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## This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Elizabeth Warren is a bankruptcy lawyer running for the U.S. Senate from Massachusetts. She is running up a steep hill, indeed.

Yet she is exactly the sort of person who has the best interests of a strong middle class at heart. She knows what



medical bankruptcy does to families, what no access to higher education does to young people, what the difference in pride and self-worth between having a job and not having one is.

She has spent her life fighting outrageous money lenders and their policies of high interest and low tolerance.

We wish there were 100 U.S. Senators who had as much heart and as she does.

**Living history** – Clear Spring School 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are using the stump of the tulip tree that was cut down in front of the Carnegie library last month to provide a timeline of events connecting growth of the tree to development of our community. A key



is connected to numbered tags attached to rings in the stump so readers can see how big the tree was when. From l. to r. Bram Heimann, Syama Barden, Wyatt Pavelsek, teacher Cindy Blackburn, Alyssa Bartlett, Noah FitzPatrick, B'Elanna Powell, Khalia Smith and Beth Gucio.

PHOTOS BY DOUG STOWE



## Curtain falls on the venison monologues

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs city council meeting on September 24 began with disagreement and ended with pointed commentary, but in the middle council voted to hand over the controversial deer hunt to the mayor and remove it from their table.

During agenda setting, alderman James DeVito moved to drop from the agenda an executive session scheduled for the end of the meeting. He reasoned that since some of those who would have participated were not present, and he did not elaborate, there was no reason to have the closed discussion. Alderman Butch Berry seconded DeVito's motion, so the item was dropped.

Immediately Alderman Lany Ballance moved to reinstate the executive session, and Mayor Morris Pate waited for a second to her motion, and when none was forthcoming, he ruled

her motion failed. The vote to approve the amended agenda was 4-1, with Ballance voting No. Only five aldermen were present at the time because alderman Karen Lindblad had not yet arrived.

Reconsideration of the deer hunt came up late in the meeting when alderman Ken Pownall pointed out they had been through the pros and cons of this discussion numerous times, and he saw that it came down to "an arbitrary and capricious decision by this table." He noted the citizens had voted for the hunt, so he moved to take this item off the agenda and give it to Pate for execution.

Alderman Parker Raphael asked, "Hasn't that already been done?" Alderman Butch Berry inquired if the motion was really necessary.

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## Breaking news – Arkansas Supreme Court rejects challenge to medical marijuana

See story [www.eurekaspringsindependent.com](http://www.eurekaspringsindependent.com)



## CAPC looks ahead to folk festival, food and wine festival

NICKY BOYETTE

Mike Maloney, executive director of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, told commissioners at Wednesday night's meeting he had been hearing enthusiastic reviews about the recent JazzEureka weekend. The Friday night event at the Inn of the Ozarks had dancers from 13 to 89 carrying on until late, and at least 450 people attended the Saturday night Delfeayo Marsalis Quintet concert at the Auditorium.

Commissioner James DeVito said the results indicated it was a great Jazz Festival that reinforces the direction the CAPC has taken. He noted quality entertainment came to town for a reasonable cost. The event brought in visitors, kept the merchants busy and entertained the locals.

Chair Charles Ragsdell observed it was one the more successful jazz

weekends he has experienced in Eureka Springs. He pointed out the commission worked on a shoestring budget but got an excellent return on its investment.

He said the success of the event has him looking forward to the 65<sup>th</sup> Eureka Springs Folk Festival scheduled for October 28 – November 3. He was proud to announce it is the longest-running folk festival in the country, and thrives and survives when others are dark some years. He invited the staff of the National Folk Festival to attend this year's event.

### Food and Wine Weekend

"Planning for the re-energized Food and Wine Weekend has really taken off," Maloney said. Gina Drennon of the CAPC put together a website for the event, November 7 – 11. Retailers are lining up to participate and there will be a plethora of wine tastings around town. Maloney predicted, "It will be a special time in Eureka Springs."

### Director's report

Maloney informed the group he learned when the Arkansas Hospitality Association met in Eureka Springs recently that our town is doing better than other tourism locations in the state. Whereas their summer months were "soft," Eureka Springs continued to

improve over last year.

Even during the Labor Day weekend, when the transit of Hurricane Isaac through the area cast an ominous pall on expectations, at least two restaurants had record weekends and lodgings did well.

Maloney said representatives from Arkansas tourist information centers came to town, got the complete tour of the local sites and did not want to leave.

He announced that the CAPC cable television marketing will be taking advantage of a feature called Video on Demand in four markets beginning October 15. Cable viewers in Kansas City, Little Rock, Tulsa and Oklahoma City will be able to use remote control commands to call up additional information during ads for Eureka Springs by clicking a link to the eureka Springs website.

Maloney has regularly mentioned information he gets about web traffic to the site from Google analytics, and said the analytics are showing the number of visitors to the CAPC website is up from 24,000 in May to 33,000 presently. He said 25,000 of those viewers are first-time viewers, but the number of returning viewers keeps increasing.

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**Rotary Student of the Month** – Eureka Springs Rotary proudly announces the Student of the Month for September 2012: Cheyanne Pierce, daughter of Collin and Sandra Pierce. Cheyanne is an A student who received 2nd Place in the State for Web Design, 1st place in her sophomore year for Solo Vocal Performance and 2nd Place for Solo Vocal Performance in her Junior year. She is a member of the Eureka Springs High School Choir and is an Arkansas Skills USA State Officer. She is President of the Eureka Springs Future Business Leaders of America and Skills USA and is a member of the National Honors Society. In addition to singing and web design, Cheyanne loves to write poetry and take photographs. She loves drawing, helping others and making people smile. After graduation Cheyanne plans to study photography at Oklahoma State University.



## Local store hit by burglars

Thieves broke into the Mud Street Store on the corner of Benton and S. Main between 5 p.m. last Wednesday and 9 a.m. Thursday morning and absconded with at least \$21,000 in jewelry. Eureka Springs Police Chief Earl Hyatt said the thief(s) entered by prying out a window on the Benton St. side of the building. The intact window was found in a dumpster across the street in a Cornerstone Bank dumpster. The window was dusted for fingerprints.

Owner of the business, Rob Knapp, showed police the emptied ring drawers behind the counter and the upright case in the Eureka Clock Company, a connected business. Hyatt said there was no tampering with the cash registers.

Lisa Knapp, who manages the businesses, is still compiling a detailed list of missing items that includes \$15,000 in South Dakota Gold Company jewelry and \$6,000 in silver rings considered costume jewelry.

Hyatt said there are no suspects at this time, however ESPD is in contact with law enforcement watching for the jewelry in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

## Transition to Transit is up to residents

NICKY BOYETTE

Monday night alderman James DeVito suggested moving council meetings out of the courthouse jury room, and alderman Ken Pownall asked if space at the Transit building was still a viable option.

Alderman Parker Raphael said council had learned at a recent workshop in the courtroom that that space "is not that wonderful." They would have to rearrange seating then put it back, and video equipment would have to be moved each time. He said the Transit space is still available.

DeVito maintained the jury room is not conducive to a good discussion. In fact, he said it creates an adversarial dynamic because aldermen are facing each other, and it segregates the citizenry because most of them must sit in the lobby.

Alderman Karen Lindblad said if they don't face each other they don't hear what is said.

Alderman Butch Berry reminded council the transit facility had been discussed before, and although it is handicapped accessible, the problem is cable broadcast.

Raphael said he investigated the cable issue in the past, but the city lost its opportunity to have cable line installed there when it would have been

far less expensive.

Alderman Lany Ballance suggested the city exercise eminent domain when the high school moves from its present building, and the city could move all its business, including council meetings, to that facility.

Pownall said he does not like people having to sit in the lobby and watch proceedings on television, and he questioned the need for a live cable feed of council meetings. "Why not provide a tape-delayed feed the next day," he asked. The Transit space is handicapped accessible, temperature controlled and there is more room for citizens at the meetings.

DeVito responded, "That is an excellent suggestion." He said it eliminated many of the issues they have mentioned, and seeing the meeting live on television does not outweigh the value of participation in government. Berry said he tended to agree, and suggested they postpone further discussion until they get citizen input.

Pownall said the money they would spend on hooking up the cable feed could be spent on improving the sound system.

Council agreed to get citizen input and postpone further discussion until the October 8 meeting.

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## QC banters on phone rate negotiation

NICKY BOYETTE

Terry Hankins of Insight, a company that negotiates telephone rates, said at the Carroll County Quorum Court September 21 meeting that his company had completed a preliminary audit of phone bills, and Insight could save the county \$30,000 in the first year by ferreting out redundancies and inflated rates in its phone bills. Insight will get its payment once it has already saved the county money.

He claimed that since he first spoke to the court in June, the county might have overspent by \$7000. He said his staff had done its review, and he wanted to know what's next.

Opinions were mixed.

Sheriff Bob Grudek said he did not know why the county needed a third party until it had done its own investigating first. He said he had talked with Verizon, and one of their representatives would be coming to look over his accounts with

him. He said, "The provider should be giving me the lowest rates and I should not need a third party."

Hankins replied that a phone company representative gets a commission and is not paid to keep phone rates low. He said his company had recovered \$2000 for a doctor in Fayetteville he would never had known about. Insight gets its income by saving money for customers.

JP Joe Mills said he knew of a person who cut his phone bills in half by looking into it himself.

Hankins asked if county employees had time to do that.

JP Ron Flake said, "I can't believe we haven't already started this." He said he understood Grudek's point, but said the county should not delay with letting Insight do its work. "It's money in our pockets every month," Flake said.

JP John Howerton asked, "So after we use you to save us money the first

year and you do your job, then why do we need you after that?"

Hankins pointed out there might be changes in rates or new discounts might become available. He said Insight would act as a watchdog service.

Howerton said the court should proceed with Insight.

County Treasurer Cindy Collins said she had already done her work to save more money than Insight would have saved her, so she does not want their services. "It's like someone telling Judge Barr he can buy his gravel cheaper," she said. "This is my job to do."

Flake replied the idea came to the court through County Clerk Jamie Correia, and Collins responded, "Then she can do it for her department. I will take care of mine."

JP John Reeve asked, "If this is so easy to happen, then why haven't we done it a long time ago?"

"And there is no out-of-pocket cost," observed JP Dan Mumaugh.

Hankins again asked, "So where are we?"

Flake replied the court has an interest in saving money and will consider his recommendations when they prepare the next budget. Flake said Hankins could go ahead and deal with each department separately.

### Another sales pitch

The court also heard from Shannon Riordan, representative of AAMSCO. She described their product as asset management. They could install bar code tracking devices on all equipment owned by the county so that when equipment is checked out, the software can easily provide reports for who has used the equipment.

JP Lamont Richie observed it is like a sign out sheet, and Riordan responded, "You get out of it what you put into it."

Mumaugh asked, "So do we have a problem? What are we trying to fix? And how much would cost to fix it?" He said

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## Water/sewer down the drain

NICKY BOYETTE

City council previously disagreed on whether State law requires cities to have a water or sewer committee, so alderman Parker Raphael asked for city attorney Tim Weaver's legal opinion at Monday night's meeting. Weaver said he looked at the law and the circumstances, and did not think the committee is required but acknowledged language of the law is "somewhat ambiguous." He noted, as Raphael had previously pointed out, that hardly any cities have a sewer committee, so apparently the legislature is not requiring cities to have one.

Alderman Ken Pownall, however, reminded council of email correspondence from the Arkansas Municipal League (AML) he had received that indicated a city should have either a Water Committee, a Sewer Committee, or a combination. He also pointed out State Code reads "shall" regardless of whether other

cities have one.

Alderman James DeVito suggested council could call itself the Sewer Committee and then move on.

Raphael said the city has all the people needed to handle the tasks required already, tasks that are too technical for an untrained committee. DeVito also pointed out the state would ask the city to convene the group if it wanted the city to have one.

Lindblad asked Weaver about the word "shall," and he replied it means "required, but sometimes in law there are caveats." In addition, the municipal league usually alerts cities if there is something they legally need to do, and the AML has not done so and he has not found in his research anything about this topic.

Pownall moved to have this item taken from the agenda by roll call vote only. The vote was 3-3, Pownall, Lindblad and Ballance voting No, and Mayor Morris Pate casting the deciding fourth Yes vote.



## Wells walks on sexual assault charges

**C.D. White**

Randy Ray Wells, 57, arrested in June 2011 on charges of Rape, a Class Y felony and Sexual Assault in the Second Degree, a Class B felony, was released on a Suspended Imposition of Sentence (SIS) of 20 years on August 2 by the Carroll County Western District Court. Wells was accused of molesting a child residing in his home over a period of two years.

Wells failed a court-ordered polygraph test on June 10, 2011, and an affidavit for his arrest was executed on June 13. The child was removed from the home and placed in the care of the Department of Human Services (DHS).

According to court documents, the court of Judge Kent Crow recused itself from the case in July of 2011 and assigned it to Judge Gary Arnold of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Court, who was then assigned to the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit East to hear the case.

In an arraignment on Sept. 11, 2011, Wells pled Not Guilty and a February date was set for a Bench/Jury trial in Eureka Springs. He was ordered to undergo psychological exams on three different occasions but did not keep the appointments. The trial date was moved

again to July 31 – Aug. 2, 2012, after the DHS asked for an extension and a continuance was granted.

In a plea agreement before the court on August 2 this year, the state agreed not to prosecute the Class Y rape charge, and Wells pled Nolo Contendere (no contest) to the Class B sexual assault charge. Wells is liable for court costs and fines of \$1920 but is otherwise free and is not on parole.

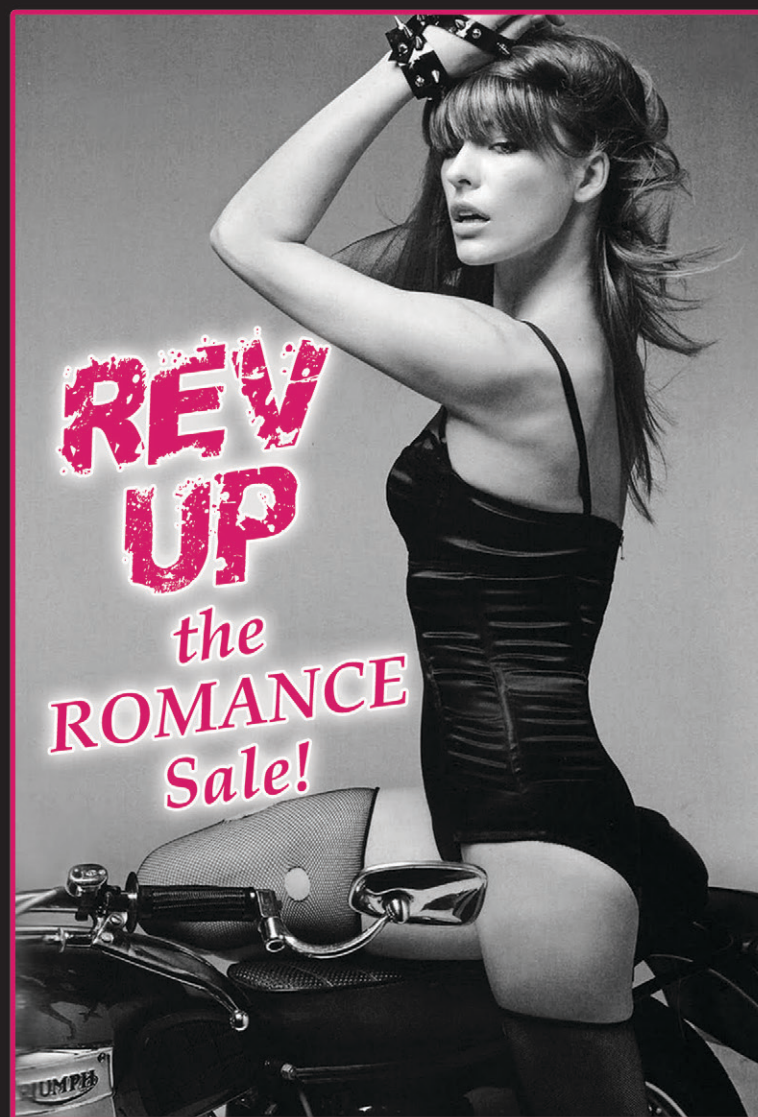
Under the Suspended Sentence conditions, Wells has to abide by a number of rules including no possession or use of alcohol, firearms or controlled substances and has to submit to random drug testing. He is to have no contact with his victim or her adoptive family.

Wells is required to register with the Arkansas Sex Offender Registry, which either he or the court must file within three days of sentencing according to case file paperwork, but no registration has surfaced to date.

Asked about his reaction to the court's ruling, ESPD Chief Earl Hyatt remarked, "We were completely confident with our charges. We investigate and recommend but it's unfortunately out of our hands after that."

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### Hippo birdie two ewe – Anton

Gregg was one of many guests who attended the birthday bash for KJ Zumwalt last Sunday at Caribe. Anton sported a hand-painted molé style t-shirt with a special birthday message.



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• **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** meets Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. at Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S. For more info, phone (479) 363-9495.

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• **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays at 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

## Rolling away the stone

C. D. WHITE

The Great Passion Play is hoping for a resurrection in tourism in order to keep its doors open for the 2013 season.

In an extensive news release from CJRW quoted by several Arkansas newspapers, a plea for financial help read, "These difficult economic times have led to declining attendance. The Great Passion Play is at risk of being unable to support its ministerial efforts to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ."

In an interview with the *Independent* on Wednesday, Sam Ray, executive director of The Great Passion Play, noted that tourism in general and group tour business is down. "Karen Pryor [Sales Director, City Advertising and Promotion Commission] is doing a wonderful job," Ray said, "but it's like throwing a bucket of water on a bonfire. Much more effort is needed.

"We are a 501(c)3, charitable, educational, nonprofit organization, and every organization of this type out

there is going through this. We need to start doing fundraising like the rest of them. We're no different than Muscular Dystrophy or the March of Dimes."

At this time the organization is asking for both financial and material help, quoting needs for donations including functional used vehicles, up-to-date computers, LCD monitors, software, office supplies, lumber, gravel, and other material goods; but its greatest need is funds to keep the attraction running.

Ray suggested area residents come out to see the Play and spread the word to others, adding that attendance is always free for Carroll County residents.

The remaining performances for the 2012 season are on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. through Saturday, Oct. 27.

Donations can be made to The Great Passion Play online at [www.greatpassionplay.org/donations.asp](http://www.greatpassionplay.org/donations.asp) or by calling the toll-free number 1-800-

882-7529. Checks or money orders can be mailed to The Great Passion Play, Attention: Accounting, P.O. Box 471, Eureka Springs 72632. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Asked if he felt they could make it for another season, Ray replied, "I think we can hang on."

## Driver Ed class

Drivers aged 50 and over are invited to an AARP Driver's Safety Class Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 8:45 – 1:30 (including a short lunch break) at First United Methodist Church of Eureka Springs, 195 Huntsville Road. The fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, and includes all course materials. Bring a sack lunch. Class size is limited, so register now with Sara Knight at (479) 363-9800.

## No rest on vacations

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Lany Ballance introduced a request to have the Planning Commission prepare a list of properties which encroach on city property at Monday night's city council meeting. Beverly Blankenship, Chair of Planning, said commissioners wanted more specifics from council as well as a line item in the budget to fund the research.

Blankenship told council research so far indicated such a project would cost the city well over \$100,000 because surveys on all the properties would be required to do the job properly. She said she had discovered there have been 150 vacations in 126 years, so about one vacation per year, and she did not see how spending this money to prepare such a list would change anything.

Ballance insisted on documentation backing up Blankenship's claims.

Alderman James DeVito quickly pointed out that Ballance's request for documentation was one person speaking, not the voice of council.

Ballance continued that she noticed Planning was working on several different issues and she did not know who had directed those projects. Yet, council had specifically asked Planning to work on this one. She exhorted Blankenship to use as much imagination and wherewithal on this request as Planning did on other projects.

"I had hoped you would soldier up and take this on," Ballance asserted.

Alderman Ken Pownall moved to ask Planning to provide a written report on this request.

Alderman Butch Berry brought up the fact council had already gone over the issues. He said no one knows if there is an encroachment until there is a survey, so Planning would have to survey every property in town.

He said Blankenship had done due diligence on this, the issue does not come up that often, and he thought they were wasting their time.

Pownall said he did not think it would be too much to ask Planning for a written report.

Several aldermen began speaking over each other, "point of order" claims were flying around the table like bees at a picnic, and as Mayor Morris Pate was restoring calm, Lindblad called him on a point of order.

When a semblance of calm prevailed, Berry pointed out that Blankenship had just given council her report and they do not need another one.

Ballance followed that the city owns green spaces, some of which are not clearly enough defined, so the city needs to know where the encroachments are.

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## Schools emphasize student involvement

NICKY BOYETTE

Elementary school principal, Clare LeSieur, reported at last Thursday's school board meeting she has been working with teachers to develop the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (ACSIP), and acknowledged Chris McClung, ACSIP Coordinator, for helping to develop it. In the plan, she said, the school identifies specific academic targets and how to achieve them.

Superintendent Curtis Turner said ACSIP is "the engine that drives us" because it is the planning and funding distribution design for the state, and federal dollars are involved.

Lesieur and her teachers have also been working on the Common Core curriculum. Arkansas Department of Education requires all grades K-8 to participate.

She has also begun a program at the school where students will not only be involved in parent-teacher conferences, but will lead them. She said she has seen younger children, even kindergarten age, do this, and although there are not many resources to use as guides, she is going to try it anyway.

The school is devoting time to assessing each child's reading level so they can develop appropriate interventions, and working with a new health curriculum. She mentioned that staff is teaching kids new to long bus rides how to keep it together between school and home.

Their 21<sup>st</sup> Century after school program is still recruiting more students, and they are adding Spanish to the program.

This year, she said they intend

to lure parents to Parent Night by offering a student performance and making the event more interactive.

They are also trying to coordinate letting teachers visit each other's classrooms to gain insights and work together.

Cindy Holt, principal of the middle school, has also been finalizing her ACSIP. She said student council elections were held, and teachers are moving into the new health curriculum and implementing a computer-based vocabulary program which can help determine more accurately each student's reading level. They are enacting other assessments to focus on who needs what kind of instruction.

Turner asked about enrollment numbers, and Holt said they are 30 above last year's. Lesieur said her enrollment has had "a lot of mobility," with some students leaving and already returning again. One day recently they enrolled five students.

In discussion of progress on the construction of the high school, Turner said they are at the point where building contractor, Kinco has asked the district to release five percent of the ten percent retainage the district is holding back. This amount, according to Turner, is like a contingency to make sure work gets done, and at this point in the project, "It is not unusual to start dwindling some of the retainage."

Charlie and Laura Morrison, architects of the new school who are guiding the district through the project, mentioned that most subcontractors working with Kinco have been excellent, but advised against releasing any retainage to some of them until the work is done to everyone's satisfaction. Specifics are itemized in the report Kinco provides, so this kind of thing can be tracked. Turner said he was ready to advise releasing the five percent, but he wanted the Morrisons involved when they discuss this with Kinco.

The Morrisons said retainage

is a guarantee the work will get done as requested, and work is near completion. They pointed out there is a full one-year guarantee to make sure things work as they should, and many components, like the roof, have much longer guarantees.

Turner said the five percent amount is about \$431,000, and there were no board objections to moving forward with the Morrisons' guidance in releasing the five percent.

Treasurer Pam McGarrah provided a summary of the proposed budget for the year which projects a balance on June 30, 2013, of just over \$5 million, which was approved. Turner said McGarrah "is one of the best bookkeepers I've ever worked with."

Turner said he wants to advertise for director to oversee all maintenance in the district, as there are such things as state-of-the art climate control. Laura Morrison added that, with the high school project nearing its end, the district will need someone like the person Turner is looking for to make sure everything on the punch list gets done.

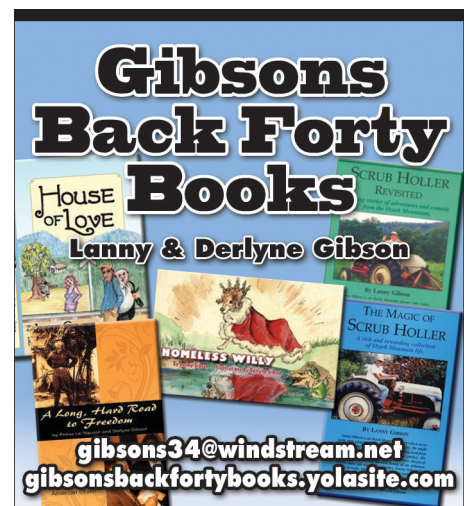
The board accepted the resignation of Marjorie Scruggs, who resigned from food service, and they agreed with Turner's recommendation that Gary Andrews, 21<sup>st</sup> Program coordinator of the after school program, be placed under contract.

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 18, at 5:30 p.m.



Eurekapalooza was the place for family fun Saturday. Partytime Ponies provided a little giddy-up for this young guy.

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## Open season on misfits?

Editor,

I don't live in the city of Eureka Springs so, technically, I don't have a dog in the hunt. However, I must say thanks, Richard Quick for placing the "in town" deer hunt in perspective... for me at least. Personally, I would much rather hunt people than deer. People aren't as lean and nutritious as deer, but they have a better flavor.

For a town and area which prides itself by saying this is "where the misfits fit," I take it that after killing the deer which are so inconvenient, we might as well turn our sights on

the misfits. Now, that's what I'd call fun.

**Ken Addington**

## Spin cycle

Editor,

I am challenging your choice of Independent Thinker, whom you chose as James Earl Carter IV. You call an independent thinker one who digs up a tape for revenge and then chooses only to use bits and pieces of it?

Another point being what the Nobel Peace Prize has become, and that is not what it used to stand for, since lately [it] has been given to those that have not done a damn thing, it no longer stands for anything. You may

want to listen to the tape in its entirety and then comment. I call what you have done "spin" for a liberal agenda.

**S. Rhodes**

**Eagle Rock, Mo.**

## Thanks for the pie, love & rock-n-roll

Editor,

The 3rd Annual EurekaPalooza Outdoor Festival gave over 500 people an amazing day bursting with music, pie and dancing. EurekaPalooza benefits Clear Spring School and was the brainchild of Steven White, the late CSS marketing director who dreamed of an all ages music festival that would not only

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## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@MotherJones** --- "Because I'm on food stamps doesn't mean I'm not taking care of myself. Doesn't [Romney] know that? Doesn't he get it?"

**@WHLive** --- President Obama: "I accept that people are going to call me awful things every day & I will always defend their right to do so."

**@pppolls** --- Only 11% of Americans think that they're part of the 47%

**@TweetDidYouKnow** --- Think you're having a bad day? Remember this: In 1976 Ronald Wayne sold his 10% stock in Apple for \$800! It's now worth \$58 Billion!

**@LifeAsBros** --- The replacement referees in the NFL are actually footlocker employees taken from the nearest mall to the stadium.

**@ChrisDemarest** --- Bikes Blues and BBQ starts this week. I hear they are expecting over 400,00 people and over 100,000 bikes...

**@Zen\_Moments** --- People are illogical,

unreasonable and self-centered. Love them anyway. ~ Dr. Kent M. Keith

**@Spotify** --- 36 years ago today, four boys gathered in a home kitchen to play music for the first time. They are now called U2.

**@TCWKim** --- Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs in jeopardy of closure:

**@TVMcGee** --- According to the Emmys, only three things aired on TV this past year, basically. ModernFamily, Homeland, Game Change





## It's the small things

Eureka Springs is eye-bulging gorgeous. Even without Victorian houses, stone walls, and interesting people, the town is easy to look at. People come here for their health when they're not even sick.

Part of our beauty is how we treat each other. We have our squabbles, then turn around and amplify our love. We want, we need, we endure, we act – all normal, healthy stuff.

We all know there is some sort of presidential election lurking, and as in all contests, we are encouraged to take a side. We are expected to choose between two men. We are expected to choose between two parties. We are expected to use our time to vote for one of them. They are spending money they don't have to convince us how important they are.

One is rich, or at least half rich. One is black, or at least half black. But both are guys who have desire, backers and vision. Neither one is socially unacceptable. They are just famous humans. One wants to spend tax money on his friends, the other wants to spend it on other people. Neither man goes without a meal or warm bed.

Our vote is an odd concept. We are led to believe that our vote counts, but we learned in 2000 that maybe yes, maybe no, and even if one side outvoted the other, the Supreme Court, nine judges, would go ahead and settle the election. It depended more on interpretation of the vote than the actual vote. On a national level, our personal vote is one of 126 million or so. But in Arkansas, our vote is one of one-and-a-half-million. A vote cast for a state legislator here makes a huge difference in the power of our vote.

Honestly, isn't it important to keep people you disagree with away from the levers of power? You might not want power for yourself, but you can prevent a government that is run by people who either don't acknowledge or won't admit that their real purpose in getting elected is to get their hands on the republic's checkbook. Candidates who can scar the earth, starve the poor, manipulate the innocent and jail the uppity are insisting they would never do such things. They will tell us anything to get their hands on the money.

The rub comes when politicians, we're talking Republicans here, will offer us nothing but platitudes, wind and smoke. They are against Obamacare because it's a Democratic program, and a good deal fiscally and humanely. Not one Republican has said, "We shouldn't do this because we have a smarter, better, quicker, cheaper program." They only say it is wrong and we have a plan and we'll let you in on it later. In the meantime, they will throw barrels of cash to preserving our century of war at the expense of our citizens.

We voters are being asked to choose between two men on a national level, but we already know Arkansas will go Republican even if every Republican stays home on Election Day. Our electoral votes are locked up.

Voting this year is choosing, on a local and state level, people who like us and are like us. People who appreciate beauty, nature, serenity and health. People responsive to the needs of Eureka Springs.

This election, like none before it, is about keeping care of ourselves. A vote cast in Eureka Springs truly makes a difference in our town and state. There is one week left to register.



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Here's a big shout out to all the Yankees in the audience, and to you Holiday Islanders and Northern transplants from places like Minnesota, Massachusetts and New York. Thank you for paying Arkansas's freight since World War II, and into the millennium! Yes, you send the Natural State about a buck and a half for every dollar in taxes we send to Washington. Woo Pig Sooiee, God bless you, Brothers and Sisters.

Your generous Yankee Subsidy has allowed us to have our cake and eat it, too. We can elect politicians who promise to boil the fat out of the Feds and haul in Uncle Sugar's Doe Ray Me at the same time. We get to believe that all our problems are caused by some unemployed, gluttonous food stamping slut in Cleveland and still collect \$19,500,000 of free money for our airport over in Bentonville – and that's just for last week!

And never mind that state Democrats promise to give every tax break known to Grover Norquist and the Tooth Fairy, along with a new Camaro and a sorority sister, to businesses thinking about locating here. No sir, state Republicans will up the ante and... well... actually, they don't say how... but... by George, they're 4 FREEDOM and what's going on in that gal's pants?

According to the non-partisan Tax Foundation, states with the highest concentrations of non-tax payers are Mississippi, Georgia and, oh my gosh, Arkansas. That means, says former Massachusetts Governor Eddie Haskell, that Barack Obama will win the deep South in a landslide because these tax dodging moochers are America's richest source of victims.

Oh wait. He's talking about his base. Forget he said that.

Meanwhile, I have a personal dilemma. My health insurance costs me about \$1100 a month, and it is a burden. I've been thinking about going over to the VA and enrolling in their prescription drug program. It's good to save a little money, right?

But then I'd be one of the 47 percent of Americans who stay in bed all day long and feel sorry for themselves. So I guess I won't. After all, I'm 4 FREEDOM, too.



# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## SEPTEMBER 17

7:36 a.m. – Burglar alarm sounded at a restaurant, but the constable on patrol found the building secure.

7:58 a.m. – Someone broke into the new high school site and stole some items. Detective investigated and filed a report.

8:45 a.m. – Individual turned herself in on an ESPD warrant for 42 counts of fraudulent use of a credit card.

10:30 a.m. – Another individual turned herself in on an ESPD warrant.

11:43 a.m. – Constable assisted a motorist who had run out of gas.

## SEPTEMBER 18

12:20 a.m. – Alarm company alerted police to an alarm at a restaurant, but responding officer found everything secure.

1:33 p.m. – A bus on U.S. 62 west of town found itself high-centered and unable to get out of the roadway. Constable provided traffic assistance until a tow truck came to the rescue.

7:27 p.m. – Individual told ESPD a certain person had used her credit card to steal \$200. Constable gathered information.

## SEPTEMBER 19

2:25 p.m. – A motorcyclist had an accident on North Main.

7:27 p.m. – Constable on patrol followed an alleged reckless driver to the city limits but found no probable cause to stop the driver.

7:44 p.m. – Motel owner saw two men fighting in the parking lot of a nearby bar. Combatants were gone when an officer arrived.

## SEPTEMBER 20

5:43 a.m. – Store owner reported a

person in the store acting suspiciously and refusing to leave. Constable who responded convinced the person to leave and not come back.

9:24 a.m. – A restaurant worker reported an illegal dumping in their dumpster but later learned the dumper was a family member with permission.

9:55 a.m. – There was a vehicle accident on private property.

3:24 p.m. – Public Works announced it would keep a street downtown closed a while longer.

9:53 p.m. – A motel clerk reported a male was calling requesting random room numbers and then calling the room trying to impersonate the manager and asking for verification of the credit card number. The motel was going to call the phone company and trace the calls. ESPD said no guests had complained so far, and advised the motel to keep the information in case there are complaints.

10:36 p.m. – An RV got temporarily stuck and was blocking traffic as it tried to get into hotel parking. It was extricated before constable was able to offer assistance.

11:52 p.m. – A clerk at a business asked for extra patrols during the night because she could not get the alarm to set. Constables on patrol paid extra attention.

## SEPTEMBER 21

12:28 a.m. – Owner of a bar reported a very intoxicated patron who was walking to his car near downtown. Another patron was trying to prevent him from getting into his vehicle. An officer responded and gave the man a ride to his sister's house.

1:32 a.m. – Sheriff's office transferred a call from an alarm company about an alarm at a business on the eastern edge of town. Officer and keyholder responded and everything seemed to be in order.

9:33 a.m. – Guests left their tourist lodging without paying their bill. ESPD advised the lodging this would be a civil matter.

11:10 a.m. – Officers arrested a subject on a felony warrant out of Van Buren Police Department for theft by deception.

2:41 p.m. – Individual was arrested for failure to pay fines.

5 p.m. – Charter bus driver backed into a light pole in the parking lot of a motel. Constable filed a report.

5:50 p.m. – There was one-vehicle accident on North Main.

10:19 p.m. – Complaint came in about excessive noise at a particular pub, but a constable in the vicinity did not hear anything. He checked the area and still did not hear excessive noise.

7:57 p.m. – A Dachshund was patrolling the middle of downtown streets causing vehicles to swerve. It was last seen headed south and the constable was unable to find it.

## SEPTEMBER 22

2:44 a.m. – Store employee heard suspicious noises just after she had locked the door of her business. She told ESPD she was afraid to go to her vehicle, which was parked in the back where the noise came from. Constable responded and stayed until the employee got to her vehicle and drove away.

8:42 a.m. – Witness told ESPD of a sports bike headed into town from the west being driven recklessly. Officers responded and watched for the bike.

10:14 a.m. – A motorist backed into a motorcycle in a parking lot, but neither vehicle suffered any damage.

11:06 a.m. – Constable provided traffic assistance for a funeral procession.

12:51 p.m. – Constables responded to reports of an allegedly reckless driver coming toward town from the east.

2:33 p.m. – Officers and EMS responded to a motorcycle accident just west of town.

3:18 p.m. – A pickup broke down and blocked traffic at an intersection of Hwy 23N, but it was gone by the time a constable arrived to assist.

7:03 p.m. – Skateboarder was skating on downtown streets and reportedly interfering with traffic. Constable told him to use the skateboard park, not downtown streets.

10:23 p.m. – Kids told their mother a man had had a motorcycle accident near downtown and his head was bleeding. An officer and EMS responded to the location, but it

turned out the man had tipped over his motorcycle, and there had been no accident.

7:23 p.m. – A vehicle hit a deer on U.S. 62 and someone moved it off the highway into a parking lot.

9:21 p.m. – Witnesses downtown told ESPD of an altercation between a male and a female who both seemed intoxicated. Male shoved female into the vehicle and drove away. Constables on patrol stopped the vehicle to check on the welfare of the female and arrested the driver for DWI. The female was not injured.

10:16 p.m. – A possibly intoxicated driver almost ran into a family at Lake Leatherwood Park causing them to jump into the ditch for safety. Officer searched for but never found the vehicle.

11:52 p.m. – Washington County sheriff alerted ESPD to be on the lookout for a pickup truck taken by the boyfriend of the owner and possibly in Eureka Springs. The vehicle is either stolen or taken without authorization. Constables on patrol watched for the truck.

## SEPTEMBER 24

12:06 a.m. – Alarm sounded at a business just out of city limits. Call was transferred to sheriff's office, but a constable responded anyway. He found everything to be secure at the location.

8:28 a.m. – Driver reported the vehicle in front of him was weaving and changing speeds. He told the officer the reckless motorist had turned into a motel parking lot.

4:51 p.m. – Something flew out of the bed of a pickup and chipped the windshield of the vehicle following it. Constable spoke with both parties.

5:26 p.m. – There was a motorcycle-vehicle accident on U.S. 62. EMS and an officer responded.

5:59 p.m. – As a result of the previous accident, an individual was arrested for DWI, careless driving, no proof of insurance and criminal mischief.

6:29 p.m. – Constable on patrol responded to a report of a possibly intoxicated driver leaving his domicile.

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## Planning takes another look at Vision Plan

**Nicky Boyette**

“Plan your work and work your plan,” commissioner Ken Rundel told the Planning Commission at its September 25 meeting. He said he wanted to revive attention to the existing Vision Plan for the city because, “This seems like what we should be about.” He said he wants to distill the lengthy Vision Plan to a workable three to five pages, get it up-to-date and use it to formulate an ongoing strategy for accomplishing what the city needs.

Commissioner James Morris said he was around a few years ago when Planning created a working copy of a street plan of the city, but work on other parts of an overall city plan got sidetracked. His advice was to keep any kind of Vision Plan or Master Plan as small as possible so it will be easier to manage. “Then you add the other stuff as you develop the plan,” he said.

Beverly Blankenship, commission Chair, mentioned the Vision Plan Rundel referenced included many pages of historical information and extraneous commentary. The actual plan is only the last ten pages or so.

She agreed with Rundel that commissioners should take the document home and return to the October 9 meeting with observations. She said they don’t have to create an entire new Master Plan, but regardless of what plan they work from, everyone in the city must buy into it to get the work accomplished.

Morris observed, “Any Master Plan has a master plan.” He suggested putting completion dates on each project they take on so they won’t let momentum dissipate.

The commission will continue its discussion at the next meeting.

### Outdoor sales

Blankenship had given commissioners her updated version of the ordinance on outdoor sales, which included their suggestions.

Commissioner Mickey Schneider said she preferred the title of the older ordinance because it specifically mentioned categories of sales the ordinance was regulating.

Blankenship said the title doesn’t matter, the text is the law. She said those who codify the law might change the title again anyway.

Rundel added the title is just for reference and it is the definitions in the text that are critical. He moved to adopt recommended changes and send the document to council, and the vote to approve his motion was unanimous.

The ordinance limits sales to three per year at a location, but commissioners agreed to take it up at another meeting adding an exception to the law that would allow consideration of hardship situations or special circumstances.

### New construction review

Elaine Harden represented the Eureka Springs Tree Houses at 3018 E. Van Buren for a new construction review. She appeared before Planning before and had already been approved for 20 nightly lodgings to be built on the site, ten of which were completed in 2007 as part of Phase One of the project. Also completed in the first phase was putting in the infrastructure for all 20 units.

Harden described the units as cabins built among the trees. There is a 34-60 foot buffer between cabins and the lighting is “night-sky friendly.” There is no road signage, she said, because their advertising is totally Internet-based.

She said Part One of Phase Two would be to build three more cabins. Construction would begin in early November and be completed in April. The next group of three would be built during the spring and summer of 2013,

followed by construction of the final four.

Blankenship pointed out the project complies with all appropriate zoning requirements such as setbacks, parking, lighting and other compliances.

She also noted the interiors of each cabin have different themes, such as New York or Santa Fe.

Morris suggested commissioners could assess this application better if they could spend a night in the cabins.

Rundel remarked the cabins are beautiful, his friends especially enjoyed their stay there, and he “would rush to move the commission approve the application.” The vote to approve was unanimous.

### Planning seminar

All commissioners attended a recent planning seminar, and Blankenship asked each commissioner to voice what he or she learned.

Morris said, “I learned everything you need to know as a city planner, and that is if you don’t know the answer, ask the city attorney.”

Rundel said now he doesn’t feel so bad Eureka Springs does not have a Master Plan because he learned Little Rock does not have one, either.

Schneider said she wished speakers would have discussed how to deal with old problems never handled that suddenly become issues again.

Both commissioners Denys Flaherty and Melissa Greene wished speakers had not spent so much time on large

subdivisions because Eureka Springs probably will not have one.

Blankenship said she was reminded that first there is a plan and then there are codes. All too often Planning gets bogged down with the codes, and it should keep the overriding plan in mind.

In other conversation:

- Blankenship said council requested a written report from Planning regarding its request for a study of encroachments on city properties, so she sent them the minutes of the September 11 Planning meeting.

- She also said she had prepared a summary of Planning’s budget request which includes funds for a city planner, even a part-time planner or at the very least a consultant once every season. The commission voted unanimously to send the request to council.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, at 6 p.m.

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Clear Spring School thanks the EurekaPalooza Planning Committee,  
for hours of hard work and creativity!

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And thank you to the musicians, sponsors, vendors,  
and volunteers who made this an amazing event!



## Budget resolution put aside

NICKY BOYETTE

Upon being given a copy of a budget resolution at Monday's city council meeting, alderman Karen Lindblad asked why the document was given to them when they are still scheduling budget workshops and had not asked for a resolution. She said it seemed to her like someone was trying to push something through that includes cost overruns. "This is totally inappropriate," she said.

Alderman Butch Berry countered he had been trying to get this resolved since May, and reminded council, "Last year we screwed around and never did it." He said, however, if another workshop is needed,

"let's have one and get this done."

Alderman Ken Pownall moved to postpone discussion until after their workshop. He acknowledged the resolution gives them a tool to work with, but said it would be unconscionable to vote on it until after they finished budget review.

Lindblad said she agreed and thought it was irresponsible these budgets get shoved through because it makes council look bad.

Alderman Parker Raphael did not hold back when he replied, "It is irresponsible if council lets this happen," implying to get this far without a budget being resolved. He pointed out there had been two

workshops scheduled already in which he was the only one who had shown up.

Lindblad still maintained she just got this resolution and other budgets had also been given to council at the last moment.

Berry said he was willing to wait until after the workshop because they all agreed the issue was important.

The vote to postpone further discussion until after the next budget workshop was 5-1, Raphael voting No.

The budget workshop was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m., location to be announced.

## Outdoor event sales in question

NICKY BOYETTE

Planning Commission Chair Blankenship told city council Monday night she had looked at the ordinance regulating sales at outdoor events and it was outdated in more than one way. She said the language mentioned only "city-sponsored" events, and now there are many events that are city-sanctioned but not city-sponsored. These kinds of events actually should not be selling "their T-shirts and water bottles," according to the way the ordinance is worded. Also, permits are handled differently nowadays and wording of the law should be updated.

City clerk Ann Armstrong acknowledged that there are things about the law that need updating, but she said, "I feel strongly Planning should let those who deal with it deal

with it. There is too much information for folks not in the process to understand."

Alderman Butch Berry said he wanted to clear up the point that the city is acting illegally if it permits events which are not city-sponsored to sell their items.

Armstrong suggested this should be handled at a workshop by those who are involved with the permit process, maintaining it is not a Planning project.

Berry disagreed a workshop was necessary. He suggested simply changing the language of the ordinance to read "city-approved" and then continue updating it.

Armstrong agreed Berry's suggestion is one update she would recommend, but there are others and she said she feels strongly Planning does not understand the complex nuances of the permit process.

Mayor Morris Pate then asked where the discussion was going, and alderman Karen Lindblad moved to have Armstrong provide council with a list of her suggestions at the next meeting. The vote was 3-3, with Devito, Pownall and Berry voting No, and Pate casting the deciding fourth Yes vote to make it 4-3.

**Sign off to come later**

Alderman Ken Pownall had previously told council that the city's

sign ordinance "was a mess" because of miscodifications and sections of one ordinance not carried forward in the next one. He and Planning commissioner Ed Leswig had gone through the ordinances and had reorganized them so they could be updated in an orderly, sensible manner.

When the topic took its turn on the agenda, confusion reigned because not all aldermen had copies of the proposed reorganization, and there also seemed to be different versions at the table.

Pownall gave a brief summary of what he and Leswig had done, and pointed out there were parts of the ordinance that had gone into effect but never been codified. He made sure council understood there had been no changes to the text and it had been reviewed by city attorney Tim Weaver, and moved to assign a number to put it on its first reading.

Council then looked around at each other's copies to see who had which version of Pownall's work.

Pownall reiterated he did not change the text, and suggested "improvements and modifications can come later." He insisted he did not slip in any changes to the law, only cleaned it up administratively.

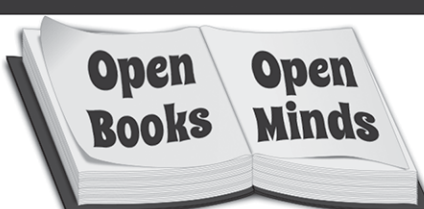
Nevertheless, council voted 3-2-1, Raphael and Lindblad voting No and Pownall abstaining, to postpone

discussion until the next meeting, and Pate voted Yes for the fourth deciding vote.

### Dump the drugs Sept. 29

Arkansas is participating in its 5th Prescription Drug Take Back on Saturday, Sept. 29. More than 100 different law enforcement agencies will man roughly 130 sites across the state where individuals can return their unneeded/expired prescription or over-the-counter drugs. All sites and additional information are posted online at [www.artakeback.org](http://www.artakeback.org).

In Carroll County, Sheriff Bob Grudek is conducting the "Take Back Unwanted/Outdated Prescription Drugs" program at five locations on Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. – noon. Drop-off locations include Eureka Springs Police Department, Holiday Island Sheriff's Sub-Station, the Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department Community Center on Hwy 187, the Sheriff's Office in Berryville and the Green Forest Police Department. For further information contact the Sheriff's office at 1-800-815-2901.



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## Council's finishing touches

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday night's city council meeting:

- Aldermen voted to add a line to the budget for operating expenses for the Cemetery Commission.

- After discussion clarifying where in the budget the expenditure would come from, council approved a resolution for a performance bond stipulated in the contract between Eureka Springs Fire Department and the Western Carroll County Ambulance District that will cost \$6000 annually. Mayor Morris Pate explained this bond had never been part of previous contracts and it must be renewed annually.

- Alderman Ken Pownall asked for procedural clarification about items on the agenda marked as "postponed until reviewed by city attorney." He said council, and therefore the public, never knows when exactly these items will be discussed, so they cannot prepare. Alderman Lany Ballance added that sometimes council receives information on the topics on the day of the meeting so there is little time to prepare.

City attorney Tim Weaver said he understood, but there might be considerable lag time between when he has prepared reviews and when council hears them if they insist on adding the item to the agenda at one meeting but not discussing it until two weeks later.

"Postpone or pursue?" Mayor Morris Pate asked. Vote was 5-1 to postpone. Other postponements until the October 8 meeting:

- Discussion of the "weekly" dwellings units list

- Update on the taxi franchise workshops

- Discussion of the Auditorium agreement with CAPC

- Auditorium heat coil report

### Public comments

During public comments, Gwen

Bennett stated she thought weekly rentals in the R-1 and R-2 zones were "invasive in our neighborhoods." Bob Jasinski felt the existing laws regarding weekly rentals were complete and clear enough already. "The only ambiguity is how these licenses were issued in the first place," he said.

Four people spoke against having the deer hunt, with Cynthia Hudson saying hiring snipers would not solve the problem, and Bob Jeffries insisting deer have as much right to life as others.

### Council comments

- DeVito thanked those who attended the fundraiser for Butch Berry's campaign for State Representative in Little Rock. He said Berry would be the first Eureka in Little Rock in more than 100 years, and he encouraged people to register and vote.

- Ballance pointed out when council tries to go in one direction, the city attorney discourages it. She said if council does not make progress, it might be because of his legal guidance.

- Lindblad apologized to voters for the lackluster way the deer hunt was organized. She wanted citizens to know that only 39 people offered their properties for the hunt and voters still do not know where those properties are, which she said is appalling. She also refuted those who accused council of malfeasance, and she said it is insulting that people asked members to resign when all they did was pass along questions from citizens. She said a lot of problems would have been prevented if information had been forthcoming sooner, and she warned citizens that they might end up with injured deer in their yards. If there are problems, she said she would place them at the feet of the administration and those who did not answer questions about the hunt.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 8, at 6 p.m.



**The family that crawls together** – Day of the Dead and Zombie Crawl event organizer and head Zombie, Jeff Danos, took the family for a little pre-Zombie shuffle. Pictured with Jeff is wife, Christina, and kids Clover, 11, and Corbin, 8.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

## Good times for the living dead – sign up now

Are you prepared for the Zombie Invasion of 2012?

Break out your zombie makeup and fake blood, give your car a Mad Max apocalyptic facelift, or build a float and join the spectacle. Sign up now for the Nov. 2 First Eureka Springs Day of the Dead Parade and Zombie Crawl. Doomsday vehicles, themed floats, street performers and a horde of hungry zombies will crawl from the Public Library to Basin Park. Parade starts at dusk and all participants are asked to bring two cans of food for the Flint Street Food Bank.

Kicking off three days of undead

activity is the aptly named Dance of the Dead on Halloween Night (Oct. 31) in the haunted underground level of the City Auditorium. Doors open at 8 p.m. for this all-ages electronic shake-your-bones-to-the-beat extravaganza. Admission is only \$5 plus a can of food. Dance ends at 11 p.m.

On Nov. 1, the Sacred Earth Gallery will present a special Zombie Variety Show and a public screening of the classic 1968 film *Night of the Living Dead*. Performances start at dusk and admission is free.

Visit [EurekaZombies.com](http://EurekaZombies.com) to sign up and/or to get more information.

## Holiday Plaza Open House

The merchants at Holiday Plaza will host an Open House at 3022 E. Van Buren St. on Friday from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Come hungry! Hosting the Open House will be Teigen Insurance, Common Sense Technologies, Lovely Citizen and Copper Moon Music.

Dave Teigen will have his amazing cajun gumbo, there will be desserts (including Krystal's chocolate covered strawberries) and the Citizen will have drinks. Rick of Copper Moon Music (located on the backside of the plaza) will rock the parking lot with his mobile DJ gear. KESA radio will be doing a live remote and all are invited to visit Common Sense to enter the drawing for a Kindle.



## Bulletin Board

### SEPTEMBER

#### Bikes, Blues and BBQ

**Sept. 26 – 29** Complete music lineup, bike show and event times at [www.bikesbluesandbbq.org](http://www.bikesbluesandbbq.org)

### OCTOBER

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#### 22nd Annual Corvette Weekend

**Oct. 4 – 7** Saturday Oct. 6: Show 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., parade 8 p.m. from Victoria Inn to the Inn of the Ozarks Best Western. (417) 862-7232 or [www.eurekaspringscorvette.org](http://www.eurekaspringscorvette.org).

#### 44th Annual Ozark Creative Writers Conference

**Oct. 11 – 14** Authors, agents, speakers and seminars. [www.ozarkcreativewriters.org](http://www.ozarkcreativewriters.org)

#### Voices from the Silent City

**Oct. 19, 20, 26, 27** Costumed guided historical tours at the Eureka Springs Municipal Cemetery. Parking and shuttles available. (479) 253-9417.

[www.eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org).

#### Second Saturday Gallery Stroll

**Oct. 13** “Celebration of the Art of Eureka” 6 – 9 p.m. throughout town at participating galleries. Unique art, artists’ receptions, refreshments and more. [www.artofeureka.com](http://www.artofeureka.com).

#### Fall War Eagle Mill Antique and Craft Show

**Oct. 18 – 21** Booths close at 5:30 p.m. Thurs. – Sat., and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. (479) 789-5343, visit [www.wareaglemill.com](http://www.wareaglemill.com) or email [info@wareaglemill.com](mailto:info@wareaglemill.com).

#### Poetluck Literary Salon

**Oct. 18** Potluck and readings. Hear famous and up-and-coming authors read from their work and hobnob with local writers. Bring food to share. Free event. (479) 253-7444. [www.writerscolony.org](http://www.writerscolony.org).

#### Annual Fall Carnegie Library Fall Book Sale

**Oct. 18 – 20** Bring a tote bag! (479) 253-8754, email [info@eurekalibrary.org](mailto:info@eurekalibrary.org).



WCDH Executive Director, Sandy Martin, left, and Molly Watson.

## “Left coast” culinary writer completes fellowship at WCDH

Molly Watson recently traded her chilly home in San Francisco for the warmer environs of the Culinary Suite at the Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow, where she took advantage of her tenure as the Eat Write! Culinary Fellow to work on a book and essays about food.

Her book (working title, *Delicious: A Recipe For Cooking in 12 Easy Lessons*) is a guidebook to the kitchen and cooking. She describes it as “a glimpse into how everyday cooks think, with rock-solid advice and good humored encouragement.” Her goal is to get her readers hooked on cooking.

Molly has been a food writer since 2000. Her publications include *Sunset* magazine, where she was on staff for three years before going freelance, *Elle* magazine, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *New York Times* and *Edible San Francisco*. She writes articles and recipes to help readers eat both seasonally and locally at [localfoods.about.com](http://localfoods.about.com) for About.com. She also wrote, produced and hosted a radio special, “I’d Eat That,” for a San Francisco radio station and presented a talk on “The Cheese Stands Alone: An Autobiographical History of Pizza” at The Lab at Belmar (now part of the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver).

While in Eureka, Molly worked on perfecting a risotto recipe – one that doesn’t call for constant stirring – and performed a reading at Poetluck on Sept. 20. She attended the workshop on Memoir Writing at the Colony on Sept. 15 and managed to meet a variety of people from Eureka Springs, including fellow writers and fans of both reading about and eating food.

## Queen contestants sought, will vie for scholarship

The Original Ozark Folk Festival will award a \$500 scholarship to this year’s Folk Festival Queen as well as a \$200 cash prize. The contest is open to all Carroll County girls between the ages of 15 to 18, and young ladies are encouraged to sign up now.

The competition is a fun way to be a part of Eureka Springs’ historic folk festival. All who participate will be required to give a short speech, model retro gowns and

participate in a group skit with a Eureka Springs theme.

The Queen Contest will be held Sunday, Oct. 28, in the Eureka Springs auditorium with music by Arkansas Red, a slide show on the history of the Queen Contest and, of course, the Hedgehoppers. To sign up or for more information contact Robin Milam Weinmann (479) 981-9187 or email [rubyt2@hotmail.com](mailto:rubyt2@hotmail.com).





## Independent reporter discovers unusual hybrid between a snake and a possum

Intrepid Eureka Springs Independent reporter, Nick Boyette, photographed a rare evolutionary freak of nature this week, a hybrid between a possum, rattlesnake and cobra all rolled into a single package. OK, well such a genetic mix is only possible on a movie set, but the snake he photographed is as close as it comes. The Eastern hognose snake, *Heterodon platirhinos*, is usually

slow, clumsy, fat-bodied and up to four feet long. The Eastern hognose is among three groups of distantly related genera which are found in the United States and Mexico, South America and Madagascar. They are quite variable in coloration and marking, and characterized by an upturned snout, from which they get their name. Hognose snakes have

rear fangs for holding on to prey and perhaps injecting a toxic saliva, if not venom-like substance to subdue small rodents, lizards or toads. Found throughout the state, they are common in Arkansas and are not considered dangerous to humans.

The Eastern Hognose and its cousins have developed a suite of defense mechanisms to fool, cajole, annoy and frighten any would-be predators including young human males, 12 years and under.

If you come upon a well-camouflaged hognose on a fall day, likely you will jump back with the instinct that you've just come across a rattlesnake. The hognose may reinforce that perception by coiling up and dipping the tip of its tail in leaves, vibrating it to make a rattling sound amongst crisp dry leaves. If that doesn't work to move you on your way down the trail, the hognose will flatten its head (as seen in Nicky's photograph) and rear up and hiss like a cobra.

That behavior must have evolved

millions of years ago when the continents were slammed together as one when perhaps ancient hognose snakes and cobras inhabited the same landmass, as they certainly didn't learn this behavior by watching Disney nature documentaries.

If its behavior fails to deter the predator or ten year old boy poking it with a stick, the hognose will play possum – flipping over on its back and playing dead, even going so far as to stick a lax, limp tongue out of its mouth, sometimes with a drop of blood or two to feign a fatality. And to keep the predator from thinking they've just found a tasty morsel, easy for the picking, the possum-playing hognose will emit a foul musky smell along with fecal matter, just to prove itself among the best actors in the natural world.

Hmmm, maybe we should change its name to the political ad snake. (Steven Foster is co-author of *Peterson Field Guide to Venomous Animals and Poisonous Plants*).



PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE

## “Literary Pumpkin” contest among October activities at Berryville library

The Berryville Public Library is hosting a “Literary Pumpkin Contest” throughout October, featuring pumpkins (and gourds) decorated by library patrons in their favorite literary theme. Please decorate only the outside of the pumpkin, as no carved pumpkins can be accepted. Entries may be dropped off at the library Oct. 1 – 20. Public judging will begin Monday, Oct. 22, and last until Halloween. The winner will receive a nifty prize.

On Oct. 27, ring in the Halloween season at 7 p.m. with the classic 1980 horror film *The Changeling*, starring George C. Scott. Recommended for mature audiences.

On Halloween night, the library is handing out special sweet treats to all who come by in costume until 8 p.m., so make sure to put the library in your Halloween plans.

The Berryville library also offers a weekly story time for preschoolers every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. with fun songs, activities and a weekly craft the kids can take home with them. The library's Teen Advisory Group (ages 13 – 17) meets the first Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. The group plans programs, discusses pop culture, and has fun hanging out. Free pizza is provided by the library.

The Teen (and 'tween) Game Night is the first Friday from 6 – 8 p.m. (after the library has closed). October's featured video games will be Wii Sports, and the classic Mario trilogy from the 1980s (Super Mario Brothers, Super Mario 2, and Super Mario 3, played on a vintage NES system).



**The write opportunity** – Steven Chain (left), of the Holiday Island Writers' Guild, presents a check to Alison Taylor-Brown and Mike Hancock of the Community Writing Program at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow. The funds will allow three high school students to attend a workshop on writing. One student each, age 16-18, from Green Forest, Berryville and Eureka Springs public high schools will be chosen to receive the scholarship. Winners will be selected on the basis of a 500-word essay about what writing means to them. Entries will be judged by Hancock, who taught creative writing for four years at Townview Magnet Center in Dallas before joining the Community Writing Program.





Don't hide yourself in regret,  
Just love yourself and your set  
I'm on the right track, baby  
I was born this way  
**LADY GAGA**

On a recent trip up north I stumbled upon a pair of men's figure skates at a yard sale. The black leather skates with the red embossed maple leaf immediately triggered the traumatic memory of Christmas morning 1963. I was eight and had asked Santa for a new pair of figure skates, *not* hockey skates, figure skates.

Needless to say, that morning I had my own Dawn Davenport, "These aren't cha-cha heels" moment. (Google YouTube – "Female Trouble" – cha-cha heels) and the realization that the whole Santa thing was a whopping hoax.

For some unknown reason I wanted to be a figure skater, not a hockey player like my brothers or every other kid in the neighborhood. I wanted to dance on ice.

According to my mother I was more than content to spend hours alone in my room drawing and coloring. She also helped me sew the hats and tiny clothes I created for my two dolls that were "best kept hidden" from dad in the back of the closet. It was to be our little secret.

I often wonder why I, the middle child of five boys, raised with the same two parents in suburban Toronto, turned out so different than my siblings. It wasn't just the obvious, my being gay, but about how I saw and

experienced the world differently – a world where it was important for me to express myself through art; a world free of "Hockey Night in Canada."

Art was something that was never encouraged or even discussed growing up in our household. No planned trips to the museum, symphony or theatre. If anything, everything, with the exception of music, was frowned upon. How many times did I end up in class detention for the massive "doodles" on my student notebooks?

Contrast that with my dear friend Micah Barnes, who I first met as a twenty-something at an audition in Toronto when we were both wannabe actors. Micah is a successful writer and recording artist who was raised in the city by his mother – a nationally known writer, his father – an award-winning classical composer, and exposed to every artistic medium starting at an early age. Could Micah and his brother have turned out to be anything but artists?

Micah had nature and nurture while I had neither, yet we are both driven to create. With no obvious evidence of creativity in my family tree, I have to wonder where it comes from. Is it possible the passion to express oneself artistically comes from some as-yet-unidentified gene mutation?

What possessed that first man or woman to paint a bison on his/her cave wall, and wouldn't it be interesting to be able to study his/her brain, and those of Caravaggio, Michelangelo, Da Vinci, Van Gogh, Picasso, Warhol and Rauschenberg – the large majority also gay, and compare DNA to see if there is some gene

that determines artistic nature? Maybe science will one day determine that artists are predisposed to do what they do and see the world in a different way, but in the mean time I'm down with Lady Gaga, "I was born this way."



## INDEPENDENTArt



### Selected for exhibition

Diana Harvey's oil painting, *Granny's Darby Pot Came West in a Conestoga*, was selected to be in The Best of America 2012, the 22nd Annual Fine Art Competition and Exhibition presented by the National Oil and Acrylic Painter's Society (NOAPS).

The show will open in the Dunegan Gallery of Art on Oct. 14, in Bolivar, Mo. NOAPS is an alliance of exceptional artists showcasing outstanding works of art in oil and acrylic media. This prestigious exhibition is anticipated

each year and reviewed by national arts magazines.

Paintings by Harvey, a Eureka Springs resident, can be seen at Zarks Gallery. Her *Granny's Darby Pot* painting is centered around a family heirloom handed down through Diana's great-grandmother.

### Rankine, Robison to exhibit in Bentonville

Two Eureka Springs artists will join Autumn Exhibitions in the Norberta Philbrook Gallery at 114 W. Central Avenue in Bentonville.

Painter Janalee Robison, known for her use of female narratives to explore relationships and spiritual and philosophical themes, will introduce new characters and works in spectrums of blue. Multi-media artist, John Rankine, will exhibit select pieces

from "Beneath the Surface," his widely popular installation exploring the ideals of stolen innocence, aging, beauty, mortality and decay through photography and assemblages.

Also joining Autumn Exhibitions will be figurative art and portraiture painter Erika Nelson and Joe Ray Kelley. The Norberta Philbrook Gallery will begin the new season with a Reception for Joe Ray Kelley on Friday, Oct. 5, from 6 – 9 p.m. For more information, see [www.norbertaphilbrookgallery.com](http://www.norbertaphilbrookgallery.com) online.

### Call for artists for Veterans Day Art Show

Art by or honoring veterans is now being sought for the Eureka Springs Veterans Day Art Show and Reception taking place Sunday, November 11. The art and memorabilia will be displayed from noon – 3 p.m. at KJ's Caribe Restaurant y Cantina on Hwy 62W.

Veterans and artists who want

to participate in the Art Show should contact Lezley Foley (479) 253-5423 or email [lcfolm08@aol.com](mailto:lcfolm08@aol.com). For more information about the entire Veterans Day Weekend, visit Eureka Springs Veterans Day Parade on Facebook or call Sue Glave (479) 253-6601 or cell (580) 399-5887.

### Saturday writing workshops

There are a few spaces left in the Community Writing Program to get writers on their way to the next great American novel or book of poetry. To sign up, email Alison Taylor-Brown at [alisonbrown@me.com](mailto:alisonbrown@me.com) or phone (479) 292-3665. Register early, as space is limited. Classes are held at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring.

Oct. 6, Fiction II, \$45 for the day.

Oct. 14, Poetry with Ted Lee, \$25 for the afternoon

Oct. 20, Memoir with Laura Parker Castoro, \$45 for the day.



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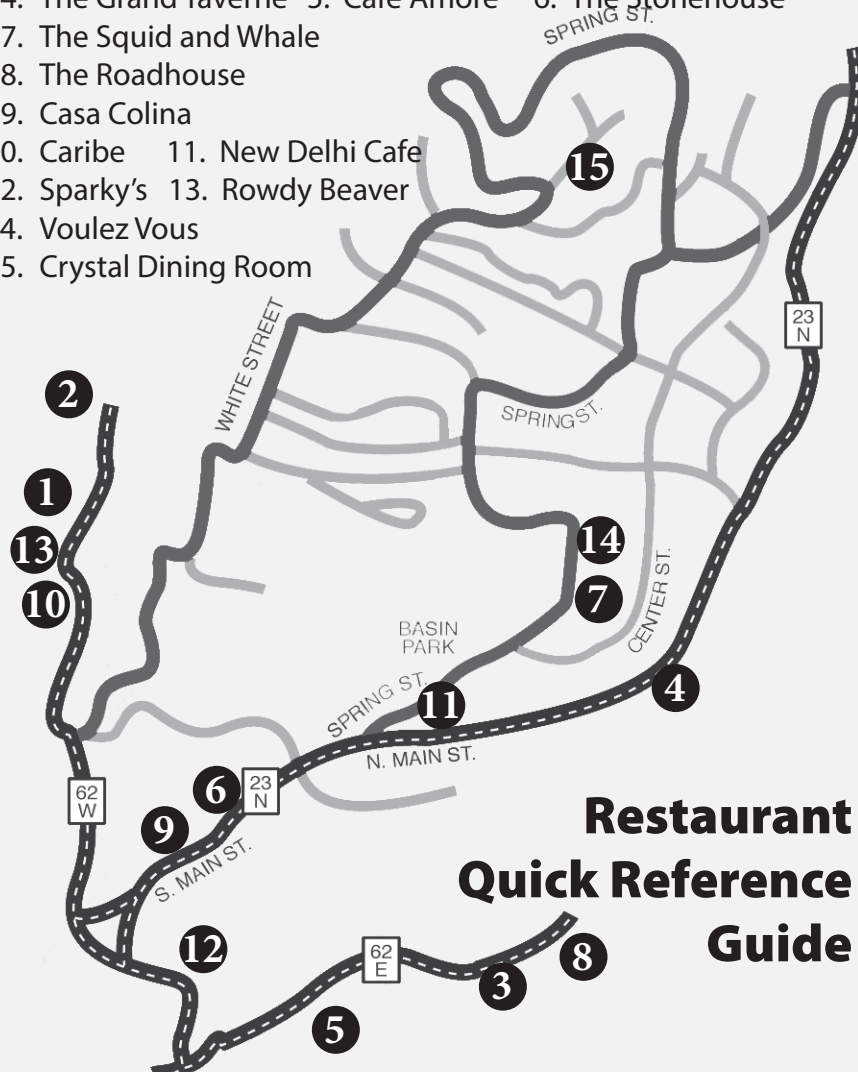
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City attorney Tim Weaver said the vote would certainly clear up the issue if there had been a valid reconsideration of the vote for the hunt, but he was not certain council had made a valid reconsideration.

Lindblad asked what would constitute a valid reconsideration, and Weaver replied the proper people would have to ask for the reconsideration and do it in a timely manner.

DeVito pointed out, "Shouldn't reconsideration have been done two meetings ago?"

"Yes," Weaver answered.

Pownall then said the discussing had been done and he did not see any further legislative action to be taken at the council table. DeVito said he would take the stance that reconsideration had been attempted improperly and had failed.

Ballance declared the procedure to get the issue on the ballot had been flawed, and both timing and language on the ballot had issues. In addition, she said, the hunt being proposed is not what citizens voted for and she maintained there are funds available to take the issue into litigation.

"Citizens had no idea what they were voting

for," Lindblad added. There had been no parameters set, she declared, and what Police Chief Earl Hyatt seemed to say about the hunt directly contradicted wording on the ballot. She said it is a total miscarriage of justice, and voters approved "something so vague."

At this point, Raphael called for a point of order. He said council had been through this already, and he said Lindblad was treading on old wounds. "Don't open the scabs," he said.

Council then voted 4-0-2, Ballance and Lindblad abstaining, to approve Pownall's motion. The hunt is now off the council agenda.



## Which is madder, the hat or the hatter?

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts' major fundraiser, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual *Mad Hatter Ball* is coming up Friday, Oct. 26 from 6:30 – 11:30 p.m. at the Crescent Hotel. The event's ticket sales and silent auction raise operating funds for ESSA, a non-profit school providing art education opportunities for adults and youth in Northwest Arkansas.

Get your mad hats ready and dance to music by Red Ambition, enjoy a pasta buffet and bid on unique artwork by national and regional artists (many of whom are ESSA instructors). This year's silent auction also includes exciting gift packages from merchants in the Eureka Springs area.

The *Mad Hatter Ball* is not complete without a hat contest, so be sure to wear a hat—required for admission—and take your chances on winning a week-long workshop at ESSA. Tickets are on sale now for \$50 per person and may be purchased online at [www.essa-art.org](http://www.essa-art.org) or by calling (479) 253-5384. Reserve a whole table and have a great night out with friends in support of the arts.

## Zumba for fitness

Zumba Fitness, the Latin inspired, high energy, easy to follow fitness craze is now being offered by Dawn Anderson, Zumba Fitness Licensed Instructor, at the Berryville Community Center on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. and at the Green Forest Train Depot on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. Classes are one hour and consist of a combination of high energy Latin, International, and Top 40 inspired music and dance moves.

"We are all here to have fun in a group atmosphere," Anderson said. Classes are suitable for anyone who is willing to "get their wiggle on" and have fun. Individuals can modify moves within every class to suit a desired impact level. The only requirements are comfortable clothing, supportive shoes, water and a desire to have fun.

To sign up or get more info, email [zumbacondawn@gmail.com](mailto:zumbacondawn@gmail.com) or phone (479) 366-3732.

## Take the next step at writers' conference

Take the next big step to becoming a published author at The Ozark Creative Writers conference at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center Oct. 11–13. Headlining this year's conference will be noted literary agent, Cherry Weiner, and senior acquisitions editor for St. Martin's Press, Daniela Rapp. Both speakers will hear book pitches from registered attendees during the conference.

Also featured during the conference will be sessions by author Johnny Boggs, Arkansas Poet Laureate Peggy Vining and marketing consultant Dianna Graveman, who specializes in assisting authors with book trailers, web marketing, blogging and more. The Ozarks Creative Writers' conference is one of the friendliest author gatherings in the country for seasoned writers and those just starting out on the path to success.

There will be an informal reception and open mic in the lobby on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 p.m. with cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Bring something to read for the open mic but please sign up ahead of time by emailing [LouTurn@aol.com](mailto:LouTurn@aol.com). Following open mic is a music jam in the lobby, all instrument players welcome.

Registration is \$125 for this informative weekend chock full of insights on how to get your writing noticed and published, time for networking with other writers and opportunities to hear critique on your work. Admission to Friday and Saturday night banquets and contest awards is extra. For more information or to register, visit [www.ozarkcreativewriters.org](http://www.ozarkcreativewriters.org).

## What's for lunch?

Eureka Springs School  
District lunch menu  
for Oct. 1–Oct. 5

**Monday, Oct. 1** – Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad with Ranch, steamed corn, fresh fruit, cookie, milk

**Tuesday, Oct. 2** – Chicken nuggets, baked sweet potatoes, seasoned green beans, fruit, wheat roll, milk

**Wednesday, Oct. 3** – Sloppy Joes, baked beans, cole slaw, pears, milk

**Thursday, Oct. 4** – Chicken sandwich on wheat bun, potato wedges, sandwich salad cup, veggies and Ranch, fruit, milk

**Friday, Oct. 5** – Spaghetti, steamed green peas, tossed salad with Ranch, fruit, wheat bread stick, milk

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City attorney Tim Weaver answered that the city has descriptions of properties off of center-line surveys, and some of the descriptions are old and less accurate than others. He acknowledged there is overlapping on some surveys, but he thought Blankenship's estimate of \$100,000 was a conservative estimate to sort out a request like this.

Ballance went back to her contention, which initiated the discussion, that the city would have no way of knowing if someone was encroaching on its property, and a person could extend onto city property and then come along later and just claim that land.

"Not true," Weaver stated. He reminded council the building inspector reviews all constructions and should catch any encroachments. Weaver said any investigation would reveal mostly older buildings have crossed property lines, and the city cannot be

adversely encroached upon. The city can demand an encroachment be removed.

Ballance disagreed. She said the trend has been to give away city property. She maintained the city cannot prevent encroachments if it does not know where they are. "Seems to me," she said, "city councils, instead of protecting the city, have been willing to piecemeal it away. We have no criteria for protecting the city."

"My response would be that it comes to this table every time," Weaver answered. He said Ballance was trying to enact something that would restrict all future councils. "It's not like the city is losing property," he replied. Weaver added there have been vacations that had nothing to do with encroachments. They occurred because the city did not want the land or the city traded it for a piece it wanted.

Ballance asked if council could enact an ordinance that says the city will not vacate property

but instead require a lease of some kind.

Weaver answered that would violate the rule of perpetuity and it would be impertinent to impose something like that on future councils. He said the law was set up so that councils could discuss these issues as they arise. "Sometimes there are good reasons to vacate a property," Weaver said, and he observed such a law might create a glut of properties the city could not get rid of. "It would be patently improper."

Pownall returned to his original request. "So can Blankenship go back to Planning and get us a letter? Very simple."

Blankenship again stated Planning had asked for council to provide specific instructions for what council wants and money to do it.

The vote on Pownall's motion for a report from Planning was 4-2, with Raphael and Berry voting No.



This property, this “160 acres more or less,” is where my family settled in 1974. Gordon and Collette Bradt brought their new manufacturing business, Kinetico Studios, from Chicago to the top of this mountain ridge overlooking the Busch Store and the White River. For the next 35 years, we handmade kinetic sculptures of my father’s invention on top of this mountain. In the beginning our livelihood depended upon shipping products by Parcel Post to places all over the world, as this was the days before UPS and FedEx were common. Mabel Walden remembers those days processing our packages as “more work, but fun.”

Mabel’s challenge was to weigh the packages, calculate the postage, stamp and postmark everything before the mail left to go on to Eureka Springs and from there all over the world. We trusted much of our business to her hands, and she has also been a very dear friend to us since we arrived here in 1974.

Until 1985 when Mabel retired and the Busch Post Office closed, Kinetico Studios carried packages every day down the mountain road behind the post office in a 4-Wheel Drive Jeep, which was often imperative to make it up and down that rocky, washed out, zigzag trail to the post office. This was usually in the morning so Mabel could have it all ready to ship out by the time Joe Head brought the mail out from Eureka Springs in his station wagon. If we were a little late getting there, we would ask Mabel if “the mail had run yet.” If not, we would sit on the porch with some of the other locals



and wait for Joe to arrive. Then we would wait for Mabel to sort and distribute the mail while Joe loaded our outgoing packages.

In 1985 Mabel Walden retired after serving 24 years as the Busch Postmaster. There was still an interest among people of the area in having a post office, but the U.S. Postal Service decided it was no longer profitable. The Busch Post Office closed after serving the community for 80 years, and people who had been using the post office for general delivery were put on the rural route with everybody else, with a zip code of 72631 out of Holiday Island.

In the 25 years following the closing of the

Busch Post Office, the old building has changed hands several times. Many new residents have come into the area, new businesses have been ventured, and the place name of Busch, Arkansas has almost been forgotten. “Busch” highway signs that marked the little stretch of road in front of the old Busch Store were taken down years ago. But in 2010 new signs appeared, installed by the highway department, and people of the area have been wondering what Busch really is and what it means.

Busch has been on every road map and topographical map since the early 1900s. Since the beginning of the World Wide Web, Busch has easily been found on any Internet map as well. So, at least in cyberspace, Busch, Arkansas is still a place. And now with highway signs installed, it seems that it will continue to be a place on the ground, too.

*Busch, Arkansas Postmaster*

## Appointments

Sheridan P. Mahan – April 10, 1905  
 Dallas D. Walden – July 26, 1912  
 James A. Wyrick – December 31, 1912  
 Samantha A. Walden – June 26, 1916  
 Madison M. Pendergraft – December 20, 1917  
 Adolphus A. Huffman – June 2, 1926  
 Charles F. Wilton – May 27, 1927  
 Ernest L. Huffman – May 12, 1930  
 Mabel W. Walden – December 15, 1961 (to 1985)  
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he needs to thoroughly understand the scope of the problem before considering anything.

JP Don McNeely asked if the software could tell him where something is, and Riordan said it could tell him who had last scanned it.

McNeely said it is like a kid with a toy who drops it and picks up something else. What happened to the first toy?

The court agreed to discuss the proposal further later.

Justices approved the following actions:

- second reading of an ordinance to ban tobacco use in all county facilities
- transfer of funds to the election commission
- transfer money left over from the

Blue Spring road construction project to use for purchasing asphalt

- apply FEMA monies toward work already done
- approve the first reading of an ordinance describing the process for accepting roads and streets into the county system
- applying grant funds received by the sheriff’s office to the appropriate budget fund
- appropriating grant money received by the sheriff’s office for the purchase of three radar units.

## J.P. comments and salary study

McNeely introduced Robert Holcomb who said he was interested in filling the vacancy in District 9.

Richie mentioned the Airport Commission needs to file annual reports

with the treasurer. He said the court should defer action on the airport’s budget until the court gets the reports.

He also said he was disappointed that Judge Barr had not signed the salary study contract yet. The court had voted 8-2 to approve this action at its July meeting.

Flake agreed he was also disappointed Barr had not signed yet. He said the court had passed an ordinance asking Barr to sign and said he cannot agree to give raises until he sees the study. “I wish you would respect our wishes,” Flake told Barr.

Barr responded, “I don’t recall asking for the salary study and I think it is a bad idea.” He recalled an incident in Boone County where the City of Harrison hired a company to do a salary

study, and the study recommended raises for staff. The raises were not given, and city employees sued the city and won. “I am trying to protect the county. I took an oath to do my best and I don’t want us to be sued.”

He said the court had passed a resolution, not an ordinance, and the resolution expressed the court’s recommendation that he initiate the salary study. He told them, “A resolution does not require executive action.”

Barr later said the county already has information about salaries for county jobs, and it is a waste of \$18,000 when the information is already available. “My only desire is to do my best for Carroll County,” he said.

Next meeting will be Friday, October 19, at 10 a.m.



## The Road Taken

We are in Libra now, the sign of creating Right Relations with our world and all we encounter. Libra is also the sign of balance. We oscillate between two opposing points until a balance is achieved. In Libra, we make a serious, spiritual life choice. Do we return to previous realities or move forward into the new, eventually into Scorpio, sign of the Nine Tests, of death, regeneration, warriorship, discipleship and triumph? During Libra's interlude we assess the two paths ahead.

We understand Robert Frost's poem, *The Road Not Taken*. "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood. And sorry I could not travel both and be one traveler, long I stood, and looked down one as far as I could, to where it bent in the undergrowth. Then took the other, just as fair. And having perhaps the better claim, because it was grassy and wanted wear. Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by. And that has made all the difference."

**Saturday** is Libra solar festival (7.22 degrees), autumn's first full moon. Uranus and Pluto nearby, alert us to continuous abrupt changing transformations. Libra tells us "remain composed and poised, handle relationships with Right Attitude and finances with Right Economy."

The Soul's Libra meditative seed thought is, "I choose the Way which leads between the two great lines of force." Right Choice is always aligned with the Will-to-Good, which creates Goodwill. Always.

**Monday** Sukkot begins – Jewish Autumn Festival while living in temporary shelters, remembering 40 years' wandering in the desert (from the Taurus Age into the Aries Age).

Midnight **Wednesday** morning, Venus enters Virgo. We prepare together for the birth of the new light (holy child) at Winter Solstice when the every-7th-year New Group

of World Servers Festival begins.

**ARIES:** Notice with detached observation desires that fill your body. Notice they are strong, there's the desire to "possess." Often what you want does become your possession. Events will occur that help lessen desires for things and people, reorienting you toward the Art of Sharing. The passion for things and people turns to passion for humanity's well-being. Then you become magical.

**TAURUS:** It's good if your partner and intimate friends challenge you. At first it can feel like conflict. Harmony emerging after much disagreement. However, Taurus needs a little push here and there, to realize there are many more alternative realities to consider. If you don't allow others to speak separations occur. You need to seek the art of listening deeply and then compromise. Harmony is your heart's desire.

**GEMINI:** When others are slower than you (and everyone is), you can become impatient, even critical. You are very skilled in all matters – hands, mind, talking, grasping ideas, etc. You can also be skilled in organizing, sorting and analyzing. Is there anything you can't do? Careful with others. Allow them to feel they have gifts, too. Find them (the gifts).

**CANCER:** You're very affectionate. However, it's hidden under your shell, especially when not with family. Often Cancers don't forgive easily, holding memory of a hurt forever into eternity. We're in the time of the year where forgivingness is asked for and freely given. Review your life backwards. Consider all hurts, given and received. Forgive them. "I forgive all who have hurt me and ask forgiveness of all I've hurt." Say this mantram until everyone's liberated.

**LEO:** Are there family secrets you're harboring from long times past? Is there difficulty, anger or unforgiveness with family members?

Do you remember extremely sad, demanding, challenging times from your childhood? Perhaps silences and/or anger? Are these held in your memory and do they guide and direct your behaviors in present day relationships? These memories are stored in the solar plexus. Lift them up to your heart.

**VIRGO:** Careful with communication. You can speak quite harshly without considering consequences of hurtfulness and separations. Instead, use intentions of goodwill, enthusiasm and love when communicating and you will inspire others to do the same. Don't look for this or expect it. Remember that everyone has different beliefs based upon their stages of development. All stages are important.

**LIBRA:** You work hard now to assess resources, eliminate what's financially unfeasible and pursue assets that will stabilize the future. It's important to have precise budgeting and careful planning for coming times. You need things to be practical, to have value, beauty and organization. Sometimes you're impulsive but you make up for it by working very hard, an achievement you're proud of. There's something though that's a shadow of the past. What is it?

**SCORPIO:** Your vitality is increased and you're more outgoing and assertive, more energetic and vital. Along with this is a personal presence and power. People notice this. Some stand back, some come close, wanting that power, too. There's a charismatic provocative essence to you. You understand survival. You could be a tracker like naturalist Tom Brown. Read his books.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You may feel a bit stifled, attempting to assert yourself, remaining unseen. This is very temporary but it gives you an idea of how Pisces feel. Do not think your efforts are futile. Do not allow

yourself to be blamed for what you did not do. Check facts in all situations. Do not be discouraged. Or frustrated. Or lack courage. These gifts are forming anew within, emerging soon.

**CAPRICORN:** Pluto, the sign of profound transformation, is in your sign. You must be feeling it. A sense of shifting needs and priorities. The aspiration to serve and yet the opportunity hasn't quite appeared. An upheaval in your foundations, in your sense of identity. A vast and deep exhaustion, yet a purposeful moving out into the world to find your way. It's time to rest now. All that you need will appear in correct astrological timing. Rest rejuvenates.

**AQUARIUS:** Your leadership abilities will be emerging strongly now. Your initiative and executive skills are supporting your ambitions. Define what it is you want and need. Define what you want to be doing five, then ten years, from now. Lay this out on paper. Define yourself through it. What do you want to do five then ten years from now? Life will be different. You will lead humanity through your communication.

**PISCES:** You have an enthusiasm for the truth, uncovering it. You're honest and have a direct approach. You love to laugh. And want to travel, explore and find new adventures and treasures. You have a crusading spirit, like intelligent discourse, especially the Socratic method. You support all groups in service to humanity. Even with all of this, you, like Capricorn, need to rest. Neptune's nearby.

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**The Rebel Hounds** – Chuck Chapin of The Rebel Hounds plays his own homemade washtub bass at the Fall Heritage Festival last weekend at The Retreat At Sky Ridge. Bo Johnson and Fred Kamrath were the other hounds who accompanied him.

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JERRY HINTON



**Jazz among us** – Eureka Springs ex-pat, Blind Boy White, blows his horn to accompaniment of Margot Cameron last weekend.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE



Artists Terry and Sara Russell participated in the Studio Tour

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The Wilson Family String Band playing on the street during Jazz weekend. They will be at New Delhi on Sunday afternoon.

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**Supporting the Constitution** – Members of Abendschone Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognized the 225th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution of the United States of America at the Cornerstone Bank at Holiday Island at their September meeting. They sponsored Constitution Week September 17 – 23 with displays at the Cornerstone Banks at Holiday Island and Eureka Springs. Members are Betty Wallace, Judy Germani, Phyllis Jones and Fayette Schmutzler, Abendschone Chapter Regent; (right side of back row) Giner Malmstrom, Stella Bucknam, Nancy Naas and Betsy Brummond. Front row, kneeling are Ginni Miller, Suzanne Williams, Margaret Scobee and Kathy Clark. In the inset are Fayette Schmutzler and Mayor Morris Pate.





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## INDYSoul by Gwen Etheredge

It's Bikes, Blues and BBQ this weekend, that means the sounds of engines rumbling and great music. THE PIED PIPER BEER GARDEN will be open for the occasion and will have the **Brandon Santini Band** on both Friday and Saturday nights. Santini, former vocalist/harpist and frontman for Delta Highway, is a bluesman from Memphis who released his debut album a little over a year ago. *Songs of Love, Money and Misery* was well-received by critics and fans. With tracks like *She's Sweet Like Honey* and *You Ruined Poor Me*, Santini earns his spot in the blues world with hard-blowing harp lead-ins and heartfelt lyrics. This blues band is the real deal. With Brandon Santini on vocals and mouth harp, Jeff Jensen on guitar, Bill Ruffino on bass and Brain Wells on drums they are a Beale Street institution.

**FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 28**

- 2 Wheels Grill (3 miles south on 23) *Aaron Jenks and Friends*, 3:30 p.m.
- BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT *The Hogscalders*, 12 p.m., 6 p.m.
- BASIN PARK *Rick Quincy*, 4 p.m.
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL *Ozark Thunder*
- CHELSEA'S *Centerfuze*, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! *Chasing Nadean*, 5:30 p.m., DJ & Dancing, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA PARADISE *Blue Moon*
- EUREKA STONEHOUSE *Jerry*



**The Brandon Santini Band** will perform at the **Pied Piper Beer Garden** Sept. 28 & 29 at 8 p.m.

*Yester*, 5-8 p.m.

- GRAND TAVERNE *Arkansas Red* Guitar, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- JACK'S CENTER STAGE *Ronnie Simmons Band*, 9 p.m. - closing
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON *Ground Rattlers*, 9 p.m.
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Skillet Lickers*, daytime, *Sideshow Tramps*, 6:30 p.m.
- PIED PIPER BEER GARDEN: *A.J. and the Falldown Drunks*, 2 p.m., *Brandon Santini Band*, 8 p.m.
- PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE *Brody Buster Band*, 8 p.m.
- ROCKIN' PIG *The Bryant Band*, 8-12 p.m.

- ROWDY BEAVER *Terry and the Executives*
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN *John Dooley Experience*
- SQUID & WHALE PUB *The Band RUN* opening for *Slam Boxx Rock*, 9:30 p.m.
- VOULEZ VOUS *Big Bad Gina*, 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 29**

- 2 Wheels Grill (3 miles south on 23) *Aaron Jenks and Friends*, 4 p.m.
- BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT *James White*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- BASIN PARK *Melody & Morty*, 1-3 p.m., *Lil Slim Blues Band*, 3-5 p.m.
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL *Too Mothers Left*

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- **EUREKA PARADISE** *Blue Moon*
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** *Ronnie Simmons Band*, 9 p.m.–closing
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** *Thundercrow*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Skillet Lickers*, daytime, *Sideshow Tramps*, 6:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER BEER GARDEN:** *A.J. and the Falldown Drunks*, 12 p.m., *Richard Burnett & The Burners*, 5 p.m., *Brandon Santini Band*, 8 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Brody Buster Band*, 8 p.m.
- **ROCKIN' PIG** *The Bryant Band*, 8–12 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Terry and the Executives*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Steve Dimmitt*
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Cadillac Jackson Jam–Hop–Funk*, 9:30 p.m.
- **VOULEZ VOUS** *Big Bad Gina*, 9 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 30**

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee*, 12 p.m., 5 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Steve Jones*, 1 p.m.
- **CHASERS** *Roger & Jami*
- **EUREKA LIVE!** Customer Appreciation Night, 5 p.m.–close
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Becky & Jerry light gospel*, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., *Wilson Family String Band*, 4 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Slam Boxx Rock*
- **VOULEZ VOUS** *Fire Fly*, 8:30 p.m.

#### **MONDAY – OCTOBER 1**

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.

- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theatre

#### **TUESDAY – OCTOBER 2**

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Game Night
- **CHELSEA'S** *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Taco Tuesday

#### **WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 3**

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Sing and Dance with *Tiny*
- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** Free Pool, Ladies Night–Half off well drinks
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wheat Wednesday Draft Beer Specials
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Pickled Porpoise Revue Open Jam*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Firefly*

#### **THURSDAY – OCTOBER 4**

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Maureen Alexander*, 5 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Steve Jones*, 3 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco & Tequila Night
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** Karaoke with *DJ Goose*, 8 p.m.–midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Bike Night
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## Local Houdini escapes in October ... twice (maybe)

In the spirit of America's greatest and most famous illusionist, Harry Houdini, Eureka Springs illusionist, Sean-Paul of Intrigue Theater, will perform not one but two Houdini-influenced "Extraordinary Escapes" during the month of October.

The first feat takes place on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 12 p.m. at the Crescent Hotel. Sean-Paul has obtained a regulation straitjacket from a corrections facility, and following an inspection by the Eureka Springs Police Department to verify authenticity, he will be strapped into the straitjacket and hoisted upside down by his feet from a plank extending off the observation deck of America's Most Haunted Hotel.

Sean-Paul, dangling high above a haunted location where several deaths have resulted from high falls, must free himself before he is lowered back down to the front steps of the hotel.

On Saturday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in Basin Spring Park Sean-Paul will attempt another extraordinary escape. Following an exhaustive inspection of a 70 year-old, 30-gallon milk can by members of the crowd, Sean-Paul will be handcuffed, stuffed into the milk can filled with water and the lid sealed with 4 padlocks. Will Sean-Paul escape from such conditions or will he have to rap on the sides of the milk can with the handcuffs to signal a rescue from EMTs standing by?

Other than the escape attempts, one more event will take place on Halloween night. A special performance called *The Intrigue of Harry Houdini* is scheduled in the Crystal Ballroom of the Crescent Hotel at 10 p.m. The show will include segments of Intrigue Theater and will end with a séance to try to make contact with the spirit of Harry Houdini, who died – guess when – on Halloween in 1926.

For more information, visit [www.intriguetheater.com](http://www.intriguetheater.com) or call (479) 244-7028.





When we were discussing plans for this year's Jazz Eureka, we had a thought. One of the highlights of last year's Festival was the performance in the park by the Missouri State Jazz Ensemble, a big band experience that packed the park and drew an enthusiastic response. So, we thought, why not try it again?

As the plans for another big band show progressed, we ruminated further. Rather than a passively-received auditorium show, something a little more interactive was called for. Why not frame the show as the kind of event which spawned the whole Big Band era? What better venue could there be for a dance band than – *wait for it* – A Dance?

And so it came to pass that there was great rejoicing and unbridled frivolity



to be had by the 309 people who joined us at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center last Friday night to party like it's 1939. The Fayetteville Jazz Collective orchestra got the party started by absolutely nailing the classic Big Band sound. A-List players all, the Collective is not to be missed. After warming up the crowd, the Collective brought out the star of the night's show, Tom Tiratto, a vocalist famous for his dead-on renditions of Sinatra's classic hits.

For the rest of the night, the dance floor was packed. If you looked closely, you could see 20-somethings side-by-side with 70-somethings showing off

their Jitterbug moves. If you looked *really* closely, you might have "seen a man dance with his wife" without being anywhere near Chicago. [obligatory Sinatra reference]

So, the question of the

week is – Anybody wanna do it again?

On another note, we were delighted to see the news this week of the partnership forged between our own Eureka Springs Historical Museum and Crystal Bridges. It seems highly significant that Crystal Bridges established this relationship even before pairing with the UofA or the Clinton Library. Puts us at the top of a pretty elite list, doesn't it? Congratulations to Sara Armellini and all of the museum board and staff. You've put quite a feather in Eureka's cap.

While rereading the preceding paragraph, it occurred to me that

Eureka Springs is also home to another museum, whether it's generally regarded as such

or not. While Eureka Springs' artistic ambiance – and marketing, for that matter – tends to focus on the visual arts, music and other performing arts are a vital and undeniable undercurrent to the entire town and much of its history.

If you think of music acts as a kind of traveling art exhibition, The Auditorium has established a long history of presentations rivaling any visual arts-based museums anywhere. Apples to oranges perhaps, but I'll see your Georgia O'Keeffe and Gilbert Stuart and raise you a Sousa, Ray Charles and Willie. Just as Crystal Bridges can take pride in the quality of their exhibits, so, too, can we.

### New ride

– Carol Jennings of Oklahoma City just bought this new Honda Shadow and took it on its first long ride all the way to Eureka Springs to get ready for the big bikefest in Fayetteville.



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JERRY HINTON



**Early birds** – The day before Bikes, Blues and BBQ even began in Fayetteville, Harley fans were already here shopping in huge tents set up in front of Pig Trail Harley-Davidson, sprucing up with the right biker duds for the big event.

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A viewer looks at an average of eight pages per visit and spends six minutes looking at the site, which he saw as very positive numbers.

Maloney said the data shows where the viewers are logging on from and what kind of devices they use. He commented this kind of data helps establish what his marketing mix will be. He also noticed that 28 percent of the traffic is from mobile devices, further reason to expand

the mobile capabilities of the site.

He said this information is important as they try to create the most dynamic and effective web product.

### Other important items

- Maloney announced it is time for organizations that plan to ask for 2013 funding requests from the CAPC to plan ahead and submit their requests in October. Forms are available at capc.biz or at the CAPC office.

- The marketing theme for Arkansas

Department of Parks and Tourism for spring and summer 2013 will be "Escape to Arkansas," which Maloney noticed fits nicely with Eureka Springs "The Extraordinary Escape."

- Rick Bright, finance director, reported earnings were up 13.52 percent over last year at this time and would have been higher except some large tax collectors were a bit too delinquent paying their taxes for the revenue to be counted in this report.

- Maloney told commissioners that group travel has picked up dramatically because of promoting to the tour buses. The CAPC is putting up a website specifically for its group tour promotions and the site will be live in early 2013.

The next CAPC workshop will be Wednesday, October 10, 4 p.m., at the CAPC office, and the topic will be the 2013 budget.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, October 24, at 6 p.m.



# H.I. Gerald's celebrates National Pizza Month

Gerald's of Holiday Island celebrates National Pizza Month (and a three-year anniversary) in October with pizza specials and a brand new menu.

Pizza by the slice! Eat at least 31 slices in the month of October and get a free dessert and your picture on the Wall of Fame. Enjoy the new décor along with new pizzas and dinner entrees like Chicken Marsala and Tilapia Picatta.

Gerald's owner, Jayson Blocksidge, took over the reins at Gerald's three years ago. Before owning Gerald's, Jayson's entire restaurant experience consisted of busing tables at a P.F. Chang's

restaurant for three months while attending graduate school in Florida. Nevertheless, Jayson gradually broke the Gerald's mold by expanding the menu, cooking more food from scratch, updating the décor, and providing a full service dining experience. He's proud of his accomplishments and looks forward to providing Holiday Islanders with an even better dining experience.

Fulfill your patriotic duty in October and celebrate National Pizza Month at Holiday Island Gerald's at 6 Parkwood Drive, behind the Phillips 66 Gas Station and the Island Car Wash and Lube.

## Be An Informed Voter

### - Local Candidates Forum Oct. 2

Plan to attend the Local Candidates' Forum sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The Forum will be held Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the City Auditorium at 5:45 p.m. All candidates running for City Aldermen positions have been invited. Candidates for State Representative, County Judge and Sheriff will also be introduced.

If you need to register to vote, stop by the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center and pick up a registration form. You *must* register by Oct. 8 to be eligible to participate in the 2012 elections. Please encourage your employees, co-workers, family and friends to vote.

## What to do on Tuesdays? Go to the auction!

Every Tuesday, beginning on Oct. 2, area residents and visitors will have an opportunity to buy and sell everything from art to zithers at the new P. Nutt and Ponytail's Auction House in the Ozark Mountain Hoe-Down.

A side section of seating has been removed from the auditorium to create a permanent consignment auction space. Those who have items to sell can bring them in beginning at 10 a.m. on Oct. 2 and will be assigned a lot number for the auction. Buyers simply register (must have a valid driver's license) any time

during the day or when doors open at 5 p.m.

The auction will be held every Tuesday and there is no cost to participate. Sellers will receive the proceeds from their sales at the close of the evening less 25 percent for the auctioneer.

The first auctioneer for the event will be Bill Williams. Free reserved seating is available and there will be full food concessions onsite. There's more information online at [www.eurekaspringsauctions.com](http://www.eurekaspringsauctions.com).

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raise necessary funds, but showcase local talent and provide an attraction that would bring visitors to Eureka Springs. Each year the attendance has doubled.

2012 was a year for a second stage featuring mostly solo acoustic

acts, among them some high school students from Benton County School of the Arts and Clear Spring High School. They were brilliant!

My heart is truly overflowing with gratitude for all. I love this town!

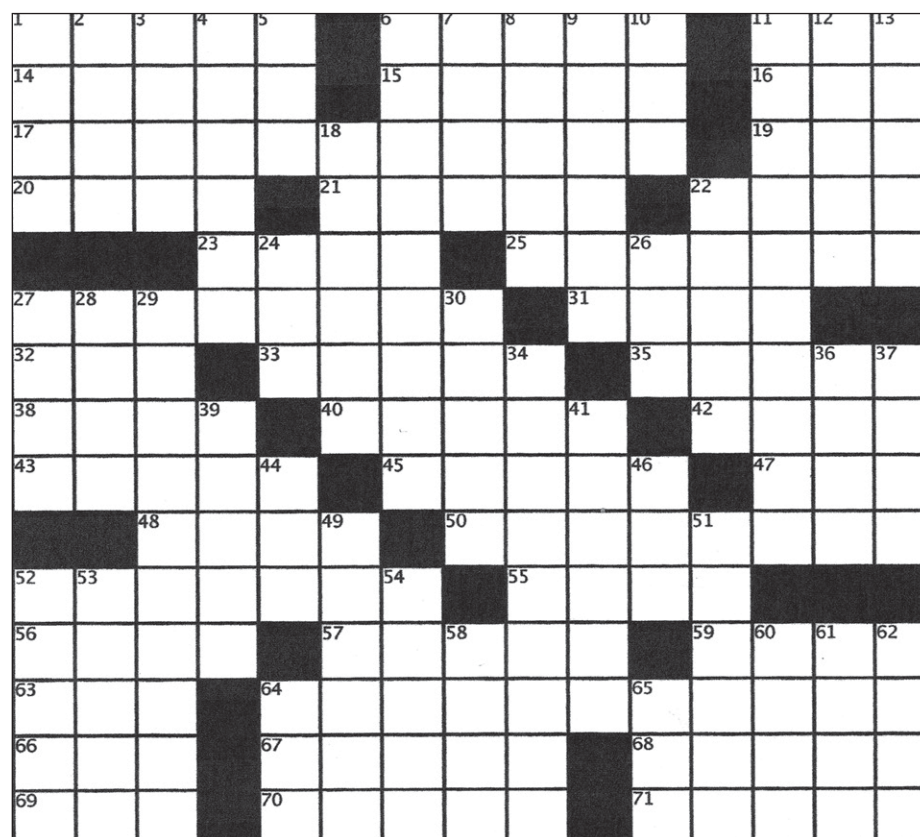
**Karen FitzPatrick**



## INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 27



### ACROSS

1. Small waterway
6. It forms on ponds
11. Expression of disgust
14. Ushers' milieu
15. Sea capital of Bulgaria
16. Scottish "no"
17. Off the rack
19. Payable now
20. Slid uncontrollably
21. Ruled or striated
22. Warp
23. Highway
25. Abandons
27. Formed into an ampule
31. Intend
32. Atmosphere
33. Togas
35. A tire has it
38. Thought producing concept
40. Delete
42. Challenge
43. Mole or birthmark
45. Sharp
47. Orange pekoe
48. Cheese from Holland
50. Saber; long knife

52. Watertight boat or chest
55. Prefix for filming
56. Miscellany
57. Shiny material
59. Inner temple chamber
63. Fish eggs
64. Emitting nuclear ions
66. Male heir
67. Goodbye (Fr.)
68. A western tree
69. A young newt
70. Football units
71. The middle

18. Aztec diety
22. Van Dyke
24. Yours and mine
26. Tennis unit
27. One of Adam's sons
28. Assistant
29. Divine grace
30. Very slender
34. Quite shrewd
36. Type of code
37. College VIP
39. The sound phase of T.V.

### DOWN

1. Autos
2. Money of Cambodia
3. Biblical twin
4. Church leaders
5. Skeleton \_\_\_\_
6. Not necessary
7. Expanse of sod
8. Avarice
9. Wreath for the head
10. Jug handle
11. Below
12. Skeletal
13. Listens to

41. Part of the eye
44. Droop
46. Buoy
49. Mountain fortress in Israel
51. Docile
52. Not better
53. Frigid; distant
54. Low point
58. Knotted
60. Helps
61. Hops' oast
62. Arid
64. A bit of sunshine
65. Tappet liftert



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**Putting the pieces together** – Mosaic artist Fran Carlin was part of the 7th Annual Studio Tour last weekend. Fran recently opened her studio/gallery space on North Main.

*PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE*



Chon Stanley demonstrates jewelry making during last weekend's studio tour. Chon and Jasmine Stanley own Silver and Gold Sculpture and Jewelry. They travel to India and Thailand for their gems.

*PHOTO BY JERRY HINTON*



**Cutting edge** – Jim Nelson shows off the wooden, cutout, sculpted and painted wall piece he has been working on. Nelson was one of 18 artists who opened their studios to the public during the 7th Annual Eureka Springs Studio Tour.

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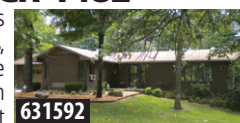


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## 53 MUNDELL ROAD



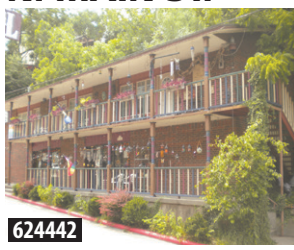
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