit officiating. Following the service there will be a gathering of friends and loved ones at the Cottage Inn Restaurant on Hwy 62 West, Eureka Springs, Ark.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

# DROPPINGA Line by Robert Johnson



Tell, it's been a crazy week with one troll motor going out and a second acting up with seals leaking and the 150 outboard running on three sparkplugs instead of six. Good timing, though, with the stripers up here by the dam we still were able to hit the hot spots, marking and catching fish from there to Starkey's Marina.

Stripers and the bait were running down about 40 feet with some bait schools coming up between 18 to 22 feet. Night fishing in front of the dam buoys has put a few in the boat. Kirk Beasham from Allen, Texas, came out to fish 7 p.m. to midnight last Tuesday with his wife and son. This one here is one his son caught but I plumb got his name wrong. Thought it was Allen but that's a town in Texas.

With this cool weather the water temp is dropping good and by the time this comes out they should be feeding closer to the surface. If you do find fish at 40 feet I have found out the bait, whether shad, perch, or big shiners, do better keeping the bait tank from 74° to 78° with the lake surface temp in mid-80s.

Hang your hook on rod holder, drop the line down to 20 feet with a 2 oz. barrel sinker above a 7-foot leader. With sinker down 20 feet, when you hook your bait it shoots down like a rocket through the hot surface water. If going to 40 ft., let them hold at 20 ft. a few minutes.

We also had a trip here at Holiday Island and did best trolling flikker shad down about 12 feet and caught a bunch of Kentucky Bass and some small walleye.

Now this week we got two new control boards on the big motor with all 6 plugs filtering, and UPS just brought me all my parts to get both trolling motors rebuilt by Tuesday. Nice cool weather, the fish and bait will be active and we have no trips booked till after the 1st since most schools have started back.

Get out and enjoy these cool days, fall's just around the corner.

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

Late notice, but not too late - A meeting for Hillary Clinton supporters will commence Wednesday, August 24, 6 p.m., at Brews, downtown Eureka Springs across from the post office. Please come.

### **PARKS** continued from page 6

### Other items

- Featherstone announced there is a vacant seat on the commission.
- · Commissioner Steven Foster said the Eureka Springs Pollinator Alliance would have a table with information at the Carroll County Fair. Anyone wanting to help them staff the table can make contact with the group and find out more through its Facebook page.
  - Huss said he plans to ask Council

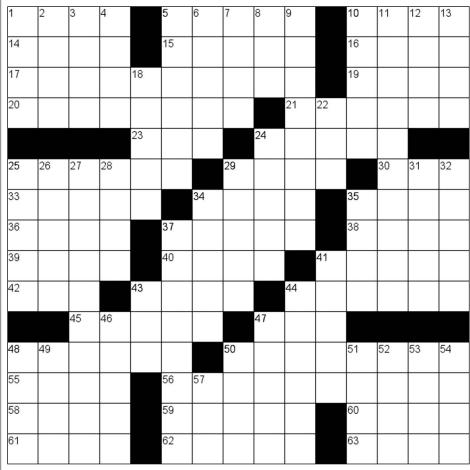
for a moratorium of vacating properties because the process is too timeconsuming and newer priorities are surfacing. He urged the city to take a step back and reconsider the future of green space in the city.

• Featherstone mentioned people could send him input anytime at bill@ eurekaparks.com.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m., and the next workshop will be Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park.

# INDEPENDENTCrossword

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann



### **ACROSS**

- 1. Under the weather
- After a while
- 10. Makes a rifle effective
- 14. Earthen pot
- 15. Muse of hymns
- 16. Evidence of a laser
- 17. Relating to living organisms
- 19. Teen blemishes
- 20. One who specializes in irony and sarcasm
- 21. Tree growth
- 23. Placeholder name John
- 24. Winter drink
- 25. Already up and active
- 29. Talk wildly
- 30. Bite that's like a pinch 4.
- 33. Big confusion
- 34. Protuberance
- 35. Sage
- 36. Press clothing
- 37. Covered with hair
- 38. Right after John's gospel
- 39. Pealed
- 40. Device to store line
- 41. Follow menacingly
- 42. Shade provider
- 43. Furniture supports
- 44. Variegated
- 45. Carries a great weight

- 47. Romeo and Juliet's Queen
- 48. Naturally bright
- 50. With no foundation
- 55. Nudge, coax
- 56. Equally confusing
- 58. Original thought
- 59. St. Andrews ball hider 28. Words set to music
- 60. Relating to flight
- 61. Tab Virgil Jr.'s stage name
- 62. Gardening tool
- 63. Athletic competition

# **DOWN**

- Cries uncontrollably Upper portion of either
- hipbone
- Vessel blockage
- Wife of Shiva (Hinduism)
- American or French Foreign
- Command to get up
- Skill in dealing with delicate situations
- Rough calculation, abbr.
- You can do it to an IRA 51. Fertile soil
- Two islands in N. Bahamas
- 11. Without spontaneity or 54. Assessment or tax spirit
- 12. Male lion's pride

- 13. Suggestive warning
- 18. Law and 22. Slang for diamonds
- 24. Group of secret plotters
- 25. Blazing
- 26. Beyond urban
- 27. Hardware dealer (Brit.)

- 29. Play parts
- 31. Agave fiber, used in making carpets
- 32. Bothersome
- 34. Feudal lord
- 35. Steam engine inventor
- 37. Reputation arising from success or achievement
- 41. Habitually temperate
- 43. Honolulu arrival gift
- 44. Overcome
- 46. Bare, desolate
- 47. House occupied by a minister or parson
- 48. Legal action
- 49. Official language of Pakistan
- 50. Obstruction in the sea
- 52. Olympic weapon
- 53. Procreate as a father
- (archaic)
- 57. Turf

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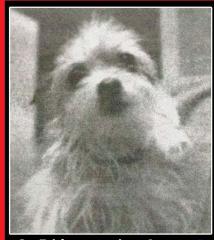
Dear parents,

Thanks for the birthday presents. LOVE! LOVE! LOVE!

HKP – Just wondering if there's been an alien abduction or are you still on planet earth? Send a signal sometime.

# **MISSING DOG**

# MISSING



On Friday morning, August 5, our little girl disappeared. She is more than a dog she's part of our family! She's almost 7 lbs., creamy white colored with brown patches. She limps and drags her front leg. Her name is Barni. PLEASE HELP!

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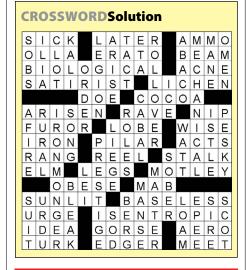
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No payment will be made by the Medicare program under this agreement for covered services furnished to patients who are admitted on or after close of business August 31, 2016.







# Spiritual topics at Metafizzies

The August 29 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

### **CONSTABLES** continued from page 10

11:42 p.m. - ESH asked for constable assistance with a dispute between a mother and son. The son was old enough to refuse treatment. Constables spoke with both parties.

### AUGUST 19

6:32 a.m. - Boyfriend told ESPD his girlfriend had hit him twice during an argument over her dog. Constable determined the offense occurred outside city limits, so he stood by until a deputy arrived.

### AUGUST 20

11:54 a.m. – Motorist claimed something hit her rear windshield and shattered it as she drove along US 62.

### AUGUST 21

2:00 p.m. - Folks at a business thought a check had been stolen. Constable helped them determine it had not been stolen.

2:18 p.m. – Constable waited for a reportedly erratic driver who never passed by.

6:01 p.m. - Constable on patrol issued a citation to a vehicle parked in a No Parking

10:55 p.m. - Motorist in the north part of town noticed a vehicle nose first in a ditch. Constable went to the location and found the driver who had been looking for a driveway and found the ditch instead. Constable helped him out.

### AUGUST 22

12:43 a.m. - Witness saw three dogs cavorting in a parking lot along US 62. Constable eventually encountered one of them and took it to the kennel.

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