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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Happiness is a skill that requires effort and time, according to the world's happiest man.

Matthieu Ricard, 66, holds a doctorate in molecular genetics and was eyeing a career in neuroscience when he changed his mind, moved to the Himalayas and became a Buddhist monk.



Ricard has spent more than 10,000 hours in meditation, just a bit more than a solid year. During neuroscientific measurements in the U.S., Ricard's realm of positive emotion was off the charts.

Ricard laughed that he is not the happiest man in the world – that anyone, anywhere can be the happiest person in the world – it is simply a matter of training the mind. Twenty minutes a day. Every day. Anyone can do it. And it's free.



Makin' music
– Musician Karen FitzPatrick has something more to sing about now that she's been voted Artist of the Year. She happily received her award from Chamber Board Chair, George Purvis, at the Nov. 13 Eureka Springs Chamber Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet.

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Council paves the way to new school

NICKY BOYETTE

A packed room watched Eureka Springs School Superintendent Curtis Turner urge the City of Eureka Springs to move quickly to repair Lake Lucerne Road before the new high school opens in six weeks.

Turner told council they are on schedule to start moving to the new facility within a month and begin classes after the Christmas break. However, the road to the school, Lake Lucerne Road, is in disrepair and is only 17 ft. wide. For school buses to pass going in opposite directions, the road must be at least 21 ft.

Turner announced the district recently

learned it couldn't spend its own money to repair a city street. He has received two bids to widen the roadbed and pave it, one from a contractor already on site at the school. The bids were within \$400 of each other and less than \$30,000. Also at issue is a fire hydrant at the intersection of Green Hollow Rd. and Lake Lucerne Rd. that must be moved to allow buses to make the right turn from Lake Lucerne Rd. toward the middle school and elementary school. Moving the hydrant is the easiest problem to solve.

"Let me just say this," he said, "our school is a showplace for our community. I encourage you to pass this temporary

solution and make the road safe and we'll move in, and if we have to, we'll wait till spring to finish the road." Turner suggested the city at least widen the road base to 21 ft. before the school opens and, unless winter weather allows, wait until spring to resurface the road.

Alderman Karen Lindblad said she had received calls from citizens disappointed that the school district is not improving the road. The burden is falling on the city, she pointed out, and quite a few taxpayers are uncomfortable with this situation. She said the road would not need fixing except for the school district

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Independent office will be closed Nov. 22 & 23. We're thankful.

Police chief applies for school board seat

C. D. WHITE

ESPD Chief, Earl Hyatt, has thrown his hat in the ring for a seat on the Eureka Springs School board. "I put in an application for appointment to the seat because I care about the schools and the investment we make in our children," Hyatt told the *Independent*.

Hyatt said he is at the schools almost every day, along with officers Brian Young and Brian Jones, monitoring traffic. "There are a lot of kids on foot and my job is to make it as safe as possible. We also like to visit for five or ten minutes at lunchtime, just making a positive contact with the students. I find as Chief, if we invest time and treat the kids well, they will treat us well."

When Hyatt came to the department in 1996, incidences of juvenile crime



were extremely high. "Now," he said, "negative encounters are almost nonexistent."

Hyatt is married to school counselor Rachal Hyatt, but doesn't see a conflict of interest. "That would only happen

in matters that relate directly to her, and then I'd recuse myself," Hyatt said.

Asked about his stand on drug-sniffing dogs in the schools, Hyatt said, "Schools are not the place for illegal drugs or alcohol. The dogs are not used on people, they're just there to detect those items, not to scare the kids." Hyatt also feels some students are under a lot of peer pressure and the occasional use of dogs gives them an "out" to refuse to use or keep illegal substances at school.

Asked if a student were to be discovered with an illegal substance, would he in effect

step off the board and come in as a cop, Hyatt replied in the negative. "I don't go in as an enforcer now anyway, except in an emergency. Other officers handle that. Besides, we don't prefer charges on small amounts, we leave that up to the school."

Hyatt, who already knows most of the students by name, feels the most important thing he can contribute as a board member is to help teachers and staff bring the best education possible to the students, including learning through the arts as well as programs that involve students in creative ways and keep them interested.

"I watch teachers who get deeply involved and make learning fun so students want to be there and love it. That's what I want to see in every classroom. I'm interested in exploring avenues of education that meet state and federal mandates, but keep it fun for students and increase their chances of success. Of course, I live with a school counselor, so I hear about a lot of those educational trends.

"The most important focus to me as a board member is to be there for the kids. Anyone who isn't doing it for them is doing the wrong thing. Students should be getting the best education possible.

"Besides," Hyatt quipped, "it won't be too many years before those kids will be feeding me."



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ESH may echo ECHO's lab voucher program

NICKY BOYETTE

Chair Michael Merry told commissioners Monday afternoon he wanted to do something important with hospital money. He said some patients seen at the Eureka Christian Health Outreach (ECHO) clinic get tests paid for by vouchers from either Eureka Springs Hospital (ESH) or Mercy Hospital in Berryville. However, ESH offers only 40 vouchers per quarter and ECHO will see at least 300 patients during that time.

Many patients whose tests are not covered will simply not take un-vouchered tests because they cannot afford them, and important medical information is left un-gathered so health issues go untreated. In addition, the list of allowable tests is limited, so patients are not getting help they need.

Merry's idea is to figure out how the commission can donate as much as \$10,000 annually to pay for tests not already covered. "I can't think of a more positive thing the commission could do to affect the health of local citizens," he said.

He stipulated he wanted the decision to be unanimous by the commission or

else they should not go forward. He also wants ECHO to provide an accounting of how far the funds go during the first year and commissioners can decide what to do after that.

Merry said he interviews patients for eligibility who are unstable or agitated because their lithium levels, for example, are out of balance and a test would identify the problem and lead toward a solution.

The commission greeted Merry's idea favorably, and they will investigate further to see how to implement it. Since the commission is part of city government, it must establish appropriate protocol before it can use its money in this way.

Other discussions

- Commissioners again discussed buying land in an effort to facilitate building a new hospital in Eureka Springs.

- Commissioner Robert Walling provided an update on finances and told them he has been making sure all funds are insured to the maximum amount. He also said their financial

audit is in process.

- Vicki Andert, chief nursing officer at ESH, reported that because of their new emergency room strategy, patients are being treated faster and the length of time in ER is less. She said there is an ER physician on duty all the time every day, and satisfaction surveys have shown patients are very pleased with their care at ESH.

The new program is called the Sessions Group, and brings physicians from all over the state to staff hospital emergency rooms leaving local primary care physicians more time to care for their patients.

Because some patients use Medicare, the hospital must meet extra requirements when caring for particular patient conditions, and of the 74 hospitals in Arkansas that must meet these goals, ESH ranked first in meeting the expectations.

There will be no commission meeting in December unless the need arises. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be 1 p.m., Monday, Jan. 21, 2013, at ECHO Clinic.

Man, Woman, Business of the Year announced

C. D. WHITE

The 62nd Annual Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce membership meeting and awards banquet at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center on Nov. 13 was attended by some 280 people who enjoyed dinner, bid on silent and live auctions and heard from speaker Jeff Bourk, executive director of Branson Airport.

The Chamber also presented a Year in Review summary and a glimpse into 2013. Co-hosts Mike Bishop, Chamber President and CEO, and board Chair George Purvis – along with auctioneer Dave Teigen – kept things running smoothly and with humor as the audience waited in anticipation for the awards announcements recognizing those who have provided outstanding service to the community.

Among the 2012 award winners were Michelle McDonald for Hospitality Person of the Year, musician Karen Fitzpatrick for Artist of the Year, Det. Thomas Achord for Civil Service and Rick Bishop for Volunteer of the Year.

In an emotional moment, the Lifetime Service Award, a new award this year, was given posthumously to Dave Bird, and was accepted by his family. The Eureka Springs Rotary Club was awarded a well-deserved Special Recognition Award for its service to the community.

The 2012 Man of the Year is Zeek Taylor, chosen from among fellow nominees Robbie Freiburger, Mayor Morris Pate and Dan Mumaugh. Woman of the Year nominees were Amanda Haley, Carla Short and Jacqueline Wolven, with the award going to Melodye Purdy. Community First Bank was voted Business of the Year. Other nominees were Cornerstone Bank and W.T. Focker's.

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Council begins to commence to amend definition of ‘weekly’

NICKY BOYETTE

Beverly Blankenship, Chair of the Planning Commission, told city council Monday night that Planning wants to prevent short-term tourist lodgings from creeping further into neighborhoods through a loophole in City Code by removing the word “weekly” in the language defining tourist lodgings. Blankenship said Planning wants nothing shorter than monthly rentals in those areas, but city attorney Tim Weaver had altered what they had given him. “The version you have is not what we intended,” she said.

Alderman Karen Lindblad pointed out the version Weaver worked on seems to grandfather in properties already operating as weekly rentals in conflict with code, and neighbors had no chance to speak against having what

amounts to a commercial business in their neighborhoods.

Alderman James DeVito added that the licenses should never have been issued to operate in these zones in the first place. He said improperly issued licenses should be rescinded. The property owners with those licenses are circumventing the law and they have no legal standing. “It was a mistake, and I don’t want to prop up a mistake,” he commented.

Alderman Ken Pownall observed the ordinance as it is should suffice, and wondered why council was “charging into hell with a water pistol trying to put out a fire we didn’t start.”

Alderman Parker Raphael, though, said council should follow up on what Planning had suggested and remove “weekly” and further define “tourist

lodging” and that would solve the problem.

DeVito insisted the city rescind licenses already issued.

Weaver pointed out that licenses are essentially just a tax, and council would still need to address the problem of preventing short-term rentals in a residential zone in conflict with City Code.

Raphael remarked he was not as concerned with the few properties already in conflict with the law as much as “the flood of ones to come.” He said council needs to act to protect neighborhoods.

Weaver and council wandered through the ambiguities of language

in the proposed ordinance while avoiding the intricacies of not getting sued. “Dwelling” and “lodging” and other definitions took a turn before DeVito announced, “To move this along, I move we assign a number to the ordinance and place it on its first reading. There will still be time for further discussion.”

After the first reading of “Ordinance prohibiting weekly rentals in any Residential Zone,” DeVito moved to amend the ordinance by removing the word “seven” and replacing it with “30.” The vote to amend the ordinance was unanimous, as was the vote to approve the first reading of the amended ordinance.

Highlanders beat Haas Hall

Eureka Springs Highlanders senior boys defeated Haas Hall Academy of Fayetteville, 46-30, to raise their record to 5-2.

Josh Premeau scored 24 points,

including four of six free throws; Dalton Johnson scored 11 (including three three-pointers); Jake McClung, six; and Tanner Allee a solid four for four from the line.

Gourd-thrower pays the price

NICKY BOYETTE

As ESPD officer Billy Floyd patrolled Spring Street near Grotto Spring last Friday evening he witnessed two males walking when one of them picked up a gourd from a display at the spring and threw it at a streetlight.

Floyd quickly approached the two and immediately upon seeing Floyd the one who had thrown the gourd apologized. Floyd identified the gourd-thrower as Jeremy Baker and his companion as Arthur Wells. Floyd determined neither had a criminal record, but he noticed other gourds scattered around the area, the lens on the streetlight was broken, and there were broken candleholders along the street.

Baker admitted he was the only one who threw anything at the light. Floyd asked him to clean up the glass from the broken candleholders and wrote him a citation for Criminal Mischief. Wells was not cited and Baker will have his day in court.

Metaphysical meeting Nov. 19

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WCCAD: Timing is everything

NICKY BOYETTE

Rhys Williams, Eureka Springs Fire Department chief, presented his response report to the Western Carroll County Ambulance district in a new format at the Nov. 13 meeting. Commissioner Joe McClung noticed the chart revealed that 11 responses out of 74, or 14.86 percent, took longer than 15 minutes. The contract between ESFD and the ambulance district calls for 90 percent of the calls to be handled in less than 15 minutes. McClung said he was not alarmed as much as pointing out terms in the contract.

Chair Chuck Olson pointed out they do not want to put drivers at risk just to meet a number. Jason Morris, ESFD captain, added the time of the report was late summer and early autumn when there are more deer on the roads, and there are also locations in the district that just take that long to get there.

Jack Deaton, chief of the Holiday Island Fire Department, said first responders sometimes call the ambulance and tell them to slow down, a situation is under control and not an emergency.

McClung still insisted, "We have a contract." He added he liked the new format Williams was using, saying it was easier to read and more informative.

Later Morris made the suggestion that commissioners consider revising the contract to have 18-20 minutes be the target. Olson acknowledged his point and the commission agreed to watch the trends and see what the data reveals.

Mayor Morris Pate informed the commission that the ramifications of the Nelli Clark case might affect their decision. He said if the ruling goes for Clark and against the City of Eureka Springs then cities would be vulnerable to suits if not only a city vehicle causes a problem but if anything connected to a city vehicle causes harm. Pate said this decision might encourage all responders to be aware of their speeds and careful with their hoses.

Other business

• There was a discussion regarding district equipment given to those who

only occasionally respond and those who move away from the district which issued the equipment. Firefighter Randy Ates added that a responder is not always at home. A responder can respond from wherever he or she is because the objective is to provide the fastest response. Ates said equipment should go to whoever can provide a quick response.

Deaton agreed with that point but the issue remained as to who supplies the equipment. Whose equipment is it? "Who is responsible to whom?" Olson asked.

Deaton said for many years he has kept records on who responds, and said he could point out names who haven't responded much yet still have district equipment, "and that's a problem."

• There was a discussion about arranging for the annual TB inoculations for all responders as required by Arkansas law. Olson said Carroll County Health Department no longer administers the test and WCCAD is searching for another source. They have an agreement with Eureka Springs Hospital for now, but are still looking at options.

• The contract between ESFD and WCCAD calls for ESFD to buy all supplies for responders, but it came to light that actual practice differs. People from different parts of the district agreed it is not practical to expect ESFD to buy all of the gloves they use, for example. Williams added he has seen gloves being used for purposes other than emergency responses and he felt it should not be his nickel to pay for that.

Commissioner Ken Mills felt strongly the contract is clear – ESFD is supposed to buy all emergency supplies. However, after looking at the situation from several angles, the commission decided to keep things the way they are now.

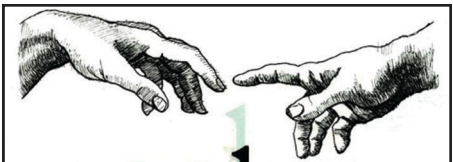
• McClung presented the financial report. He predicted WCCAD would be able to pay the December Eureka Springs bill from the checking account if they receive a check similar to last November's monthly payment and

there are no extraordinary expenses. Otherwise they could cash in a money market account that earns hardly any interest.

Olson remembered he went to the County Treasurer's office one afternoon near the end of the month to get the December payment from the County so he could drive back to Eureka Springs and deposit the check so WCCAD could pay Eureka Springs on time. Mayor Morris Pate replied that the city was not worried about the district being a chronic delinquent.

• Olson acknowledged he had a copy of the signed Performance Bond signed by Pate. The commission will invite insurance man Chris McClung to attend the January meeting to answer questions about the bond.

Next meeting will be Jan. 22, 2013, at 4 p.m., at the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District.



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Citizens' comments to council

NICKY BOYETTE

Several people implored council at the Nov. 12 meeting to pave Lake Lucerne Rd. for the benefit of the new high school that opens in January. Council did approve a motion to widen and repair 820 ft. of the road. In other comments:

- Robert Jasinski spoke about properties being rented by the week in residential zones. He said the licenses should never have been issued. He read from City Code that an owner would need a Conditional Use Permit to conduct business in this way, and the ordinance left nothing to interpret and the law is unambiguous, saying, "It is totally absurd to interpret it any other way."

Gwen Bennett passed around a collage she had created of city and state ordinances regarding the weekly rental controversy. "I hope you have the courage to prevent weekly rentals in our neighborhoods," she said, insisting properties are becoming lodging for transient guests and they are tourist lodgings in conflict with City Code. "It's a no-brainer, and there are plenty of weekly rentals already." She held up a recent copy of the *Independent* with an ad for weekly rentals.

- Ed Leswig said he was one of the 70 percent of Eureka Springs accused of being "sheeple" and he was against voting for aldermen by ward only. He said, "Before voting on this insane idea, I ask one of you lame duckers why are you doing this?" He pointed out if Eureka Springs were larger, there would probably be ward-specific issues, but in Eureka Springs, issues in any ward probably affect everyone. He called the motives behind the move for voting by ward only "ignorant and self-serving," and declared something like this should be voted on by all citizens. He closed by saying, "I would rather be a sheeple than a lame duck."

- Mickey Schneider reported that the hamburger cook-off during Veteran's Day weekend was small but greatly appreciated, the parade was a success and many attended the 21-gun salute

even though rain started falling.

- Judith Leswig pointed out there is a one-hour limit on parking spots near the library annex although many of the events there last longer than an hour. Participants must leave the workshop or meeting and go outside to feed their meters or else risk getting a \$10 parking ticket. She suggested a dated parking pass for those attending events at the annex. Parking just up the street is in residential areas with their own parking issues. She asked the city and the library to work together to find a solution to this problem.

- Lamont Richie asked council to adopt the resolution supporting marriage equality. He stated three more states voted last week to allow gay marriage, and he said that someone else's religious views should not prevent long-time partners from having the same rights as heterosexual couples. Gay couples already take responsibility for all other duties and obligations for each other, including after-life considerations, but they are denied rights loving partners should inherently expect. He said this

resolution takes nothing away from anyone else.

Michael Walsh said he supported Richie's resolution. He provided a list with the names of more than 700 individuals who also agree. He pointed out Eureka Springs would be the first city in Arkansas to officially endorse the idea, and it would be good public relations for the city. Civil rights issues are economic issues, Walsh said, and Eureka Springs is the marriage capital of the South. The local economy could benefit from the endorsement, and he read statistics demonstrating how other communities around the country have benefited from such a public acknowledgement. "Close out your council term on an upbeat note," he said.

- Jerry Landrum thanked council for adopting the climate action plan, and he said his committee continues to meet. He wants council to consider adopting stricter building codes than the State requires. He said it might add a little bit to the original cost of constructions, but property owners will actually save money over time.



Team Caribe wins Bragging Rights – Judges, i.e., the public, packed in the burgers on Nov. 9 at Pine Mountain Village to determine the winner of the first Bragging Rights Burger Cook Off for the benefit of American Legion Post 9. Winners were: Restaurants division, 1st – Team Caribe; 2nd – tie between Pied Piper and Rockin' Pig; 3rd – Squid & Whale. Grill Cook division: 1st – Latigo Treuer; 2nd – Scott Dobbins; 3rd – Cody Mayes. Above, KJ Zumwalt joyfully accepts one awesome trophy, which surely will be proudly displayed at Caribé until the next cook off.

PHOTO BY STEVEN FOSTER

CAPC's vibes positive; scheduling workshop coming soon

NICKY BOYETTE

Mix food, wine and Porsche owners, add good weather (except for Sunday) and you get a successful Food and Wine Festival.

Mike Maloney, executive director of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, reported businesses downtown were hopping during the revived Food and Wine Festival. "Restaurants and lodgings did well. Some businesses set records," he said at Wednesday's CAPC workshop.

What undoubtedly helped, according to Maloney, were dozens of proud Porsche owners in town on the same weekend. "Food and Wine weekend is a good fit for the Porsche crowd," he said. "It was the right event at the right time."

He said organizers would debrief and plan to make it even better next year.

Maloney noted that while Porsches and the Food and Wine Weekend was a fortuitous juxtaposition, another recent weekend combination did not gel so well. The first weekend of the month saw both the Folk Festival and Diversity Weekend. Commissioner Bobbie Foster said her restaurant was packed and the sidewalks were full with visitors looking and shopping, but she thought the Folk Festival suffered in the shadow of Diversity Weekend. She wondered aloud who did the scheduling.

Maloney called the pairing a train wreck. He said Ronny Cox, headliner for the Saturday evening Folk Festival show, gave an outstanding performance to about 50 people.

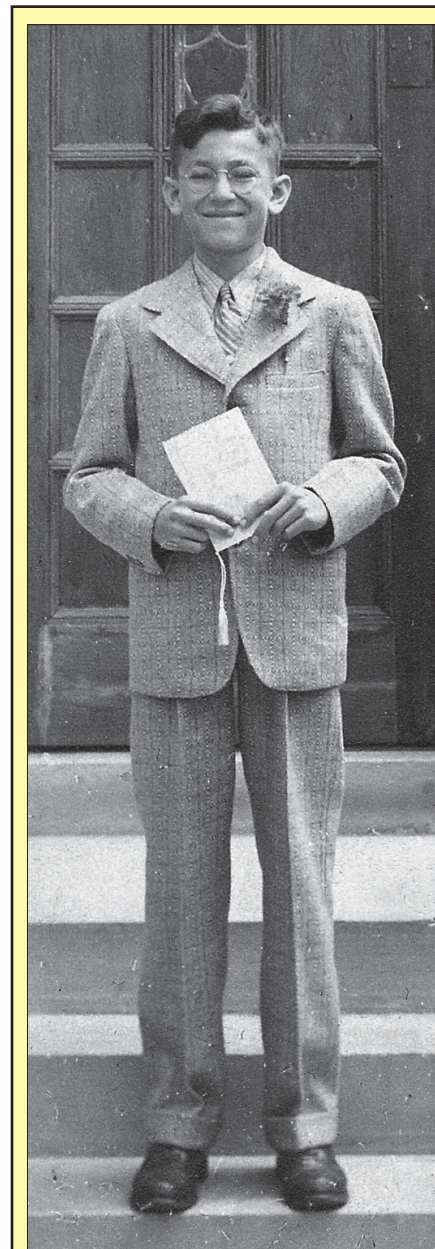
Commissioner Lynn Bridwell suggested they devote a workshop to discussing festivals and events. Maloney agreed because his vision is to have something going on every weekend, and all commissioners

agreed some attention needs to go toward thoughtful scheduling.

Budget is limping home

The good news, according to CAPC finance director Rick Bright, is his tourist lodgings have been setting records like never before, and he and

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Planning considers category for timeshares

NICKY BOYETTE

As the specter of timeshares looms over the Planning Commission agenda, Chair Beverly Blankenship winces. "The more I learn about this, the more I get a headache," she told the commission at its Nov. 13 meeting.

Planning is preparing to fit timeshares, a new category of dwelling in the city, into City Code. Blankenship pointed out a timeshare is not a single-family dwelling or a B&B, both of which are already regulated in City Code. They are more like a hotel or motel but with important differences, and therein lies the rub.

"They must pay into the infrastructure while they use the infrastructure," Blankenship said, however City Code does not yet have a mechanism for collecting the same taxes as other part-time dwellings.

Commissioner James Morris agreed. "It is time-critical for us to fix this now." He pointed out the timeshare, or private residence club, planned in the Queen Anne Mansion is in a commercial zone, which makes a big difference. He said Planning should not be prohibitive, but the city must be able to regulate such properties like any other business. "We want them to be a benefit to everyone."

Blankenship said a simple solution would be to place them under the

category of a hotel. One difference is that rules for the City Advertising and Promotion Commission say if a person rents a room for less than 30 days, he or she pays the CAPC tax, but a timeshare is not a rental.

Commissioner Mickey Schneider was concerned with how the CAPC would get its fair share when the timeshare owner returns for another brief stay in town but does not have to pay rent. Morris answered it was not the task of Planning to figure out how to collect taxes but to establish what is allowed in each zone. "We set the conditions, what's fair and just, and then it's in the city's hands. Cities all over the country have timeshares, and you can bet they collect their taxes."

More complications than solutions surfaced during the conversation, and as the crosstalk was bandied about, Blankenship commented, "So you can see we have a lot of work to do on this."

She presented the timeshare ordinances from three other cities to help them identify what is lacking in City Code, and they agreed to do further research and continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Underground utility lines

At the Nov. 16 meeting, commissioners agreed to ask city

council to draft an ordinance requiring all future constructions to place utility lines underground. Commissioner Ken Rundel said it was in the Vision Plan to get the lines buried, so the city must start somewhere.

Blankenship saw some difficulties going forward. She said Planning does not want to slow down progress and she questioned if it were realistic to expect to get existing utility lines underground as well. She cited a previous study that placed a hefty \$1 million per mile price tag on burying utility lines, and Blankenship said she had watched city council on the previous night bicker for two hours on spending \$30,000 on a city street that unquestionably must be repaired.

Nevertheless, Blankenship said she had called a representative from power company SWEPCO about this and he said he would attend the next meeting to answer questions, but he wanted their questions ahead of time so he could prepare answers. In the process of formulating a list of questions, commissioners speculated and conjectured among themselves as much as they identified issues until Blankenship finally told them to just email her their questions.

Other things

- Planning had sent council its work on tightening up City Code on special events, and Blankenship said she realized now they left one part of Code untouched. Nevertheless, she said their work has already made a difference in how the city handles the permit process, and she and Mayor Morris Pate have identified what Planning needs to do to finish the task.

- Blankenship disseminated a list of proposed ordinances they have passed along to council, several of which have been passed into law, such as the ordinances on handicapped parking and multi-family dwellings. She told the commission she wanted to send along Planning's acknowledgement to council for finishing work on these issues.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m.

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Rotary honors – Kenya Boes, a senior at Eureka Springs High School, shown with Eureka Springs Rotary President, Nicole Hoppel, is the Eureka Springs Rotary Student of the Month for October. Kenya is the daughter of Megan Boes and Michael Person. She attended the Arkansas School of Science and Mathematics in Hot Springs her junior year and was Program Council Officer 2011-2012. In addition to many other awards and honors, she received the Northwest Arkansas Regional Spanish-Language Poetry Slam Competition's Most Impressive Overall Award for Fall 2012. She is also the current public relations coordinator for the Young Democrats Club at the high school.



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Council's Monday night windup

NICKY BOYETTE

• Alderman Butch Berry said he had been asked if there were any complications from the fact that city redistricting moved the ward lines and put alderman Parker Raphael in a different ward from the one he represented. Raphael didn't move; the ward lines moved. He said this is not the same as someone moving out of the ward, and said he didn't see it as an issue.

City attorney Tim Weaver also did not see any problems although he said it would have been better if council had acted on the situation when it happened.

DeVito said, "I'm comfortable and confident we can go ahead." Alderman Ken Pownall agreed and moved they accept the attorney's opinion.

• Council considered the proposed change to the sign ordinance that would stipulate non-conforming off-premise signs could not be replaced if they deteriorated and they could be repaired only if the repair amounted to no more than 25 percent of the surface area of the sign. Planning Chair Beverly Blankenship answered questions about the proposed change, and she also asked council to consider Planning's proposed ordinance prohibiting digital electronic signs.

After discussion, alderman James DeVito moved to have Weaver draw up the two ordinances according to recommendations from Planning. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

• Vote was also unanimous to approve the third reading of Ordinance 2161 that requires all commercial construction permits to be approved by Planning.

• Raphael moved to give a number to the resolution in support of marriage equality and read it. Vote to approve the

resolution was 4-0-1, Pownall voting Present.

• After trying to find a date in December for a second meeting, council voted to have just the Dec. 10 meeting.

• The proposed ordinance to change voting procedures to voting for aldermen by ward only did not get enough votes to be read for the second time. The vote was 2-3, with Pownall, Berry and DeVito voting No, taking the issue off the agenda.

• Berry asked Finance Director Lonnie Clark to see how much revenue would be raised if council imposed a .6 of a mill voluntary tax to support the cemetery.

• There was a brief discussion of the Nelli Clark case. Weaver announced there is no exact timeline for expecting the Supreme Court to make a decision, but he said most cases go to trial within 90 days after the case reaches them, and the case is about three weeks into that 90-day period.

Pownall mentioned the city could settle, but no one knew what amount would be appropriate.

Lindblad asked for confirmation that insurance would cover the settlement cost, and Weaver said it would not. Also, a settlement is not an admission of guilt, he said, but nothing more than a settlement.

Lindblad also wanted to clarify if the Municipal League wins the case for Eureka Springs that Clark would get nothing, and Weaver confirmed that would be the case.

Mayor Morris Pate provided some City Code sections aldermen could review for clarifying particular terms and points of law relative to the case. Council then voted to postpone further discussion until the next meeting.

• Council considered a budget adjustment resolution, but Pownall noticed most the items listed, if

not all, could be corrected within a department without council's consideration. He asked finance director Clark to prepare a list with only items not correctable within a department.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.



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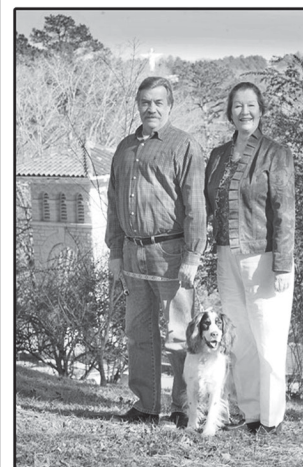
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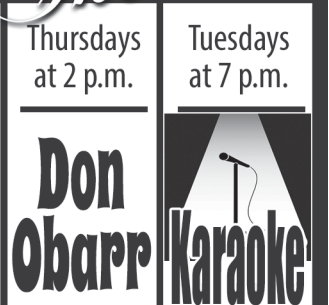


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Yes, we can think

Editor,

In the aftermath of the election, I have been amused by the remarks of the Republican analysts as to why Romney lost.

Since 1965, when Lyndon Johnson succeeded in getting the Voting Rights Act passed, Republicans have based their success at the polls, at least in part, on a carefully stirred farrago of hatreds, fears and greeds. Their thinly veiled racism, open homophobia and contempt for free women have appealed to many in the dying-off group of old white bigots, whose children and grandchildren have often proved more open-minded than they.

Those of us targeted by these maneuvers may remember them for at least a little while. Blacks, Hispanics, gays, women who do not want a

vaginal ultra sound before an abortion, are going to vote for the party that treats them decently. It is not a matter of "re-branding" or "re-phrasing the message," we actually can think.

Our President is not black. He is of mixed race, descended from a Confederate soldier as well as a Kenyan. This is a country of mixed races and tastes in love: gay and straight. Hispanic, Asian, Black, American Indian, white and everything in between.

We who voted for him are unlikely to start voting any time soon for a party whose calculated appeal has been to those who they *hoped* would loathe and fear us.

David Zimmermann

Loud pipes save lives?

Editor,

Really? Wow, how euphemistic!

Like the rattles on diamondbacks save lives? Yet, like rude motorcycles, these snakes are nothing to cuddle or coddle.

And as I see it and hear it, and like all the ugly signs and billboards, they are just one more sore on the skin of this once beautiful town of Eureka Springs.

Gerry Fonseca

The way we were

Editor,

Let me say I am an older than dirt white male, a Christian and occasionally agnostic from a large family of preachers. I take people at face value, don't care what their religion, political, racial or polarity may be. I am well known for not always saying what may be politically correct.

The Passion Play has a purpose

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@Zen_Moments --- As soon as you trust yourself, you will know how to live. ~ Garth Henrichs

@damnitstrue --- Thanksgiving: 7 days, Christmas: 40 days, New

Years: 47 days, Valentine's Day: 91 days, Easter: 136 Days, Summer: 218 days.

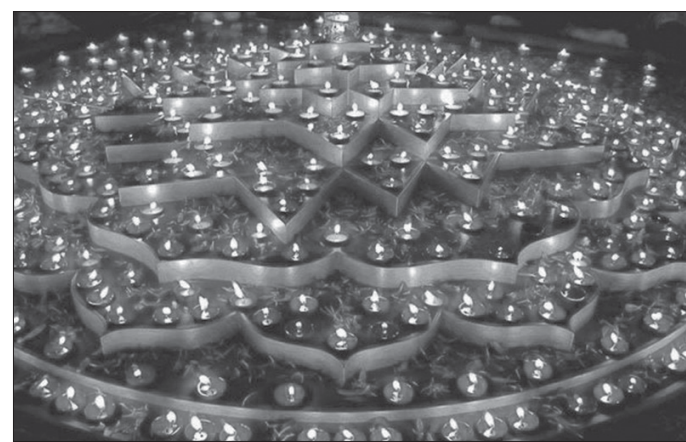
@MotherJones --- In Election's Wake, Washington Prosecutors Scrap 220 Marijuana Cases

@juliussharpe --- My earthquake kit is just a tuxedo because in case of a disaster, I want to look like the most important person to save.

@iguzzini --- Follow #Diwali for tweets and photos about the Festival of Lights!

@BreakingNews1st --- Still Hate Your Cable Company? 292,000 Defections Show You're Not Alone:

@ryanbelleville --- Just saw a 13 year old kid reading an actual newspaper. I stopped and asked if he was okay, and if he'd lost his phone.



@DubaiChronicle --- Diwali, the Indian Festival of Light, is a celebration of the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil.

@RobinMcCauley --- I hate it when I think I'm buying ORGANIC vegetables but when I get home I discover they're just REGULAR donuts.

@AmandaMarcotte --- I love how sexists both believe men are incapable of impulse control AND should be the holders of all meaningful power.

Out of the ashes

It's a call no one wants to get: "The house is on fire!" That call came on Nov. 9 to an *Independent* staff member and sent a lot of generous people into action. Michael and Perlinda Owens and son, Jeremiah, lost everything when their house burned in a devastating fire. Being a caring community, Eureka Springs residents who knew about the loss were anxious to mobilize and do whatever they could as quickly as they could.

Of chief concern was that seven of the Owensens animals were thought to have perished in the fire, but the next day it was discovered five actually escaped and survived. What didn't survive were all those things one takes for granted from day to day: toothbrushes and checkbooks, important papers and photographs, monthly bills and letters, cat food and socks, dishes and coffeemaker, houseplants, winter coats and hats. The list is endless.

It didn't take long for friends to rally with donations of clothing and items needed immediately, leaving the Owensens touched and grateful. But then, while they were out dealing with the damage at the home site and the donations kept accumulating here at the office, it became apparent to us there was something we hadn't thought of. The Owensens had nowhere to put anything. No shelves, no closets, no cabinets. No walls, in fact.

It was then we realized a bounty of material kindness might actually become overwhelming for them. Luckily the Owensens have home insurance (let that be a lesson to anyone who doesn't), which provides a temporary place to stay, but a hotel room can only hold so much stuff.

Anyone who's been in or close to this sort of tragedy knows that initially it takes a lot of mental energy just to accept and process the extent of what just happened. Then it takes some time to assess and vocalize one's needs. And when something happens to a friend, it's tough for us to wait for that process because human nature says, "do something *now* to make this better for them."

In general, love and moral support, along with immediate necessities, always work. Meanwhile, the Owensens have decided to rebuild on the home site they love and have been busy salvaging and cleaning what they can until they know what they have to replace.

They would never say it, but what will help the most now is money for cleanup, gasoline, supplies, food, storage and purchase of those taken-for-granted items needed for daily living, work and school. To that end we've opened a "Home Fire Benefit" account at Community First Bank in Michael and Perlinda Owens name. This is the best help we can think of, and one way the community can offer immediate support with a useful gift.

In some odd way, perhaps because Christmas is coming, this got us thinking about gifts in general – especially those that end up in long lines at the return counter; and who among us hasn't given or received one of those? In fact, retailers are counting on the lists of recipients we feel obliged to buy for every year with no clue about what they really like or want.

Maybe not so much in our little bubble, but every season masses of stressed-out people rush around on a little bit of time off trying to buy gifts for people who really won't keep or use what's in the box under the pretty paper. "It's the thought that counts," you might say. But it's whom the person is that should really matter.

Finding that out comes down to taking the time to listen to one another all during the year, getting to know and accept each other without passing it through the filter of who *we* are and what we think. And that translates to giving the people we care about something they like – even if *we* think it's the ugliest ashtray ever and would never have it in our home.

But the best gift of all is handing over an heirloom ashtray that really means something to you after a friend sees it in your home and wishes they had one. There just isn't a better gift than sacrifice – be it time, money or stuff.

- CDW

NEWS ITEM: MONSTER DIAMOND
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The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

As a soldier in our country's war against Godless Communism I was called on, about once a month, to empty and clean the honey pots in my unit's latrine. Step one involved pouring about a gallon of aviation fuel into the honey pot – 55 gallon drums filled with excrement – and then stirring it about until thoroughly mixed. Step two: throw a lighted match into the honey and run like hell.

Although I was a mere boy at the time, I possessed the discernment to know that this was work that should only be done by professionals. Therefore, and in my wisdom, I always volunteered to operate the dirty end of the stick – the mixing and stirring end – and graciously allowed a colleague to light and throw the match while I watched from a safe distance. Invariably, and after a most necessary shower, my colleague would exhibit the most amazing 2nd degree burns.

Over the 365 days of my tour it became increasingly difficult to find match throwers. By day 270 my selfless agreement to prepare and stir the pot, hitherto accepted as altruistic and noble, was caustically judged for the craven act that it was. More and more of my colleagues eschewed the lighted match and sought the stir stick. It became impossible to find experienced fire starters and we elected mystified new guys, and promotion seeking go-getters, to do the deed.

Yes, safer methods of igniting the honey pots were discussed; but solutions failed to materialize, probably because stirrers had no skin in the game, and because there was, I am loath to admit, a certain passive aggressive thrill in waiting for the match bearer to catch on fire. There was about a 3 in 10 chance that it would happen and bets were taken.

Now, we've elected a whole bunch of new guys and go getters to set fire to the honey pots in Washington and Little Rock, and to make them clean again. We know – my goodness, how we know – that they are expert pot stirrers; they have stirred and stirred. I hope they can –safely – light a match.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

NOVEMBER 5

12:05 a.m. – Alarm company called in a burglary alarm going off at a downtown business. Constable and key holder responded and found everything secure.

9:43 a.m. – Central dispatch reported a 911 hangup call from a local bank. Constable on patrol found everything to be in order at the bank.

10:05 a.m. – Alarm sounded at a business because a delivery person rattled the front door and set off the alarm. Everybody responded and everything was okay.

2:08 p.m. – Two young males, not students, were hanging around the elementary school. Constable who responded asked them to leave.

3:26 p.m. – Motorcycle and vehicle had a dust-up on U.S. 62. No one was injured.

9:45 p.m. – Resident of a neighborhood near downtown reported two young men kept pounding on her front door as she told them to go away. Constable patrolled the area and did not encounter the two individuals.

NOVEMBER 6

4:52 a.m. – Customer at a business near a bank reported hearing an alarm ringing nearby. Alarm was off when the constable arrived, but he checked the area.

5:04 a.m. – While on patrol, a constable encountered an individual sleeping in his vehicle. He was arrested for public intoxication and sleeping in public.

9:14 a.m. – Two vehicles bumped it up in a parking lot.

10:03 a.m. – Observer at a motel reported a very irate individual arguing with a group of people and possibly trying to stab them with an ice pick. Constables responded and were able to calm the man down. They discovered he had felony warrant out of Atlanta for probation violation on a burglary charge. He was arrested.

11:52 a.m. – Constable came upon an accident at the U.S. 62 and Hwy 23S intersection. He performed traffic control and took a report.

12:06 p.m. – Driver in the drive-through lane at a restaurant noticed the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle in front of her. She reported the incident and saw the vehicle leave the area and head south on Hwy. 23. Constables did not encounter the vehicle but relayed the information to other authorities.

4:04 p.m. – Individual wanted to report a public altercation between her and her husband. She wants him to go to rehab, not jail. She was advised ESPD would call the prosecutor's office to see about getting him committed for alcoholism.

11:58 p.m. – Resident reported her neighbor's very aggressive dog attacked her dog. Constable spoke with the two parties. Both asked for extra patrols to watch for other dogs roaming in the vicinity. Animal control followed up.

NOVEMBER 7

11:12 a.m. – Resident near downtown filed a hit-and-run accident report. Someone ran into her vehicle over the weekend.

12:41 p.m. – Guest at a hotel reported her wallet was missing.

3:36 p.m. – Resident near downtown asked for constable assistance. Her angry and out of control daughter had locked her out of their house. Constable arrived to help calm things down.

NOVEMBER 8

12:53 a.m. – An establishment reported an individual had broken a pane of glass on the front door from the outside and would not leave. He claimed he had left his phone inside, but they were sure he had not. Two constables arrived and arrested the individual for public intoxication, criminal mischief and resisting arrest.

2:18 a.m. – Guest at a motel reported her friends were fighting in a nearby room. She said the female was hitting the male. Constables intervened and checked everyone for damage. No injuries and no one wanted to file a report, so they got separate rooms for the rest of the night.

11:01 a.m. – Sheriff's office alerted ESPD to an accident on U.S. 62. There was a scooter down and the driver was taken to ESH.

3:29 p.m. – Resident reported someone for allegedly stealing a money order. Investigating constable saw at the post office the original name on the money order had been scratched off and the alleged thief's name had been added. Investigation continues.

NOVEMBER 9

12:01 a.m. – Guest at a motel reported other guests were smoking in their room. Constable spoke with motel manager who said he would talk to the guests.

12:21 a.m. – Deer found itself entangled in a fence, and a constable on patrol helped extricate it.

9:16 a.m. – Business owner reported a vehicle had been parked on her property for four days. Constable checked it out and told the owner she could have the vehicle towed.

11:16 a.m. – Director of a care facility told ESPD a resident had accused an employee of abuse, and the director asked for a report.

1:27 p.m. – Driver reported a motorcycle going very fast had passed his vehicle in front of oncoming traffic.

3:22 p.m. – Two vehicles hooked up at the intersection of Spring and Main.

5:35 p.m. – Clerk at a store downtown found a wallet. Constable retrieved it and the owner claimed it a bit later.

5:43 p.m. – Driver parked a vehicle in a red zone to unload some things but it was interfering with the steady flow of traffic. When the baggage was unloaded, the vehicle moved out of the way.

6:16 p.m. – Customers were yelling and fighting with a business owner, according to a nearby resident. She was concerned about possible vandalism so she asked for extra patrols in the area.

7:40 p.m. – An out of state trooper reported three very fast motorcycles on Hwy. 23S. One

was going probably more than 100 mph. Information passed along to Arkansas State Police.

9:04 p.m. – Customer of a bar went outside to smoke and returned to find her purse missing. Bouncer checked other customers, but purse was not there.

9:56 p.m. – Constable encountered two males throwing rocks at lights downtown. Outer lens of one fixture was broken. The two were cited for criminal mischief and a court date is pending.

NOVEMBER 10

3:07 p.m. – Two vehicles were involved in an accident in a motel parking lot. Only injury was to a radiator.

5:53 p.m. – Fayetteville resident said he had been trying to reach a local for a week but no responses. Asked for a welfare check. Constable went to the place of business, but no one was there.

10:39 p.m. – Central dispatch passed along a report of people at a restaurant acting suspiciously. Constable responded and found nothing amiss.

NOVEMBER 11

6:58 p.m. – Constable responded to a domestic dispute at a motel. He discovered the dispute was verbal only, and disputants agreed to stay in separate rooms.

7:46 p.m. – Two constables and EMS responded to report of an unresponsive female. EMS transported the person to ESH.

10:02 p.m. – Clerk at a tourist lodging was concerned about a vehicle parked at the far end of the parking lot. The passengers had been told to leave. Constable spoke with them, and they said they were sharing a room at the lodge with someone else and just wanted some alone time.

NOVEMBER 12

12:56 a.m. – Resident reported a nearby dog had been barking for 30 minutes. Constable on patrol spoke with the owner who brought the animal inside for the rest of the frosty night.

20 x 100, the Warm Dog Initiative

Go East, Young Dog, the new nonprofit dog rescue in Carroll County, needs help warming its homeless shelter this winter. The organization has leased the Berryville Animal Control facility to provide short-term housing for abandoned and abused dogs and puppies, between 30 and 45 at a time, while they are brought to health and adopted. The dogs are eventually transported to adoptive owners in the eastern U.S.

In the first six months hundreds of Carroll County dogs have been spayed/neutered, adopted out and transported – saving countless dogs that previously would have been euthanized.

The current facility is inadequate and Go East, Young Dog will be raising money in the future to make improvements, but the urgent need now is to get heat in the large metal building where many of the dogs are housed. They need \$2,000 to heat the facility for the winter and hope to find 20 animal lovers who can each donate \$100 toward that goal. Many of the dogs taken in have had miserable lives

and Go East is striving to keep them comfortable, healthy and socialized while they await their forever homes.

Please help if you are able.

Smaller monetary donations are also appreciated, as are donations of blankets, towels, tarps, dog toys, treats, stainless buckets and bowls, hoses and other

dog-related paraphernalia. Monetary donations may be made through PayPal at www.goeastyoungdog.org or sent to Go East, Young Dog, 1233 Bunch Springs, Rd., Berryville AR 72616. Please specify if the donation is for the Warm Dog Initiative. Go East, Young Dog, Inc. is an IRS recognized 501c3 public charity and donations are tax deductible.

Register for *Silver Screen* Christmas Parade by Nov. 23

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce has booked screen and stage star Barry Williams (Greg Brady in *The Brady Bunch*) as Grand Marshal for the 2012 Christmas Parade slated for Friday, Nov. 30.

Join him and other area bands, churches, businesses, civic organizations and individuals and register for the parade by Nov. 23. There is no entry fee for the lighted parade, which will begin at 6 p.m. Let's make it the best parade ever. For more information or registration call (479) 253-8737 or email donna@eurekaspringschamber.com.

Registration forms are available at the Chamber Visitor Center in the Village at Pine Mountain.

TheNATUREofEUREKA

by Steven Foster

Freaks of nature

In 2009 Holiday Island resident and *Eureka Springs Independent* reader, Leah Nelson, noticed an extraordinary leaf on a sidewalk in Rogers – a giant sycamore leaf that was 16 ½ inches wide, and 13 ½ in.

long, more than twice the normal size.

This fall at Black Bass Lake I found a small group of sassafras trees with leaves that were far from normal. Usually sassafras has three types of leaves – simple oval leaves, mitten-

shaped leaves (with one prominent lobe), and three-lobed leaves. Sassafras leaves are “always” longer than wide. On these trees, a large percentage of leaves were 5-7-lobed, and up to three times as wide as long.

Back in the early ‘80s I wrote about an Ozark witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*) plant I found that was brilliant scarlet red. It's usually yellow to orange-tinged. A plant breeder in up-state New York saw my article and traveled to the Ozarks just to see the plant. He collected it, propagated it and offered it to his customers. These are examples of what horticultural breeders refer to as “sports” – variations from a plant's “normal” morphological features. It's all part of the package that nature delivers as endless variation.

It is this endless variation that horticulturists exploit to bring unusual or new plants to gardens. The famous plant breeder, Luther Burbank (1849-1926), gave us the giant Idaho potato (the Russett-Burbank potato). Before

that, one could hold a handful of potatoes.

Inspired by Charles Darwin's 1868 book *The Variation of Animals and Plants under Domestication*, Burbank planted dozens of acres of daisies, then walked up and down the rows, selecting a handful of “sports” from which to collect seed for propagation. The rest of the field was plowed under. From those selections the Shasta daisy was born.

These types of variations usually are not described in field guides. They are freaks of nature, genetic twists of fate or perhaps some inexplicable response to the environment. Who knows? We just hope that when we find such mutations they are not induced by man-made chemicals unleashed to the air, soil and water or from genetically modified organisms.

Let nature work her own wonders.



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For such a tiny city we sure host a whole lot of parades. In fact we held four in just the past 10 days. We went from Zombie to Folk Festival to Veterans to a Porsche parade in a blink of an eye.

Eureka Springs is a town that loves to play dress-up, and there doesn't seem to be any shortage of creative characters who want to dazzle.

We count on, and should be grateful to, the many people who put in so much creative time and energy making our annual parades such a big success. And while some of these costumes and floats are awarded prize money, more often than not, the cash barely covers the cost of materials, never mind the hours spent working on them.

A Eureka parade would not seem complete without resident clown Margo Pirkle who has been making kids and grownups smile for thirty-plus years, and ditto to Eureka Gras King, Zeek Taylor, who has participated in more parades then you can shake a stick at and continues to wow.

And if Zeek is King, then Valerie Damon is surely Queen. The artist and children's book illustrator uses



Long live parades – Queen of parades, Valerie Damon, always bestows a royal wave to throngs of gawkers.

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her face as canvas, brilliantly creating her mythical personas with face paint and fabric.

Then there are the parade performers who regularly entertain. Angelo Yao and his band of African drummers and dancers; belly dancer Lorna Trigg and her troupe of lovely ladies (and now one gentleman), and part-time resident and puppet

maker George Myer who gathers his usual suspects to parade down Spring St.

Add Wendi

La Fey's über feminine ideal, Sparky's outrageous balloon ensembles, Melanie Linker's fire and hoops, Jack Miller's artistic floats and Dan Ellis's enthusiasm and you pretty much have a fun and entertaining parade.

A short list of some of my favorite parade highlights: MainStage's story-high puppet of Frida Kahlo, a very blue Poco Carter, the first Art Car parade, Mark Hughes' butterfly costume complete with pollen spewing flower, Steve Holst's green spewing dragon, Geralyn Hartman's green tinted St.

Patrick's Day horses, the Christmas parade float with a live Jesus in a white flowing robe nailed to the cross, Yoanka, and anything put out there by Valerie Damon.

Thanks to everyone who participates in our cascade of parades. As a photographer in this town, I am never short on photo-ops.



INDEPENDENTArt

New Poetry Program begins Nov. 18

In response to local requests, the Community Writing Program of the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow will teach *Elements of Poetic Craft* on one afternoon each month, beginning Nov. 18. Topics include *Poetic Form, Style, Tone and Diction, Syntax, the Line, Meter, the Matter of a poem*, and a section on *How to Read Poetry* – your own and someone else's.

At least one hour of every workshop will be set aside for exercises and presentations of new work by the students. According to Alison Taylor-Brown, who heads up the Community Writing Program, the session is in response to what local writers say they want. Workshops are informal and geared toward the specific needs of the participants.

Wendy Taylor Carlisle and Don Lee will teach the poetry program. The first workshop will be held at the Colony Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2 – 5 p.m. Cost for each workshop is \$25.

Anyone interested in attending but can't come on Sunday afternoons, please contact Alison via email at alison.taylorbrown@me.com or phone (479) 292-3665. Other times are being considered.

Sneak preview Nov. 23, ESSA Fall Art Show Nov. 24, 25

Don't miss ESSA's Fall Art Show on Nov. 24 – 25. Come to the Sneak Preview from 6 – 8 p.m. on Nov. 23. Cost for the preview is \$5 per person for early access to purchasing great art. Refreshments available. Awards will be presented at the preview for "Best in Show," 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both two- and three-dimensional art.

Join the fun at the sneak preview then shop with fellow art aficionados at the Convention Center at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday. Only \$2 per person at the door. This is the perfect holiday shopping opportunity for art at its best as more than 50 artists will be exhibiting and selling their work.

Go shopping in town on Black Friday and still make the Fall Art Show! Additional information on ESSA's website at www.essa-art.org or call (479) 253-5384. Join ESSA on Facebook at Eureka-Springs-School-of-the-Arts for a countdown and mini-albums of participating artists.

Reception for Zeek

The Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce is hosting a reception for artist and chamber member Zeek Taylor at Community First Bank, Tuesday, Nov. 20 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. Taylor is being honored for being the recipient of this year's Arkansas Arts Council's Governors award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts. The public is invited.



Veteran pride – U.S. Navy combat air crewman 1st Class Petty Officer, Patrol Squadron VP-47 in the western Pacific and Southeast Asia during the 1970s, Joe Easton, carried the flag in Saturday's Veterans' Day parade.

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Youth and experience – Above, right, this veteran takes an interest in Denise Ryan's painting of a young man in camouflage during the well-attended Veteran's Day Art Show at Caribé on Nov. 11.

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Veterans on parade – Joel Wren, center, from Aurora, Mo., pipes a skirling military march in the Veterans' Day Parade on Nov. 10. It was the city's fourth annual Veterans' Day Parade, beginning at the library and descending down Spring Street through the middle of town.

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Historical Museum donates to Cemetery

Phyl and Rod McGuire, (above left and right) present a check in the amount of \$900 to Eureka Springs Cemetery Commission member, June Westphal (center), representing proceeds from the special Carroll County night for the "Voices from Eureka's Silent City" tours.

Overall, 1,090 people attended the event during the five nights of performances, coming from all around Northwest Arkansas and far as Australia!

This event is a major fundraiser for the Historical Museum, and the board of directors thanks all the cast

members, guides, support personnel and sponsors for making it a grand success. Special thanks to the McGuires, without whose leadership as producer-directors, it would probably never come together; and also to June Westphal (who knows where the bodies are buried, literally) and Mary Jean Sell, who collaborates with June on the history of the many interesting former residents of Eureka now residing in the silent city.

The fifth annual Voices From The Silent City tours will take place next October 18, 19, 25 and 26.



Roll out the barrels – Dr. Doug Hausler draws a sample of the Keels Creek Winery's Signature Red for Sarah Reyes during a special barrel tasting event Nov. 10. The wine tasting included the introduction of two new wines, a dessert wine called Just Peachy and a Cynthiana port called Big C.

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DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

This pair of vintage Porsches owned by brothers Mark and Curt Wheatley of Tulsa attracted a lot of attention last weekend on Spring St. The red 1957 and blue 1954 Porsche Speedsters were part of the "Escape to the Ozarks" event sponsored by the Porsche Club of America.

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SRO – The CAPC hosted the Arkansas Commission on Tourism at a reception in the auditorium lobby on Nov. 14. It was standing room only as representatives from Parks and Tourism from around the state met with Mayor Morris Pate, the CAPC, the Eureka Springs business community and members of the Chamber of Commerce. The group is enjoying Eureka Springs during its convention at the Best Western Eureka Inn.

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The jolly man is back!

Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce invites all area children to visit with Santa in Basin Park on Friday, Nov. 23. Santa and his elves will arrive at 5 p.m. and will pass out goodies to the kids as he makes his list for the "Big Day." For more information, call (479) 253-8737 or email donna@eurekaspringschamber.com.

Bulletin Board

November

16 Wine and Cheese Preview Sale for Fall Antique Show & Sale, Inn of the Ozarks, 5:30 – 7 p.m. (479) 253-7551, email bakerdj@cox.net or see www.eurekaspringsantiqueshow.com.

17 – 18 24th Annual Fall Antique Show & Sale at the Inn of the Ozarks. Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (479) 253-7551, email bakerdj@cox.net or visit www.eurekaspringsantiqueshow.com.

23 Santa in the Park. Santa and his elves will arrive at 5 p.m. and will pass out goodies to the kids as he makes his list for the "Big Day." www.eurekaspringschamber.com

23 Hidden Elves Downtown. www.eurekaspringsdowntown.com

23 – 25 ESSA Fall Art and Craft Show and Sale at Inn of the Ozarks. (479) 253-5384.

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30 Eureka Springs Christmas Parade – *A Silver Screen Christmas!* Grand Marshal Barry Williams (Greg Brady from the Brady Bunch). Floats, walkers, bands and thousands of lights. Downtown Eureka Springs, 6 p.m. www.eurekaspringschamber.com

Call for professional lady mourners

Ladies, if you would like to have fun and participate in Dan Ellis' upcoming Jazz Funeral scheduled for Friday, Dec. 21, Mary Popovac and Cné Breaux would like to talk with you. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. at the Rowdy Beaver. Afterward, a trolley will take participants to the Pied Piper for further ceremonies. From there, you will line up behind the pallbearers and follow slowly to the cadences played by the Eureka Springs Jazz Band. Once, at the New Delhi, a Viking Funeral will be performed after which you will "2nd line" back to the Pied Piper where the trolley will return everyone to the Rowdy Beaver.

Those who can't make it at 4 p.m. can meet at the Pied Piper at 5 p.m. to join in. Breaux has specified black dress for the ladies. There will also be two fun sessions to decorate black umbrellas and get more information on what is expected at the parade.

Details at www.JazzFuneral.DanEllis.Net or email MaryPop2009@yahoo.com or jcbreaux@project-strategies.com, or phone (479) 981-9551.

Community Thanksgiving dinners Nov. 22

- Thanksgiving Dinner will be served by Flint Street Fellowship Food Pantry from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the ECHO Building, 4004 E. Van Buren. Open to all. Please call 253-4945 for transportation or to volunteer.

- On Thanksgiving Day, the Community Thanksgiving Dinner returns to the Unitarian Universalist Church building at 17 White St. Doors open at 1 p.m. and dinner is served at 2. Bring a potluck dish and a place setting. For more information, or to volunteer to help, call Oak at 253-2582.

- Thanksgiving at Chelsea's Corner Café begins at 2 p.m. Turkey and ham is provided – the rest is potluck, so please bring a dish.

Cash bar. Music by Gina and the Gang all day and Jazz Night with Jake at 9.

- The Holiday Island Friends of the Barn Community's Thanksgiving Dinner begins with a social hour at 1 p.m. Dinner at 2 p.m. Roast turkey with all the trimmings, coffee, ice tea and water provided. BYOB. Tickets are on sale now at the HI Recreation Center for the single seating for \$12. If available, tickets will be sold for \$14 at the door. Please bring a non-perishable item or monetary donation for the Flint Street Food Bank. All ticket proceeds go to the Barn Fund. Call Jim Hirnisey at (479) 253-6285 or Susan Smith at (479) 253-5136 with any questions.

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

There's change afoot at the Aud

Work progresses on the new heating and air systems. The old air handlers and condenser units have been dismantled, removed and dispatched to be recycled.

The contractors even took great pains to utilize an EPA-approved method to recover the pressurized refrigerant and prevent its escape into the atmosphere. All of the old piping and insulation is also being removed and recycled. Next up is the dismantling and removing of the old boiler. Can't say I'm sorry to see any of it go. The old system was a serious maintenance hog. Wasn't real efficient with the utilities, either. New concrete pads have been poured



to mount exterior units and the interior mechanical spaces are almost ready for the new air handlers. A cursory energy audit shows we'll be considerably better off with the new systems.

Ron Sumner and I have also been paying particular attention to the noise levels of the new systems. [Warning – techspeak ahead. Those of you whose eyes glaze over at this sort of thing can come back in a paragraph or two.] We

had some initial concerns when we first looked at the spec sheets and saw a rating of 91dB at 63Hz. That's a fairly high level of some long-wavelength energy that can propagate through a structure with relative ease and be especially problematic in a theater application. We felt considerably better when we read the fine print and discovered that the 91dBa measurement was taken *inside* the unit. At a more reasonable distance, the figure dropped to a far more acceptable 65.6dB – about the level of a Prius driving by. Without the radio on.

Outdoor units will also be mounted on isolation pads that should, together with the increased mass of the

new concrete platforms, further reduce mechanical transmission to the interior.

All of these factors along with the dramatic reduction of transmitted sound afforded by our recently installed storm windows will result in a much quieter – not to mention comfortably warmed or cooled – listening environment.

It's not just the physical plant that has changes coming. Look for some major news on our programming coming up next year. Some scheduling tweaks, some new offerings, and the return of some old friends are all in the works.



Eureka Springs first city in Arkansas to officially endorse marriage equality

Despite a state constitution that specifically prohibits same-sex unions, Eureka Springs on Monday became the first city in the state to officially endorse the idea by a vote of the city council.

Two leaders of a low-profile campaign to persuade the council to adopt a resolution supporting marriage equality spoke in favor of the measure. Lamont Richie, a former city official and currently a Carroll County Quorum court judge, was blunt about the resolution's intent.

"This will put you on record as supporting marriage equality," he said.

Although no opponents of marriage equality appeared at the meeting, Richie anticipated conventional arguments against the notion. "I disagree with the conclusion that someone else's religious belief should deny me and my partner of nearly 28 years the choice to enter into a legal relationship."

Michael Walsh, a retired journalist who authored the city's precedent-setting

2007 Domestic Partnership Registry – the first and still only one in the state – told council, "True equal marriage rights are a long way off in Arkansas and the South. We know that. But the resolution before you is powerfully symbolic and potentially influential. Tonight, you can jump-start history."

Before his comments, Walsh submitted a 33-page list containing the names of more than 700 supporters, including former Eureka Springs mayor

Dani Joy and Ark. State Rep. Kathy Webb.

Of the petitioners, Walsh said, "They know Eureka Springs is the only city in Arkansas that can do this and, certainly, the one city that should."

Without discussion and with one council member voting "Present," a four-member majority approved the measure.

The city's now-official endorsement follows by less than six weeks the same action in Austin, Texas.

Maloney see the same positive vibe in other businesses all around town. They were hesitatingly confident that October would be a very good month and November so far has followed suit.

Two good months would in large measure stabilize the delicate budget balancing Maloney and Bright are doing to finish out the year.

Maloney said he has seen the benefits of cable advertising, and

it costs less than some other media, so he will be advertising more on cable in target areas and spend less on print media. Bright added they can also track who watches the advertising, thus enabling better targeting of a particular audience. And it is cheaper.

Foster said she was worried about the financials. As a businesswoman, she said she knows well a business must watch its cash flow, and she is concerned enough to

suggest they devote a workshop to opening up the budget and putting it back together better.

She said she has been delighted with how busy the town has been, but is wondering if the CAPC could have accomplished that result for less.

Maloney will set a workshop date at the next meeting.

Etc.

Maloney said the recent Zombie Crawl pulled in a sizable crowd for

the weekend, notably because it was the first time for the event. A much larger event has been discussed for next year.

Bright distributed copies of the calendar for Mardi Gras Eureka Springs. Celebrating begins Saturday, January 5, 5 p.m., at the Rowdy Beaver Tavern. Two other events will happen in January before a month of events in February.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 28, 6 p.m.

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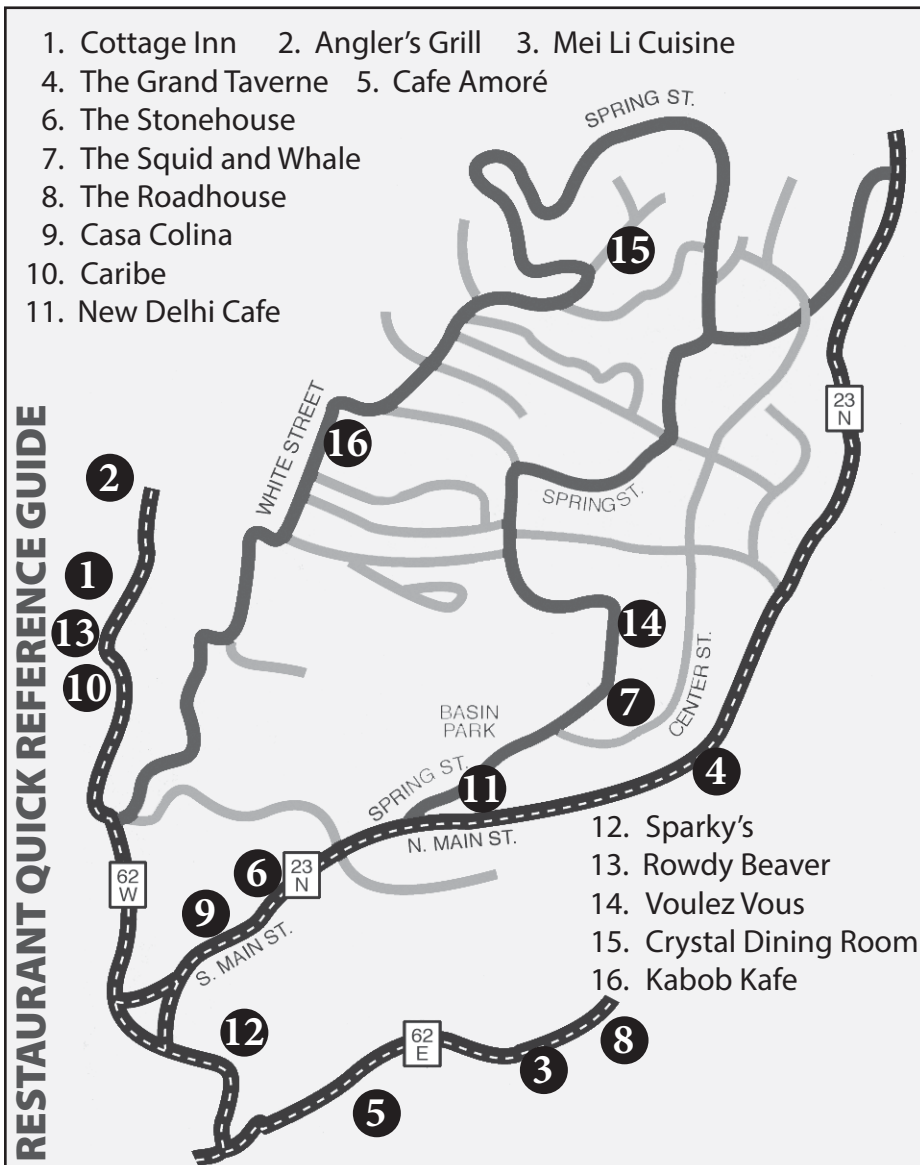


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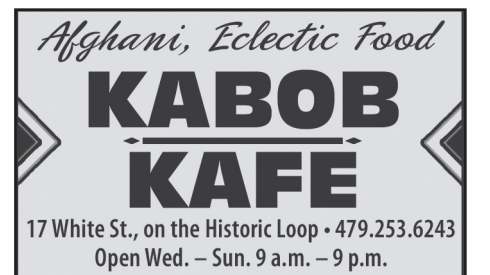
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All day long the women worked preparing food and drink for the dancers to enjoy. Everybody knew that the two favorite forms of entertainment in the country were dancing and eating good food. The two were synonymous. When somebody prepared to have a dance, somebody started cooking.

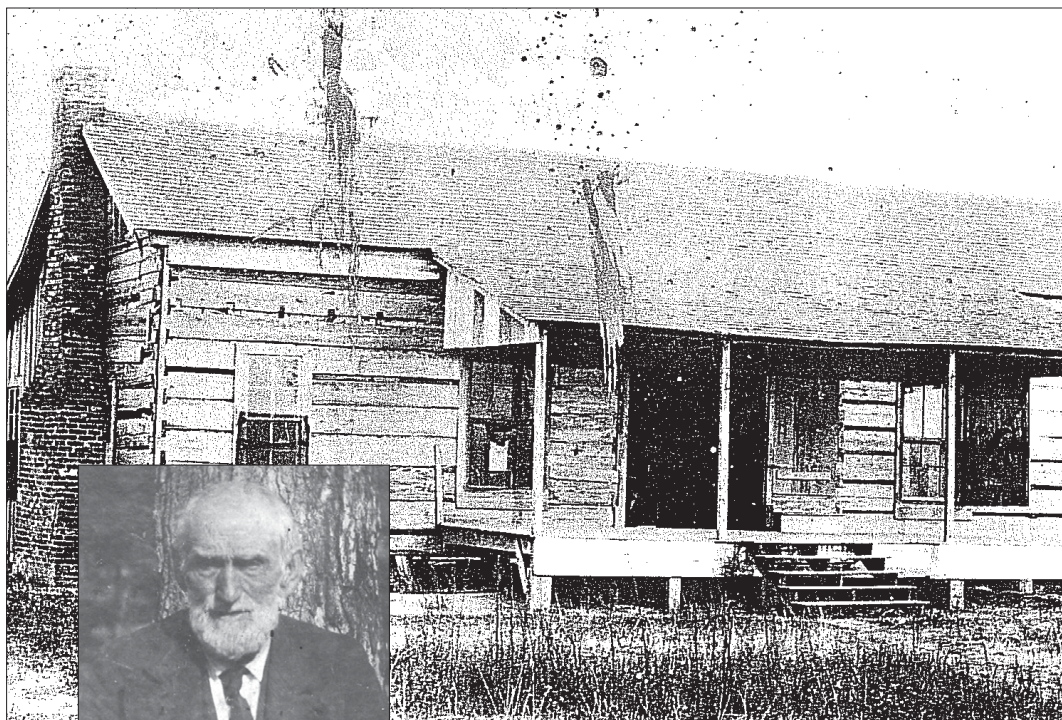
Each woman began preparing her favorite dish or the item in which she excelled in making. Lucy Robertson could always be depended on for the fried apple pies. It would take a mountain of them for that night. John Gaskins inspected the liquor supply. There seemed to be plenty on hand, including some grape wine and peach brandy, “fer th’ women that didn’t drink raw whiskey.”

By late evening the dancers had started arriving. All the way from as far as Roaring River and over on Clifty they came. The three young men who had been delegated to give out a dance had done their work well.

The festivities began by sundown. The two fiddlers were tuning up their instruments. One would lead the dancing music while one played second fiddle. Tom Cornelison was there with the jawbone of his horse that had died last fall. When it was beaten with practiced hands with a small metal bar or a pocketknife, to the rhythm of the fiddle, its rattling sound was a fine addition to the music for dancing.

Two men played jugs and one a gourd. Ellen Wilson stood directly in front of Frank Roach, as he played the familiar tunes she beat the strings of his fiddle with rhythm of two steel knitting needles. Several of the young men were well-versed in the art of calling the changes for the square dances for the dancing couples. Several remarked that this was the first house they had ever danced in that had enough room to “run two sets at the same time.” The dancers warmed up with enthusiasm as they went through the intricate figures of Virginia Reel, Arkansas, Bird in a Cage, and many others with which everybody was familiar.

The men folks had all sampled the whiskey too often and were getting too loud and boisterous. Johnny Gaskins took a turn himself at dancing on his new floor, doing a jig and what was known as “cuttin’ th’ pigeon’s wing.” He did not take a partner as he executed varied steps of the jig dance, his heavy boots making



loud thudding sounds in the time to the music. Everybody stood back and cheered as he warmed up to the tempo of the music and the excitement of the crowd.

“Johnny’s a-makin’ a fool of hisself,” Susan remarked with embarrassment.

“Now, everybody knows that Johnny gets too much to drink now and then. Jest don’t you worry about it,” one of her friends consoled. “He’s happy an’ it’s his way of showin’ it. Some folks go to church an’ shout when they’re happy. Johnny Gaskins gets drunk and dances but it’s all fer th’ same reason. He’s just thankin’ th’ Lord fer his blessin’s.”

“Well, maybe you’re right,” Susan agreed, “but sometimes I wish Johnny could find a little quieter way of sayin’ his thanks.”

Another woman nearby added her own bit to the conversation. “There ain’t another man in this whole country that has done as much good for others as John Gaskins. I think if he drinks a little too much, it’s his own business. Everybody’s got a fault of some kind. His is hittin’ th’ bottle too heavy. So what? He’s never harmed a soul but hisself. It’s his headache. That’s all I’ve got to say about it.”

The band which lacked much in professionalism had replaced it with enthusiasm. As the night wore on, the enthusiasm was waning. The dancers were growing tired and very few remained on the floor. Many of them were getting ready to go home as the first light of day shone through the windows of the new house.

Susan walked to the east window and said to her friends, “See, th’ sun is comin’ up and I’m lookin’ at

it through my own brand new window.”

The huge coffee pots had been removed from the fire and were cooling on the hearth as several said their goodbyes. In the confusion of their leaving, few heard the rap on the heavy wooden door. Susan heard it and opened it to find their neighbor, Amos Beck, standing on the front steps. He began to speak as soon as she opened the door.

“Mrs. Gaskins, I’ve come fer you. I didn’t know anybody else to turn to. It’s Rosa. I think her time is here. I didn’t know what to do fer her and Lord knows I’ve got to have somebody.”

“Of course, Mr. Beck. You done the right thing. I’ll help you all I can. You wait right here until I

get a couple of my friends that are here. We’ll all go and help all we can.”

She disappeared back into the house and returned a few minutes later followed by Minnie Hyde and Flossie Smith. They followed Amos Beck down the mountain trail. He walked at a faster pace than they would have chosen, but realized his hurry. He tried to explain to them, as they walked along, what he had on his mind.

“I’m sorry to have to ask you fer help, Mrs. Gaskins. I wouldn’t want you to feel obligated because your son is mixed up in this thing, but I simply had to have somebody and your house was the closest...”

“Don’t worry about that, Mr. Beck, and this is not the time to talk about obligations. It’s a time when one neighbor needs another an’ that’s all there is to it, as far as I am concerned.”

“But Mrs. Gaskins, I’m tryin’ to tell you that I don’t know if it was your Jimmy that is guilty of this thing or iffen it was somebody else. Rosa says it was him.”

“Let’s talk about guilt and blame some other time, Amos. Your wife was my friend an’ I know she would want me to do whatever I could fer Rosa.”

As they opened the front door to the Beck house, they heard the groans from the figure on the bed. Susan went to the bed, took Rosa’s hand, and said, “Rosa, we are here to help you but the biggest part of this job you are goin’ to have to do yourself. We want this baby to get here alive and healthy.”

“That may be what want, Mrs. Gaskins, but it ain’t what I want. I don’t care if it gets here alive or not and if it does I don’t want to see it. You can jest take it to that son of yourn and tell him I carried it for nine months an’ it’s his turn now. He can have it.”

Preparing. Something's Coming!

In our last week of Scorpio, sign of Discipleship, the hidden, sacred and the Ageless Wisdom teachings, we begin inner preparations for the upcoming season when dark turns into the light. This time of preparation is referred to as Advent (*advenire*, Latin), when we sense “something new is about to arrive.”

In Orthodox churches Advent begins this Sunday, Nov. 18 (two weeks ahead of the traditional Advent Season which begins Dec. 2). Orthodox Advent celebrates for six weeks (40 days and 40 nights) – a 40-day journey of preparation with a wreath of six candles (with one white candle at the center). Each Sunday one more candle is lit. The wreath signifies our “light in the darkness” as we prepare for Christmas (the new birth of the Light, the Sun, the holy child) has a theme and the holy season.

Each week has a theme. This week's is entrance into new experiences and ideas, “making all things new.”

Esotericists around the world are also preparing for something new – the Dec. 21-28 Festival Week of the New Group of World Servers (NGWS) that only occurs every seven years. Each day at 5 p.m. the NGWS recite the Mantram of the New Group of World Servers in preparation. Here is the Festival Week YouTube – www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbBQuZAVgUI.

Friday and Saturday the Leonids meteors stream through the night sky. We light our first purple Advent candle **Sunday**. Sometime **Wednesday** afternoon Sun enters Sagittarius, sign of Silence. We mount our white horses, ride over the plains, our eyes fixed on the mountaintops (Capricorn mysteries) ahead. Silently, we prepare.

During this week we prepare also for Thanksgiving (Thursday, Nov. 22). We ponder upon all that we have to give thanks for. We enter into Gratitude, a quality of the Soul.

ARIES: There are feelings of intimacy with loved ones, and actually with all the kingdoms. A sense of complete knowingness about the life principle working within us. Feeling this intensely it inspires you to greater work in the world. This world work begins to fulfill you as nothing else has and you invite others to join you, teaching them, as mentor to focus, to cooperate, to learn to trust more. Your work is good, better, becoming the best.

TAURUS: Any things not working in relationships, loving and close as they may be, comes to the surface and you see truly the places where change must take place. As always, you ponder upon these things attempting to uncover your part, seeing patterns from the past continued into the present. You choose to speak from vulnerability and not only strength. Though the two are one.

GEMINI: What changes are you seeing, or are you initiating, in your daily life, your work, tasks and profession? You ask yourself if all that you do is of service, do your chosen endeavors come from love? Simultaneously you want to know how to create a more healthful daily way of life and of being.

All things not vitalizing you (what are they?) you must release. You can.

CANCER: You need more fun, more sun, more pleasure, more comfort, a bit of romance (if possible), more love, more joy, more happiness. You realize that happiness is what the personality feels. And it's the Soul that expresses joy. You ponder upon and observe the difference. Nature informs you. Are you planting kale?

LEO: What nourishes you these days? This is a most important question to ask yourself because with all your fire, you can forget that specific nourishment is needed by your heart and mind so you can love more, which is your Leo fire heart's purpose. What is most passionate for you, where do you feel most at home? Who loves you?

VIRGO: A new focus is needed in your thoughts. So you can learn in new ways, and bring new information into your mind. Not information based on the past, but information new to the world and to you. When we stay within previous paradigms that served us long ago, our life no longer changes. We're bound back to the past. A good place to begin is with anxieties and fears. Ask to understand them.

LIBRA: You're seeking to balance your money, finances and resources. Be aware during this time that things hidden come into the light. It allows you to understand what in your life needs more work, attention, organization. Your most important resource is how you see and feel about yourself, how you value and care for yourself. What is it that you value? Create a small Self-Values journal. Write in it. Write about yourself.

SCORPIO: Before Scorpio is over, Happy Birthday. How have the Scorpio weeks been for you as multiple planets entered Scorpio, including Saturn, sign of more and more structure and discipline? A great regenerative power is available, allowing release of hurts, sadness and disappointments (those we forgive). Simultaneously, you may change your style a bit. Many think you're a diviner (or divine).

SAGITTARIUS: A veil is drawn

between you and the world, bringing to you a time of reflection, retreat and contemplation. So you can be restored in all ways, slowing down, tending to all things that keep you healthy, happy and more able when you're re-called into the outer world. So many transformations appearing. Allow yourself rest during this time. Hide away a bit more. Drape yourself in shadows.

CAPRICORN: You want to connect with others who think like you. This allows you to feel not so alone; helps clarify goals, hopes, wishes, desires and aspirations. Usually your work is rather solitary. It's important when working with others not to remain solitary and only within your own beliefs. Assisting others needs a more expansive view. Communication may be difficult. Wait a while. Your intentions may be hidden to you. Try to clarify them.

AQUARIUS: So much in your life is calling for renewal, restoration, repair, reconstruction and even re-decoration. Especially your professional life. If an artist, you will wonder when you will again report for art duty. Deep insights inform you of the next important tasks concerning your life purpose, how to manifest it more fully and directions to take. A state of quiet allows this. Especially when in nature, water or moving swiftly through the air.

PISCES: You are seeking new ways to exhibit your abilities, talents and gifts. However, in this retrograde time, you may not be understood. Your knowledge, spirituality and teachings may not be comprehended. There may be resistance. It's best to not be so vulnerable. Best to travel, participate in other spiritual traditions in a place where there are crystals. Do not defend yourself when questioned. Simply move behind the veils.

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Top civil servant – Mayor Morris Pate, right, accepts the Civil Service Award on behalf of ESPD Det. Thomas Achord from George Purvis at the 2012 Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Banquet Nov. 13.

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505 Dedicated – Elise Roenigk holds up a plaque which will be permanently placed on the new 505 Spring addition to the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow. The building was dedicated by the Preservation Society to Marty and Elise Roenigk at a cocktail party and dinner held on Nov. 9. Also dedicated to Marty Roenigk was a meditation bench. A birdbath on the property symbolizing creative flow was dedicated to Ned Shank, one of the founders of the Colony.

PHOTO BY C.D. WHITE

Exchange student presents at Rotary

Annie Sheu, Youth Exchange Student from Taiwan, made a presentation Wednesday morning to the Eureka Springs Rotary Club. Annie is co-sponsored by the Eureka Springs and Holiday Island Rotary Clubs. Her presentation included information about her family, her city of Taichung City, and her school life. Rotarians were surprised to hear school hours in Taiwan are from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. In addition to her normal classes, she is taking Spanish to help learn an additional language while she is here. She has gone to a show in Branson, spent time at Crystal Bridges and has gone hiking along the Buffalo River.

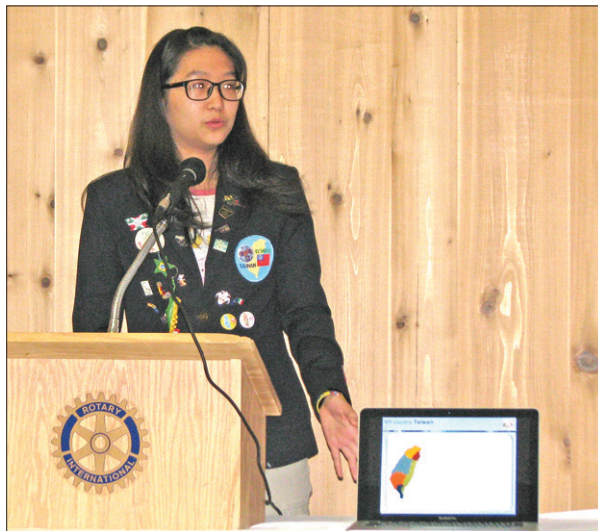
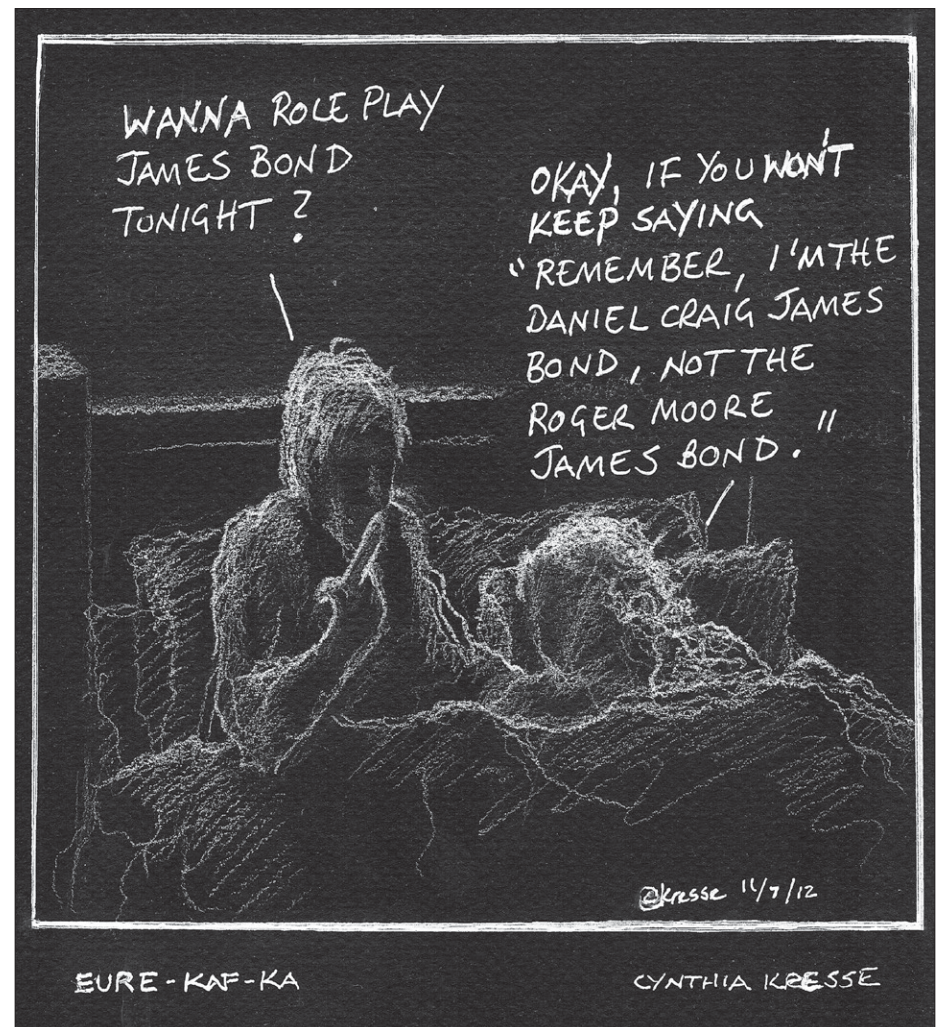


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Business of the Year – Elizabeth Kelley, with representatives of the board and staff of Community First Bank, accepted the Business of the Year award from George Purvis at the 2012 Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Banquet Nov. 13.

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INDYSoul by Gwen Etheredge

The Stiff Necked Fools are one of the hottest reggae/jam bands in this area. Started by Dan Sanchez, who was looking for a new project when he discovered his love of the island beats, the Fools have developed a sound they call Bayou Reggae. It is an eclectic mix of New Orleans style jazz horns blended with reggae jam. The vocals are tight, and even with five (and sometimes more) members the instrumentals are together and right on track. Determined to go on after founding member Dan Sanchez passed away in 2010, a debut album *Too Much Rain* was released in May 2011 and has been a huge success. John Hoffman is on drums/vocals, Ryan Viser with trumpet/vocals, Stefan Poole has the saxophone/vocals, Chase Parker brings lead guitar and Greg Pitts provides a rockin' bassline. The Fools perfected their sound at Tiki's in Shreveport, La., and are spreading the reggae love throughout the area, in particular at The Squid & Whale on Sunday, Nov. 18. Come hear what Louisiana-style reggae sounds like, bet you will dance!

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 16

- BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *The Hogscalders*, 12 p.m., 6 p.m.
- BEREAN COFFEEHOUSE** 540 North, Jazz
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Singing Contest and Karaoke
- CHELSEA'S** Kory Montgomery, 9 p.m.



Ayy, mon – Come jam to the bayou reggae at The Squid & Whale, Sunday, Nov. 18.

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- EUREKA PARADISE** DJ & Dancing
- EUREKA STONEHOUSE** Jerry Yester, 5–8 p.m.
- GRAND TAVERNE** Arkansas Red Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- JACK'S CENTER STAGE** Swytch, 9 p.m.–closing
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ & Karaoke
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Live Music, 6:30 p.m.
- PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Dorian Cross, 8 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER** Rockin with DJ Mark

- ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Philbilly with Phil McGarrah, 7 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE PUB** Carrie Nation and The Speakeasy Brass-n-Grass
- VOULEZ VOUS** Jerod Goodman and the Stringbreakers, 9–12 p.m.

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 17

- BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** Shawn Porter, 12 p.m., Jeff Lee, 6 p.m.
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Muddy River
- CHELSEA'S** Honky Suckle, 9

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 • **ROWDY BEAVER** *Brian Odle & The Hillbilly Underground*
 • **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Eclectones*, 7 p.m.
 • **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Slam Boxx Rock*
 • **VOULEZ VOUS** *Jerod Goodman and the Stringbreakers*, 9–12 p.m.

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 18

• **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Shawn Porter*,

12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 5 p.m.
 • **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Scott Elliott*
 • **CHELSEA'S** *The Boys of Bedlam*, 9 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** *Magic Mule*, afternoon
 • **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Stiffed Necked Fools*, Bayou Reggae

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 19

• **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 Night Football, 7:30 p.m.
 • **VOULEZ VOUS** Open Mic Night

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 20

• **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
 • **CHASERS** *Skillet Lickers*, 5–6:30 p.m., *Ozark Thunder* – benefit for Ernest Negrete
 • **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
 • **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Taco Tuesday

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 21

• **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Sing and Dance with *Tiny*
 • **CHELSEA'S** *Chucky Waggs*, 9 p.m.
 • **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
 • **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wheat Wednesday Draft Beer Specials
 • **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theatre

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 22

• **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Maureen Alexander*, 5 p.m.
 • **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco

& Tequila Night
 • **CHELSEA'S** *Jazz Night w/ Jake*, 9 p.m.
 • **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester* Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
 • **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Taco and Margarita Night
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Remembering – Nancy Foggo, who died in August, was remembered by family, friends and artists during a memorial at the library annex on Nov. 10. Born in 1961, Foggo was co-owner of the Eureka Art gallery on Main Street. The memorial featured an extensive slide show of photos taken during different periods of her life. Dozens of images showed how close Foggo was to the art community of Eureka Springs. The gallery continues to be run by Nancy's husband, Ken.

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Scouting for food – Nick Walker from Boy Scout Troop 67 delivers food to the Flint Street Fellowship Food Pantry during Scouting for Food on Nov. 10. The annual food drive to help feed those less fortunate was started in

the mid 1980s by scout leader Bruce Bieschke. Approximately 50 Boy, Girl and Cub Scouts traveled to houses in the area to pick up donated food residents left on front porches in bags the Scouts provided.

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Music lesson – Musician and violin maker, Thomas Chun-yu Chen, performed a short program of music from European and Chinese composers at the Eureka Springs Elementary School recently as students listened, spellbound. Chen then showed several students, including young Ian Getzendaner, above, how to hold and bow and a violin.

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The Eureka Springs High School band kept the pace and the music going for the 65th annual Folk Festival parade last Saturday.

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in Eureka Springs. The Bible is again being rewritten to upgrade and make it more politically correct. Hopefully, it will still be the word of God. The Play is based on the Bible and is portraying the past. God has been essentially removed from our Declaration of Independence, shall we further remove [Him] from Eureka Springs?

What has caused the decline in visitors to the Play? Locals have generally not been the supporting element, many people who have lived here a long time have never been to the Play. In the '90s when I drove a trolley here, the Play would have from 10 to 20 buses with 40 to 60 seats each, jamming the Play parking lot every night it was open. For you who say they never spent a dime in town, hogwash. I have seen trolleys packed, taking women from the motels to downtown and bringing them back with bags loaded with stuff. We carried men, but to different types of businesses. Many were generally Black Baptist and came for the Play, to shop and enjoy the countryside. Don't you folks like money or Black Baptists?

Festivals being advertised helped bring in tourists. When the word Diversity was added, first once a year, now three or four times, people thought of town being different, assorted and normally understood as Asian, Hispanic, European, Oriental and so on only to arrive and find it evolved around guys kissing guys. They were turned off and still are.

During winter months I spent the last 20 years in South Texas and the volunteer work I did let me meet a lot of people. When I tell people I'm from Eureka Springs many said they had been here, but not any more as they don't want to bring the family and find it's a Diversity weekend.

Remember the '90s with the Play and town crawling with tourists, trolleys packed, rarely a place to park, motels full? But facts are facts. It is an impression of the town as seen around the country. No one necessarily hates anyone or any group.

Bill Pugh

More people need help

Editor,

Dear residents of Carroll County who participated in the Scouts Food Drive this past week, we at Flint Street Fellowship Food Pantry and Lunchroom are very grateful for the caring response and great amount of food items we received through your generosity.

We are experiencing a greatly increasing number of people coming in for help this Fall and your contributions allow us to continue to provide adequate food for them. We appreciate your generosity now and the continuing generosity of this community that we always experience throughout the year.

You are a wonderfully giving community and we pray God richly blesses you all. Please call 253-9491 or 253-4945 with any questions regarding our services.

Pat Kasner

Thank you vetty, vetty much

Editor,

The Veterans and Vet Parade Committee expresses our appreciation for the support from the people, businesses and members of the police and fire departments that helped us make this Veteran's weekend possible!

If you donated food, drove a car, donated time, money or talent, we thank you!

Thanks to Café Amore, Mei Lei Cuisine, and Ozark Swiss for donating prizes for our cook off. A special thanks to Carol White and Debbie Thompson who got our Meet & Greet food all set out for us, and to the Pied Piper who gave us a place to have it. Thanks to the Squid & Whale for providing us a place to meet on Saturday night.

A very special thanks from me to all the great guys at American Legion Post 9, their Commander, Jack Baker, and his wife, Tammy, for doing so much to help make this all happen; and to Daniel for doing my work so I could work on the Vet Weekend.

Thank a Vet today!

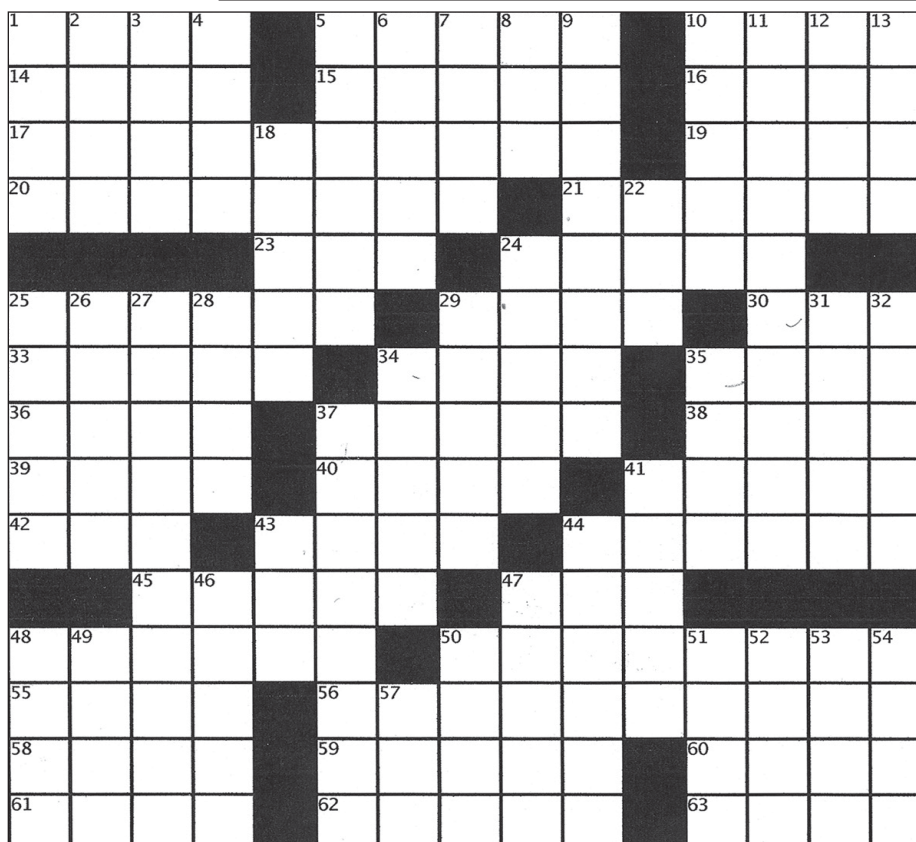
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INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 27



ACROSS

1. Drive the getaway car
5. Rub the wrong way
10. Clothed
14. Giuseppe's wine
15. Moses's brother
16. Assistant
17. Producers
19. Intend
20. Meant to be
21. Tainted
23. Ewe's honey
24. Under way
25. Part of a shoe
29. Walk with difficulty
30. Work done by one dyne
33. A dyeing place
34. Entryway
35. To growl or snarl
36. Romanov was one
37. Threadlike structure; filament
38. Liquid rock
39. Pathway
40. LSD
41. Dogma
42. Geezerhood
43. Greek god of war

44. Bailey of the comics
45. Avid
47. Lifer, that is
48. The next day
50. Publisher's emblem
55. What the band tunes to
56. Basic
58. Stupid person
59. Hermit
60. The safe side
61. Other
62. Game of chance
63. Emcee

DOWN

1. Eager
2. Twining stem
3. Finishes
4. Hawk, promote
5. Short snooze
6. Concubine's home
7. Parched, barren
8. Enemy
9. Shaped like a sword
10. Large, grassy plain
11. Future captain?
12. 6th Jewish month
13. Narrow river valley

22. British teen in the 1960s
24. Not silently
25. Agave and yucca fiber
26. Pinched nose sound
27. Defamatory
28. Sped
29. City state of ancient Greece
31. Fray
32. What coals rest on
34. Kitchen tool for spuds
35. Jubilant delight
37. One type of dinner
41. Mortise's partner
43. In the past
44. Very short jacket
47. Celestial body
48. Burrowing animal
49. One sixth of a drachma
50. 1/100th of a dollar
51. Major Egyptian god
52. Angel's headgear
53. Minerals
54. Russian No
57. English restroom

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St. James’ community dinners resume

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What’s for lunch?

**Eureka Springs School
District lunch menu
for Nov. 16–Nov. 30**

Friday, Nov. 16 – Thanksgiving Feast: Baked turkey and dressing with gravy, holiday green beans, cranberry sauce, fancy fruit salad, pumpkin fluff, wheat rolls, milk

Monday, Nov. 19 – Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad with Ranch, steamed peas, fruit, garlic bread slice, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 20 – Cheeseburgers on wheat bun, sweet potato fries, sandwich salad cup, fruit, milk

Monday, Nov. 26 – Chicken fajitas with wheat wrap, lettuce and tomato salsa, bell pepper strips, seasoned beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 27 – Chili dog on wheat bun, baked beans, cole slaw, fruit, cookie, milk

Wednesday, Nov. 28 – Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes with gravy, steamed green beans, fruit, wheat roll, milk

Thursday, Nov. 29 – Ham, turkey and cheese on hoagie bun, sandwich salad cup, corn on the cob, fruit, milk

Friday, Nov. 30 – Chicken noodle soup, toasted cheese sandwich, cherry tomatoes with Ranch, fruit, crackers, milk

building the new school there.

She went on to say, "People feel a fast one was pulled on them. Other streets need fixing, and we just got this concern at the last meeting."

Turner pointed out that citizens voted on the millage to pay for the school, so no one pulled a fast one on anybody, and the fact still stands the Attorney's General's opinion is the district cannot spend its funds on repairing a city street.

Lindblad responded that the Attorney General's opinion is just that – an opinion. She continued to confront Turner by stating he said the district wants to partner with the city but there is no partnering. He is asking the city to pay for the entire road repair. She also said the district says it is concerned with safety yet school buses do not have seat belts.

At this point, alderman Parker Raphael asked how much the district had paid the city in fees during construction of the school, and Turner replied about \$29,000.

Lindblad asked why students who ride buses cannot just walk up Lake Lucerne Rd. to the other schools and catch buses there. Turner admitted that suggestion was a possibility, but it was not their plan and he saw problems with that.

Alderman James DeVito observed students walking up and down Lake Lucerne Rd. would further congest a crowded road. He stated the district has made a big investment by building the new facility and many citizens are earning paychecks there. "The salient point is the city has already collected enough in fees to fix the road. It's a wash. To quibble over which road

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– Alderman Lany Ballance

needs fixing first is beside the point." He said he is proud of what the district has done and didn't see any issue that should hold up council, so they ought to move forward with fixing the road.

Raphael opined the cost of the project would be more than the estimates. He said the work needs to be done, but it should be done right.

Alderman Lany Ballance wondered where the funds would come from. She asked if Turner has considered making Lake Lucerne Rd. a one-way street until it is fully repaired.

Turner replied only the city would have the authority to do that, not the school district, and a better, easier solution would be to widen the road base now and pave it later.

Ballance then returned to opinion of the Attorney General that she read as not entirely ruling out allowing the district to use its money for improving the road to the school. "I know this needs to be done, but it looks to me like you can spend your money," she said.

Turner responded that he had asked four people very high in the state hierarchy of school administration if Eureka Springs Schools could spend its money on improving the road, and every time the answer was a resounding "No!" He reminded council again a simple solution would be to move the hydrant and widen the road base now and resurface the widened road as soon as weather permits.

Lindblad asked why the district did not speak with the mayor sooner.

Turner said he had come on board as superintendent in January with this project already moving along. He spoke with Mayor Morris Pate in April, and the mayor told him he would review the situation. Turner at that time still thought the schools could help with the finances. Cathy Martinek, district secretary, said she received the call from the mayor's office in April in which the mayor said he had determined the city did not have the money to fix the road.

Lindblad then asked Turner if those he spoke with at the State level had presented him with any case law. Turner's answer was succinct: "When I am told 'No' and when my licensure is in jeopardy if I go against their opinions, I proceed no further."

Alderman Butch Berry said he was not happy with the approach the district had taken. He remembered from sitting on the previous council that the schools said they would take care of the road, and only recently did it come to light they could not. He also observed the engineer in charge of the construction should have pointed this out earlier. He also disagreed with the suggestion of the temporary one-way solution because of the condition of the road farther past the school.

Nevertheless, Berry said council ought not wait until next year and "the city is going to have to bite the bullet," but he was not positive the city has the money this year.

DeVito commented that Turner

had presented a good compromise, and council could budget the funds for paving in next year's budget. More objections than solutions surfaced in the ensuing discussion to which DeVito responded, "We can throw canards all day long but in the end we have a responsibility."

Ballance then asked Turner about delaying the move, but he and other school administrators present replied delay was not an option.

Ballance then remarked, "Looks like the ball was dropped."

Turner asked, "Where?"

Ballance answered, "You're ready to move in and the street is not capable of handling the wear and tear. Gee whiz, guys!"

Turner replied that the road is a problem they need to fix.

DeVito observed there has been a lot of turnover on council and in the school district. From when the project began, there is a different council, a different mayor, different school board members and a different superintendent. Blame is not helping. He reiterated a lot of jobs are involved besides the health, safety and welfare of the students.

After a break, in which Ballance had to leave with an illness, council tried to craft a resolution, then an ordinance, to get the work done, but they wrangled with city attorney Tim Weaver over wording. Eventually Berry moved to have the Public Works director work with Superintendent Turner to create a spec document to improve 820 feet of Lake Lucerne Road, widening and paving it, and to create an ordinance selecting a contractor and waiving bids.

Vote on the motion was 4-1, Lindblad voting No.

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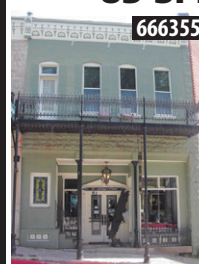
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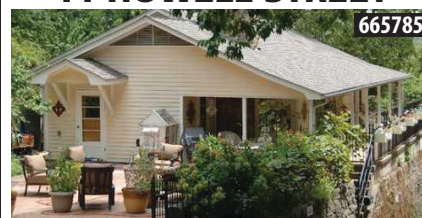
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