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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

When Taylor Wilson was 11 he built a bomb in the family

garage. Not to destroy anything, just to understand how it worked. When he was 14 he became the voungest person in the

world to build a nuclear fusion reactor

Now, at the ripe old age of 18, he is in great demand from corporate and academic institutions to speak on radioactivity. He built a liquid-based radiation detector by measuring light emitted when subatomic particles move through water. The same detectors that cost corporate America hundreds of thousands of dollars to build, Taylor built for a few hundred dollars, and it worked.

We don't understand what this kid does, but he's from Arkansas and we expect he can save the world.





Hundreds of kids from all over Northwest Arkansas came out to Trick or Treat on White St. Halloween night. It was a beautiful, mild, clear evening, and according to many White St. residents it was the busiest Halloween ever. Yahkie Nauman and Melanie Linker think no one knows who they are.

PHOTOS BY JOHN RANKINE

Parks pushes tax plan

NICKY BOYETTE

A group of about 20 citizens gathered at the Eureka Springs courthouse Oct. 25 to hear Parks commissioners explain the proposed one-eighth cent tax initiative on the Nov. 6 ballot. The tax would specifically fund projects of Lake Leatherwood's Master Plan for four years, according to Parks Chair Bill Featherstone.

Featherstone described the existing Master Plan as a starting point and said it is the job of Parks, with public input, "to refine the generalities. Any master plan is only as good as the money we can put behind it. Other plans have been fully implemented."

The end result would be to repair and upgrade infrastructure at Lake Leatherwood Park, such as the road leading into it as well as the cabins, bathhouse and trails. These improvements would be part of the overall goal of making the park selfsustaining. "There will be other improvements that come from our collaboration and our desire to improve Lake Leatherwood Park," Featherstone said.

Citizen Jerry Hinton asked how the park would continue to pay for itself.

come and gone, but Parks wants this one It is an attractive facility, he observed, and big events could be staged there as moneymakers, but the park needs a makeover first.

> Featherstone acknowledged the sales tax, if passed by voters, won't do everything they need and they must explore other revenue sources. He said they have discussed user fees, as many parks implement those. "Also," he said, "donors and foundations might see that grants or donations would go further if there were the steady flow of money coming in from the tax."

Parks Director Bruce Levine said PARKS continued on page 31

It's one o'clock at two o'clock Sunday morning





The 62nd Annual Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Social Time @ 6:00 p.m. Banquet @ 7:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Jeff Bourk Branson Airport

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Fly fishin' – These young fishermen are really "fly." These 6th and 7th graders in the McNair Fly Fishing Club came all the way from McNair Middle School in Fayetteville to practice casting in the White River below Beaver Dam.

Photo by Jerry Hinton



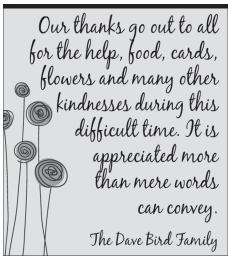
Eureka woman arrested for meth, pills

C. D. White

At approximately 11 a.m. on Oct. 29, a traffic stop resulted in the arrest of Brittany Collett, 28, of Eureka Springs on a warrant for delivering two eight-balls of methamphetamine to a confidential informant in July. According to Eureka Springs Police Chief, Earl Hyatt, Dets. Brad Handley and Thomas Achord witnessed the delivery.

At the time of her arrest on Monday, Collett was asked if she had anything illegal on her person and she admitted she had pills in her front pocket. Officer Brian Young and Detective Handley recovered a Hello Kitty tin containing 14 pills, which were identified as Soma and Ambien. Both are controlled substances for which Collett did not have a prescription.

Collett was transported to the Eureka Springs Police Department and booked on the original warrant for Delivery of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony, and an additional charge of Possession of Controlled Substance for the pills. She was transported to Carroll County jail to await a bond hearing.



State rep candidates answer *Independent's* curiosity

ΝΙCKY ΒΟΥΕΤΤΕ

Butch Berry and Bob Ballinger are running to represent District 97 in the Arkansas State House of Representatives. Here are their answers to a series of questions from the *Independent*.

What is your stance on the half-cent sales tax to pay for highways statewide?

Ballinger: I am going vote against it even to though road building is one of the investments that creates a return. Years ago, the state was divided into road districts and since then money has been divided among the districts by the same formula. Northwest Arkansas has grown much faster than other areas but, since the same distribution formula applies, Northwest Arkansas will get around \$800 per citizen compared to \$3500 in southeast Arkansas. They have roads in southeast Arkansas nobody uses. There needs to be a better way to divide the funds and there is a better use for the revenue.

Berry: I'm in favor of it. It will improve our roads and provide additional revenue for our area. Cities and counties both will get some of the funds. And it will create jobs.



What is your stance on the medicinal marijuana initiative on the ballot?

Ballinger: I'm against it. I believe in individual liberties, and I understand the point of view that a person ought to be able to do whatever he wants. It is not the government's job to tell us what is right. However, I believe the initiative is not honest. I see it as a ploy to get marijuana legalized.

Berry: I'm a compassionate, conservative Democrat and I care about people's suffering. However, I am also on the board of an agency that deals with drug and alcohol dependency. I support the positive aspects of what the initiative is trying to do, but I wonder if the administrative part of it has been thought through

enough.

What is your stance on Issue 2 that would allow cities and counties to allow future tax revenue to be used for bonds for redevelopment?

Ballinger: It sounds good, but it is an effort that will benefit the developers. There is a project in Little Rock where they are leveling an area in order to put in a technology park, and the city will get the technology park but they are

taking funds from future citizens and giving it to developers.

Berry: I see that negative things could occur like lawsuits if there is a default. Somebody has to pay for the work being done, and I would hope cities would not want to take advantage of it for risky or shortsighted projects.

What about eliminating the income tax and increase sales tax?

Ballinger: I'm not for increasing sales tax, but I would support a move down the path toward reducing income tax. We can't just shut off the biggest revenue source the government has, but we could close loopholes, watch spending and transfer some of the tasks to local government. Some states have already eliminated or greatly reduced income tax, and Arkansas is **STATE REPS** continued on page 18

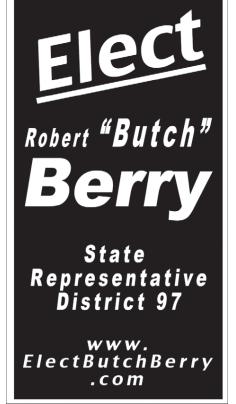
Butch Berry ... a Mike Beebe kinda guy



"I've endorsed Butch because he's committed as I am to continue our efforts of maintaining a balanced budget, creating jobs and developing our economic growth for our communities."

~ Gov. Mike Beebe

- Pro Constitution
- Pro Family
- Pro Business
- Pro Guns









My history in Eureka Springs

- Homeowner for 36 years
 Business owner for 36 years
- One of the founding members of the National Water Center which works to improve water related infrastructure in Eureka
- Co-organizer of the last 5 years of the Eureka Springs Jazz Festival
- 4 years volunteer at the Good Shepherd Humane Society Thrift Shop
- 2 1/2 years on City Council Planning commission member

What I believe in and will work for on City Council

- Open and transparent government
- An effective and thrifty budget
- Upgrade of infrastructure -
- 1. Sewer unsewered neighborhoods
- 2. Repair water lines
- 3. Good repair and maintenance of our streets
- 4. More sidewalks
- 5. Upgrade current sewer lines
- Protect the historic integrity of Eureka
- Keep our neighborhoods residential
- Protect the health, safety and welfare of all our citizens as well as our visitors
- Work with other council members for the good of the citizens and all of Eureka Springs

My vision for Eureka is by continually improving our residents' quality of life we will attract new residents and new business thus increasing our tax base and creating better paying jobs. This will in turn attract more visitors and benefit citizens and visitors.

I feel that I have grown in understanding of all sides of Eureka Springs, its varied citizens and its government. It would be an honor to continue to serve the citizens of Eureka Springs on City Council. I would appreciate your vote.



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Gov. Mike Beebe is a Wolf Grulkey and Butch Berry supporter.

Photo submitted

Independent cartoonist thinks out loud

NICKY BOYETTE

Everyone has opinions. Some people back up their thoughts with such solid facts and sound reasoning that their opinions become articulate, witty and well-informed observations. Meet Wolf Grulkey.

Grulkey is running for State Representative for District 81 against Justin Harris from West Fork. He graduated from Eureka Springs High School in 1967, was a classmate of Butch Berry, and currently draws editorial cartoons for the *Independent*.

After a stint in the Navy, he matriculated at Arkansas Tech and became advertising manager/ commercial artist of the Eureka Springs Times-Echo. Nowadays, besides drawing political cartoons, Grulkey owns Alma Printers and SkyRanch Aviation where he flies parachutists over the only drop zone in Arkansas approved by the United States Parachute Association.

As for political concerns facing the state, Grulkey said he is lukewarm on Issue 1 on the Nov. 6 ballot which would implement a half-cent sales tax to pay for a four-lane highway system

statewide. He said in general he is against sales taxes because they are regressive, but Issue 1 would be a big economic stimulus costing a typical family a hardly noticeable amount annually while generating 49,000 jobs in the state. He said Eureka Springs would not get much from it, but northwest Arkansas would, and he sees it as the only way Arkansas will be able to pay for the proposed I-49. And, he said, there is a sunset on the measure, and groceries and fuel would not be taxed. He said the liberal part of his nature tells him, "Why not do light rail instead and get the cars off the road?" but he figures there's not much support for that.

Regarding support of Issue 5, which would authorize the use of medicinal marijuana in the state, Grulkey said, "Absolutely." He said first of all, the herb is classified wrong and should be legalized anyway, and treated like tobacco and alcohol. The history behind the current status is that the government tried to get farmers to grow hemp before World War II because of its many advantages over pulpwood. Newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst, **WOLF** continued on page 31

Judge candidates weigh in on county responsibilities

NICKY BOYETTE

Republican Andrew Wilhelm and incumbent Sam Barr, a Democrat, are running for Carroll County Judge. Wilhelm served 20 years in the military. "I dealt with many different organizations and I understand budgets. I am running on an anticorruption platform," he told the Independent.

Barr has been Carroll County judge for 46 months.

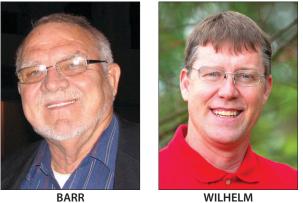
The Quorum Court discusses road repair in the county. How many miles of roads are there in the county?

Barr: "There are 650 - 700 miles of roads in the county. The judge and the Road Department determine which roads need repair by assessing the condition and considering the amount of traffic."

Wilhelm: "I don't know the number of miles, but the main highways like 62 and 21 are not county roads, so we don't take care of them. Many of the county roads are dirt roads."

Property assessments are going up but property values are not. Why is that?

Barr: "The State sets the assessment on



WILHELM

properties. I have very little to do with it."

Wilhelm: "It's a way to get more tax money. It might be state-driven."

Does the county do anything for the really poor and indigent as far as shelter or food kitchens, especially in the winter?

Barr: "The only time was during a disaster. We do have a pauper burial plan."

Wilhelm: "No. There are church groups that help."

What is the working relationship between the judge and the sheriff?

Barr: "I try to take care of my office and he takes care of his. If one of us has a problem, we call. The State says each elected official should take care of his own office."

Wilhelm: "Carroll County is a little different. The judge is supposed to be in charge of central dispatch, but the judge has separated himself from it. The sheriff handles it and he does a good job. The jail also produces money by letting the state know when there is an empty cell, and Carroll County gets paid for housing other inmates. The county judge has not been close to that situation." Does the county monitor water quality on the Kings

River and White River, especially considering the number of chicken houses we have in the county?

Barr: "No. The Kings River Watershed might do some of that, but the county does not."

Wilhelm: "Maybe the people in the waste water treatments facilities do, but there is nothing from county programs. The State does it occasionally." **JUDGE CANDIDATES** continued on page 29

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I would appreciate your vote Nov. 6th

Ad paid for by Sam Barr for County Judge

Circuit clerk candidates face off again

NICKY BOYETTE

Republican Betty Neal and incumbent Democrat Ramona Wilson are running for Carroll County Circuit Clerk, just as they did two years ago.

The circuit clerk's office is responsible for criminal and domestic relations, civil and juvenile court, and is ex-officio recorder of the county. The clerk maintains a record of all proceedings; prepares dockets for

court; prepares summonses, warrants, orders, judgments, and injunctions which are delivered by the county sheriff.

She is also responsible for recording deeds, mortgages, liens and surety bonds within the county.

Ramona Wilson – "I've been the Circuit Clerk for 14 years, but I began as a deputy clerk in 1972, so I have 40

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years' experience in this office. I have seen many changes, and I can perform every task in this office. If anyone is out for any reason, I can fill in.

WILSON

"Our primary task is maintaining county land records. Within a week or two, we will have all deeds online in a safe, read-only environment.

"We also handle all the records for criminal, civil, domestic and juvenile court cases, and soon we will take care



of probate as well.

"We are in the process of working with the state to implement software that will get all our court records online. They have implemented the software in four other counties, and they set a date in late November to begin working with us. We are ready when they are.

"I will continue to provide friendly, professional service for our citizens."

Betty Neal – "I am currently the Berryville District Court Clerk. I have been in this office 25 years. We handle misdemeanor charges (which is a long list of offenses) and small claims court. We make sure the reports are completed correctly. We also issue warrants after court dates and warrants for Failure To Pay. Our office also prepares the dockets for the district court.

"I am running for Circuit Clerk because I like a challenge and I think I have the experience and knowledge of running an office efficiently. I plan to automate the clerk's office and get deeds and other records online. I plan to upgrade the office so that the collection of outstanding funds and costs will be more efficient. The technology is available and I want to implement it. I also want to improve court operations and customer service, and I plan to work closely to assist the Quorum Court."

Flat screen TV could be home for Christmas – at your house

The Good Shepherd Humane Society is raffling off a 32-inch LG flat screen TV, new in the box, and donated by a generous GSHS member. Tickets, \$5 each or three for \$10, are available at the Eureka and Berryville Doggie Shops and at the Shelter. Raffle ends Dec. 14 when the drawing will be held at the Eureka Springs Doggie Shop at 11 a.m. You need not be present to win.

A little help from our friends:

(Please email your ongoing community service announcements to newsdesk@eurekaspringsindependent. com)

• *Food pantry, furniture bank and used book store* – Wildflower Chapel Food Pantry is open from 10:30 – Noon on Fridays. The Thrift Store and Used Furniture Bank is open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call (479) 363-6408 for more information. For service times and other chapel information, phone 253-5108.

• *Free Clothes Closet* in Penn Memorial First Baptist Church on Spring Street is open from 1 - 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. Call (479) 253-9770 to arrange to bring donations of clean new or used clothing, personal care items, linens, small appliances or dishes in good condition. These will be available to the community free of charge.

• 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.

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club behind Land O'Nod, U.S. 62 and Hwy. 23S

• *Alateen* group – Sundays from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. For more information, email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977.

• *Overeaters Anonymous* – Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Barbara at (479) 244-0070.

• *Narcotics Anonymous* – Fridays at 5:50 p.m. Phone (417) 271-1084 or (479) 244-6863 for more info.

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

• Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Group

Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m., Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday – Thursday, and Saturday, at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Friday at 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956

or www.nwarkaa.org (click Eureka Springs AA)

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Eureka Springs'First Zombie Crawl Zombie Parade at dusk. Hearses, zombies, critters parade from Carnegie Library to Basin Park – 6 p.m.-ish. *www.eurekaspringszombiecrawl.com*. **Zombie Invasion Art Show** at The Space, 2 Pine St., 7 – 9 p.m.

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65th Original Ozark Folk Festival

Auditorium shows, free music in Basin Park, singer/songwriter contest. Full details at www. ozarkfolkfestival.com

Fall Diversity Weekend For more info visit *www.outineureka.com* or call (479) 253-2555.

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Night of the Unleashed GSHS Doggie Style Show begins 5:30 p.m. at the Eureka Springs H.S. Gym. Auction, fun, fashions and surprises. Tickets \$10.

Fall Craft Show Pine Mountain Village 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Entertainment, free parking.

65th Annual Original Ozark Folk Festival Parade Downtown, 2 p.m. **Zombie Invasion Art Show** at The Space, 2 Pine St., 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

7 – 11 Food and Wine Festival A foodie delight. Special gourmet menus and wine pairings at restaurants and other venues throughout town. See schedule in this issue.

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California Uncorked Live jazz, wine and food tasting fundraiser at Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. \$15. Limited space. Reserve at (479) 253-7444.

Harvest Fest Farmers' Market at Pine Mountain Village, 4 – 9 p.m. Outdoor dancing, food, music.

8 – 11 Porsche Palooza with legendary driver Vic Elford as

keynote speaker. Close to 300 Porsches from 26 states coast to coast. For more information, *www. pca-escape.org/early/*.

8 – 12/8 *A Season of Celebration* Christmas show at the Pine Mountain Theater. Thursday – Saturday at 8 p.m. Gospel pre-show at 7:30. (479) 253-9156.

9 Bragging Rights Burger Cook Off Pine Mountain Village, Friday, Nov. 9. Judging begins at 11:30 a.m., \$2 fee to sample hamburgers and vote. Winners announced at 12:30 p.m. (479) 253-6601.

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Mad About the Colony Fundraiser for Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow. 1950's MadMen theme, dancing, dinner at Basin Park Hotel ballroom, 7 p.m. \$35.(479) 243-7444. (Optional tour of 505 Spring St. Usonian home 3 – 6 p.m. before dinner.)

Veterans' Day Weekend activities with parade at 10 a.m. downtown. (479) 253-6601.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball at the Squid and Whale for all branches of service. 7 - 9 p.m. Formal dress optional. (479) 253-6601.

Barrell Tasting Event at Keels Creek Winery, US 62E. 3 – 5 p.m. Wine & cheese tasting. (479) 253-9463.

2nd Saturday Gallery Stroll Art, artists' receptions at galleries throughout town. 6 - 8 p.m. *www. artofeureka.com*.

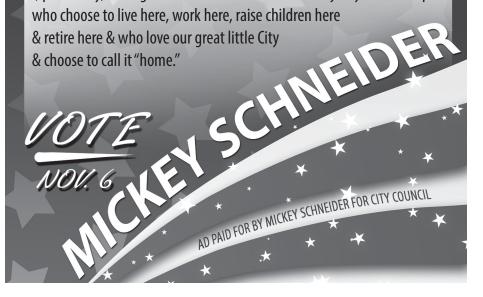
11 Veterans' Weekend Art Show and Reception Noon –3 p.m. at KJ's Caribe Restaurante y Cantina, 309 West Van Buren US 62W. Special dishes with great wine pairings. (479) 253-6601.

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VOTE **MICKEY SCHNEIDER** City Council, Ward, 1, Seat 1

I'm Mickey Schneider & I'm running for City Council, Ward 1, Seat 1 on November 6th. Presently I'm sitting on the Planning Commission as I have before & I have also been a City Council woman. I also run the Eureka Springs area Election polls (for nearly 20 years), I'm the Assistant for the Veterans' Parade, in addition to being an active member of the Democratic Women's Club, amongst many other local activities. I'm a firm believer in the rights of the People; ALL of the people – residents, merchants, artists AND our visitors. I believe in our Constitution & our unalienable rights that are inherent in our American laws, which includes following the majority vote of the People & doing the City business in a timely fashion regardless of personal feelings on any given issue. I believe in letting the "experts" run the various City Departments; Police, Fire, Parks, CAPC, etc., etc. They are the experts, not the councilpeople. We have no right trying to micromanage.

In my nearly 40 years here, I've learned that compromise, an open mind & heart, & an understanding that tourism is what makes our City viable is integral to making this City work. Unlike my two opponents, I open my arms to ALL our visitors including Bikers, Gays & Lesbians, because they too, are visitors & we are, after all, a tourist town. It takes the whole City of People to make us viable, but that involves compromise & a willingness to do what's best for the whole City, not just the few. Without ALL of our visitors, we won't be viable. i.e., have income. Without income, we can't take care of our beautiful City. Which means lost jobs, people moving away, Eureka dying. While there is a small group of people (who don't count on tourism as a livelihood as most of us do) aiming for this goal, I, personally, will fight that tooth & nail... for the majority of the People who choose to live here, work here, raise children here & retire here & who love our great little City & choose to call it "home."



This Dark Earth for your Halloween reading pleasure

By Linda Caldwell

The most terrifying thing about zombies is their relentlessness. They may be dead, shambling corpses incapable of actually forming a thought, but get enough of them together and there's really no way a group of people can overcome them without some major firepower.

Little Rock writer John Hornor Jacobs makes that point in *This Dark Earth*, his newest novel. It follows Gus, 10, and Lucy, his mother and a doctor, from the beginning of the outbreak that turns living people into dead monsters into a future where they live in a small fortified city in Arkansas.

Gus is something of a prodigy, but by the time they build Bridge City – his idea – he's a battle-hardened young man. Even in their small, fortified city survival is tenuous, and they are constantly assaulted by a never-ending



stream of the dead scrabbling at the gates to get in. Outside the city, there is no government, no law and order. The power grid has crashed and survivors are forced to scavenge for food, medicine or fuel for the few functional vehicles.

Bridge City, their home, is a bridge on the 540 Interstate with both ends blocked off and the median planted with food crops. People live in tents, for the most part, and are grateful for the shelter. Medicine is rudimentary, and outsiders are regarded with skepticism. It turns out they are right to be skeptical. Through two women who escaped what was really a slave labor camp, they learn that Bridge City has somehow gotten on the radar of the leader of the slavers, and he wants what is theirs.

Bridge City residents are not eager to become slaves or to surrender what they've fought so hard to build, so they work out a way to destroy the camp and hopefully stop him in his tracks.

But in a world where very little can actually be controlled, the results are neither what they planned for nor expected.

Jacobs was nominated for the Bram Stoker Award for his first novel, *Southern Gods*, which was set in the

1950's backwoods of Arkansas. It was an eerie place, and the hero of the book followed a trail into the deepest, darkest recesses searching for a singer whose voice was said to drive people insane.

This Dark Earth establishes Jacobs as a horror writer to watch. While many writers have dabbled in the zombie genre, This Dark Earth is an original look at life after the unthinkable has happened, putting it in a category with World War Z by Max Brooks and The Passage by Justin Cronin. All are grimly realistic looks at what life might be like for survivors of an apocalypse that pits them against the majority who have succumbed and now want to eat them.

This Dark Earth By John Hornor Jacobs Gallery Books, \$15 ISBN 978-1-4516-6666-3 339 pages

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Queen's contest kicks off Folk Festival in style

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Wearing gowns made in the 1970s by Muriel Schmidt and provided by Michelle McDonald of Celebrations and Traditions, five lovely teen girls told the audience at the auditorium what Eureka Springs means to them. The essays were part of the Oct. 29 competition judged on interviews, stage presence, delivery of speech, personality and confidence.

The audience also enjoyed what was said to be one of the best Hedgehopper performances ever. Thirty third-graders led by Jerritt Burk, Anne Shepard and Tabitha Grimm sang *Arkansas, You Run Deep in Me* by Waylon Holifield then sang and danced to *Arkansas Gals*. Miss Melanie's ballet class from Soul Motion Studios danced a folk tale by Echo.

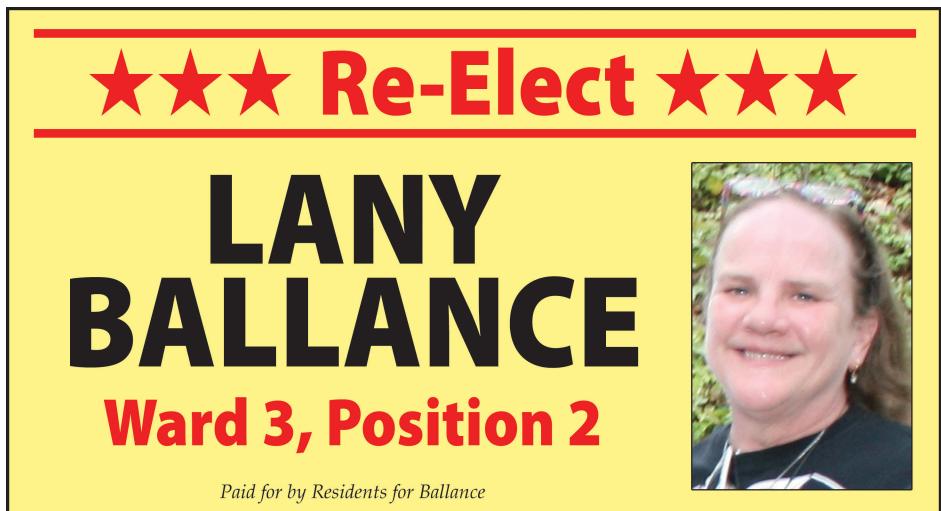
Arkansas Red provided the perfect musical setting as judges gathered to review the queen contestants' performances. After a difficult deliberation, Samatha Grat was crowned 65th Original Folk Festival Queen and received a \$500 scholarship, \$200 in cash and a package from the New Moon Spa. Her escort, Nicholas Walker, won \$75.

First runner-up was Mary Bartell, escorted by Ashton Shaw, and second runner-up was Kyla Boardman, escorted by Travis Ramsey. Also in the queen's court were Shannon Newcomb, escorted by Cody Grubbe and Kamelle Web, escorted by Keegan Wilbur.

Although it was a lot of work, contest organizer Robin Milam commented, "I am looking forward to next year and have been working with Kathy Lavender at the high school to do more in-depth education about the tradition of the contest. Meanwhile, I'm so proud of those kids. They're all winners in my book."



Reigning beauty – This year's Original Ozark Folk Festival Queen is Samantha Grat, escorted by Nicholas Walker.







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A friend dies, something of us dies Editor

This is the hardest letter I've had to write and one no parent should have to face.

We thank you for the gifts you gave, the cards you sent, the food you brought, but mostly for the stories you shared. They helped bring solace to a heart that knows none.

By bringing your piece of Jackson we were able to assemble a bigger picture than even I knew existed. If we are the sum of our parts, Jackson far exceeded his years, and his reach was global.

The last time I touched Jackson and looked into his eyes was at the Memphis airport when I answered his question, "Mom, do you love me?"

He was on his way home from

China the night I answered the phone to find out the next time I touched him would be in the box he arrives home in.

Jackson lives here Jackson loves here.

Charla and family

Ever date a parking pass?

Editor,

It is wonderful that Carnegie Library now has an annex that various organizations can use to hold meetings. Unfortunately, meetings usually last longer than one hour and if you park near the library longer than one hour, you receive a \$10 parking ticket.

May I suggest the library issue a dated parking pass to those who are attending meetings in the annex to preclude parking fines? We are there legally and most are there probably not more than once a month for a meeting. On Tuesday, October 30 the library

offered a computer class from 9:30 to 11:30 which meant those attending needed to leave the class half way through to move their vehicle or receive a \$10 parking fine. This is ludicrous. Wouldn't a dated parking pass solve the problem? Judith Leswig

Support follows direction and leadership

Editor,

As a supporter of our wonderful parks, through many efforts on several committees. I'm concerned that the current draft of the Master Plan to improve Leatherwood Park is simply insufficient to garner my trust for the upcoming tax initiative.

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WEEK'STopTweets

@cnnbrk --- 6.535.896: That's the number of customers without power across 13 states and Washington D.C.

@MotherJones ---MTA: "Subway system is 108 years old, but it has never faced a disaster as devastating

@Zen Moments --- Press on. Obstacles are seldom the same size tomorrow as they are today. ~ Robert H. Schuller

@FillWerrell --- I think the 2012 election was what the Mayans were warning us about.

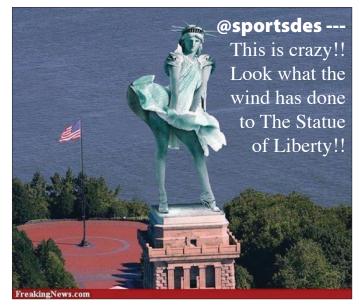
@ArkansasOnline --- Electoral College tie possible what then?

@BigBadGina --- Here we GO! This is DIVERSITY weekend in Eureka and BBG will play 3 RAWKING shows! Friday and Saturday nights.....

@Eureka_Springs --- Congratulations to Zeek Taylor... recipient of the Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award

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@MotherJones --- Is it Time to Start Adapting to Climate Change?



@breakingstorm ---- U.S.'s oldest nuclear power plant, Oyster Creek, put on alert for rising waters.



INDEPENDENTEditorial

It's all over but the voting

Seems like it was just the day before yesterday when nine Republicans threw their noodles into the deep end of the pool thinking they would be the survivor and the one to wear their Party's sash. Let's see, there was Newt. Rick Santorum. Michele Bachmann. Ron Paul. Rick Perry. Herman Cain. Tim Pawlenty. John Huntsman. Mitt Romney.

Democrats stood strong with only one contender.

Mitt Romney was the Republican survivor. He was named after a man who owned a chain of hotels.

Mitt Romney's net worth is somewhere between \$190 and \$260 million. So he's just like us, who have somewhere between \$190 and \$260 in our checking accounts and pockets, we're not sure of the exact amount, either. It's just a matter of zeroes.

Mitt's favorite foods are hot dogs and meatloaf cakes. He loves to sing. He fidgets. He's a Pisces. He has not failed in his faith. He insists on sound management principles. He believes the U.S. is leading the family of nations. Best not to ask the Queen of England about that.

And what of Barack Obama? Barack Hussein Obama. What does his name mean?

The O means male. Ba means soul, and Ma is the soul that comes from the sea. Interesting name, loaded with meaning. The ancient Hebrew name which goes back to Genesis, Barak, means thunder. And sun. Hussein, of course, means blessed.

And Barack Obama not only likes to sing, he can.

Sooo, we've heard speeches, debates, questions, opinions and crazy business coming out of these two candidates. We've formed opinions based on one or two specific things – Obamacare which either is comforting or makes one shudder, and jobs. Which are either comforting or make one shudder.

Neither of these men is exactly whom we want and we don't get to have the one we really want, whoever that is. Neither is the one we want because neither is perfect. Whatever that is. The point is to strive and hope and change. We have enough problems without deciding which of them is more popular. We have food, gas, rent and second hand clothes to buy, and that's about all our paychecks cover. We know that's all we need, and if that is gone we will live with less. Not learn to live with less, simply do it.

These two men are sprinting to the finish line and one will lunge. Honestly, it's up to them. It's not up to us anymore. We have given this presidential horserace more energy than any in our memory, including long shot races with Ross Perot and Ralph Nader and Ron Paul. We will vote, but the outcome is a coin flip.

We are colorful Americans who share tamales with strangers and cuss our politicians because we don't know why. Of course we hope for change, and expect it. Stuff changes and we're good at adapting.

So let these guys go. The power is not with either of them. They are both managers, not workers. We are the workers. We are the strength and backbone, not these guys who insist we need them to tell us what to do. We will do what we want. When we are rich we'll share and when we're poor we'll know how to survive. With brains. With love. With soul.

The power is not the vote, the power is the people. There will be an elected president by the middle of next week. But he won't be the boss of us.

We know if the Republican candidate is elected we would benefit only if we are rich. Very, very rich. We know if the Democratic candidate wins, there will be competence, compassion and direct communication with us. There will also be screwups. But we will have a manager who listens to us and to people all over the world.

We also know that whichever man prevails, we are at the mercy of nature and each other, not the manager who either wants to feed us or use us for personal profit.



ThePursuitOfHAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

y friend Hillary Rettig has introduced me to the term "manscaping." Broadly stated, manscaping is landscaping, but confined to the poky geography located between the soles of a man's feet and the little bald crown at the top of his head. Hillary's definition is blunter. "Manscaping," she says, "is taking some raw, unfinished, barely civilized grunter of a guy and making him fabulous."

As a man, more or less, I am inclined to think that manscaping is a fool's errand, but it is fun to know that such alchemy is alive and well, and to learn that there is a woman who believes that adulterous grunters, like say Bobby Petrino, can be "made fabulous." Frankly, it fills me with cheerfulness about my own potential.

Hillary's belief in manscaping has something to do with the fact that she writes Historical Romances. I've never read a Historical Romance but I think they involve taking formerly lively but currently dead couples and inventing a lot of hot and bothered hoodoo between them. How hot and how bothered depends on whether these are Christian Romances or *Fifty Shades of Grey*, but that dose of invention is the critical ingredient.

So it is, I think, with manscaping. Hillary's current project, for example, is to remake the Empress Theodora into a likeable and competent helpmate to her husband, the Roman Emperor Justinian I. According to Procopius, a historian of the time and author of *Secret History*, Theodora was an epic liar and had heels so round you could stamp Wilson on them and toss free throws. Hillary's novel, conversely, informs us that Procopius was actually a tiresome busybody, and that his *Secret History* is scurrilous and misogynistic.

Whichever version is true, we can be sure that Theodora was a lot more interesting than her husband. Justinian was, after all, just another politician, and he possessed not the faintest ambition to be fabulous. Yet, despite these irreducible flaws, Theodora was, according to Hillary, truly in love with that very dull man, and truly believed that he had the potential to be made fabulous – a much neater trick than writing history, or making it.

Reece: Media unfair

By BRYAN HIX

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GREEN FOREST — Following the recent publication of reports he characterizes as "exploitative" and "misleading," Green Forest Mayor Charles Reece says he is determined to see that the truth is told.

"There are times in most everyone's career that require setting the record straight," Reece said. "This is one of those times."

After delivering a presentation on leadership to a class of Green Forest fourth graders Wednesday morning, Reece sat down to answer questions concerning a few of the events he believes have been inaccurately reported.

Harrison Daily Times: You've expressed the opinion that two articles recently published in an area newspaper inaccurately represented the circumstances surrounding an illegal transfer of funds. Quotes from you, which appeared in both articles, indicated that you were aware of the illegality of the transfer at the time it was undertaken. What did you know and when did you know it?

Reece: As was reported in that newspaper, I determined that the revenue stream feeding our General Fund was becoming critical — we needed to do something quickly. It was further determined, after consultation with staff, that we could move funds from another department to the General Fund, but that the state auditors would need to be notified in advance. We approached the auditors and, at no time, did they recommend we transfer the funds. The auditors did, however, say that similar transfers had been done before, and that the transfer would simply be noted on the city's next audit as an "incident." I apologize to the auditors if, by implication, the impression was made that they approved the funds transfer. They did not.

HDT: So, what happened?

Reece: Since time was of the essence, I gave instructions to transfer money from the Streets Fund, without considering that those funds were "earmarked" for use on street projects. That was an error on my part, caused by a perceived sense of urgency. Once I realized an error had been made — that the street funds could not legally be moved — we corrected it immediately, and

instead moved funds from the Water Department. The decision to correct the error was in no way influenced by the articles that appeared in that newspaper. Both the paper and their reporter seemed to be implying that they had uncovered some kind of clandestine, sinister activity on my part or the city's part, and that is absolutely not true.

HDT: You've admitted not only that the transfer took place, but that it was, according to the letter of the law, illegal. With those two points clearly established, it seems to me that the reports in question were substantively accurate. That being said, what is your specific issue with respect to the coverage?

Reece: I believe that the author's implication that the transfer came about as the result of an intentional, conspiratorial act — was simply put forward in an attempt to sensationalize the incident. At no time did anyone involved with the Green Forest administration attempt to hide our activities, or this transaction, from the public. It was simply an error on my part. Any implication that we conspired to engage in illegal activity amounts to more than stretching the truth — it's a lie. The fact that the transfer was approved during a public city council meeting, in the presence of the city's attorney, should put that particular conspiracy theory to rest once and for all. According to the Arkansas Municipal League, this type of transfer is fairly common, and not even considered to be unusual.

HDT: Based on what you've told me so far, I'm not sure which component of the articles you're taking exception to. Can you elaborate?

Reece: The "fourth estate" — that is, the press — is an essential element of our democracy but, in recent years, it seems like some in the media are less concerned with delivering the news, and more enamored with the concept of seeing who, or what, they can "bring down." I never thought I would see the day that the newspaper of our esteemed late mayor, Ted Larimer, would conduct itself in such an irresponsible manner. Does the media need to report? Yes, but they need to report the news instead of trying to make the news. To say I'm disappointed with the current state of

affairs is an understatement.

HDT: So, in essence, your criticism is not related to the content of the reports but, rather, the style in which they were written?

Reece: Exactly. There are ways to report the news without trying to make it controversial, in-flammatory or titillating. I have read several articles in that paper that may very well have been true, but the writing style was obviously slanted in an attempt to embellish the truth. Responsible journalism should never be sacrificed in the interest of glorifying the reporter. For every story that is sensationalized, there will likely be unintended consequences. When a reporter reckless-ly bandies about the addresses of juveniles or crime victims, it can cause significant hardship for those involved.

HDT: I take it your referring to something more than just the articles related to the funds transfer? Reece: Absolutely. That particular publication has adopted such a "tabloid" style of writing, it's difficult to tell the difference between their reporting and that of, say, "The National Enquirer" or "The Weekly World News." I'm just waiting for them to come out with a piece on "Bat Boy" (laughs). I talk to quite a few people in the area, and I'm not the only one who has noticed a negative change in that paper's content. Some of the trash they have been printing raises serious questions regarding their editorial integrity. Look at the inaccurate quotes in the article about Sunday alcohol sales. There was another piece written about (Carroll County Judge) Sam Barr, with no author credited, that came across as both juvenile and hateful. So much so, in fact, that it read more like an attempt at character assassination than a traditional OpEd column. I've also heard several people express their disgust with the "reports" that paper published about the Drew Ray and J.J. (James Eugene Johnson) incidents. Some have commented to me that they felt certain portions of those stories bordered on being pornographic. Is that what you guys (reporters) call news these days? I really hope that's not the case because, if it is, I'm concerned about our future as a society.

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The dining's fine at Food & Wine!

symphony of succulence about to hit the tablecloths in Eureka Springs' gastronomical emporiums between Nov. 7 and 11.

Food and Wine Festival events kick off on Wednesday, Nov. 7, with the First Sip Raimondo Wine Release Party at DeVito's, 5 Center Street, from 5 – 7 p.m. Try vintner Margie Roeland's new Red Blend. Appetizers will be served. The fee is \$7 per person.

DeVito's will host a Raimondo Wine Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 11, starting at 6 p.m. Menu will include spiced pumpkin soup, a cranberry crunch salad, crab stuffed shrimp, wild mushroom ravioli with Alfredo sauce and green beans with lemon and pine nuts. Dessert is individual chocolate molten cakes. Reservations (479) 253-6807.

The StoneHouse on 89 S. Main Street offers a "Cabernet-Off" Thursday through Saturday, 1 - 10 p.m. each day. A variety of cabernets will be offered with cheeses to complement.

Ermilio's Restaurant at 26 White Street offers a special menu Thursday and Friday nights. The first course of stuffed mushrooms will be followed by a slow braised pork osso bucco with a wild mushroom rosemary demi-glaze on roasted garlic mashed potatoes. The osso bucco will be paired with Antinori Villa Tuscana LGT wine. For dessert, cannoli with fresh strawberries along with prosecco and Campari bellini.

The Grand Taverne, inside the Grand Central Hotel at 37 N. Main, will offer food and wine pairings each night of the festival. Try the pan-seared sea scallops in lobster butter sauce or his Chef Dave's signature duck dish. Local, regional, national, and international wines will be presented along with creative dishes.

Linda Hager, founder of the Food and Wine Weekend and owner/chef of

Don't miss a beet in the the Cottage Inn Restaurant, 450 W. Van Buren, will host California Wine Dinners Thursday through Sunday night from 5 - 8 p.m. Each evening a different four-course meal will be paired with a selection of boutique California wines. Reservations (479) 253-5282.

> The Garden Bistro, 199 N. Main. brings a wonderful meal featuring an appetizer, salad, soup and a choice of two entrees with hearty portions to the table. Garden Bistro has a full bar with organic wines and delicious dessert choices. Locavores love the use of just picked fruits, vegetables, herbs and locally produced meats and dairy.

> Speaking of locavores, Patrice Gros will give a special tour of his USDA certified organic farm on Nov. 9, 1–2 p.m. Foundation Farm grows more than 30 different vegetables and herbs over four seasons. For directions and information, call (479) 253-7461.

You may be enjoying some Foundation Farm produce Saturday from local chef and culinary instructor, Karen Gros's Cuisine Karen cooking classes featuring locally grown ingredients and French-inspired menus. Friday's class is demonstration only, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and costs \$30. Saturday's class is hands-on from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. and costs \$40. The menu for both is a velvety chili-lavender potato soup with homemade crème fraiche and a classic Parisian apple tarte-tatin. Classes are held in Gros's home at 10 Woolridge. (479) 253-7461.

There will be a Barrel/ Tank Tasting and Amateur Wine Competition at Keels Creek Winery, 3185 E. Van Buren, Saturday, Nov. 10, 3-5 p.m. A number of barreled wines will be compared with each other and with the 2012 crop in final stages of production. Various cheese selections pair with each of the wines. Cost is \$30 per person and space is limited. Reservations (479) 253-9463.

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INDEPENDENTConstablesOnPatrol

OCTOBER 22

9:19 a.m. – Employee mistakenly tripped a burglar alarm in a business. 9:44 a.m. – Someone discarded tires near a city street. Constable checked the scene, but since the tires were on private property, the property owner would have to be consulted.

11:00 a.m. – Tools were stolen from the new high school construction site. 11:18 a.m. – Animal Control captured an unchaperoned dog along Hwy. 23S. He eventually released it to its owner and offered advice about leash laws.

October 23

5:38 a.m. – Two constables and a tow truck responded when a vehicle found itself teetering over a ledge. Tow truck was able to pull the vehicle back to safety.

9:37 a.m. – A police scanner was stolen from a resident of an apartment house. 9:47 a.m. – Woman came to the station to report an incident that occurred at her work.

10 a.m. - Citizen reported receiving

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harassing communications.

10:50 a.m. – Constable responded to the high school and arrested a student for possession of a controlled substance.

11:04 a.m. – A Terrier attacked a woman walking her dog. Woman had a couple of scratches and dog seemed okay. Animal Control gathered information.

11:18 a.m. – Constable responded to a bus stuck on Spring Street and escorted it to a parking lot.

8:54 p.m. – Central dispatch asked for assistance because a sheriff's deputy was not answering his radio. Constable made contact and everything was okay. 9:26 p.m. – Constable checked on the doors at the elementary school, and the front door was locked but open. Constable obtained a key to unlock then properly lock the door.

9:55 p.m. – An 85-year old gentleman who was not supposed to be driving had been gone for four hours. Constable searched for him to no avail, but the gentleman made it home on his own.

October 24

2:31 p.m. – There was a traffic accident downtown.

9:36 p.m. – Establishment on US 62 requested extra patrols during the night.

October 25

6:20 a.m. – Resident of an apartment complex thought he heard someone trying to break in. Constable responded and checked the scene.

10:23 a.m. – Former patient came to the emergency room at ESH upset with her bill. She and a hospital employee had an altercation, and the employee claims the person almost ran her over in the parking lot. Hospital asked the officer to speak with the upset person. 10:42 a.m. – A semi driver had driven past his destination and was headed toward the Historic Loop. Constable assisted the driver get to his destination.

11:41 a.m. – A mother asked for an officer to speak with her daughter's boyfriend. She did not want him to return because of his harassment. Officer spoke to the boyfriend and he agreed not to return to the residence.

12:22 p.m. – Animal Control spoke with the owner of barking dogs about noise complaints.

October 26

7:09 a.m. – Resident near downtown complained about dogs howling all night and waking up her granddaughter. Constable did not hear any dogs howling but he did see two free-range canines in the vicinity. He could not catch them but told Animal Control.

7:16 a.m. – EMS requested officer assistance for a combative patient.

10:15 a.m. – Concerned resident informed ESPD of texts from a person who said he had a gun and wanted to kill someone. Two constables found the subject and spoke with him. He had been in a fight but had calmed down. He did go to ESH to get checked out. 11:10 a.m. – Constables on patrol fixed a faulty change machine in the courthouse parking lot.

4:32 p.m. – Witness reported seeing a truck that a friend had posted on Facebook as having been stolen. ESPD took information, but the vehicle was not confirmed to be stolen.

4:48 p.m. – Constables performed traffic assistance to clear a traffic jam downtown.

5:22 p.m. – Complainant told ESPD a person was relentless in texting and calling about getting a ride somewhere. She wanted to know how to get the person to stop.

5:55 p.m. – Person said she had information about a case and wanted to speak with a specific officer. She was asked to fill out a statement.

5:55 p.m. – Person reported her dog missing.

6:00 p.m. – Two vehicles bumped in a parking lot.

7:26 p.m. - A wood chipper elicited several noise complaints. Callers were told the noise ordinance goes into effect at 10 p.m.

8:46 p.m. – Resident cited several parking issues in his neighborhood because of event going on nearby. Constable responded and there was not much he could do except counsel complainant.

9:29 p.m. - Motorist spotted a reckless

driver on U.S. 62. All units and nearby deputies were alerted.

October 27

6:01 a.m. – Employee of a restaurant mistyped the alarm code on the burglary alarm, so it started ringing.

6:54 a.m. – Another alarm sounded, this time at a residence. A neighbor gave the address of an empty house nearby, but the owner of that property said he had no alarm. Constable checked a home under renovation across the street, but everything was secure there, also.

8:21 a.m. – A vehicle was parked in a No Parking zone and it blocked a driveway. Constable issued a citation and red-tagged the vehicle for removal in 24 hours.

10:29 a.m. – Two constables met an individual at the courthouse parking lots because he had a valid permit for 88 spaces for Mini-Coopers all day.

11:01 a.m. – A faucet was running at the train station. ESPD notified Public Works.

1:59 p.m. – Motorist spoke with an officer about a disputed parking ticket. 4:09 p.m. – There was a minor traffic accident on the Historic Loop. No injuries.

6:43 p.m. – Constable responded to motorists downtown who needed assistance.

11:19 p.m. – An individual told ESPD his mother had gone on a date in Eureka Springs and had not returned any of his calls for nine hours. Constable checked where her car was supposed to be parked and it was not there. However, the mother made contact soon afterwards and everything was okay.

October 28

1:23 a.m. – As a result of a routine traffic stop, the driver was arrested for DWI, driving on a suspended license, and driving left of center.

1:57 a.m. – Resident complained of dogs barking in her neighborhood again, but constable did not hear any dogs barking.

4:28 p.m. – Two Great Danes bit a dog owner's hand while she was trying to break up a fight between those two and her dog.

Celebrate 100 years of hope on 11-11 at 11

First Baptist–Penn Memorial Church, 100 Spring Street, (across from the Post Office) is celebrating *100 Years Of Hope* on Nov. 11, 11 a.m. at the church.

The theme, "Voices From the Stained Glass," will feature guests speaking right from the church's famous stained glass windows along with a special program to commemorate First Baptist–Penn Memorial's Centennial Celebration.

The Church will recognize veterans from that era, as well as all those who have ever served. The community is invited to share in this once-ina-lifetime, 100-year event. There is sure to be someone you know, perhaps even one of your ancestors. Come enjoy a fascinating and historical time in history and welcome friends of Eureka Springs from the past and present to their Centennial Homecoming!

Lunch will be provided after the service in the church fellowship hall. For further information, please contact the church at 253-9770.

Help celebrate Community First's 15th Anniv.

The public is invited to celebrate the 15^{th} Anniversary of Community First Bank in Eureka Springs and Berryville with lunch on Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be a 15-prize giveaway drawing. Registration is going on now at both locations.

Between Oct. 29 and Nov. 2 free personalized instant-issue debit cards will also be available, so bring in your favorite picture! For more information, phone (479) 253-0500.



Joy Pennington (I.), executive director of the Arkansas Arts Council, and Cathie Matthews (r.), director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, flank Karin Boudet Ford and Zeek Taylor as Gov. Mike Beebe presents Taylor with the Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement in Little Rock on Monday.

Photo by John Rankine



Guess who – These guests at the Mad Hatter Ball were part of a packed room at the Crescent Hotel last Friday night. If you can't guess ... we're not tellin! PHOTO BY JERRY HINTON



IPRFD board election Nov. 7 – call for candidates

The Annual Meeting and Election of Board Commissioners for Inspiration Point Rural Fire Protection District will be Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at Station 1 on US 62W and Ozark Automotive Road. There will be an election for two board positions. If you wish to be a candidate for a board position please email Patricia Helwig (phelwig@ip-fire.org) with a short biography as soon as possible.

More mentors, please

During the last two school years the community volunteer mentor program has helped students in kindergarten through fourth grade improve reading and math skills. The success of this program has made community mentoring an important element of student academic and personal success.

This year the elementary school is in need of several more volunteer mentors to assist kindergartners in learning ABCs and 123s. Small group positions are also open with 1st and 2nd graders. The teacher will have lessons prepared for you and will be nearby should you have any questions.

Please consider signing up for a couple of hours one day each week to help children become successful learners. Contact Donna Kesner at (479) 253-8704 if interested.



Checkmates – Sisters Sara (top arrow) and Gabi (in pink) Bloch placed 10th and 19th respectively in the Arkansas State Chess Tournament organized by the Chess Association for Arkansas Schools. The annual event is a United States Chess Federation-rated tournament, and was hosted this year by Izard County Consolidated School on Oct. 20. The tournament was refereed by Arkansas Chess Association president Steve Paulson (standing, top left). Both girls are 7th grade Eureka Springs School students and play in the 1A-2A junior high division. Daughters of Kaja and Frantiska Bloch, the girls practice a few days a week and their coaches, James Wainscott and Kaja Bloch, are very proud of their clever moves on the chessboard.

Photo by Kaja Bloch





Stock up at Christmas Bazaar Nov. 2, 3

All Faith United Methodist Church's annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Bazaar is Friday, Nov. 2, noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Eagle Rock.

Both new and returning vendors will have plenty of creative items. Breakfast will be served on Saturday, and ham and beans, chicken salad and lots of other good things to eat on Friday afternoon and Saturday. Santa will there Saturday morning at 11!

All Faith United Methodist Church is located on Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock, Mo. next to Uncle Roy's convenience store.

Elks offer a great breakfast Nov. 3

Holiday Island Elks Lodge 1042 Auxiliary is having a community All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, Nov. 3, from 7 - 10:30 a.m. at the Elks Lodge 1042, Holiday Island in the Holiday Island Business Park. Menu includes: pancakes, biscuits & gravy, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, children (under 12) \$3.

Unitarians welcome Fran Taylor

Sunday, November 4 – Fran Taylor, guide at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, will show the documentary, *The Art of Crystal Bridges from Vision to Reality* and share a few of the treasures from her experiences at the world's newest premiere art

attraction. It's also Soup Sunday: Soup, bread, juice, wine, coffee, tea and great conversation – \$4 adults, children \$2, with \$10/max per family. Please join us Sundays at 11 a.m. 17 Elk Street. Extra parking at Ermilio's lot, 26 White Street. Child care provided. (479) 253-0929. Decked out on the deck hary's Jerky on N. Main was decked out for Halloween with sound effects and this creepy ... uh, person, Monster jerky, anyone?

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EUREKA SPRINGS ELECTION ISSUE

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS, TO BE USED BY THE EUREKA SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION EXCLUSIVELY FOR AND TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN LAKE LEATHERWOOD CITY PARK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED LAKE LEATHERWOOD CITY PARK MASTER PLAN AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS THERETO

(Proposed by Initiative Petition of the People) BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Under the authority of the Authorizing Legislation, there is hereby levied a one-eighth of one percent tax on the gross receipts from the sale at retail within the City of all items that are subject to the Arkansas Gross Receipts Tax Act of 1941, as amended (A.C.A. 26-52-101, et seq.) and the imposition of an excise (or use) tax on the storage, use, distribution or other consumption within the City of tangible or personal property subject to the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, as amended (A.C.A. 26-53-101 et seq) at a rate of one-eighth (.125) of one percent (1/8%) of the sale price of the property or, in the case of leases or rentals, of the lease, or rental price (collectively "the Sales and Use Tax).

Section 2. The Sales and Use Tax collections received by the City, after the State of Arkansas deduct its administrative charges, shall be used soley to assist in funding (a) capital improvement at Lake Leatherwood City Park, (b) maintainance at and of Lake Leatherwood City Park and (c) in accordance with the approved Lake Leatherwood City Park Master Plan. The Sales and Use Tax shall be levied and collected only on the first \$2500 of gross receipts, gross proceeds or sales price from each single transaction.

Section 3. That all ordinances with parts thereof in conflict therein are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall not take effect until an election is held on the question of levying the Sales and Use Tax at which a majority of the electors voting on the question shall have approved the levy of the Sales and Use Tax.

- O For the above ordinance
- O Against the above ordinace

INDEPENDENTNews

Good times at Eureka House Concert Nov. 4

The Eureka House Concerts will present Laurie McClain on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the UU church building at 17 Elk Street. Laurie McCain's songs touch that pure deep part of your soul and make you happy to be human. She's a master storyteller with meaningful lyrics and a sweet, vulnerable voice.

Meet and Greet Potluck at 5 p.m. Music starts at 6 with the

old time sounds of Jones Van Jones. For more info, call (479) 244-0123. Don't miss the last house concert of 2012!

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losing people to those states.

Berry: That is a Republican idea and it would gouge you and me, low and middle income folks. Corporations would benefit because they would not have to pay tax on their incomes. Folks in Eureka Springs would be paying maybe 15-16 percent sales tax on groceries?!?

Do you support vouchers for private schools?

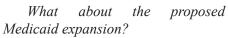
Ballinger: I support programs for school choice. I used to work in public schools so it matters to me. I think competition helps, so if the money followed the student wherever he went, it would give smaller schools a chance to compete and teachers at good schools would get paid better. The voucher idea is one part of it.

Berry: I support public schools. The public should not support private schools. If a family chooses to send a child to a private school, that's fine, but they should pay for it.

Should home-schooled kids have to pass the same requirements as other students?

Ballinger: Yes, and they do. And I am not for any additional regulations for home-schoolers.

Berry: Yes. All students should be held to the same standards.



Ballinger: Actually it is the first step of implementing Obamacare in Arkansas and we cannot afford it. The first three years would be all government money, so essentially we would be borrowing money from somebody. It is essentially a tax increase that borrows from our greatgrandchildren. We're already on a thin budget, so where will the state get the money to pay its share in three years? From schools? Prisons? Health and human services? It will have to be either a tax increase or drastic cuts in government. We're already struggling and I'm not willing to make that trade.

Berry: It's actually an extension, not an expansion. We're extending help to 250,000 working Arkansans and 54,000 children. Eureka Springs Hospital will get \$246,000 and Mercy Hospital \$630,000. It will bring more jobs to the area and everyone benefits. It will help people who don't have much money.

Which will it be - puppies or kittens?

Ballinger: Puppies, definitely.

Berry: Ooh, that's the toughest question of all. If I have to choose, okay, puppies.

The concert starts with a



TheNATUREofEUREKA

by Steven Foster

Ice ribbons and frost flowers

ice traveling up the stem of roadside plants that you may have noticed on a recent early morning? They are "frost flowers" "ice flowers" or "ice ribbons" and are found on two plant species at this time of year native to the Ozarks. Those seen on plants in ditches or at the edge of a road are probably from White Crownbeard, Frostweed or Tickweed (Verbesina virginica).

aster family, it sports ragged white flowers in flat-topped clusters. It's a plant you probably won't notice until now - the moment of the first

hat are those ribbons of few hard freezes of autumn. Frost flowers form during the first few hard frosts as capillary action draws moisture up the vascular bundle of the dead stems from the roots, then the watery sap freezes, expands and transforms into crystals ribbons of beautiful, layered, ice formations along the stem.

Another plant Dittany habitats also produces frost flowers. You probably have to go a little out of your way to see them, unless you drive along a forested dirt road early in the morning. This little oregano-scented mint family member is common in our woods.

On the first frosty morning of autumn, the still active roots send

found in woodlands, American A late blooming member of the (Cunila origanoides), which grows in dry, wooded mostly on west or south-facing slopes, PHOTOS BY STEVEN FOSTER

Metaphysical meeting

Holistic healer Lilian Bern will speak at the metaphysical meeting Monday, Nov. 5, 7 - 9 p.m. at 68 Mountain St. in the reading room of the Christian Science church.

Eureka Springs West monthly showcase Nov. 6

There will be an ESW Member Open House Tues., Nov. 6, 5 - 7 p.m. at the Eureka Springs KOA, 15020 Hwy. 187 S. Come and enjoy s'mores, hot chocolate, apple cider, coffee and a surprise or two. Hobnob and network with friends, neighbors and members of ESW!

Masticate on this ...

Food For Thought, a free evening of appetizers and entertainment, will be held at Caribe on Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. Come and listen to the Eureka Springs Christian Writers Group as they share their latest creative endeavors-including Metaphorological Weather-Tainment, musical performances, poetry, and more. All are welcome. For more information, call Studio 62 (479) 363-9209.

Food for Thought, sponsored by Eureka Springs Christian Writers Group and Studio 62, is in its 4th year. Ron Lutz, event director, had a simple motive when he conceived the idea: give people an evening out with no strings attached while offering the writers a chance to share their works with the public. An excuse for a party! The varieties of writings offer many different perceptions on life and faith. People who have attended Food for Thought often remark, "It's not at all like we expected."

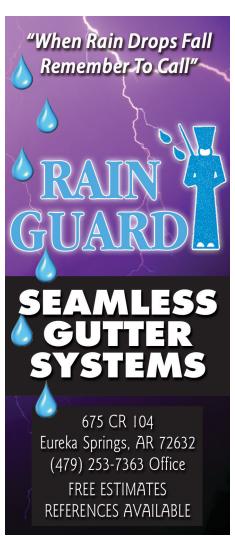
cell sap toward the stems, now cracked and beginning to



die back to the ground. As the sap from the root tries to make its way up the cracked stems, the freezing air turns moisture-laden sap at the base of the stems into fluted, twisted, lavered ribbons of ice that look like Christmas ribbon candy.

This phenomena usually occurs only during the first few frosts of the year, though American Dittany can produce frost flowers for several weeks, depending upon soil moisture and weather conditions.

Of course, another plant that is a definitive barometer of the season's first hard freeze is the tomato. If one morning your tomato plants suddenly turn black then likely we've just had our first frost.



ARTAttack by John Rankine

uch was made of Mitt Romney's attack on Big Bird during the first presidential debate, creating some pretty funny stuff that exploded all over the blogosphere and Facebook. But all joking aside, Romney, if elected, will not only deliver Big Bird on a giant platter, he will cut and slash all federal arts funding. And it really will be "all," if he and a Republican Senate majority get their way. He pronounced as much last August in a CNN Fortune interview.

The arts are a vital part of any civilized society, and how we treat the arts in this country speaks volumes about our cultural identity and where it might be headed. Already, U.S. spending on the arts lags

behind most of Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

Romney's plan to reduce our five trillion dollar



Eureka's own Zeek Taylor have been strong supporters of Photo by John Rankine

the arts in Arkansas, and Beebe spoke of the importance of the

arts and their lucrative economic impact on our state.

day.

Last year, Kansas was the first state to

deficit by dismantling PBS and

the National Endowment for the

Arts and Humanities is beyond

ludicrous. The taxpayer cost of

PBS and NEA funding is less

than the one-day cost of our

wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Yes, you read that right – one

of seeing Eureka Springs artist

and good friend Zeek Taylor

accept his Arkansas Arts Council

Governor's award for Lifetime

Achievement in the Arts at an

awards luncheon at the Peabody

Hotel in Little Rock. It was a

proud and emotional moment

when Zeek took the stage to

Beebe and his wife, Ginger,

shake Gov. Beebe's hand.

Last Monday I had the honor

eliminate all arts funding under the leadership of Gov. Sam Brownback. This vear, the enlightened right wing governor reversed his controversial cuts and reinstated \$700,000 back



into the arts. Apparently, Brownback lost out on \$1.7 million in matching federal funds; was unprepared for the mounting criticism from even his conservative base; and oblivious to the amount of revenue generated by the arts in his state.

I have to admit my bias as someone on the receiving end of arts funding. A Canada Council Grant in the early '80s allowed me to leave my homeland and explore my new life as a visual artist, and last year I was honored to be the recipient of an Arkansas Arts Council Individual Fellowship.

And this is much more than just the money, which admittedly came in handy, it was also a huge boost to my confidence as an artist from my peers - a Sally Field, "you like me, you really, really like me," moment.

I'm not sure of the price tag one can put on the arts, but seeing my friend and colleague Zeek Taylor receive his award for a lifetime spent doing the only thing he ever wanted to do – was priceless.

INDEPENDENTArt

Nov. 10 is Thyme for Home and Hearth

Celebrating the theme of Home and Hearth in the November Gallery Stroll, Eureka Thyme features Les Brandt and Mark Rademacher. His explorations include journeys in form and



texture making use of native northwest Ark. woods brought down in storms or by utility companies. Thus his art reveals the beautiful visual and tactile qualities of his medium, but not at the expense of the



environment.

Also on hand in the gallery will be Mark Rademacher, long-time Eureka Springs resident and artist who creates one-of-a-kind pieces in clay and wood. Also, come see and play the beautiful tone drums he constructs in the timeless tradition of African craftsmanship. His classic vases, architectural creations and unique drums will all be showcased.

Come meet both artists at Eureka Thyme, 19 Spring St., on Nov. 10, 1 - 4 p.m. and again from 6 -9 p.m. during the Stroll - and enjoy hot apple cider and other comfortable refreshments.

Willer exhibit at **Grand Taverne Nov. 10**

There will be an exhibition of paintings by John Robert Willer, some new and some never shown before, at the Grand Central Hotel's Grand Taverne on Nov. 10. A reception for Willer will begin at 6:30 p.m. Come on out and view some wonderful art and have a great conversation.

The hand-made's tale

During the 65th Annual Original Ozark Folk Festival the merchants at Pine Mountain Village in Eureka Springs are opening their parking lot to artists and crafts people for the second annual allhand-made Fall Craft Fair on Nov. 3 from 8 a.m.

- 5 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Angel Voices Karaoke. Village shops will also be open for early Christmas shopping.

Italian artist at Vintage Cargo Nov. 11

Be first in line at one of the most exciting tabletop events of the season and welcome Vietri's maestro painter, Alessandro Taddei and National Sales Manager, Holli Draughn, to Vintage Cargo on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

will demonstrate Alessandro painting techniques and sign purchased pieces as Holli speaks about Italy's holiday season, its many traditions and the true inspiration behind Vietri's number one holiday collection - Old St. Nick. Alessandro will make Vietri pieces even more special with Italian messages and the signature of a great Italian artisan. Join the excitement and have your holiday gifts and treasures signed by this maestro artisan!

A lucky shopper visiting Vintage Cargo between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Nov. 10 will win a special Italian treasure. This will be a fun and festive event, full of Italian creativity - and everyone's welcome. Vintage Cargo is located at 41 Kingshighway. For more information, call (479) 253-5943, or email cjacobs@vintagecargo.net.

Evening Market & music Nov. 8

Don't miss Evening Fall Harvest Festival, Nov. 8 from 4-9 p.m. at the Eureka Farmers' Market at Pine Mountain Village. Enjoy music from The Ozark Flavor from 4-7 p.m. followed by the laidback sounds of DJ Steve.

Come sing, dance, get your mitts on some barbecued food and spend an evening with all your favorite vendors and friends.

The Thursday morning market (7 a.m. until noon) will operate as usual starring some wonderful sweet potatoes, eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, okra and squash with fall crops like turnips, radishes, arugula, lettuce, bok choy and swiss chard.

Stock up on some chicken, eggs, beef, home-made baked goods, potatoes, garlic, beautiful flowers and lots of beautiful fresh veggies along with hand crafted bags, fresh honey and hot (and not) peppers.

There's always free coffee in the gathering place.

Two for the (date) books at Writers' Colony

Live jazz will serenade you at California Uncorked, as if sampling delicious wines paired with appetizers wasn't enough to tempt you to visit the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 4:30 p.m. It's a fundraiser for the Colony, so treat yourself to some fine wine, delicious food, and pick up a bottle or two of your favorites. Tickets are \$15, and there's a chance to win a \$100 bottle of wine.

More fun follows on Nov. 10 with the Grand Opening of 505 Spring St. as the clock rolls back to the Fabulous Fifties and a tour of the historic Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired Usonian home from 3-6 p.m. (In 1936, when the United States was in the depths of an economic depression, American architect Wright developed a series of homes he called Usonian.) Beginning at 7 p.m., rock the night away in the Basin Park Hotel ballroom and enjoy a full dinner. Come in your best Fifties attire or just come casual. Tickets are \$35. There will be valet service to the hotel.

To reserve tickets or for more information, call (479) 253-7444.

Praise and Worship Nov. 11

A Praise and Worship service will be in held on Nov. 11, 6 p.m. at the Holiday Island Community Church Fellowship Hall, 188 Stateline Drive.

The service will feature Kerry and Heather Hays and the H.I.C.C. Praise Band. Come and worship with us. This is a relaxed and casual atmosphere so come just as you are.

Refreshments will be served following the service. Everyone is welcome!

PASSAGES

Elizabeth Atchley Green, April 29, 1925 – Oct. 29, 2012

Elizabeth Atchley Green, a resident of Eureka



Springs, was born April 29, 1925 in Akron, Ohio, a daughter of Ernest B. and Mary Agnes (Mason) Atchley. She departed this life Monday, October 29 in Fayetteville at age 87.

Elizabeth was a member of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. She attended the

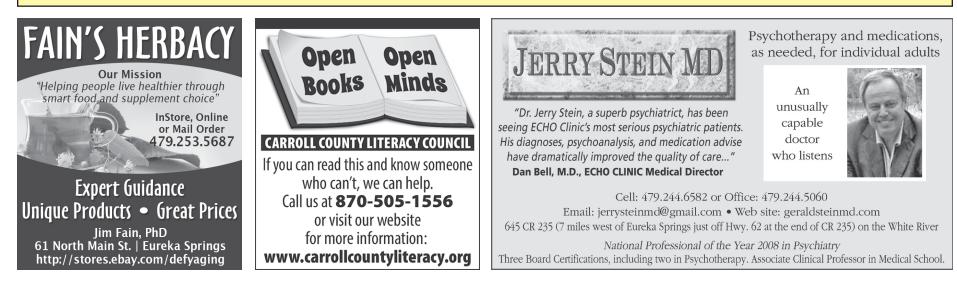
University of Kansas City in 1942-46 where she received a Bachelor of Arts with majors in Biology and English. She attended the George Washington University, Washington, DC, in 1947-48 at the School of Medical Technology, where she received a certificate in Medical Technologist-Registered-American Society of Clinical Pathologists. She was a co-founder of the Bell Ringer School for handicapped children in Bartlesville, Okla. Elizabeth was owner/operator of Fleece 'N Flax in Eureka Springs from 1972 until present.

On February 3, 1945, she was united in marriage with Jess Green who survives her of the home. She is also survived by four children, Jess D. Green, III of Franklin, Tenn.; David D. Green of Boston, Mass.; Mary E. Green of Conway, Ark.; Mark A. Green of Glenview, Ill.; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews

and a host of friends and loved ones.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Rosary will be 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, at the Nelson's Chapel of the Springs. Funeral Mass will be 11:30 a.m.. Saturday, Nov. 3, at St. Elizabeth's in Eureka Springs with Father Shaun Wesley officiating. Interment will follow at the Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 30 Crescent Drive, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.



Would you like fri ... er, a prize ... with that burger?

Get your best burger entered for fun and prizes in the Bragging Rights Cook Off on Friday, Nov. 9, at 10:30 in the Pine Mountain Village Parking lot. Hamburglers of all ages are invited to enter in the individual category along with several restaurants that have already signed up. You can't beat 'em if you don't join 'em! The contest kicks off a number of events for Veterans' Day weekend.

The prizes for best all around grill cook are: 1st place: One eyepopping trophy, a large Uncle Jerry's Pizza at Cafe Amoré, and one night's stay at the Ozark Swiss Motel. 2nd Place: trophy and a \$25 gift

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> Organizers recommend that the public coming to judge the best hamburger in town save room for all those hamburgers! There is a small sampling fee that will be donated toward the public service work of American Legion Post 9.

> To enter as a restaurant, grill cook or home cook email dragonglitz11@ aol.com or phone (479) 253-6601.

EATINGOUT in our cool little town



FAME CAME LATE[©] - Chapter 5 (cont.)

"Is my Jimmy in trouble?"

Fame Came Late © is an unpublished historical manuscript written by Lida Wilson Pyles (1906-2000). It is the story as she was told about Eureka Springs bear hunter, John Gaskins. Pyles married into the Gaskins family in 1924.

The day's work was finished and the men had all gone home to do their own chores. Susan cleared away the dishes and prepared for the next day's meal. Her husband walked out to where she was clearing the long table fashioned of crude, rough boards, placed across sawed-off logs for support.

"I think Sam can pretty well take care of what's bein' done tomorrow. I'm goin' down to Horse Shoe Bend on White River. I probably won't be back fer two or three days."

"Whatever for?" his wife asked and continued, "What in the world needs doin' down there that you would go off an' leave all these men workin?"

"Well, fer one thing, Wilse Beaver sent me word that th' bears have been pesterin' him somethin' awful. Said he would pay me a good price if I would bring my dogs an' come down an' clean 'em out fer him. I can use th' money an' he's able to pay it. You know I never charge them that ain't able to pay. That's why I feel bounden to go when somebody sends fer me that is able to pay."

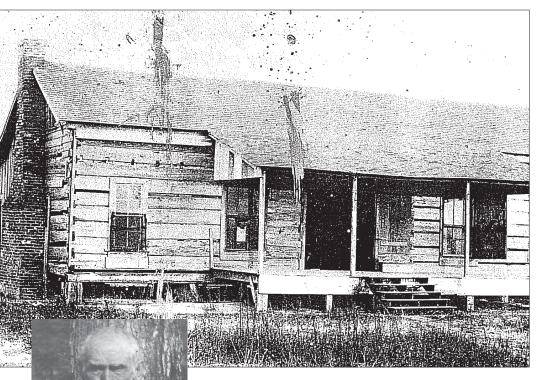
"I know, Johnny, that you don't allus

take pay fer what you do. Do you think this'll take you two or three days?"

"No, I reckon not but there's somethin' else that's a-botherin' me. I heard yesterday that a man with his whole family in a wagon has come down into Horseshoe Bend lookin' fer some land that he could homestead. I don't think there's any thing down there that ain't all ready took up. Winter is comin' on and he's goin' to need to get his family inside somewheres."

"And what do you expect to do about that, Johnny?" Susan asked. "I was jest a-thinkin' that I've got that little piece of land down there that Ol' Man Turner give me when I cleaned th' bears out of his part of th' woods. He didn't need it. The river cut it off from th' rest of his land. He jest give it to me. I think I'll go down there and see if the stranger can use it. I would never miss it and it might jest give him what he needs to get started. He seems to be kinda down on his luck."

"You are a good man, Johnny Gaskins," Susan commented and added, "but it does seem to me that you are needed here pretty bad. But I know you and when you set your head, a team of wild horses couldn't turn



you. If you have set your head on goin' down there, there is nothin' I could do to stop you, even if I wanted to, which I don't. If you've got your head set to go anyway, you might find out while you are down there if there is anything the family needs that we could help with. I wouldn't want newcomers to think they had moved into a bunch of heathens who would not help where help was

needed."

As he called his dogs and prepared to leave, he turned to his wife and said, "Your bark is worse than your bite, Susan. You are jest as willin' to help others as I am. I'll find out what we can do."

Susan went about preparing for the next day's work of cooking for the working men. But... her mind kept going back to what her friend had told her about Rosa Beck's expected baby.

"Hit's a cryin' shame," she said to herself. "I don't know if my Jimmy is the father or not, but whoever it is, the girl's life is ruined. It's likely that her Pa won't let her stay at home any more. He might get some of the boys around here to marry her, whether they fathered it or not. I'll talk to Jimmy about it, the first chance I get."

The chance was not long in coming. Jimmy came into the house looking for some liniment. "Ma, where's that batch o' liniment you was makin' yesterday?"

"It's a-settin' up on th' top shelf in th' smoke house. What do you want with it?" his mother asked, "is somebody hurt?"

"No, nothin' bad. I dropped the end of a log on my foot yesterday an' it's kinda sore this mornin'."

"I don't know jest how good that batch will be," his mother told him. "I didn't have as much linseed oil as I usually put in it. Maybe it'll help some."

When he returned with the bottle she said, "Son, while we are here by ourselves, there's somethin' I want to talk to you about."

"I'm a-listenin', Ma. What's on your mind?"

"Well," she began, "yesterday I heard some gossip that's been a-botherin' me ever since I heard it." Before she got any further with her planned speech, he interrupted her.

"I don't doubt that you heard some gossip, Ma. When two women get together there is always

gossip, you know that. What is it that's troublin' you?" her son asked.

"It's about that Rosa Beck. They say she is in the family way and that it's your young'un. Is it so, Jimmy?"

"Is what so?" he joked. "Is it so that she's goin' to have a baby or is it so that it's mine?"

"Jimmy, you stop jokin'. This is a serious business. I never thought I'd have to be talkin' about somethin' like this to one of my own boys. Tell me the truth. Is that baby she's carryin' your young'un?"

"Well, to tell you the truth, Ma, I don't know. It's true that it could be. They say that when so many ducks play in the same puddle, it's hard to tell which one muddied it. I guess that's about the case with Rosa." "That ain't a very nice thing to say, Jimmy," his mother scolded.

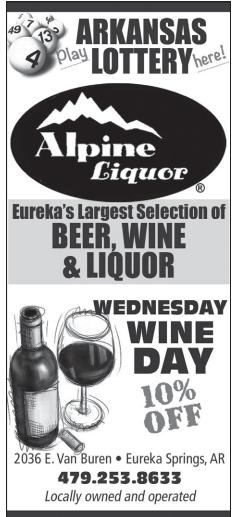
"I know it, Ma and Rosa ain't a very nice girl, either. She's been wilder that a doe at matin' time since she was twelve years old. I'm sure that ain't my fault. To tell you th' truth, Ma, and I know that's what you're askin' fer, I don't know if the baby is mine or not. It certainly has a chance to be, but it has that same chance to belong to a half dozen other fellers. That's what's been a-botherin' me ever since she told me about it."

"Does she say it's yours?" his mother asked.

"Yes, but I'm afraid she's jest sayin' that to get me to marry her. If I don't do it, I know she will just tell some of the other guys the same thing. Rosa is not a girl to be trusted, Ma," Jimmy concluded.

"I guess you're right about that part of it, Jimmy, but right now that ain't much help in the matter. What are you goin' to tell her Pa when he tells you that he expects you to marry the girl?"





INDYSou by Gwen Etheredge

Tyler Gregory & the Bootlegger Band

t was an ordinary day in May for Tyler Gregory as he walked to a street corner in his hometown of Lawrence, Kansas, to busk for the crowds. Always happy when kids dance to his songs on the street, he was approached by Jacob, an eight yearold boy who is blind and autistic. As Tyler performs The Midnight Special by CCR, the young boy approaches tentatively, placing his hand on the guitar, fascinated with the sounds. He even touches the strings and Tyler misses not one beat. Watching the video of this boy interacting with Tyler and his guitar brings home the message of how important music is to the development of a child and how powerful it can be to one who deals with life a little differently. You can watch the video here: www.huffingtonpost. com/2012/05/16/jacob-8-year-oldboy-autism-street-performer-tylergregory_n_1521162.html.

Tyler Gregory & the Bootlegger Band will be at the Pied Piper/ Cathouse Lounge on Saturday night. His deep and striking voice grabs the listener's attention. Accompanied by his guitar, stomp-box, a fiddle and stand-up bass this band delivers roots/blues music that will make you long for a simpler time. One reviewer compared listening to Tyler Gregory to sitting around a campfire drinking good scotch. Tyler was the Texaco Country Showdown State winner



Tyler Gregory & the Bootlegger Band – hear them Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Pied Piper Cathouse Lounge.

in Kansas this summer. Although the band has released three albums already, Tyler is very humbled by all the accolades he receives and even sells his CDs on a choose your own price basis. Come to the Cathouse and tap your feet to his music.

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 2

• THE AUD Trout Fishing in America, Jack Williams, Karen Mal • BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT The Hogscalders, 12 p.m., 6 p.m.

- BEREAN COFFEEHOUSE 540 North, jazz
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Karaoke Contest
- CHELSEA'S IRIS, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! Chasing
- *Nadean*, 7–9 p.m., Drag Event hosted by *Felicia Blackheart*, 9:30 p.m.
- EUREKA PARADISE Drag Show & Costume Party hosted by *Secdackeiry*, 10 p.m.
- EUREKA STONEHOUSE *Jerry Yester*, 5–8 p.m.
- GRAND TAVERNE *Arkansas Red* Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.





• JACK'S CENTER STAGE Karaoke w/DJ Goose, 3-7 p.m., Ashley McBride, 9 p.m. Halloween Costume Party after the Zombie Crawl • LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON Reigning Queens Drag Show, 8:30 p.m. NEW DELHI CAFÉ Skinny Gypsies, 6:30 p.m. • PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE *Chooch*, 8 p.m. • ROWDY BEAVER Rockin with DJ Mark • ROWDY BEAVER DEN John Harwood. 7 p.m. • SQUID & WHALE PUB Black Water Face Melting Rock • VOULEZ VOUS The Summer Osborne Band, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Big *Bad Gina*, 9–12 p.m.

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 3

• THE AUD Ronny Cox & Friends, Jack Williams, Michael Cocram • BASIN PARK Drumming in the *Park*, 6 p.m. • CHASERS BAR & GRILL **Pieces of Dreams** • CHELSEA'S IRIS, 9 p.m. • EUREKA LIVE! Drag Night before Christmas, 8:30 p.m. • EUREKA PARADISE Drag Show hosted by *Secdackeirv*, 2 p.m., Drag Show & Costume Party, 10 p.m. • GRAND TAVERNE Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m. • JACK'S CENTER STAGE

Ashley McBride, 9 p.m.-closing LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON Reigning Queens Drag Show, 8:30 p.m.

• NEW DELHI CAFÉ Magic *Mule*, 6:30 p.m. • PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE Tyler Gregory and the Bootlegger Band, 8 p.m. • ROWDY BEAVER Blew Reed & The Flatheads • ROWDY BEAVER DEN John Harwood, 7 p.m. • SOUID & WHALE PUB Jazztech Runs, 6 p.m., Black Water Face Melting Rock, 9 p.m. • VOULEZ VOUS The Summer Osborne Band, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Big *Bad Gina*, 9–12 p.m.

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 4

• BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT Live Music, 12 p.m., Chris Diablo, 5 p.m. • CHELSEA'S *IRIS*, 4–8 p.m. • EUREKA HOUSE CONCERTS Laurie McClain, 6 p.m. • EUREKA LIVE! Customer Appreciation Night, 5 p.m.-close LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, 6 p.m. • NEW DELHI CAFÉ Big Bad *Gina*, 3:30 p.m. • SQUID & WHALE PUB Slam Boxx celebrating Craig and Sarah, 7 p.m.

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 5

• CHASERS BAR & GRILL Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.

• CHELSEA'S SpringBilly, 8 p.m. • LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON Open Mic with D-Rock • SQUID & WHALE PUB Monday

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Night Football, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 6

 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 – NOVMEBER 7

• CHASERS BAR & GRILL Sing and Dance with *Tiny*

• CHELSEA'S Miss Tess, 9 p.m. • 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

• SMOKEY'S FIREHOUSE PUB Open Mic with D-Rock • SQUID & WHALE PUB Disaster

Piece Theatre

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 8

• 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

• SOUID & WHALE PUB Open Mic Musical Smackdown featuring **Bloody Buddy & Friends**



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The 1886 Crescent Hotel at 75 Prospect will host a special event in the Conservatory on Friday from 4 – 6 p.m. as Moon Distributors pour Spanish wines and serve tapas. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Sunday brunch will also be offered. (479) 253-9766.

The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring Street, features a California Uncorked event on Thursday, Nov. 8, 4:30 -6:30 p.m. A collection of red and white California wines will be paired with delicious food tastings prepared by their celebrity chef. All proceeds benefit The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow. Donation is \$15 per person. Reservations (479) 253-7444.

Sunday, noon – 3 p.m., Caribe Restaurant, 309 W. Van Buren, will have special food and beverages prepared by owner and chef, KJ Zumwalt for the Veterans' Day Art Show.

Cravings by Rochelle Bakery in the Gaskins Switch shopping center on US 62E will offer Sunday brunch with quiche, mimosa cupcakes, fruit and a variety of pastries, meats and cheeses with fresh baked goods from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. followed by a cupcake decorating class. (479) 363-6576.

Several retail establishments are celebrating Food & Wine as well.

Vintage Cargo, 41 will Kingshighway, host Alessandro Taddei, maestro painter for Italian pottery company Vietri, Nov. 10, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Jewel Box, 40 Spring St., will celebrate food & wine a discount of 20 percent on all products relating to food & wine from Nov. 8 – 11. Saturday store hours will be extended and wine and refreshments will be served from 6 - 9 p.m.

For more information, visit www.eurekaspringsfoodandwine. www.facebook.com/ or сот eurekaspringsfoodwinefestival.







Thursday, Nov. 1 **Zombie Variety Show** 6 PM and Outdoor Movie - Night of the Living Dead. Sacred Earth Gallery

Friday, Nov. 2

6 to 8 PM **Diversity Meet and** Greet Meet up with "old" friends and find some new ones. Pizza buffet, beer specials, giveaways, and more. The Pizza Bar - 13 North Main

6 PM Day of the Dead Parade and Zombie Crawl

6:30 PM Skinny Gypsies New Delhi Café and Patios – 2 N. Main

6:30 - 8:30 PM Summer Osborne **Band** Music is

often described by genre, but Summer cannot be put into a category. She is a symphonic smorgasbord. Her music can loosely be described as folk soul, acoustic rock, and piano

pop... but you will

hear glimpses of jazz, blues, and comedy. Voulez-Vous Lounge - 63A Spring Street in the Historic New Orleans Hotel

Chasing Nadean 7 to 9 PM **Musical Coming Out Party Pop**

Rockin' Funkin" Blues Trio Chasing Nadean makes their Eureka Springs Debut. Chasing Nadean is Amber Dawn Gardner. Lynn Whitley and Deb Starnes. Local favorites together for the first time.

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Shows *The Space - 2 Pine Street*

Live Underground - 35 1/2 North Main

9 PM **Diversity Band** A Diversity

Zombie Invasion Art

weekend.

7 PM



Weekend favorite, Diversity Band plays your favorite 60s, 70s, and 80s hits. Chelsea's - 10 Mountain Street

Zombie Party Enter the 9 PM deadzone with a DJ and dancing zombies. Henri's Just One More - 19 1/2 Spring Street

9 PM **Ashley McBryde** The talented singer-songwriter is back for Fall Diversity. Raw talent with a whiskey-washed sense of humor. Jack's Center Stage – 37 Spring Street

9 PM **Big Bad Gina** National Award Winning Womyn's Band Big Bad Gina takes their home stage for Diversity Weekend. Voulez-Vous Lounge - 63A Spring Street in the Historic New Orleans Hotel

9:30 PM A Drag Night Before **Christmas Drag Event with DIVERSITY SCHEDULE** continued on page 28

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Dance Breaks featuring DJ **Deb** The Divas of the Undergournd take the Diversity Stage with a Halloween inspired theme. Performances throughout the night with dance intermissions hosted by a favorite Diversity DJ - DJ Deb. Eureka Live Underground - 35 1/2 North

Saturday, Nov. 3

11 AM **Diversity Bikers Ride** Meet at Planer Hill



Summer Osborne PM Unpliugged Pizza Bar - 13 North

3 PM **PDA in the Park** - Diversity Regulars NOTE TIME CHANGE Show your affection! Basin Spring Park

6:30 PM Magic Mule New Delhi Café and Patios – 2 N. Main

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6:30 - 8:30 PM **Summer Osborne Band** Music is often described by genre, but Summer cannot be put into a category. She is a symphonic smorgasbord. Her music can loosely be described as folk soul, acoustic rock, and piano pop... but you will hear glimpses of jazz, blues, and comedy. Voulez-Vous Lounge - 63A Spring Street in the Historic New Orleans Hotel

Drag Night Before 8:30 PM **Christmas Drag Event with** Dance Intermissions The party continues in the Underground! Eureka Live Underground - 35 1/2 North Main. \$5 Cover

Ashley McBryde Jack's 9 PM Center Stage – 37 Spring Street

9 PM **IRIS** The OKC band returns to rock Chelseespecially for Diversity. Chelsea's -10 Mountain Street

9 PM **Deliverance Party** Get out your overalls and be delivered all night long! DJ and dancing. Henri's Just One More - 19 1/2 Spring Street

9 PM **Big Bad Gina** They're back from P-Town and playing their home stage once again. Nationally recognized local favorites! Voulez-Vous Lounge - 63A Spring Street in the Historic New Orleans Hotel



11 PM to 3 AM Breakfast After Hours New Delhi Café and Patios – 2 N. Main

Sunday, Nov. 4

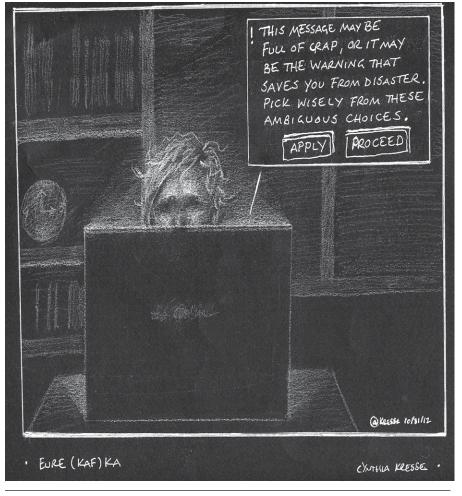
1 PM Iris Jam Chelsea's – 10 Mountain Street

1 to 3 PM **Chasing Nadean Unplugged** Pop rockin' funkin'' blues trio featuring Amber Dawn Gardner, Lynn Whitley, and Deb Starnes play all your favorites in a special acoustic set. The Pizza Bar - 13 North Main



4 PM Big Bad Gina Genre Hoppin', Folkin' Rockin' with a Driving Girl Groove Edge! New Delhi Café and Patios - 2 N. Main





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Does the county have emergency management plans for times of tornadoes and ice storms?

Barr: "Yes, there is the Office of Emergency Services."

Wilhelm: "Yes, there is CERT, but I don't know about anything beyond that. I want to create something like that because I did it in the military. I know how to build a plan and then follow up with contingencies because emergencies never occur like you expect. We always said "Adapt and overcome."" Do counties share resources, like equipment and personnel, to work on projects together?

Barr: "We stay in our own counties except in emergencies and for search and rescue."

Wilhelm: "No, unless there is an emergency."

What would it take to get raises for county employees?

Barr: "It is strictly up to the Quorum Court. They set the amounts. There is a minimum and maximum and the court determines something in between. It depends on the revenue we have."

Wilhelm: "If we had the Johanson group study in hand, we could at least level the playing field. We need a more up-to-date way of deciding. There is only so much money, so it gets down to a raise or needed equipment, and we have to pick one. We have to prioritize and make choices."

What is the one thing you think the county needs most of all?

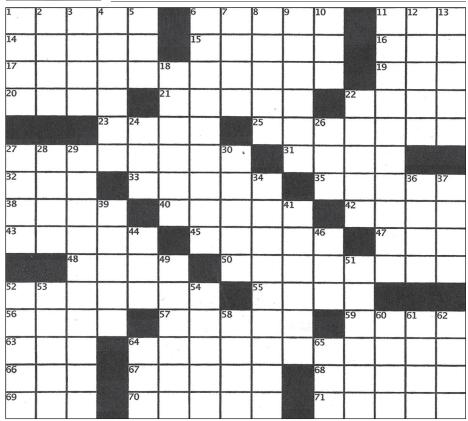
Barr: "We need a rural water system. Carroll County is the only county in the state out of 75 counties that does not have a rural water system. It would bring jobs and tax assessments would go down. We have the Carroll-Boone Water District line running through the county and it is a shame we can't take advantage of it. The Quorum Court once voted to do that, but the voters approved a referendum to vote it down."

Wilhelm: "We need a good, strong budget. We need revenue coming in, and it will depend on a better economy on a national scale. If the economy were to improve nationally, then we would begin to have funds to do more things."

INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

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ACROSS 1. Local retail gallery 6. Fully developed insect 11. Massage 14. On the tippy top 15. Wealthy man 16. Anger 17. Useless 19. death do us part 20. Nile biters 21. Locations 22. Soccer score 23. Pilaster 25. Cheap 27. Eureka spring 31. Philadelphia founder 32. Important historical time 33. Photo finish? 35. Alabama native 38. Part of R and R 40. Kingly 42. Other 43. Art supporter 45. Passe 47. Go prone 48. Non-kosher 50. Really hungry

52. Cancer type

55. Country road 56. Membership list 57. Burdened 59. Arm bone 63. Cotton gin man 64. Favorable reception 66. Before 67. Sweat spots 68. Slow tempo 69. VP Quayle 70. Foe 71. Primp Down 1. City in central Japan 2. Gorillas 3. Gather the crop 4. Wichita lineman 5. Go downhill 6. Firmly fixed 7. Ram or tom, e.g. 8. Across the ship 9. A yenta 10. Woman's doctor (abbr.) 11. Final movement of an aria 12. Bearded sheep of S.E. Asia

18. Chew the fat 22. Category 24. Not pos. 26. Part of a min. 27. Insignificant 28. Length x width 29. Conoco, Citgo, e.g. 30. Stogie 34. Rigid muscle condition 36 Biblical twin 37. Florida islands 39. Vast highland region 41. Very funny Oscar 44. An aromatic necklace 46. Men's room 49. A raptor 51. Fix 52. Mountain nymph 53. Longest river in Europe 54. Mother -of-pearl 58. To have an opinion 60. Dance type 61. Fin or sawbuck 62. Soon 64. Mimic 65. Matterhorn or Mont Blanc

13. Tummy

ESOTERICAstrology as news for week Nov. 1–7 by Risa

The election in Mercury retrograde

h, oh. That's what many astrologers are saving when viewing the Nov. 6 election day astrology chart. How could this occur we ask? It must be some cosmic joke that allows us to possibly revisit the contested events of the 2000 election. What am I referring to? Mercury, the planet that clarifies (thinking, observing, deciding and making intelligent choices, etc.) turns stationary retrograde on election day in Sagittarius, sign of truth, justice and the law. Mercury retrograde, taking us back to the past, can create confusion and a sense that things aren't what they seem. Who were we voting for again?

Mercury itself rules contracts and agreements. We are advised not to make decisions, important final decisions, or sign anything during Mercury retrograde due to the mental confusion that results and the fact that, after Mercury turns direct again, our minds change.

Mercury retro is best for reflective contemplative thinking, reorganizing, redoing, reassessing. We don't suspend our lives during mercury retro nor do we (mis)use the retro to excuse behaviors. Instead. we adapt, living intelligently within the knowledge of the retro -a gift to us. Retrogrades signal that we are exhausted with information gathering and must allow the data and life events to be integrated and/ or eliminated.

Let us, during this Mercury retro in Sag, invoke the burning truth of justice. May we be inspired with Right Choice, seeing the essential meaning behind voting and the elections. May we choose the candidate who stands under the Will-to-Good for all of humanity.

ARIES: It's possible you will review something from the past that was a deep loss – a person, resource, marriage, an intimacy. Review this loss and turn it around. Make it a gift, a power received, something

of great value to you. Review your desires and aspirations. Do you know the difference? Ask everyone around what they value in you. You learn new things.

TAURUS: You will ponder upon new, very different, more inclusive ways of communicating. You will realize that you must listen now with curiosity and penetrating questions (instead of solving problems) when other speak. With deep listening great insights occur for both listener and speaker. Search for ways to have more trust. Then vou can reveal the sterling truths about yourself without fear.

GEMINI: Care for your health in all ways, from morning 'til night. Make this your priority. Begin with morning exercise before eating. Move onto green smoothies (almond milk, kale, chard leaves, lemon, beets, parsley, apple, pear, spirulina). Make cilantro pesto. Eat an avocado a day. Something, both dissolving and refining, occurs with work. Seek to understand a partner's sorrows. Listen and observe. Maintain quiet.

CANCER: You will consider what in the past brought you joy, what helped you be creative, and what you used to be enthusiastic about. You will see how you've become more than you thought you would be. Non-verbal ways of expressing vourself seem more appropriate now. Spend most time in gardens, museums, places with art, creativity and beauty. Explore all of nature. Explore what it means to be your natural self.

LEO: You may see family and friends from the past, perhaps from childhood. Family may seek to include you in celebrations, attempting to relive their past, which you have set aside. You remember younger years, when you were free and wandering, when the light you lived under came only from the sky, sun and stars. You sense impressions from the past

seeking new interpretations. Plant an ascending light. You glimpse of blue morning glories inside and out. VIRGO: Over and over the same thoughts and ideas circulate through your mind. You want to discover all aspects of a puzzle, attempting to put it together. Thoughts come to mind but you are unable to articulate many of them. In this unusual silence, your eyes see more than ever before. It's as if your senses shifted. As one sings, the other doesn't. Seek to understand everyone's truths. Let them stand equally with your truths.

LIBRA: When you look around at your living and working and garden environments, you realize vou've come to love and appreciate and value all of them. They offer a specific calmness and orderliness you need. They soothe your spirit and provide your life with daily context. They relieve anxiety. You realize you've had this all along, since birth. The change has occurred within. Have gratitude for the past. It built your present.

SCORPIO: Over the next several weeks and a bit beyond you assess vour self-image. Not what others think of you but what you think of yourself. And then you begin to create a new image. No longer an outer persona, but one more in depth presented to the world. You no longer need to veil, arm or protect a self-image that's no longer real. You are more and more authentic. There's nothing to lose, nothing to gain. You're the Buddha on the road.

SAGITTARIUS: Sorrows and sadness from the past seek a new state of gladness to replace them. All thoughts begin to be clothed in compassion. There's no longer the question of why. There's only the feeling of goodness, that life's precious and paradox is acceptable. You will walk through a door in the next several weeks. You will open that door and then shut it behind you. You will see a mountain with

your life ahead. Get good shoes.

CAPRICORN: During this retrograde time, be very aware of new insights, new revelations and new understanding appearing quietly and subtly. All previous experiences, especially sadness, coalesce into new states of knowledge. An old friend makes contact; strange twists and turns of relationships begin to ease. Defeat becomes triumph. Speak your mind with truth at all times. Allow others to adapt to you. Frustration turns to opportunity. Art calls.

AQUARIUS: You don't allow any glamorous nonsense saying nothing to be in your life and environments. Everything seems to be changing every moment. This will continue. You will seek stability wherever vou find it. New revelations occur. New thinking. Use all of these in your work, present them to the world, allow others to respond and exteriorize whatever is in them. You know your path. It's always the surprising unusual view. Community calls.

PISCES: Up till now you've had a firm grasp of what you want in your future. This is and will change in the coming months. You will accept where you are and the situations you're in. An old dilemma becomes a great Truth. A philosophy is differently interpreted and you cherish it like a golden apple, a golden coin. Old friends drop away seeking a different path. Your work expands. You build within the crystal square.

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Arkansas Game & Fish Commission had already mentioned it would be interested in helping with road repair at the park.

Dan Bennett said the situation is a chicken and egg kind of thing. The park must get people there to enjoy it and to make it self-sustaining, but the park is not ready yet to sustain itself.

Myrna Thaxton, member of the Lake Leatherwood City Park Committee, asked what the backup plan is if the tax initiative is voted down. Featherstone said, "We will still plow through the process and the Master Plan will still stand, though the tax would serve as a catalyst for accomplishing our goals."

Donna Hersey asked what Parks is doing to promote the tax initiative and the Master Plan, and Featherstone replied they have been talking about it and taking out ads in local papers, but in Eureka Springs, he said, grassroots works best.

Commissioner Rachel Brix asked what people have heard that is negative, and Thaxton responded people see it as just another tax.

Featherstone commented the most important thing about this tax is all the money goes toward implementing the elements of the Master Plan, nothing else, and there must a trust factor in the community.

Thaxton said she has been impressed with all the opportunities she sees at the park. She asked if



About 20 people attended the Parks' town hall discussion.

Рното ву Nicky Boyette

Eurekans even know what they have two miles west of downtown.

Hinton said those who don't go there are not paying attention to what the future of the park could be. He said he also sees much potential. He opined folks do not know how much it would benefit the whole city if Parks achieves its goals at Lake Leatherwood Park. There are tons of ideas for what could happen there, he said, that could not happen anywhere else in town. He again maintained he sees the park could be an outstanding venue for regular events.

Commissioner Draxie Rogers

addressed the trust issue by saying Parks needs to get word out that the money will not be going into a black hole. The commission watches over every expenditure and they have been successful at obtaining in-kind donations. She said Parks has been very effective with its resources.

Featherstone said they expect to get about \$100,000 annually from the tax for four years. Alderman Butch Berry said Parks would need to leverage proceeds judiciously to get the most out of them, but he encouraged them to repair things well so that the repairs will last. Commissioner Rachel Brix remarked that Parks must foster intrinsic interest in the park, and she liked that education has been a major focus of the Master Plan. She suggested they develop educational junkets not just for local students but for tourists as well. "Once Lake Leatherwood Park is awesome, everyone will want to see it," she commented.

Brix also noted that as they add more activities at the park, maintenance duties will increase, and she suggested they recruit volunteers to help with the stewardship. She said they have only begun to mine the potential of the park, and "the \$400,000 is *so* just a start," she commented.

Rand Cullen cautioned commissioners about allowing any corporate entity to come between the park and the people by buying its way into some kind of control of the decisions. Featherstone replied, "Nothing will be done recklessly," and pointed out whatever is done will be done in the best interest of the park. He said they plan to pursue government grants, which can have more restrictions and regulations attached than any corporate sponsorship.

Summing up the evening, Featherstone said he invites input from everyone as they develop the Master Plan, and he encouraged anyone with questions about the tax initiative to email him at bill@eurekaparks.com. He said, "I don't want to lose the election because of bad information."

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however, owned tons of pulpwood and his influence led to having not only hemp, but its cousin marijuana, outlawed. Grulkey said medicinal marijuana should be dispensed at pharmacies instead of dispensaries.

Issue 2 would authorize cities and counties to float bonds based on projected tax revenues, and proceeds could be used for redevelopment. "I kind of like that idea in the sense that towns won't be put at risk," Grulkey said. He sees bondholders as the ones bearing the risk, and there would not be much of a downside unless the funds were just wasted. Overall, he said he was not strong either way.

Medicaid expansion, however, he sees as "a no-brainer." It would put 250,000 who lack health care on a policy for preventive care instead of their depending on emergency rooms and then not being able to afford the bills. He said Northwest Arkansas,



including Eureka Springs, would get a boost in tax revenue and benefits would extend far beyond the amount of the tax revenue. "From the humanitarian side, it is the right thing to do," he observed. "Do you tell those kids we don't care about your health?"

Grulkey said Medicaid is the biggest driver of moderating health care costs, and is good for hospitals and people.

Regarding national issues, Grulkey said

Republican politicians run state campaigns on national issues, but it is their job to watch the state budget and focus on local concerns. People in state government do not have any effect at all on national politics. He said all of us want good government, but the difference is what we think good government looks like.

Grulkey still finds time to pursue his lifetime goal of seeing how many different instruments he can learn. He was a member of Eureka Springs' Gaskins Switch back in the day, and toured the Midwest with his fiddle and banjo before settling down in Alma. He recently sang Frank Sinatra songs and played saxophone with an eight-piece band. He is currently learning to play cello, which he said is the most difficult instrument to learn so far. When answering why cello is difficult, Grulkey explained, "It is exactly the same as other instruments, only different."

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I was hoping the process for constructing the plan, prior to the election, would present a straightforward explanation of how concepts for improvements and programming had been conceived, reviewed, prioritized, budgeted and then be approved, implemented, operated and maintained in comprehensive detail.

I'm also wondering why the Parks and Recreation Commission has yet to organize the frameworks of a vision plan for all of its facilities. This vote is about more than just a plan or a park, it's about confidence in a clarity of direction and leadership. *Chris Fischer*

Beauty and purity above all

Editor,

Last Thursday I attended the Parks Commission meeting to discuss the Master Plan for Lake Leatherwood City Park.

I was impressed by individuals on the commission. While the Master Plan is somewhat vague and incomplete, therefore not truly a plan, I thought the direction it indicated was excellent and worth supporting. So I will vote for the collection of a small tax to initiate some maintenance and upgrade the park.

However, there are issues: The entrance road needs to be upgraded. An asphalt surface creates a toxic runoff that can damage a sensitive ecosystem. It is also expensive with the money leaving the area.

Leatherwood Lake is the cleanest and purest large body of water in NW Arkansas. It supports a diverse and flourishing ecosystem. I spend a lot of time on the lake and am impressed by the health of the fish, bird, mammal and reptile populations. Any alteration to this environment, such as dredging or poisoning, must be carefully considered by experts and only undertaken at peril to this ecosystem. Other solutions are possible.

Privatization is sweeping the U.S and the whole world. This is one way the moneyed elite transfer wealth from the general population of Leatherwood Park. This includes incremental privatization of the park's use-values as well as the park's physical assets.

I propose that no corporate entity or other for-profit entity be allowed to extract money from our community property. All proceeds from any business transaction go directly to the Leatherwood Park commission to be used exclusively in the park itself. No other entity shall come between the community and our park. *Rand Cullen*

Don't bite the hand... Editor,

I have lived here long enough to almost be a citizen. I guess I feel the ones that bellyache about our groups of tourists should go away. Are you not in business? Do you not need the money tourism brings in?

I remember back when we didn't want tour buses idling and sending fumes out to all the businesses on Main. Someone called the tour company and told them we didn't want them. Solved that problem.

Where are the cop cars? Didn't like them, either. Have you seen that group lately?

Now I read every week about the latest thing our citizens write about. You must know that they are supporting our city. Where would the money come from to replace what they spend? I know! Close the CAPC office. We don't need to advertise as a tourist town. We just want a quiet little village. No outside noise. Little sleepy villages don't need a CoC. It doesn't matter if we have entertainment. Locals don't support them anyway. That is what I read.

Again, we are a tourist town. Get used to it.

Lavonne St. Clair

Of hens cackling as though they laid an asteroid Editor.

I find it interesting that R. Burry (Mail, *ES Independent* Oct. 25, 2012) questions the honesty of folks who don't appreciate the noise that our two-wheeled friends make here in Eureka. Burry is simply misinformed even though he has been a motorcycle rider for 40 years. One does not have to do much research to find that there is only one reason to make noise with a motorcycle. That reason is to make noise.

To me, a builder of high performance engines for both cars and motorcycles for over 50 years, there is no sweeter sound than a high performance engine that is tuned right. And a high performance engine need not sound objectionable. Sadly, most of the terrible sounding motorcycles sound that way because they are poorly tuned. To an engine designer the sound that most motorcycles make is like fingernails on a chalkboard. I feel sorry for the ignorant owners of such poorly designed/ maintained engines.

Here is a quote off Harley Davidson's web site from Jim McCaslin who served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Harley-Davidson Motor Company, a subsidiary of Harley Davidson Inc. from 2001 to 2009.

Harley-Davidson "Today. motorcycles have more power and performance than our predecessors could have ever imagined, but with all due respect, we love to hear them coming. That doesn't mean louder noise equals even more power. Testing has proven that straight pipes do not necessarily outperform pipes with lower noise levels. Pick the wrong pipes and you can severely reduce your horsepower and/or your torque. And while you're doing it, you'll awaken the sleeping giant of social concern that lives next door to all of us. So what if you've picked the wrong pipes? Then you have a very important individual decision to make. No one expects everyone to change out their straight pipes overnight. But we all must consider changing out our thinking. We need to think about the consequences our actions have on others, before others take action against us. As tempting as it is, maybe we resist cranking up the revs at the next stop signal. Maybe we fall in love all over again with the unique and mesmerizing sound "quality" of our own V-twin, not just the volume. Maybe we think about how we can assure that all those riders coming behind us can enjoy the same level of freedom we

do today. Maybe we just take a timeout to remember that this is really something. And it's something we never want to lose."

Jim Simmons Busch

Right's war on women is wrong

Editor,

Confused? Todd Akin (Republican running for U.S. Senate in Missouri) says women have the inate ability within themselves to stop a pregnancy from a forced rape. Richard Mourdock (Republican running for U.S. Senate in Indiana) says if a woman gets pregnant from being raped, that was God's will.

Thirty-one states still give parental rights to the rapist so it's possible that this woman, after being forced against her free will, now has to associate with her attacker for at least 18 years. I wonder if he's convicted if she has to take her child to prison so he can have his parental rights?

God gives humans free will – so a rapist has free will to rape but a woman shouldn't have free will over her body? In Sharia law a woman who claims to be raped has to provide four witnesses. In America if a woman claims to be raped, the rapist's lawyer will try to make the woman out to be a whore who was asking for it. They want to outlaw contraceptives and remove the social safety net after they've forced a woman to have children she isn't wanting.

This far right wing wants to force so called values on all of us and are trying to make it a crime for a raped woman to get an abortion, but there's a good chance the rapist will go free because it wasn't a forcible rape, whatever that is. It seems to me, if the woman says No and is raped anyway, that is rape. Maybe they reason that if the woman can't keep that aspirin between her knees she's actually saying Yes.

Being pro-choice doesn't mean that you are pro-abortion, it just means that you believe the decision is not the government's, but the free will right of the woman to exercise her right of "Liberty of Conscience."

Yes, I'm confused because I thought the very first right in the Bill of

Rights deals with separation of Chuch and State, but apparently what was once a right turns out to be a right as long as we all agree with the right wing oppressors.

John Dulin

The seriousness of quirkiness

Editor,

Rae Hahn [Mail, *ES Independent* Oct. 18] is asking the right question. The CAPC and the Arts Council started asking that question over a year ago and we're doing something about it. Thanks to the efforts of [CAPC Executive Director] Mike Maloney we are finally "at the table" with the Northwest Arkansas Council. They know the value and importance of Eureka Springs to the arts and cultural impact on the region and state.

That isn't the problem. The problem is the NW *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* would rather report on the "quirky" Eureka Springs, and not take us seriously as an important part of economic development. That's changing. Our relationship with Crystal Bridges is helping us enormously. The CAPC, Arts Council and mayor have been working diligently over the past year to get to the table and to change the perception of Eureka Springs.

A recent Northwest Arkansas Gazette editorial made fun of city antics, saying that Eureka Springs continues to "provide entertainment for the state." The *Democrat Gazette* also knows full well that we are a premier arts and cultural destination. But that's not as much fun to write about.

When we got to the table, we learned we weren't being taken seriously partly because of the press, and it was difficult to know who to work with, or who they wanted to work with, to get us into the mix on a consistent basis. That's changed and we're making great progress.

It's taken time and will take more time. We have to continue to prove we are professional, capable, and ready to be a significant and serious player. Eureka Springs needs everyone working in that direction. Thank you, Rae, for bringing it to the surface.

Mayor Morris Pate, CAPC, Arts Council of Eureka Springs

Breaking it down

Editor,

Let's break it down in simple terms. There are two major questions you must ask yourself about this election. First is the economy. The President believes that the best way to run an efficient economy is with major government involvement. He believes we should not only take over failing businesses (GM) but we should step in and be in control of them. He stated last week he wanted to do more for other industries, not just GM.

Eighty percent of his "green" jobs have been a failure. He wants to shut down the coal industry. Ask your friends from West Virginia how he is doing so far. He has repeatedly said "under my plan of cap and trade, electrical rates will necessarily skyrocket." His plan is working.

He also keeps saying that our oil production is up. On private lands, yes. On public lands new production is way down. Ask your Louisiana friends how they are doing in the Gulf.

Energy independence comes from drilling here in the US or Canada or Mexico. Wind and solar and geothermal is excellent (but not with my money as subsidies) but we aren't dependent of others for electricity. We need oil to sustain us until other methods can come up to speed.

Second major question is who can best protect us from our enemies? The president has shown us he is willing to kill certain leaders of the terrorist groups. But how about when they kill one of our ambassadors? He still believes it is due to a video on YouTube. Ambassador Stevens was killed by terrorist on Sept 11th. That is almost 50 days ago. It took three weeks for the FBI to arrive at the site. Three days after the attack, a CNN senior reporter went to the unguarded site and found his diary. And now it comes out that the President relieved Gen. Ham for trying to rescue the remaining personnel. How long will his investigation last? When will we see results?

Major Hasan of Hood killed 13 soldiers Nov 5, 2009 and is still awaiting trial. The President has yet regarded him as a terrorist. The Little Rock shooter at a recruiting station was tried in civilian court.

That is enough for me to decide that I want hope and change. I just hope that we change the man occupying the White House.

Mike Turner

City response inadequate

Editor,

At the Oct. 22 city council meeting, I felt like I entered into an alternative, more kindly and fair universe when Municipal League attorney Chris Bradley, who is defending the city against a lawsuit filed by Nelli Clark after her home was flooded with sewage in February 2011, advocated for the city giving Nelli a damage settlement. When city employees tried to open her clogged sewage line, workers accidentally forced a stream of raw sewage through the line into her home causing heavy damages to her bathroom and a room underneath it.

Nelli wouldn't have had to file a lawsuit but the city attorney had said the city couldn't pay damages because it has tort immunity, meaning that lawsuits can't be filed against it. However, state code actually says the city has the option of hearing and settling claims where a citizen has been damaged because of city actions. The AR Supreme Court has ruled tort immunity does not apply when it is an act of negligence involving a city vehicle. Previously that has been considered emergency vehicles like police and fire. But if Nelli's lawsuit prevailed, it could mean that it would extend to other vehicles like the ones employees used to drive to Nelli's house to unclog the sewer line, and the city equipment used to blast out the line.

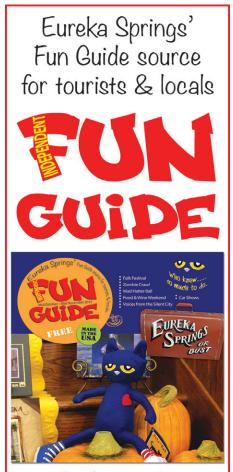
Bradley recommended the city settle the lawsuit, stating that if allowed to go to the AR Supreme Court, it could create a negative precedent affecting every city and county in the state. He said the city has insurance through [the] Municipal League that could pay for a settlement.

Because the city has tort immunity doesn't remove it from an obligation to do right by its citizen harmed by city actions. I urge city council to authorize their attorney and a member of the council to negotiate a settlement for Nelli to help compensate for some of the damage and distress.

The city should do the same for Pat Costner, who was seriously injured when an electrical extension cord for Christmas lights was not properly buried. All she asked the Parks Commission for was a recommendation to city council for a small settlement including out of pocket medical expenses and a new pair of glasses.

Please, let's enter that alternative universe where the city takes responsibility when citizens are harmed. What is insurance for, anyhow? Should the city have any worse insurance than I have on my home if anyone is injured here?

Becky Gillette



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Say goodbye - Customers will no longer have to look at this signage for defunct pumps at the Riverlake Exxon at US 62 and Hwy. 187. All but one of their 30-year old gas pumps guit working. New pumps have been delivered and will be hooked up as soon as a few parts arrive.

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RFFO will honor military veterans on Nov. 11 in a special ceremony. The Military Order of the Purple Heart will be taking donations and raffling a rifle at their booth.

The Society of Creative Anachronism, Shire-March of Grimfells, will hold a Tournament of Champions in which each combatant will fight for a charity of their choice and collect donations for their charities.

Faire hours are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Nov. 10 and 11. Adult tickets \$6, seniors (60 and older) \$3, youth (6-17) \$3, children 5 and under free. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. Email 3cronesandapirate@gmail.

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boo – Cheryl and Steve Watson of Atoka, Okla., were wed on Halloween day in Eureka Springs. After dating a year, they decided to say their "I boos" and enjoy a week of celebrations like the Barefoot Ball, Zombie Parade and fine dining & dancing as a married couple. The minister, Rev. Ima Mummy, had no comment. Congratulations Cheryl and Steve! May you celebrate all your honeymoons with us here in Eureka Springs.

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