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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker



Warren Buffett is This Week's Independent Thinker because he uses his head. He has made more money than the rest of us but he still drinks his coffee one sip at a time.

We have no idea how much money Warren Buffett has or has made, but we do know his heart is made of gold. He committed himself to pursuing his talent and interest, created his job and stuck with it.

Warren Buffett made billions of dollars and has given away 99% of his wealth to charitable causes instead of leaving it to his three kids and the family dog.

He would qualify as a financial artist, and we're all about art.



Louis Freund, a muralist who compressed time and space, painted for the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s. His bluff dwellers, pioneers, rolling hills and railroads captured the essence of Eureka Springs and the Ozarks, and conveyed his love of our town. This mural on N. Main reminds us that everything runs together no matter our timing.

PHOTO BY RICHARD QUICK

CBWD could be liable over fluoridation

BECKY GILLETTE

“Re: Constructive Notice of actual and prospective non-compliance, unlawful activity, misrepresentation and liability related to your official and personal duties related to planning and implementation of fluoridation program.” Two local business owners have sent a four-page letter and 22-page notice to the Carroll-Boone Water District (CBWD) board, its attorney and employees warning of potential personal liability should they proceed with plans to add fluoride to the drinking water.

CBWD's board has hired an engineering company to draw up plans for fluoridation of water supplies for 25,000 customers in Eureka Springs, Berryville, Harrison and outlying areas. The board has stated that despite the fact Eureka Springs has twice voted against fluoridation, there is no option except to comply with the state law that mandates fluoride.

The letter and notice from Richard and Darlene Schrum, who operate one of the oldest retail businesses in Eureka Springs, Emerald Forest, states that board members and CBWD employees have personal responsibilities and liabilities.

“This is really an important, serious matter,” Darlene Schrum said. “I think it is important that people who are making a vote on how to go forward on this know all the facts because they will be held accountable for the decisions they make. They need as much knowledge as possible about the product they are adding to our water. It sounds to me like they don't have any knowledge of the type of contaminants the fluoride product has in it. And this could affect everyone's lives.”

The letter states that indemnification, hold-harmless agreements and government immunities do not customarily extend

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Happy 5th of July!

CAPC balks at possible tax reduction

NICKY BOYETTE

"The fastest way to encumber the momentum we're building is to take away one-third of our income," stated Charles Ragsdell, Chair of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission at the June 27 meeting. He said the loss of funding would severely curtail the commission's ability to continue what has been working so well for the city for a year now. He was referring to recent efforts at the city council table to reduce the three percent sales tax voted in in 2007, which supports the CAPC.

Ragsdell also stated that there are some misconceptions out there about the laws enabling and governing the CAPC. He said the commission is autonomous and legislation prevents council from political meddling. State law is clear what the CAPC can and cannot spend money on, and he sees their mission as promoting and advertising the city.

He offered himself and Executive Director Mike Maloney to anyone who has questions about

what the CAPC can and cannot do. He cautions against cherry picking state law to subvert their mission.

"Ask us. We'll explain," Ragsdell said.

What to do about the Auditorium

Commissioners also discussed what is next for the Auditorium. Council voted not to allow the city attorney to review a draft ordinance establishing an Auditorium Commission. The CAPC has a contract with the city to run the Auditorium through the end of the year, but council action puts 2013 in limbo.

Ragsdell said Ray Dilfield, facility manager, needs to be able to book events into 2013, but without a plan in place, it would be foolish to do so.

Commissioner Joe Joy said they should prepare to run it for another year since "council is out of control." Commissioner James DeVito pointed out that things might look different after the November council elections.

Finance Director Rick Bright said they bud-

geted a loss for the facility this year and they are within the bounds of the projected amount. DeVito added that more events will be appearing during the rest of the year, so more income than ever before will be coming in. Commissioner Butch Berry also noted that no auditoriums in the state makes it without support, and even the Walton Arts Center in Fayetteville has generous sponsors.

Maloney observed that, all things considered, the Auditorium is slowly turning itself around. CAPC has made "the significant investment of ten percent of its budget in the facility."

Bright noted that there are hidden incomes triggered by events at the Auditorium. People who come to town for events eat in restaurants and often stay over and shop which means sales for business owners and tax revenues for the city and CAPC.

"I have concerns about waiting at all before negotiating with the city for contracting into 2013,"

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Eureka Springs went red, white and blue for Independence Day.
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Crime witnesses chase and tackle suspect

A Huntsville man was arrested at the Art Colony on N. Main early Friday morning after two men alerted Eureka Springs Police to a possible breaking and entering in progress.

Shortly before 2 a.m., ESPD officers Billy Floyd and Shannon Hill

responded to the area after being told a man was breaking into cars. According to Floyd's written report, when officers arrived they were told the suspect had run into the woods. As Floyd searched the woods, the two witnesses, Dan Coy and John Grat, began yelling and whistling for him to return to Main St. and Mill Hollow Rd. By the time Floyd and Hill got back down the hill, Coy and Grat had chased and tackled David Roy Allen, 26, of Huntsville.

Allen was placed in double locked handcuffs. In his back pocket officers found a screwdriver with a broken tip and beaten flat handle, and a knife with the tip broken off. Allen was read his Miranda Rights and asked for a cigarette, saying he was "just trying to get to Holiday Island."

Allen then said he should go to the hospital rather than jail as he was having a panic attack. EMS transported him to Eureka Springs Hospital where he was treated and released back into custody.

While being booked, a woman's ring was noticed on Allen's finger. Asked if he had stolen it from one of the cars he allegedly broke into, he said no, it was an engagement ring.

Allen was transported to Carroll County Detention Center in Berryville where he was charged with two counts of breaking and entering, possession of an instrument of crime and failure to pay. He also had a hold order from the Springdale Police Department.

No fireworks at HDC

NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District Commission handled business quickly at the July 3 meeting. The following applications were approved unanimously:

- 188 N. Main – add wrought-iron fence
- 185 N. Main – add windows and French doors to buildings I and F; new paint colors
- 5 Ojo – add matching railing to lower porch (Commissioner Richard Grinnell recused himself)
- 60 Hillside – enclose foundation area with lattice; paint to match (Commissioner Doug Breitling recused himself).

Commissioners unanimously approved these items on the consent agenda:

- 109 Wall St. – new paint colors
- 12 Linwood – new trim colors

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

Chair Dee Bright presented the

following administrative approvals:

- 109 Wall St. – new roof color
- 35 ½ N. Main – repaint stairs
- 30 Glen – re-roof
- 5 Ojo – replace decking, railings, siding, window sills & frames as needed
- 38 Vaughn – re-roof
- 86 Grand/345 Dairy Hollow – rear bath: re-roof, repair fascia, siding, soffit; repaint same colors
- 35 Spring/14 Center – repair structural exterior wall
- 15 College – re-roof
- 5 Cushing – repair railings and spindles.

Administrative Approvals are applications for repair or for work involving no changes in materials or color or applications for changes in roofing color.

City council recently approved Susie Allen for a seat on the commission but with the resignation of Marty Cogan, HDC still has two vacancies.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 18, 6 p.m.

Bluegrass Music and Hot Dogs with Butch Berry

Friends of the Butch Berry Campaign will host a meet-and-greet with Robert "Butch" Berry, Democratic candidate for State Representative District 97, Saturday, July 7. The event is from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the tent across from the Berryville Walmart on the Derksen Buildings lot.

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INDEPENDENTNews

Go East, Young Dog launches from Carroll County

Scores of down-on-their-luck dogs and puppies from Northwest Arkansas have been heading east to seek their fortunes. On the other end of a long road trip they're meeting adoring human companions who treat them to everything a dog could ever dream of. It's a dog's life from there on out; lucky dogs!

Increasing numbers of canines are making the voyage to the good life with the help of a newly formed non-profit in Carroll County, Go East, Young Dog (GEYD) rescue and transport. The organization takes in unwanted dogs and puppies, and, after vaccinating, altering, socializing and bringing them to optimal health, adopts them to families and individuals through the Internet. Adopters are carefully screened to ensure the dogs are going to good homes.

"With dogs being so abundant in the Ozarks, people find it hard to believe there could be a dog shortage, but there is a demand to match our supply," said Bill King, a Go East, Young Dog founder. "Most states out east have laws requiring that domestic animals be spayed or neutered, and there is public consciousness that allowing dogs to multiply is irresponsible and contributes to animals suffering. Also, adopting rescue dogs, rather than buying puppy-mill dogs from pet shops, makes people feel they are doing good."

Go East Young Dog clients are already living happily ever after in



Malcolm Mayes, Diane Ferguson and Bill King have their hands full of adorable dogs at Go East, Young Dog's Berryville kennel.

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New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Maryland, Virginia and Washington DC.

"Maybe one day the spay/neuter laws and consciousness will spread here," King said, "but until then we believe we can help alleviate the problem of so many unwanted and mistreated dogs."

The supply, unfortunately, seems endless. Already, just by word-of-mouth, the rescue is getting calls about unwanted and abandoned dogs and litters of puppies every day.

Last month, GEYD leased the animal control facility from the city

of Berryville to serve as short-term housing for the animals while they are readied for adoption and transport. Whenever possible, dogs are fostered in volunteers' homes during this time, which helps socialize the dogs and makes room for more at the kennel. The emphasis is on short-term, with a goal of having dogs adopted and on their way to new homes within a month. King noted Mayor Tim McKinney's interest in working with the group to reduce the numbers of unwanted dogs and his progressive ideas in promoting spay/neuter through legislation in Berryville.

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Planning sets public hearing dates

NICKY BOYETTE

The Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Adjustment held a special meeting June 29 because their regular meeting on June 26 was canceled for lack of a quorum.

The Board of Zoning Adjustment convened and considered only one issue, to set a date for a public hearing on a request for a setback variance at 5 Paxos. They voted to have the public hearing at 6 p.m., July 24, before their regularly scheduled meeting.

Commissioners then convened as the Planning Commission to consider setting a date for a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit at 255 Dairy Hollow. They voted to have the public hearing at 6:15 p.m., July 24.

Next Planning meeting will be Tuesday, July 10, 6 p.m.



Couch pupatoes – John Rankine, one of 12 local photographers who volunteered to shoot a monthly cover as a fundraiser for the Good Shepherd Humane Society, had his hands full as he tried to grab the attention of Rooney, Dilly and Claire. Twelve lucky pet owners who purchased winning raffle tickets earlier in the year will have the honor of being photographed with their pet for the calendar. Raffle winner Debbie Davis was assigned to Rankine and wanted her two best friends, Rooney and Dilly, photographed with her granddaughter, Claire Lorimer. Calendars will be available in the near future and can be pre-ordered by calling the Doggie Thrift Store at (479) 253-9115. All proceeds will benefit the shelter.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE



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Tuesday, July 10

5pm - 7pm: Writer's Colony "Uniquely Edible Arkansas" with Kat Robinson, Chef Andre Poirot, and Raimondo Family Winery

Wednesday, July 11

7pm: Drink & Draw FDW Art Jam at Chelsea's with Bob Norman

Thursday, July 12

7am - 12 Noon: Eureka Springs Farmers Market
6pm - 8pm: Caribe Restaurante y Cantina
FDW Art and Jewelry Show

Friday, July 13

10am - 2pm: Vintage Cargo French Café and Pastries
6pm - 8pm: Voulez Vous Lounge Champagne Tasting

Saturday, July 14

3pm: Spring Street Waiter's Race • **6pm - 9pm:** Eureka Springs Gallery Association Stroll: The Jewel Box, Quicksilver, Zarks, Artifacts, Eureka Thyme, Iris at the Basin Park, Prospect Gallery, Fantasy in Stone, and Studio 62

Sunday, July 15

9:30am - 2pm: Sunday Jazz Brunch in The Crystal Dining Room at The Crescent Hotel
7pm: Cottage Inn Restaurant Tour de France Wine Dinner • **7pm:** Basin Spring Park Movie - An American in Paris & Larry Mansker Art Show

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3pm - 5pm Hogtown Hot Club (jazz ensemble) • **5:30pm - 7:30pm** Phillipe Family Quartet • **Sunday 7/15: 1pm - 3pm** Chuck Onofrio and Steve Jones

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Drought nothing new to Arkansas

NICKY BOYETTE

June 1, 2012 was the only day of the month when temperatures in Carroll County were not well above average, and days in May were even more above historical norms. In addition, May was the second driest May in recorded Arkansas history. In addition to that, temperatures for the first two days in April were 20 degrees above historical averages.

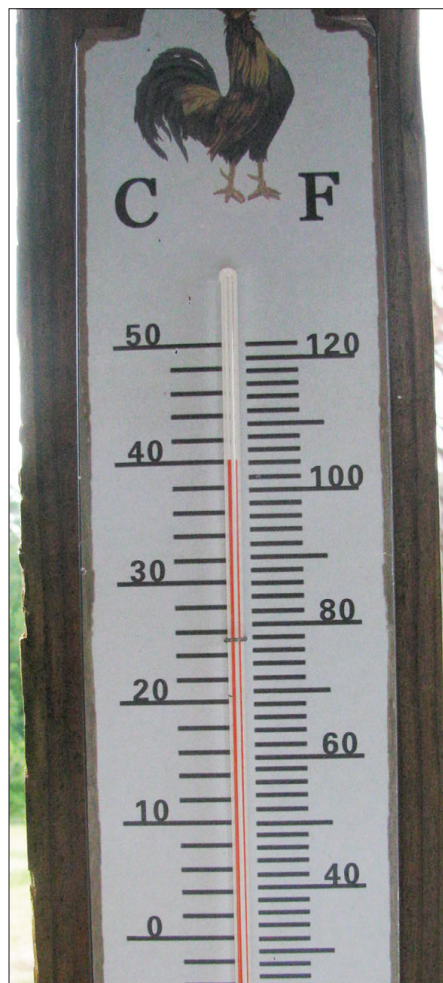
This is not new for Carroll County or other parts of Arkansas. Two years ago, July was a blistering experience and drought conditions began to appear across the southern part of the state. By the end of 2010, two-year precipitation deficits around El Dorado in south central Arkansas approached three feet according to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Dry conditions persisted through most of 2011 in spite of a bit of precipitation from tropical storms just to the east. Drier weather followed the 2011 spring storms, with August being particularly oppressive, and parched land led to more than 50 wildfires in Arkansas.

Ranchers had to face a shortage of feed for livestock. Hay farmers were receiving requests from out of state for their inventory. Hay quality suffered because farmers included weedier material in bales to maintain yields, so livestock were less nourished. Naturally, buying hay in the summer impacted the winter supply.

Ranchers and farmers were forced to irrigate sooner than usual which added to costs of doing business, so many sold cattle and crops for less just to break even or reduce losses.

This year started with less snowfall than the previous two years but with a short period of adequate rainfall. However, after the damp start, conditions which NOAA called a "flash drought" set in, and by the end of June rainfall numbers for Fayetteville and Harrison were more than seven inches below normal for the



year. Pine Bluff and Jonesboro were more than ten inches below normal.

Gov. Mike Beebe said that more than 80 percent of the state is now in a severe drought according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Beebe requested the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture consider disaster relief for 13 Arkansas counties to help mitigate loss of crop yields. He said he would probably add more counties to the request as the summer unfolds.

Not only have some cities already set new high temperatures for the day and month, but even all-time records, and we have barely reached summer. NOAA predicts drought conditions will persist or intensify through at least September for almost all of Arkansas and westward throughout the central United States to Nevada and California's central valley.

Drought of 1930-1931

Around Carroll County, lawns

are crunchy, gardens are parched, creeks and ponds are evaporating, yet this is nothing compared to the famous drought of the early 1930s. Twenty-three states in the southeast and mid-Atlantic regions suffered, but records show Arkansas was hit the hardest. Pulaski County had 71 consecutive rainless days, and Little Rock temperatures in August visited triple digits regularly, peaking at 113.

Farming suffered so much that T. Roy Reid of the state Agricultural Extension Service reported, "Every county in Arkansas is affected and of the seventy-five counties only one, Benton, will have sufficient food for its farm population and livestock to tide it over the winter."

Family food supplies were disappearing, and many depended on fishing and hardy garden crops like turnips and onions. Senator Joe T. Robinson (D-AR) estimated that 30-50 percent of the state's agricultural crops were lost. However, President Herbert Hoover was against federal support of local problems and instead encouraged the Red Cross to provide relief programs.

The Red Cross provided relief boxes that included seeds for gardens even though extreme weather precluded home gardening for most people. State health officials pointed out there was an increase in the number of deaths due to vitamin deficiency and unclean water supplies, so the state moved forward with plans for providing local assistance.

Not everyone welcomed the assistance programs. Plantation owners did not want sharecroppers to receive subsidies because they feared handouts would be a disincentive to work as hard. Some Red Cross chapters even endorsed this idea. Surveys of the food rationing programs revealed racially-biased distribution practices, which included requiring some recipients to perform menial tasks before getting any assistance.

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The mother of all mothers

Editor,

Mother Nature has delivered a few stiff blows to our trees lately. She hit us with Gustav and Ike, the ice storm, and last year's and this year's heat and drought. Our woods are hurting.

Now another mother is throwing her own jabs. That mother, Carroll Electric, flush with stimulus money, is whacking down trees right and left. To see some carnage, drive down Rocky Top (CR309) toward Keels Creek. Another round will begin soon on Rockhouse (CR302) from Keels Creek out toward Trigger Gap. Hundreds and hundreds of trees will be knocked down.

It seems Mother C.E. doesn't like her old right-of-ways that she's sprayed and cut on for the last 60

years. She doesn't want to go out into treeless pastures anymore. She wants to stay on pavement so she's gonna cut all the trees along the road. In one front yard she wants to move the poles about five ft. closer to the road and cut a 30 ft. swath. In doing so she'll knock out about 40-50 big, tall pines.

How ironic that this mother takes our tax dollars to tear up our property. But then we're not just a bunch of dumb tree huggers. At least that's what she says.

Wayne Schumacher

Get your ad on

Editor,

Welcome and thank you. This town needs a newspaper. About local events. About being fair and no more trying to slant the issues.

Now, here is the hard part. Any biz has to make money. I've owned Eu-

reka Springs Auto Service for 23 years and Thachphotography for 40 plus years. It's been a long time since I've trusted any newspaper with my ad dollar. I have great hope that with some of the good of the old and adding the good of the new, this new newspaper can be a home run success.

In my auto biz, I don't have much choice of where parts come from. Even dealer parts are seldom made here in the USA. Same way with all those Canon cameras and printers. THE ONE thing we should never outsource is the good people of this area. Yep, most things we don't have a choice but who you hired should always be local.

I'm asking all you biz owners to step up the plate and place those ads. Let's give the new paper the support they need.

Thanks so much.

Jeff Thach

THINKForYourself

by Gwen Etheredge

What does a community newspaper mean to you?

Mike Bishop

President of the Chamber

"An information source to keep us apprised and aware of local happenings, especially what is happening in city government."



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"Honesty, integrity and staying local."



John Wiley

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"Localization and a true voice."

INDEPENDENT**Editorial**

A short history of cave drawings

Isn't it funny how people smile when they get to Eureka Springs and say, "It's so magical!" It happened when we got here and we watch it happen over and over. The funny part is this town is built on top of a system of caves and underground streams which can make it rough to keep our footing. We embrace the balancing act.

Early settlers chased after mastodon and other delectable animals that left the frozen north because they were hungry. They stopped here, the land of opportunity, where they could kick back and enjoy berries, nuts, fish and anything else they were big enough to go after.

Humans left evidence of their lives they thought would amuse us. Scratchings on rock walls, arrowheads and spear points, midden piles and seeds. It was information they might have thought they were only leaving for their children, but as nature would have it, it survived all these years for us to sit around our own campfires and speculate about.

The Osage tribe had the place to themselves for quite awhile, a thousand years or so, before the Europeans arrived and started thinking mercy, we could live well here. Why not let the natives all live in Benton County and we'll hang onto Carroll County? Of course the land divisions weren't actually drawn up until after this brilliant distribution of other peoples homesteads.

Nevertheless, 133 years ago, white settlers decided there was plenty of wood, water and good weather here so they would stay. What do you suppose one of the first things they did was? Of course. They started newspapers.

According to the *History of the Arkansas Press*, there are accounts of a newspaper called the *Herald* that published in Eureka Springs in 1878, which as historian June Westphal points out must have printed the news before it happened since settlers weren't here until 1879.

Newspapers were big business. Presses were brought in by wagon, printers hired, and the minute the printers figured out there was money to be made they quit and joined together to buy their own presses and print their own money.

There was the *Echo*, presumably named after what happens when you holler from a mountaintop, which was followed by the *Echoing Nemesis*, which was suspended after a year on account of too much religion and politics. Then we had *The Flashlight*, *The Bulletin*, *The Advocate*, *The Expositor*, *The Star*, *The Ozark Signal*, *Eureka Springs Democrat*, *Eureka Springs Republican*, *The Rainbow* and *The Visitor*. And we're only up to 1902.

Some papers were dailies, some weeklies, some both. They reported on the steps at Sweet Spring being completed, the ruffians in Basin Park, city council budget and what the Vanderschniffs had for Sunday supper.

In the past 33 years we've had *The Times-Echo*, *The Triangle*, *The Voice*, *The Patriot Herald*, *The Chronicle*, *The Journal of Carroll County* and *The Lovely County Citizen*.

The thing is, newspapers are a way of keeping up with each other. The Internet has driven a lot of papers out of business because people can sit around in their pj's spiking their coffee with rum and read about anything, anywhere in the world without leaving the homestead.

That is exactly why community newspapers are so important. We all go to different Internet sites and read what we prefer whether it's *Al Jazeera* or *Le Monde* or *The Christian Science Monitor*. We are packed with information about other people and their lives, but we're not all reading the same thing.

Therein is the magic of local news. A local newspaper is the way we keep in touch with each other because it's the one thing we all read together. We read the same thing. We read of our triumphs and accomplishments and problems, which haven't changed after 10,000 or 100 years. We're here, we're human, we're delightful, we're interested and we're competitive.

The *Eureka Springs Independent* is named for all who live and visit here. Independent travelers, independent retailers, independent criminals. The Fourth of July is about American independence, but this newspaper is about individuals who have a wish or a thought or a gripe. We gather the thoughts and put them out there for anyone willing to read. Then we distribute it to those who know we are all free and independent and dependent on each other.



MITT TAKES A STAND

NOTE**from the Publisher**

"Are you crazy?" is the question most frequently asked of me by friends first hearing I have started a newspaper.

How to explain? I look forward to being part of a local newspaper, a paper that will share stories about joys and heartaches and the magic of being a Eureka.

Do I believe I can make a difference? Only by sharing stories of those who are out there every day making a difference in the lives of their families, friends and communities will the *Independent* matter. When good and lasting things happen, when there are victories large or small, the *Independent* will be there to help those making the effort by sharing those stories.

Eureka Springs is a magical place. But magic is a funny thing... once explained, it is no longer magic. I have heard many explanations as to why Eureka is so magical, but they all fail in their efforts.

The *Independent* just accepts that we are living in a mystical place and will not try to explain the mysteries of Eureka, simply report them as they happen – people who care about each other, people who care about the earth, and people who just care.

I enter into this endeavor knowing there will be controversy. It is just democracy in action and democracy flourishes in Eureka like nowhere else.

Crazy? Yes. I am crazy about Eureka.

Sandra Sewell Templeton

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JUNE 25

8:32 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident with no injuries. One driver was arrested for driving on a suspended license.

11:28 a.m. – Motel employee asked for officer assistance because someone had parked behind a guest's vehicle. It worked out well.

12:15 p.m. – A hotel clerk reported that someone had Superglued their door locks and then had the interesting thought to put a condom on the front door. Officer filed a report.

12:30 p.m. – A bus didn't intend to hit a car in a parking lot.

7:23 p.m. – Concerned observer noticed a female in a vehicle with a flat tire and she seemed distressed. Officer searched for the female and didn't find the vehicle, either.

11:53 p.m. – Employee at a liquor store was ready to leave for the night with a bag of cash when he noticed someone with a grudge against him

prowling around the parking lot. Officer responded and the employee made it to his vehicle.

JUNE 26

7:38 p.m. – Resident in an apartment house reported someone stole gasoline from his vehicle. ESPD will add extra patrols to that lot.

12:20 p.m. – Alarm company reported an alarm had been triggered, but no one found who did it.

1:44 p.m. – A church reported a vehicle had been parked in their parking lot for two weeks, and they do not know who it belongs to. Officer determined the vehicle was not stolen but certainly towable.

JUNE 27

12:06 p.m. – ESPD arrested an individual on a felony warrant.

1:20 p.m. – Resident at an apartment house reported a male who had come to her door acting strange and saying something about a dead body. Officer found the individual and spoke with neighbors and determined the incident

was, oh, a prank.

1:08 p.m. – Constable on patrol stopped to assist a motorist in a parking lot.

1:58 p.m. – Some thief stole the money from a donation can on the counter at a convenience store when no one was looking.

3:07 p.m. – A lost credit card turned up at city hall and then found its way to the police station.

4:56 p.m. – Hotel employee reported suspicious circumstances and wondered aloud if they were being scammed. Checks were coming in for identical amounts and for persons not employed or staying there, and besides, the checks looked fake. Constable gathered yet more information.

6:15 p.m. – Caller reported his ex-girlfriend had sent him text messages about reportedly cutting her wrists. He asked for a welfare check. Officer found the girlfriend and reported everything was okay.

JUNE 28

3:47 a.m. – Constable on patrol noticed a street sign had been knocked over. Public Works was able to put it back up. It was a sign.

5:56 a.m. – Resident told ESPD that her neighbor lets a dog out early in the morning and it roams around the neighborhood and barks, among other things. Responding officer did not encounter the animal but spoke with the owner who claimed the dog ran out when she opened the door, and she would be diligent in putting it on a leash next time.

JUNE 29

1:41 a.m. – Concerned eyewitness reported an individual breaking into vehicles on Mill Hollow Road. Responding officers arrested the person for two counts of breaking and entering, two counts of second-degree criminal mischief, possession of an instrument of crime, etc. Subject also had warrants out from Carroll County and Springdale.

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Hard day's night – After a long day of classes and rehearsals a few CICA faculty and students enjoy a late supper at the Pied Piper after a three hour concert on July 4th. Pianist Arthur Hart (Memphis), left, toasts composer Jeremiah Bornfield (New York City) on his new composition, "Metamorphosis," which Hart played earlier in the night. Both men got standing ovations and a lot of requests to sign programs. In background, from left, are flute faculty Dr. September Payne, student Klara White, soprano Dominika Zamara, cello student Keziah Sheldon and Rachel Phillippe.

PHOTO SUBMITTED

8:19 a.m. – Alarm company notified ESPD of alarms triggered at a local bar. Responding officers found the owner who admitted brain fade in resetting the alarm.

11:21 a.m. – An employee's ex-girlfriend was causing a disturbance at a place of business but she boogied when alerted the constable was on his way.

12:11 p.m. – A vehicle had blocked in someone parked near the Auditorium but turns out it was just their car and it was gone.

12:38 p.m. – Animal Control responded to a concern for the welfare of dogs at an address, yet they were found to have fresh water, food and shade.

1:54 p.m. – Animal Control picked up a Beagle mix puppy that had been left at a residence three days previous so it was time to go.

5:04 p.m. – A citizen reported someone stole and cashed a check that just wasn't theirs.

8:05 p.m. – Neighbors reported hearing fireworks on the western edge of town, but responding officers never heard a thing.

10:56 p.m. – A father and son were in their vehicle on one side of town when a tire went flat. The father called the wife on the other side of town and wanted her to bring the jack from the other vehicle when he realized he had the keys to that vehicle. The son took off walking with the keys. The mother called ESPD because she did not want her son walking across town at that time of night. Constable responded, talked to the father, found the son and saved the day.

JUNE 30

1:45 a.m. – A girlfriend reported her beau had left an establishment on foot earlier and had not shown up at their motel. Constable on patrol kept an eye out for the boyfriend.

9:52 p.m. – An establishment called the wife of a patron to say they were refusing to serve him further and he is leaving very intoxicated. Responding officer initiated a traffic stop on his vehicle, gave a field sobriety check and arrested the driver for DWI.

10:59 p.m. – Employee at a motel

reported an allegedly intoxicated male was climbing the fence to gain access to their pool. He had been driving a vehicle with a female and child in it. When officers arrived, they were gone from the pool area but were seen going into a room at a different motel.

JULY 1

1:18 a.m. – Officers responded to a report of a fight in front of a motel room. They discovered it was verbal only, and the disputants went to different rooms for the night.

4:21 a.m. – A wife called from a hotel to report her husband was hitting her. Officers went to the scene and arrested the husband for domestic battery.

6:40 a.m. – A tree fell across power lines and onto a street. Public Works, the electric company and an officer responded. The tree was cleaned up and power lines moved out of harm's way.

8:19 p.m. – Observant resident noticed a truck back into a railing which she and her neighbor share. Officer determined there had been no damage. To the railing.

9:11 a.m. – A landlord told ESPD her tenant had assaulted her the previous night. Upon further discussion, she admitted she had instigated the incident, in which she received minor injuries. Nevertheless, she wanted the tenant to leave. Constable informed her this would be a civil matter between landlord and tenant.

9:47 a.m. – Two dogs were roaming in a neighborhood and apparently continued to roam far enough that no one found them.

11:41 p.m. – There was a one-vehicle traffic accident on U.S. 62. ESPD, ESFD and EMS responded, and one person was taken to ESH. The driver was arrested for DWI, failure to control the vehicle, no insurance and implied consent.

JULY 2

12:24 a.m. – Vigilant neighbor reported two teenage boys walking to the end of a street toward a vacant house. Officer who responded found the two individuals, and they were not near a vacant house and were simply walking.

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Eureka Springs Mayor Morris Pate will be on hand to officially cut the ribbon on the Second Annual Fleur Delicious Weekend at the Farmers’ Market on Thursday, July 12.

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Gilderson of the Grand Taverne Restaurant & Lounge at 9 a.m. and KJ Zumwalt of KJ’s Caribe Restaurant y Cantina at 10:45 a.m., wine tastings with Margie Roelands of Raimondao Family Winery, and music by Ozark Flavor... fresh, fleurty fun! 7 a.m. to noon, Pine Mountain Village, 2075 East Van Buren

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And what a party it was –
Left top to bottom: Friends and well wishers turned out last Friday to celebrate Jack Muzio’s 85th birthday at Caribe. Lucky Jack got the night off as KJ’s top chef dishwasher.

PHOTOS BY RICHARD QUICK



It’s where the cookies are – Eureka Springs Independent Publisher Sandra Sewell Templeton flashed a big grin at omniscient, omnivorous, preeminent photographer John Rankine last Friday in the Community First Bank lobby where Sandra was depositing the *Independent’s* first advertiser check, written by James DeVito.

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I'm working on a third edition of *A Field Guide to Medicinal Plants; Eastern and Central North America* with my colleague and herb guru, James A. Duke. The book is a title in the Peterson Field Guide series from Houghton Mifflin, Boston, first published in 1990. The second edition was published in 2000. My coauthor, Jim Duke, now 83, collects new data on a daily basis, feeding an insatiable appetite to learn something new.

I am struck by the differences of collecting data in the late '80s and collecting data today. There was no Internet. Each book referenced one had to own or find at a major library.

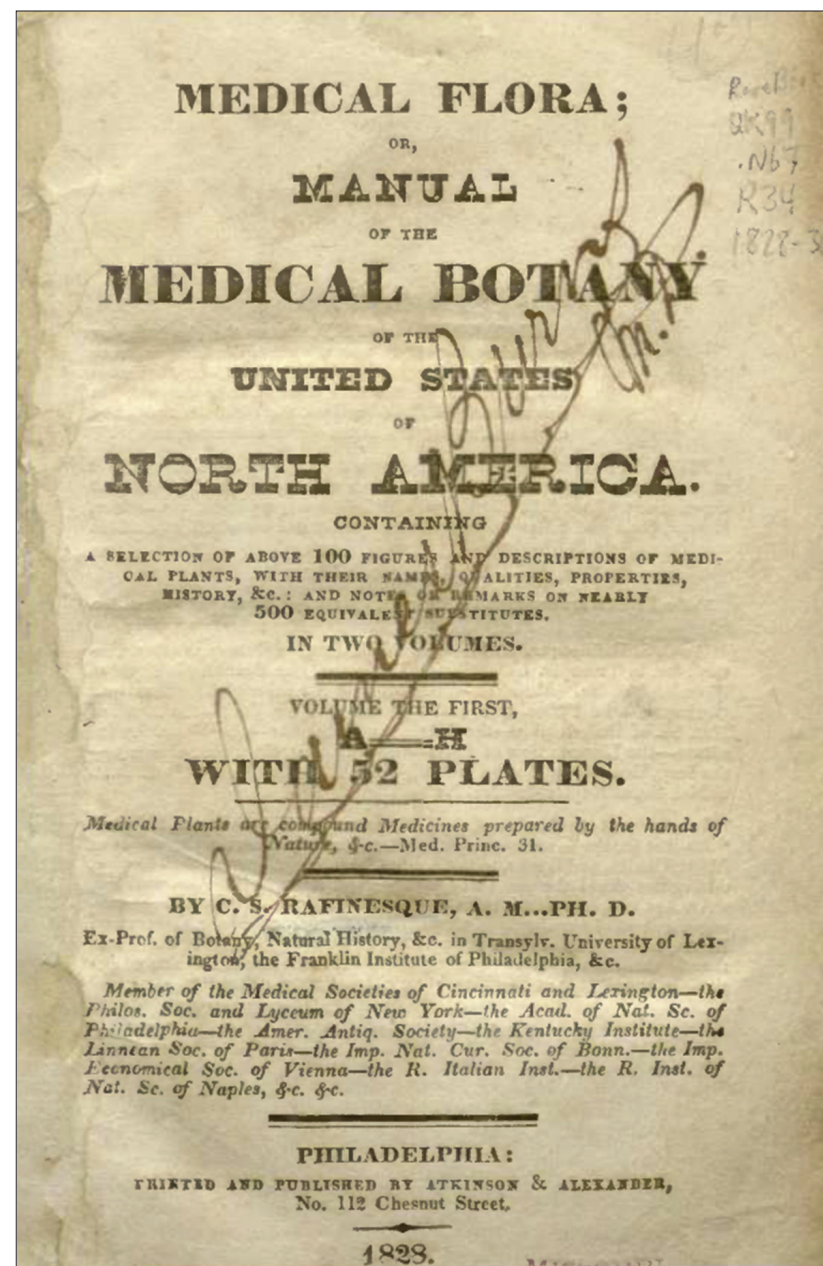
One of the best historical records on American medicinal plants is C.S. Rafinesque's *Medical Flora; or Manual of the Medical Botany of the United States*, published in two volumes in 1828 and 1830. To access this rare book in the 1980s, one had to either go to a rare book room at a

major library or shell out \$9,000 – \$12,000 to acquire it. To access an article in the scientific literature, we had to find a library that had a copy. In the closed stacks of major research libraries, we had to wait an hour or more for a reference librarian to retrieve a single article. My bibliography for the first edition is still on 3x5 in. index cards.

Today doing research for the third edition of the book, I own a copy of Rafinesque's *Medical Flora* – as a searchable PDF on my computer and on my phone! To get the latest research, I simply log onto a service such as National Library of Medicine's PubMed database, giving me access to 200 or more articles on a single plant in a few seconds. In the first quarter of 2012, e-books outstripped sales of hard copy books. In a few months I will have a copy of the 3rd edition of the Field Guide on a device in my pocket.

But that's not all that's changed. Compared to the 1980s, the ranges of alien plant species have spread dramatically. Also, flowering times have shifted, with many plants

blooming earlier as the result of climate change. In just 22 years since the first edition was published, everything has changed except for the quest to know more.



Museum board honors Ginni Miller

Ginni Miller, longtime director of the Eureka Springs Historical Museum is being honored at a retirement event Friday, July 13, from 4 – 6 p.m. at the home of Phyl and Rod McGuire, 18 Judah St. The board of directors invites all museum members, as well as Ginni’s friends and family, to join them in honoring her.

Ginni has served as museum director from 2005 until just a few weeks ago. Her “Eureka Story” is like so many others. She and her husband, Art, made a side trip here on their way to Rogers in 2000, fell in love with the town, and moved here six weeks later.

She was thrilled when she was offered her dream job as director. In addition

to being a great source of information to visitors and researchers, Ginni has put in uncountable hours of her own time at the museum doing everything from creating exhibits to caring for the garden. She never tired of recounting Eureka history, and it was obvious she loved her job and all the people she came to know, both those whose stories live at the museum and those who came to find those stories.

In this, her second retirement, Ginni is hoping to have more time with family, traveling, and pursuing interests including gardening, hiking and of course, history. We will miss her smiling face, but know that she will continue to be active as a volunteer at the museum.



I'll have a drumstick – The rehearsal room was empty as students traded drumsticks and bows for BBQ ribs.

PHOTOS BY SEPTEMBER PAYNE



Classical bluegrass – CICA faculty violinist Marshall Fire tries his hand at bluegrass fiddlin’.



Gracious host – Joe McClung held a barbecue and bluegrass jam for Buddy Griffin and Joe’s pickin’ friends along with CICA faculty last Sunday.

Hot enough? – Temps went over 100 out at Joe’s place.



Happy Sixth of July! And Seventh and Eighth!

Celebrations sponsored by the Eureka Springs Downtown Network continue to stretch Independence Week through next Sunday.

Friday, July 6th

Shopping with a Punch

Participating locations will offer refreshments as well as discounts 4 - 7 p.m. A Shopping Discount Card offering discounts at select locations will be sold to benefit ESDN.

Saturday, July 7th

Celebrating American Spirits

After Drumming in the Park, participating locations will offer American

cocktails or wines from 8 – 10 p.m.

Sunday, July 8th

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While a Constructive Notice like

this is often ends up with a lawsuit being filed later, the Schrum's letter said intent of the notice is to clarify facts that may have been ignored or concealed from the CBWD board and staff "so you are duly warned of the potential acts and omissions to which you will be held accountable."

Attorney for CBWD, Dan Bowers, said he had no comment on the letter. The matter is expected to be on the agenda of the CBWD Board at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 19.

James Yates of Harrison, president of CBWD's board, earlier stated he feels he has no option but to follow state law.

"My feeling, personal or otherwise, doesn't apply to the board," Yates said. "I have no control over what the health department does. We can't just come up and say, 'Look, this is bad, guys. We aren't going to do it.' They have told us to do it. They are the ones who tell us what we have to do."

CBWD operators oppose fluoridation, publicly citing concerns about

worker safety, health impacts from drinking water with fluoride, the potential for acidic fluoride to corrode water pipes causing lead contamination in the water, and failure of chemical suppliers to disclose toxic byproducts.

"Our Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) has concluded and confirmed that fluoridation products in the water industry do contain contaminants not limited to just lead, arsenic, copper and radionuclides," said a recent letter to the editor from the CBWD operators. "ADH requires water districts to follow NSF/ANSI standard 60 and has confirmed that the NSF information for certification should be supplied by the supplier of the chemicals. But the fluoridation chemical suppliers won't provide this, even though we have asked for them repeatedly."

ADH has stated that fluoridation is safe and effective in preventing cavities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) maintains that fluoridation is one of the top ten public health accomplishments of the 20th century.

While studies by the CDC show 41 percent of children studied were over-fluoridated and have a condition called dental fluorosis (a staining of teeth), the American Dental Association says most of those cases are very mild. Recently the amount of fluoride recommended to be added to the water has been cut in half, and some states now require warning notices to go out with people's water bills notifying people not to use fluoridated water to mix infant formula for babies six months and younger.

Opponents of fluoridation say that in addition to widespread dental fluorosis, there is evidence fluoride can cause cardiovascular problems, is toxic to people with kidney problems, causes brain damage and learning difficulties, and is harmful to people with hypothyroidism. People who drink a lot of water, like athletes and outdoor workers, may be at risk for fluoride poisoning. ADH has denied there are any health problems associated with fluoridation.

Money matters

Another issue is the cost of fluori-

dation. Legislators said they were told that grants would cover the cost of implementation of fluoridation. The law actually states that grant funds only – not water district fees or taxes – are supposed to be used to implement fluoridation. But the only group offering the grants, Delta Dental Foundation, doesn't have the money to cover costs due to underestimating the cost of fluoridation. Delta Dental reportedly offered CBWD about \$763,000, while the cost estimated by engineers to institute fluoridation is \$1.23 million.

The CBWD has already spent about \$28,000 on engineering studies, according to plant manager Jim Allison, apparently in violation of the law.

Yates earlier indicated that the district might make up the difference between the grant and the cost of implementation. "If the state mandates we have to put fluoride in our water and the people managing the grants make a statement that we are only entitled to so much money for startup costs because they won't cover certain things, we are going to do it right," Yates said.

CBWD operators said there are no current domestic suppliers of fluoride, and that it is only available from foreign countries.

There is suspicion that U.S. companies have stopped selling it because of liability concerns. Recently the Corporate Observer, a publication by attorneys devoted to protecting consumer rights, dubbed the controversy over fluoride as Fluoridegate, "a multi-faceted scandal unfolding while simultaneously a growing number of cities and water utilities have halted water fluoridation or are considering legislation to end it."

"The evidence is shocking," said Washington D.C. product safety attorney James S. Turner. "It's time to put some of the key players under oath in Fluoridegate hearings. The developments point to a central question: Did a group of vested-interest federal and private sector officials collude to use the public health infrastructure to control what the public hears about fluoridation and divert attention from increasingly bad news about harm from fluorides?"



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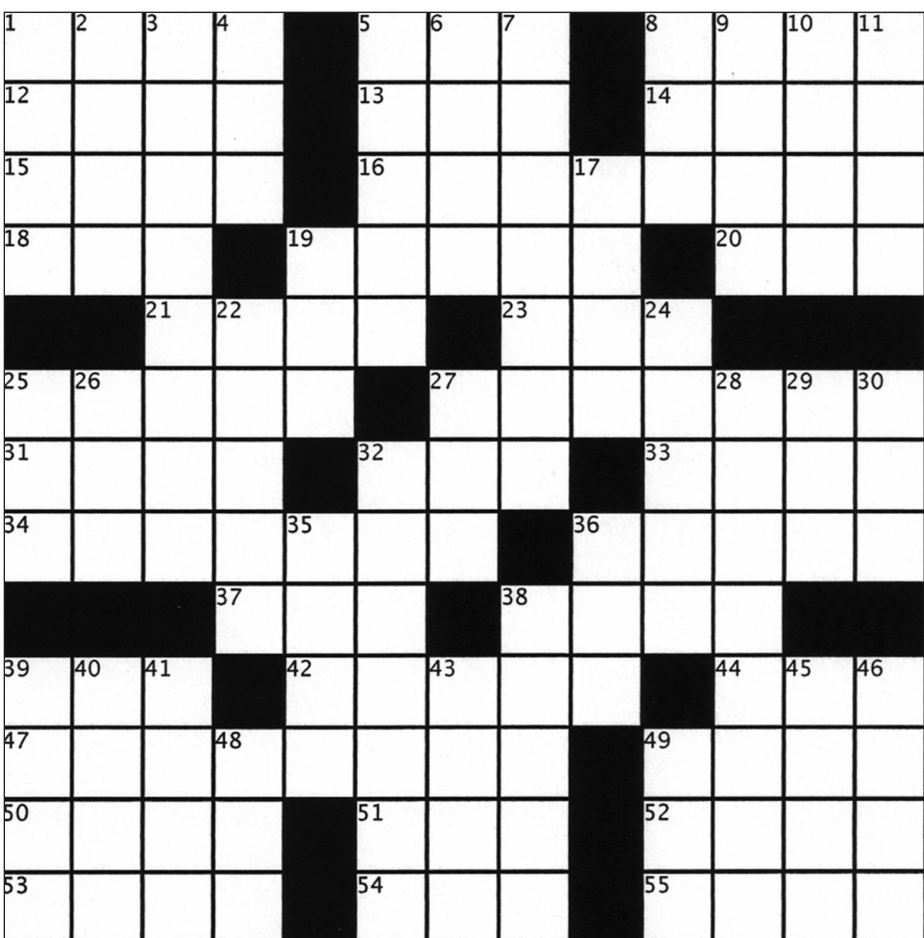
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- 1. Former mayor Joy
- 5. Owns
- 8. School filled with Nittany Lions
- 12. Former Persia
- 13. Poem of tribute
- 14. Tedious; dreary (*Scot.*)
- 15. Former school supe Wallis
- 16. Spiny spice
- 18. Old salt
- 19. Sassy
- 20. Lonely number
- 21. Good's enemy
- 23. Negatively charged particle
- 25. Sandbank
- 27. Eight sided
- 31. Carry
- 32. Mimic
- 33. Guinea pig cousin
- 34. Naval officers
- 36. Spread out
- 37. Man's best friend
- 38. Spanish romantic painter
- 39. Color
- 42. In the past
- 44. Corn core
- 47. Tyrannize
- 49. Great actor
- 50. Country word for opposed to
- 51. Dodge truck
- 52. Pocket bread
- 53. Spin one or knit with it
- 54. Slick

55. Hurting

DOWN

- 1. Soil
- 2. Vicinity
- 3. Pearly
- 4. Big printer expense
- 5. Place to stay
- 6. Sixth month of Hebrew calendar
- 7. Big industry
- 8. Kissing outside (abbr.)
- 9. Consequently
- 10. It's a gas
- 11. Hawaiian goose
- 17. Peasant cultivator
- 19. None
- 22. True
- 24. British diaper
- 25. That girl
- 26. *Star Wars* Solo
- 27. Photo finish?
- 28. Colossal
- 29. Andean vegetable
- 30. Senate's way of saying No
- 35. Thug
- 36. Daughter's brother
- 39. Omaha Beach event
- 40. Mind/body exercise
- 41. Mid-eastern ruler
- 43. Pass the cards
- 45. Word of honor
- 46. Sound like an ass
- 48. Small hotel
- 49. Place of serenity



Community writing program begins July 21

The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow is launching its Community Writing Program on Saturday, July 21, starting at 10 a.m. with a reception open to anyone interested in learning about writing. Program leader Alison Taylor-Brown will present it and discuss how it can support established and beginning writers. Local writers will also have the opportunity to discuss projects or genres they're interested in. Refreshments will be served.

Taylor-Brown will also be at the Writers' Colony from 1 – 4 that afternoon to talk to individuals or small groups about writing projects or goals. She can suggest resources and offer advice on overcoming hurdles.

The Community Writing Program aims to help writers whether take the next step in developing skills and contacts.

Taylor-Brown holds an MFA in Fiction from the University of Southern New Hampshire and writes a local newspaper column on writing.

Morning and afternoon sessions at the Colony are free and are open to area residents and visitors twelve and older. The Colony is located at 515 Spring Street in Eureka. For more information, please contact Alison Taylor-Brown at (479) 292-3665 or alisonataylorbrown@me.com.

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- **Balcony Restaurant:** THE HOGSCALDERS, 6 p.m.
- **Berean Coffeehouse:** Live Jazz, 7 p.m.
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Tuesday, July 10

• **Chasers Bar and Grill:** Game Night

• **Chelsea's:** Open Mic

• **Lumberyard Restaurant and Saloon:** Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.

• **Rockin' Pig Saloon:** Bike Night with

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Wednesday, July 11

• **Chasers Bar and Grill:** Singing and Dancing with **TINY**

• **Chelsea's:** Drink & Draw with Bob Norman

• **Eureka Live!:** Ballroom Dancing, 5-7 p.m.

• **Henri's:** Local 'Prayer' Meeting

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Ragsdell said. He encouraged the commission to be proactive and start the process now. He commented the Auditorium is the anchor for many of the successful events in town, and maybe a new council would consider an Auditorium commission, "but Ray needs a clear greenlight now for scheduling events."

Berry continued that the CAPC is the only vehicle available to do anything with the Auditorium, so he suggested Maloney and Ragsdell go ahead and begin working with Mayor Morris Pate on the 2013 contract.

Commissioners discussed physical condition of the old building and acknowledged it needs work. Ragsdell looked into the video camera and asked, "Any grant writers out there want to help?"

But DeVito summed up their feelings by noting that the auditorium has come so far with recent CAPC involvement. He said they have gotten away from a bad business model and the direction they're going is working, and added, "The CAPC is bringing business to town, so everyone benefits."

They agreed to have Maloney and Ragsdell begin working with the city on the 2013 contract.

Funding conundrum

Bright told commissioners that their co-op ad program, in which the CAPC will contribute toward ads if a group of eight businesses band together for publicity, has hit a snag. Recently there have been situations in which the advertisers were not all from Eureka Springs.

Maloney said the original intent was for promoting businesses within the city limits, so they need to reexamine and clarify their guidelines.

DeVito responded it is great for all businesses, even outside city limits, to be able to participate because the CAPC should support all local businesses, but those outside the city limits should not get the advertising discount.

Commissioner Joe Joy agreed but asked about attractions like Turpentine Creek.

Maloney said he wants everyone to know that they still have funds available and that the CAPC is here to help.

Commissioners agreed to discuss this further at

their next workshop.

Director's report

Maloney said that according to state parks information, Carroll County is in the top five for tourism dollars collected and Eureka Springs, being the economic engine that drives Carroll County, showed the best increase among tourism destinations in the state. He mentioned that numbers for Hot Springs have declined.

DeVito observed that Eureka Springs has a much smaller population than the other tourist destinations, "so for us to be in their league is very good."

"Traditionally the next six months are our best but we're already doing better than in the past. This would bode well for a good year," Maloney said. He also dispelled myths that the wedding business is declining. He reported that weddings are up 5.1 percent over last year and 14 percent over the past two years, and this is happening despite increased competition in other cities.

DeVito said he had seen that weddings are down nationwide, so it speaks well for the city that the wedding business is holding its own.

Maloney said the Eroica Trio, in town for the CICA Music Festival, loved Eureka Springs and wants to return. He said they visited as many local venues as possible and especially enjoyed High Tea at the Grand Taverne. He acknowledged the technical crew that made the "awe-inspiring" Saturday evening performance at the Auditorium possible.

He also said more web browsers are looking at eurekasprings.org than ever before, with more pages viewed and more time spent at the site. More viewers are viewing from Texas than anywhere else, and even California and Minnesota made the top ten list. "So the website is doing what it is supposed to do," he said, adding he wants to develop a mobile app for the website in 2013. He wants to engage a different demographic who use mobile devices for everything and said the CAPC needs to stay up-to-date.

Maloney said he plans to put on a marketing seminar for business owners at the Auditorium in September to explain the difference between marketing and advertising.

He said he has also been talking with the Ar-

kansas Film and Digital Content Production Alliance, which has been trying to bring filmmakers back to Arkansas. Typically, movies boost the local economies. Maloney also wants to revive the Eureka Springs Film Festival, and said he sees it as being a good fit with the May Festival of the Arts. He said he would report back next month.

The CAPC created a new video spot about local attractions, and Maloney said Eureka Springs has enough attractions to make anyone want to come here for a vacation.

The Fat Tire Festival will be here the second week of July, which means 400-500 bicyclists will be in town. The Eureka multi-sport event will occur August 12-14, and registration has doubled over last year's numbers.

New commissioner nominated

After deliberation and discussion, commissioners voted to nominate Robert Schmid, owner of Lookout Lodge Eureka Springs, for a seat on the commission. City council is required to approve nominations before new commissioners are seated.

Commission claps and bows

Joy thanked the CAPC staff "for making magic happen."

DeVito said staff do more than just work hard; they put their heart and soul into making things happen for the city and everyone is seeing the results.

Berry said regarding the Saturday evening performance at the Auditorium featuring the Eroica Trio and the CICA Symphony Orchestra, "You wouldn't see anything better if you were in New York City."

Ragsdell acknowledged Ray Dilfield for all he has done during the CICA Festival and Thomas Chun-yu Chen for bringing the CICA Music Festival to town. Regarding the students attending the festival, he said, "We're planting the seeds for the next St. Petersburg Quartet."

Ragsdell also commented that the musicians who performed at the Blues Weekend appreciated the hospitality they received around town, and they all want to return.

The next workshop will be Wednesday, July 11, at 4 p.m., and the next regular meeting Wednesday, July 25, at 6 p.m.

Inspiration Point Rural Volunteer Fire Department fire prevention advice

NW Arkansas is in the middle of a severe drought and experiencing unusually hot temperatures. As a result, we are facing extreme danger of wildfires. We want to make sure all our members are aware that County Judge Sam Barr has declared a county wide burn ban in effect until widespread, general rains ease the dry conditions.

No one wants to see tragic fires like the ones in Colorado destroy homes and our beautiful Ozark forest. If you bought fireworks, please store them in a safe, dry place and don't use them until we have had a general, soaking rain and the burn ban has been lifted. If you see or hear a neighbor using fireworks or burning, please gently advise them of the burn ban and ask them to stop. If you feel that the situation may get out of control and cause a fire, call 911 and ask a deputy to intervene. Burn ban signs are posted outside our main fire station, at Highway 62 & Ozark Automotive Road.

We will remove those signs once the county judge lifts the burn ban. Or you can call central dispatch at (870) 423-7373, and they can advise you if the burn ban has been lifted.

Also, be very careful with any possible sources of ignition outdoors. A lawnmower blade striking a rock has been known to start a fire, as has the catalytic converter on a car parked in dead or dry grass.

And, of course, be very careful with cigarettes. Sometimes fires occur naturally, ignited by heat from the sun or a lightning strike. However, the majority of wildfires are the result of human carelessness. The most common causes for wildfires include arson, campfires, discarding lit cigarettes, improperly burning debris, playing with matches or fireworks and prescribed fires.

Please be careful, avoid the heat, and enjoy a safe, fire free summer.



Huh? – The squirrel seems surprised to see a groundhog in her territory. Few people realize groundhogs do hang out in trees.

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Arguments abounded. Congress concocted loan strategies for farmers, but no one could qualify. Disputes arose over whether or not livestock could be fed while people were not receiving benefits. Red Cross staff discovered plantation owners were not distributing food or clothing to tenants as expected.

A compromise was reached and a Red Cross relief program was set in place. More than 160,000 people signed up in the first three days, which recipients soon learned did not provide fresh vegetables, meat, sugar or milk.

A group of sharecroppers went to the Red Cross office in England in Lonoke County, but the office had run out of applications. By the end of the day at least 500 angry people had gathered at the office demanding food and local merchants were forced to rescue the Red Cross by handing out their supplies of food.

To put the situation in perspective, when the famous Dust Bowl era began soon afterwards, conditions in Arkansas actually improved. Arkansas had become the poster state for severe drought conditions.

Droughts happen

NOAA has produced a chart detailing the Palmer Drought Severity Index from 1900 to date, which clearly demonstrates the 1930-1931 drought was not our only bad dry spell. There were three-year droughts in 1936-38 and again in the mid-'50s. There was a five-year dry spell from 1963-1967. From the early 1970s through the next 25 years, Arkansas experienced a wetter than usual period overall, but the past 13 years have been drier than the long-term averages.

What to do during a drought

The good news is lawns don't need mowing during a drought. It's the lack of water we are concerned about, so everyone should pay attention to water use, yet stay hydrated. Some home garden crops just won't make it through searing heat even with watering, so gardeners should consider pulling crops earlier and allocating water to the others. Add mulch to remaining crops so your watering is more effective. You can replant the other crops later when temperatures moderate. Stay off lawns as much as possible because they are stressed enough already.

Ranchers will have to make difficult choices

about managing livestock. Everyone working outside must be cautious about heat exhaustion, so if you work in the sunny, dry outdoors, conserve your energy, stay hydrated, wear a hat and take breaks.

Anyone watching national news lately should understand the extreme danger of wildfires. The outdoors in a drought is a tinderbox ready to ignite, and with a shortage of water, fire suppression can be a challenge. Be especially careful with outdoor fires.

Drought conditions are cyclical, unpredictable except in the short term, and unpreventable. Times like these remind us of those rain-collecting storage tanks we have not installed yet and how useful their reservoirs would be now. We are reminded of how inconvenienced we felt during a two-day rain awhile back and maybe we won't feel that way next time. We have the chance to imagine what it must be like for inhabitants of the Kalahari who have gotten by without pools of water since time began.

And maybe it's time to learn an effective rain dance.

In the organization's first month, 40 dogs were adopted and transported, and ultimately King expects to move twice that number per month, or more. He believes such success is possible due the Go East, Young Dogs' partnership with Diane Ferguson of Unconditional Love Pet Rescue.

"Diane has been arranging out-of-state adoptions from Arkansas for the past four years and has found great homes for more than 2,000 dogs in that time," King said. "She is amazing with dogs and always goes the extra mile in accommodating the adopters. Her background is in photography and the quality of the photos and videos she posts online really sells the personalities of the dogs. She has a great knack for capturing the spirits of the dogs and people really respond."

King started working with Ferguson when he served on the board of the Good Shepherd Humane Society and she was helping find homes for dogs at the GSHS shelter. He was so impressed with the success of what she was doing he decided he could be more effective in animal rescue by building support for her efforts. "If Diane focused on the adoption end of this, she could find homes for countless dogs. But she was spending much of her time caring for the dogs, nursing sick ones, keeping records, running to vets and all the other aspects of dog rescue that she couldn't devote enough time to what she does so well. The goal of the new organization is to take care of animal care and everything else and let Diane work full time on adoptions."

GEYD is working in cooperation with Good Shepherd.

Once adopted, the dogs hit the road. Usually the rescue contracts the services of a commercial transport, Got Orphans Transport, which leaves out of Little Rock each week and can carry up to 80 dogs. Rescues are arranging out-of-state adoptions throughout the South. Sometimes, though, King loads up his van with crates full of dogs and makes the trip. He's made seven dog runs in the past

"When you see the expressions on the adopters' faces and the outpouring of love to their new pets, it's heartening and lets you know this is a really good thing. The drive is grueling but rewarding."

– Bill King

year taking more than 140 dogs to new homes.

"When I first heard about these out-of-state adoptions I was skeptical," he said. "I pictured dogs going to research labs and fighting rings." But after making the trip himself he found only excited happy families waiting on the other end. "When you see the expressions on the adopters' faces and the outpouring of love to their new pets, it's heartening and lets you know this is a really good thing. The drive is grueling but rewarding."

Most of the vet bills, adoption and transportation costs incurred are covered by adoption fees. While the \$400-450 adoption fee for a mongrel – lower fees are collected for hard-to-adopt dogs – may seem like a lot to folks in this area, the adopters actually save money adopting out-of-state dogs that are current on vaccinations and have been spayed or neutered. Big city veterinarians are significantly more expensive than those in Arkansas.

Go East, Young Dog canines can be adopted locally, but adopters must apply and be screened just as the out-of-staters, and they pay the same adoption fee minus the transport costs. King explained the investment made in the dogs must be recouped so more dogs can be served. Due to insurance restrictions, the kennel is not open to the public, but if local adopters see dogs of interest online, meetings can be arranged.

While adoption fees cover some basic costs, Go East, Young Dog must raise money to cover kennel operations, administration and the additional vet bills that result when caring

for large numbers of dogs. Currently the Berryville kennel is housing more than 40 dogs and another 18 are in foster care. The new organization's board of directors is exploring fundraising options and applying for 501-c3 tax status.

The organization is totally adoption focused and the goal is not to warehouse dogs, but rather house them for two-to-four weeks. But animal care in that short time is intensive. All dogs are vaccinated, wormed, spayed or neutered, and brought to good health before they are put up for adoption. Often the puppies that come in are infested with parasites – fleas, ticks, worms, mites – and require significant resources. King said area vets appreciate what GEYD is doing and are working with the organization.

To care for the dogs' daily needs, Go East, Young Dog has contracted with Malcolm Mayes and his wife, Dee, a vet tech, to live on-site in a trailer. With the Mayes present around-the-clock, the dogs are well cared for and better socialized. "We are very lucky to have found this caring couple," King said. "They go above and beyond and the result is happy, healthy, highly adoptable pups."

The board has plans to improve the kennel facility by adding outdoor dog play yards and ultimately would like to acquire a transport vehicle to be more self-reliant. With a vehicle, the organization could also raise money, transporting its dogs and those of other rescues. King said he is looking into grants to buy a vehicle next year.

The needs are great in this startup

phase of Go East, Young Dog, but King believes the community will be generous in its support as results are seen. "In just a couple of months we have made significant impact in saving dogs. We've taken and adopted out a couple dozen dogs from Berryville Animal Control that would likely have been euthanized. We've taken several litters of puppies from people who could not get them into the GSHS shelter because it was at capacity. Most of the dogs we've taken in would either be dead or out there multiplying. I believe we are definitely filling a big need and saving lives. At the same time we're bringing joy into people's lives. What could be better?"



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Marsha, Marsha, Marsha – Marsha Havens and friends enjoy the fun in Basin Park.

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