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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker



George Washington gave it a go, but people in 1789 were not hot to commemorate “a few hardships” of early colonists. Then Thomas Jefferson said, “Don’t be silly,” when asked if the United States should give thanks all on the same day.

Finally, in 1863, it occurred to Honest Abe, in the middle of a devastating war, that we should have a national day of Thanksgiving.

It occurred to Lincoln because of the efforts of one woman, Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor who wrote editorials for 40 years championing a national Thanksgiving Day.

Behind every powerful man is a smart woman. We give thanks.



Christmas blues – Parks gardener DonE Allen works on holiday lighting at Harding Spring Park Nov. 18. Allen will be decorating all of the city's spring parks during the coming weeks.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Move to new high school starts next week

NICKY BOYETTE

“Over the next few weeks, it’s going to be crazy for us. Be tolerant with us,” school superintendent Curtis Turner said. He told the Eureka Springs school board at its Nov. 15 meeting the construction phase of the new high school is almost over. Punch list items on the inside have been completed. Lockers and desks are coming and auditorium seating is being installed. Teachers are beginning to pack and students are getting excited.

Turner announced the district is almost at the point of taking possession and getting the keys. “It won’t be perfect on January 2, but it’s going to knock your socks off,”

he said, adding that he wants the entire community to come see the new school because “you’re going to be very, very proud.”

Kathy Lavender, principal of the high school, said the student council would lead tours for guests at the Open House.

Board President Al Larson asked how teachers would get all the stuff over to the new site, and Turner replied after boxing and labeling and meeting the challenge of packing up a chemistry lab, for example, the district would send up a flare and try to get volunteer help with the moving. Lavender suggested getting the students involved. Turner plans for boxes to start the transition

across town the week after Thanksgiving.

Turner reported he had spoken at the Monday night city council meeting and asked the city to repair Lake Lucerne Road as soon as possible. Council agreed to have the Public Works director work with Turner to create a spec document to improve 820 ft. of Lake Lucerne Rd., widening and paving it, and create an ordinance selecting a contractor and waiving bids. A fire hydrant at the intersection of Lake Lucerne Rd. and Greenwood Hollow Rd. will also be moved.

Turner said the section of road to be improved has been surveyed already. He is also looking to see if state grants can be used

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Quorum Court deliberates 2013 budget

NICKY BOYETTE

The Carroll County Quorum Court considered 13 ordinances and one resolution at its Nov. 16 meeting, but the item getting the most attention was the 2013 budget ordinance. Justices of the Peace rearranged the agenda to save it for last because they expected the budget conversation to overshadow everything else.

J.P. Dan Mumaugh, who sits on the Budget Committee, introduced the recommended budget by saying it reflected expected revenues and known new expenses. The committee had asked all departments to submit budgets based on 90 percent of the 2012 budget, and Mumaugh said most complied. During five meetings of at least three hours each, the committee discussed with department heads what was dispensable and what no one

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— J.P. Ron Flake

could live without.

He also pointed out a perceived cut to the roads budget was actually just a budget reduction because they had purchased equipment and property already. He encouraged the court to take action at this meeting if possible, or certainly as soon as possible, because waiting until a meeting Dec. 21 would put the county staff under extraordinary pressure to implement the budget by the end of the year.

J.P. Ron Flake said he was disappointed the committee had reduced the library board requests. He said library funding is completely separate and library boards ought to be able to create their own budgets. He said the Berryville library has money for new computers, and they need them, and libraries ought to get all the funds to which they are entitled.

J.P. Lamont Richie pointed out an Attorney General's opinion that altering the request of the library board might even be unconstitutional. He said the court does not need to entirely defer to the library board but it ought not to infringe upon its recommendations, either.

Flake again said the court should not deny libraries what they asked for, and added, "We need to stay as close as we can to budget committee recommendations if we intend to get this done this year. We don't need to rework everything."

J.P. Larry Swofford suggested a compromise. He said they should accept the requests of Green Forest and Berryville but look more closely at Eureka Springs. Mumaugh said he

would prepare a new budget based on suggestions and present it at the next meeting.

Flake noticed that only a few departments had attempted to reduce the telephone line item on their budgets even though the court has seen savings are achievable. He suggested forcing some savings by insisting on lesser

amounts in the budget for phones. He said departments are ignoring what is available. "I want to save money across the board," Flake stated.

Mumaugh observed it had been the philosophy of the budget committee to let department heads manage their own departments, but Flake replied, "I will not vote for a budget that does not include a reduction in phone bills."

Flake also commented on the status of their Office of Emergency Management (OEM) staff. He said it is only one person and sometimes, when bad things happen, the manager must work around the clock two or three days in a row. Flake said the court should plan ahead for how the workload of that office is going to expand.

Mumaugh responded, "The budget committee was not looking to add to the budgets of those who didn't ask for an increase. Maybe 2014."

Flake then brought up concerns about the airport. For one thing, the airport manager is paid as a county employee, but the Airport Authority does the hiring and firing, and he thought there needed to be clearer lines of responsibility there. He also mentioned there are also compliance issues the county must act to resolve or the Federal Aviation Administration will impose significant budget considerations. At issue is housing OEM equipment and office at the airport, but no contract exists to account for related expenses.

Mumaugh responded that Flake was addressing some legitimate concerns, but they should not hold

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Dog park 'really for real'

'NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Rachel Brix brought the Parks Commission up to date on progress of her Eureka Springs Dog Park Advisory Committee at the Nov. 19 meeting.

She said the new committee has already met four times and they have had a fundraiser. "We have \$400 in an account, so now we're really for real," she announced. She has also applied for a grant of \$15,000 from a major corporation, and so far "we haven't been denied."

She had prepared a packet about the project that she and other committee members will be presenting to potential donors, and she asked if she could include the Parks logo in the packet. Commissioners approved her request.

Brix also asked that a quarter-acre section of Harmon Park be added as more designated space for the dog park. She plans to use the space as an events area, not uncommon in dog parks. This space would be segregated from the general dog park area and saved for agility and training exercises, or for older dogs since it is flatter.

Commissioner Draxie Rogers suggested Brix consider a more substantial fence to prevent rambunctious dogs from being a nuisance or danger,

and Brix responded that aggressive dogs would not be allowed to use the dog park. She acknowledged dog owners usually police themselves at dog parks, and said owners, in her experience, are usually honorable, but she had no problem with a fencing upgrade.

Commissioner Daniel Jackson took a tough stand on dog park fencing. He said he would approve the concept only if there were a secondary fencing. He insisted the dog park and the playground needed adequate barriers, and he said, "Don't depend on a wooden fence to be the main barrier."

Chair Bill Featherstone agreed with part of Jackson's point in that Parks must go beyond normal safety measures because the dog park is public, not private.

After further discussion, Jackson said he agreed in principal with Brix and moved to approve the concept of the events area being added to the dog park footprint subject to approval of design features later on. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Commissioners discussed ways to acknowledge donors, and Brix admitted, "I'm a very positive thinker and I am expecting lots of donors to give huge donations, so my thinking is we're going to need a place to put all those plaques."

Featherstone suggested discrete and tasteful, maybe just one sign with all the names listed on it.

Brix will present her plans to the commission for review as the project unfolds.

Acknowledging Claude A. Fuller

Commissioner Denys Flaherty of Planning recounted for Parks how

she had hiked on one of the trails at Lake Leatherwood Park recently, and had learned the trail had been named for Claude A. Fuller, Eureka Springs lawyer, state legislator, mayor and U.S. Congressman. She wants to identify the trail more prominently and stage a rededication of the trail with a trailhead

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Arkansas woman contaminated by husband's testosterone prescription

BECKY GILLETTE

When rural Arkansas resident Nancy Anderson [not her real name] went to the Mayo Clinic in mid 2012, she felt she was getting the best medical help in the country for her Addison's disease. In recent months, she had become increasingly ill. She had lost energy, gained 42 pounds, her voice had deepened considerably, she had lost feeling in her breasts and she no longer had a sex drive.

Anderson hardly recognized herself in the mirror. She had a moon face and a thick neck and arms. Friends noticed how much her personality had changed. She no longer had long heart-to-heart talks with her girlfriends as had been common in the past. She was introverted and hard to get along with.

After going through a battery of tests, she was sitting in the Mayo Clinic with four physicians specializing in Addison's, bracing herself for the news that she would need neurosurgery because she had a brain tumor or that she would need surgery on her pituitary gland because of the Addison's. What she wasn't prepared for was the doctors telling her that while she still had Addison's, the recent problems she had been experiencing weren't related to that disease.

The doctors seemed annoyed with her, and one asked, "How do you like your gender?" The doctor informed her that she had so much testosterone in her system that she must have received a prescription from a doctor to undergo a gender change.

"One of the Mayo staff said, 'I think you are wasting our time. If you wanted to become a man, you should have just told us,'" she said. "They said I had so much testosterone in my system that I could have gotten away with murder in a courtroom."

Taking testosterone would certainly be counter-indicated for someone with Addison's disease, a hormonal disorder that can cause weight loss, fatigue and

muscle weakness. But Anderson wasn't on a prescription for testosterone. She had been contaminated by her husband taking it.

Ironically, it was Anderson who suggested her husband be tested for testosterone at a checkup about a year earlier. The doctor said the husband's testosterone was so low he was at risk for a stroke. So Anderson's husband was put on testosterone, applying it to his chest or shoulder area twice a day. Little did Anderson realize that their bed, sheets, towels and other furniture were being contaminated with so much testosterone that it would end up changing her hormone balance towards being a man.

"I looked at the paperwork for the testosterone, and there was nothing there that said this could be dangerous to women," Anderson said. "Many anti-aging programs for men now are touting testosterone to help men regain their strength, vigor and sex drive. Now the commercials are warning about the impact it can have on women who live with men taking testosterone supplements. But when my husband started on the supplement, no one warned us. We would sleep in a bed together, and although I changed the sheets a couple times a week, that wasn't enough. I was later told that you have to buy new bed sheets every week, because the testosterone doesn't wash out. We also shared bath towels. We lived in a rural area so we needed to be careful with water."

The Mayo Clinic diagnosed Anderson with hyperandrogenism. Doctors told Anderson that another six months of exposure and she would have turned into a man. "I was six months from being a man where my labias would have fused together," she said.

It wasn't just Anderson and her husband's changes physically that were a problem. There were also major personality changes on both their parts. Anderson's husband, whom she

calls "the love of my life," used to be very easy going and fun to be around. As months went by, he became more aggressive and difficult. Anderson, too, was becoming far less empathetic and more irritable. She suffered from insomnia and depression.

"All the sudden, our interactions started changing," she said. "We had really been outdoors people, and we stopped doing things outdoors. He was becoming short and restless. He started drinking a lot."

It culminated when her husband threw her out of the house. He came back from a party and said, "Get out of my eyesight because I want to hurt you."

"This was a man who before, wouldn't have hurt a fly," Anderson said. "I couldn't go back to my house. I filed for a divorce because I thought there was no hope."

Getting turned out of her home turned out to be a blessing in one way because she stopped being exposed to testosterone. Gradually, as the testosterone has left her system, she has started feeling more like a woman again.

After being away from testosterone exposure for two months, Anderson dropped 27 pounds, her waistline has come back, and feeling has started to return to her breasts.

"Now I'm starting to cry," Anderson said. "I now have normal emotions and want to participate and engage with friends again. Before friends were wondering if they wanted to continue the relationship because I was so aggressive and competitive."

There might be hope for a happy ending here, that her husband, upon learning that his testosterone supplements were changing his wife into a man, would stop the supplements. Maybe they could work toward restoring their once very happy marriage.

But Anderson sees little hope of that happening. There were too many hurtful things said and done. And she has lost

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Quorum Court considers 13 ordinances, tables one

NICKY BOYETTE

Justices of the Peace grappled with 13 ordinances at last Friday's meeting:

- Third reading of an ordinance establishing new requirements for accepting roads into the county system passed unanimously.

- Ordinance banning smoking and smokeless tobacco use in county facilities passed all three readings.

- In discussing the ordinance establishing compensation for all elected positions, JP Lamont Richie pointed out the court was not freezing salaries, just setting them because they are required to. They can make amendments if they need to. He also commented he would like to see the Johanson salary study completed to determine if departments employ the appropriate number of employees, and he also observed some jobs are being done without job descriptions so the court cannot know if employees are being compensated appropriately. Nevertheless, the court passed the first reading of the ordinance.

- The supplemental appropriation ordinance was submitted to handle the fact that 2012 has 27 payrolls and the 2012 budget accounted for 26. Flake pointed out salaried employees get their salary in 26 installments. A 27th payment would be an overpayment. Cindy Collins, county treasurer, said that because of how the calendar falls, there will be a 27th payroll either this year or next, and she would like to handle it this year.

Mumaugh stated they were obligated to do this or else be in breach. Richie, Swofford and Flake all noticed complicating nuances, and Mumaugh eventually suggested, since there were enough questions, they should table the discussion and prepare to take care of it at the next meeting.

- The ordinance approving and levying the county, municipal school millage tax for 2012 was approved 8-0-2, with JPs Ronnie Blackburn and Don McNeely abstaining.

- The Berryville cemetery millage of one mill was approved 10-0.

- The ordinance amending appropriations to central dispatch to cover overtime passed 10-0.

- The ordinance passed unanimously to transfer funds from the jail sales tax fund to cover overtime at the detention center.

- Insurance payment to the Sheriff's Department was appropriated to the proper line item in the sheriff's department budget by unanimous vote.

- Sum of \$4200 received from a block grant was appropriated to the sheriff's department for the purchase of investigative equipment and a computer for Crimes Against Children.

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Merry Christmas from Pine Mountain

The Pine Mountain Theater's annual Christmas spectacular, "A Season Of Celebration," is running now through Dec. 8. The Pine Mountain show features popular Ozark entertainers Mike and Dale Bishop and the Pine Mountain band in a fun-filled evening of Christmas favorites and holiday humor the

whole family can enjoy.

Christmas shows, started many years ago by show founders, Dave and Dee Drennon, have become an annual tradition for theater patrons. Pine Mountain's Christmas shows run Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. Gospel pre-show begins at 7:30 p.m.

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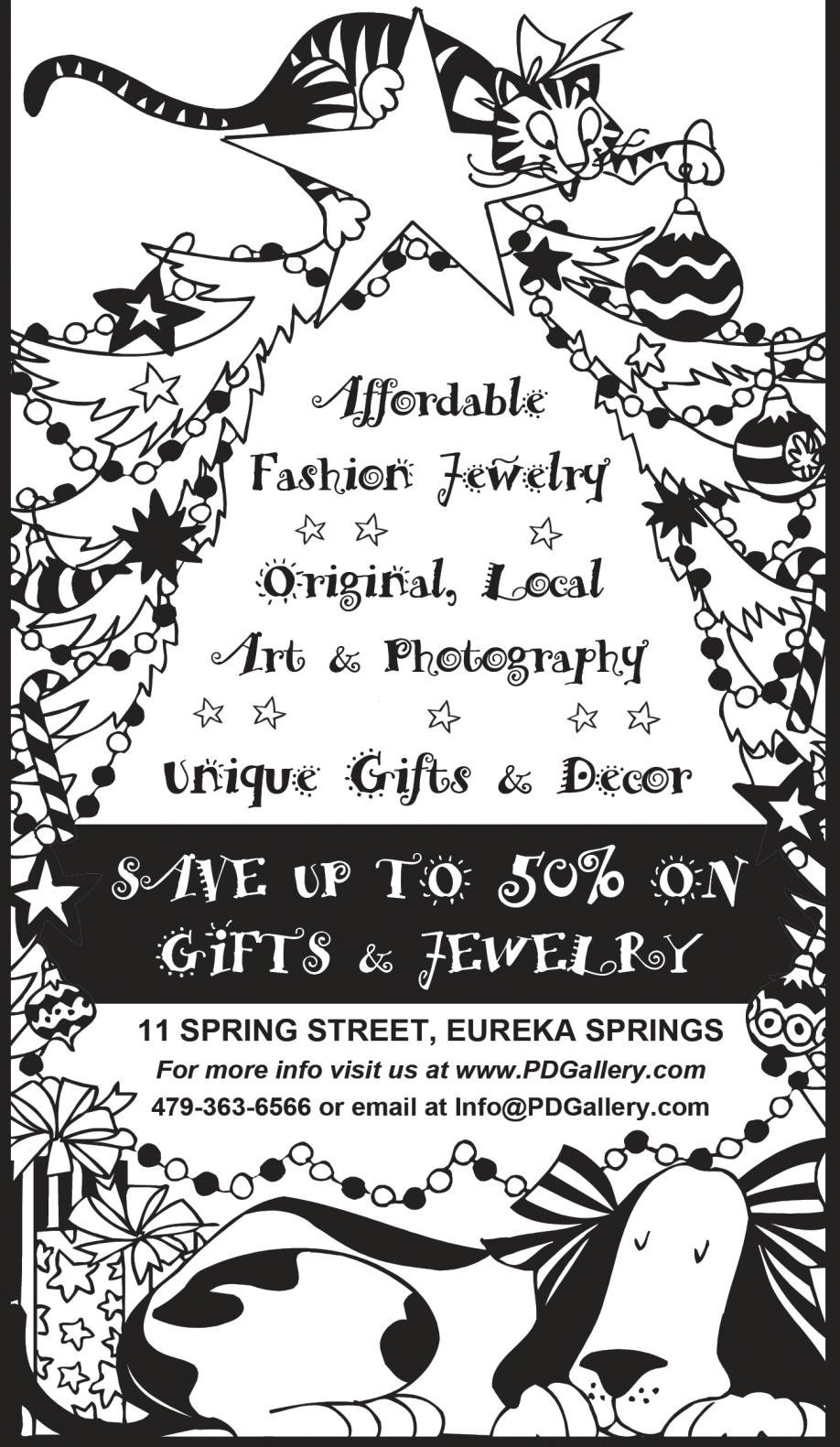




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Scout to create trail

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs High School student, Nathan Wilkerson, is working on becoming an Eagle Scout. His project is to create a 350-ft. trail near Cardinal Spring in Harmon Park. He told Parks' commissioners Monday evening he plans to install two benches along the path and add educational markers to protect the spring and creek.

Wilkerson said his project would

not interfere with Chris Fischer's bioswale project nearby, saying he plans to complete his project almost before Fischer gets underway.

Commissioner Rachel Brix suggested Wilkerson meet with the Trails Committee at its next meeting because there are experienced trail makers who could advise him.

Vote to approve the project was unanimous.

Lady Scots thump Yellville-Summit

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs Lady Highlanders took over the game in the second half to roll to an impressive 41-26 victory over Yellville-Summit Monday night.

Coach Brian Rambo raved about how the senior girls overcame a midgame funk and showed grit and maturity to seize control in the second half.

Taylor Osterhout led the way early making three three-pointers in the first quarter as Eureka Springs got out to a 13-5 lead.

In the second quarter, fatigue led to mistakes and Yellville-Summit cashed in at the free throw line to narrow the lead to 18-14.

Eureka Springs settled down in the third quarter due to some coaching adjustments and pushed the lead to 27-20.

The fourth quarter, however, belonged to Eureka Springs. Taylor Little came off the bench to make three important jumpers, and both Osterhout and Samantha Mueller hit three-pointers. The Lady Highlanders stepped up defensive pressure causing turnovers.

"We just outplayed them in the fourth quarter," Rambo said. "Overall, I was extremely happy with the way we took care of the basketball and how we fought back in the third quarter after they closed it to a two-point game."

The Lady Highlanders are now 5-3.

Next up for Eureka Springs is Bergman at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 in the Omaha Border Classic.

Junior girls lost 25-11 to Yellville-Summit to run their record to 1-5 on the season.

Deidra Asmus put seven up (including 3/7 free throws); and Shayna Perkins, Molly Montez and Lindsey Bonds also scored.

Fall art show will dazzle

Eureka Springs School of the Arts' Fall Art Show is one of the more anticipated events leading off the holiday shopping season. Join the fun this weekend, Nov. 24 – 25, when more than 50 artists will exhibit and sell their work – photography, jewelry, paintings, scrimshaw, sculpture, clay, fiber and more – at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center.

For those who'd appreciate an early opportunity to buy, there's a Sneak Preview on Friday, Nov. 23, from 6 – 8 p.m. Cost for the preview is \$5 per person and includes admission to the artist's

award ceremony for "Best in Show," and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for two- and three-dimensional art.

The Fall Art Show opens at 9 a.m. Saturday morning and ends at six. Sunday hours are 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission of \$2 per person will be collected at the door.

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Weakly worded ordinance allows weekly rentals

NICKY BOYETTE

Beverly Blankenship, Chair of the Planning Commission, first brought up at the April 24 Planning meeting the situation of property owners renting houses in the R-1 zone for perhaps no longer than a week in violation of City Code, which does not allow "tourist lodging" in that zone. She suggested removing the word "weekly" from City Code and limiting rentals to no less than a month or more. She said her intent was not to prevent a property owner from renting out a second home but to protect neighborhoods.

"There are owners renting out homes when they are not there, not collecting taxes, not getting business licenses, not getting CUP's (Conditional Use Permit) and basically skirting the laws in place to protect our neighborhoods and other tourist lodging businesses," she told the Planning commission.

At the July 9 council meeting, Blankenship recommended changing the definition for transient lodging to "anything less than 30 days." Alderman James DeVito moved to have city attorney Tim Weaver work with Blankenship to rework the

ordinance and eliminate "weekly" rentals.

Within two weeks, ten applications for licenses under Category 199 were given to City Clerk Ann Armstrong, and Weaver reported at the July 23 council meeting that five business licenses had been issued. These properties were potentially being rented for short-term stays but owners were not collecting appropriate taxes and were not operating with a CUP. Council voted at that meeting to approve Resolution No. 602 imposing a 90-day moratorium on issuing line item 199 business licenses. Intent of the moratorium was to prevent property owners from circumventing the law regarding no tourist lodgings in the R-1 zone.

The moratorium was extended by another 30 days at the Oct. 8 council meeting with the passage of Resolution No. 606, and at the Nov. 6 special meeting, Council approved Resolution No. 607 which extended the moratorium another 60 days.

Robert Jasinski, owner of Angel at Rose Hall B&B, spoke up at the Nov. 12 meeting about the weekly rental situation. His opinion was the

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No ice cream for Judge Barr

NICKY BOYETTE

In other business at the Nov. 16 Quorum Court meeting, justices of the peace listened to:

- Lucilla Garrett, representing the Carnegie Library Board, who requested the court reinstate the

original 2013 amounts requested in the budget. She said libraries are funded by a millage just for libraries and they provide a great service to citizens of all ages.

- Sheriff Bob Grudek reiterated his opinion that the Johanson salary study would be beneficial, especially to the sheriff's department. He said he feels his deputies are paid too little based on his own informal research, and the study would help enlighten everyone as to where payroll for county employees stands. He pointed out the sheriff's department has drastically increased its revenue in the past eight years bringing in probably \$1.5-2 million above anticipated income. Sorting out the salary situation will only get more difficult the longer the court waits. He sees the \$20,000 cost of the study as a good investment and an acknowledgement of the good service by county employees.

- Joanne Whisenhunt of Insight told the court she has worked with some county departments to reduce their phone bills. She said she was able to get the county clerk's phone bill from \$8500 annually down to \$4600. She has been able to procure refunds in addition to finding ways to save. She said another department tried to do it on their own and she was able to find even further savings. She wanted the court to know she was confident her company would find greater savings because it is their business to know how to negotiate telecom rates.

- A recent audit found the county was in substantial compliance, but offices of the judge, district court clerk and the airport manager were flagged for correctable situations. Judge Sam Barr said this means another trip to Little Rock for him. When a J.P. asked the Judge if another trip was punishment, Barr replied, "They don't take you out and feed you ice cream."

Next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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Artist presents plan to enrich October

NICKY BOYETTE

Artist, photographer and organizer Jeremy Jason McGraw told Parks he is planning different components of a month-long Halloween event next October, with the goal to enhance the Eureka Springs experience for visitors.

One of the October events would be a scarecrow-making contest. He wants business sponsors to get employees to make creative scarecrows –so many scarecrows the

town will need a map to keep track of them. He also envisions getting artists to create elaborate scarecrows for display at the top of Planer Hill and in Basin Park, for example. He also suggested a big bonfire to burn them all at the end of October.

McGraw also suggested a jack-o-lantern carving contest involving the farmers' market.

The creative energy project McGraw executed last spring in Basin Park was successful, and he said he wants to do a similar community art project again next year. He asked Parks for permission to use some of their park space for the activities.

McGraw explained he wants to enhance the experience of visitors regardless of why they are in town. If they are here to see the Corvettes and they see the scarecrows around town as well, they will take photos and post them on Facebook for all the world to see, and then other people will want to come to Eureka Springs and see the incredible scarecrows.

Parks approved his request to use space, and he will keep commissioners apprised of his plans.



PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE

Have a fling with holiday bling – sign up now and get lit!

The theme for this year's annual CAPC lighting competition is *Bling in the Springs*.

As soon as Thanksgiving dinner wears off, get out there and decorate your residence or business. This year the CAPC has yard signs designating official participant locations. Stop by the office to enter and pick up a yard sign any day during the work week between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Winners will be announced in both residential and commercial categories. Judges will receive the list of entrant locations for review on Dec. 10, and winners will be announced on Dec. 14.

Phone the CAPC at (479) 253-7333 with any questions. Eureka Springs is on the Arkansas Trail of Lights this year, so make sure everyone gets to see your decorating brilliance!

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National Holiday Dance Extravaganza comes to Aud Dec. 1

C.D. White

With the growing popularity of televised dance shows such as *So You Think You Can Dance*, *Dancing With the Stars*, *America's Best Dance Crew*, *Glee* and others, dance in all styles, from ballroom to hip hop, has come back into its own.

This year those who love dance in all forms are in for a real holiday treat. For the first time, more than 100 different dance acts from around the country (and some 150 families) will be in Eureka Springs for Talent on Parade's (TOP) *Eureka Springs Holiday Extravaganza* dance competition on Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., and the show is free for the entire day!

TOP competitions have been held in major metropolitan areas around the country for the last 15 years, but this is the first year organizers have included a smaller venue and added a special holiday competition.

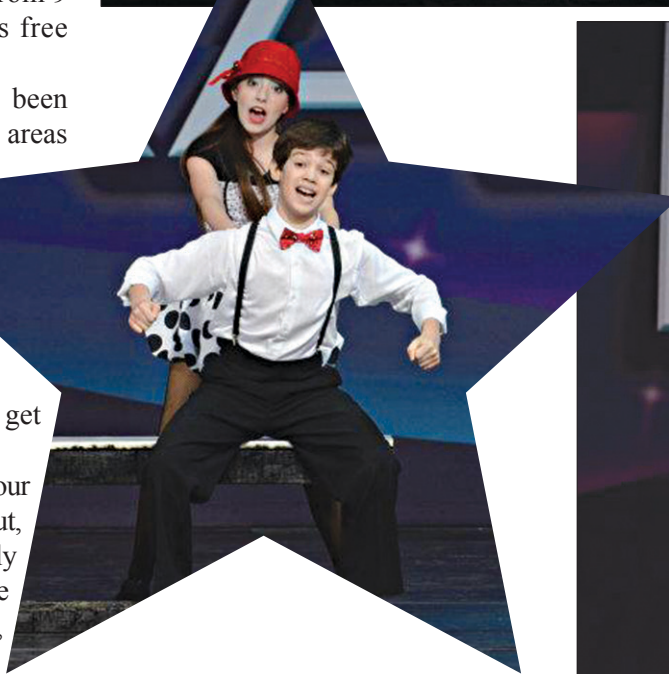
So how did Eureka Springs get this sugarplum?

One simple auditorium tour actually did the trick. As it turns out, TOP owner/organizer Kimberly McCluer and husband, Eric, have a lake house in Shell Knob, Mo., and are frequent visitors.

"I grew up visiting Eureka Springs," Kimberly explained. "We took the auditorium tour last summer and the history of the theater and the beauty of your city was a perfect combination for a special holiday competition we had planned.

"We're based out of Kansas and do 30 events a year across the country. We're very excited to be bringing this special competition to Eureka Springs, and we're hoping it will be an annual event."

Solo dancers and groups from toddler to adult will compete in



categories chosen from acro, ballet, pointe, lyrical, jazz, character, hip hop, contemporary, folkloric, music theatre, open, pom pom, song & dance, spirit, tap, baton or clogging. Just for the local event, a Holiday Dance category has been added, and for the first time a Miss/Mr. Holiday Dance will be crowned. Watch as long as you wish and come back again all through the day.

Local dancers can also sign up for master classes from 2 – 6 p.m. on Dec. 2, some of which are still open for application from both competition

and non-competition dancers. Classes will include training in contemporary, hip hop, jazz and lyrical.

Contact the TOP office for entry forms and/or additional information at (316) 522-4836 or email office@talentonparade.com. You can also email show director Kim McCluer directly at kim@talentonparade.com.

For more information, check out the fun on www.talentonparade.com.



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What's for dinner?

NICKY BOYETTE

Opinion is divided on what the earliest settlers in Massachusetts ate at the 1621 harvest celebration we now call the first American Thanksgiving. Pilgrims had had a bountiful corn harvest and they wanted to thank their neighbors, the Wampanoag tribe, for teaching them how to fish, farm and survive while remaining peaceful.

Tradition says their dinner consisted of pumpkins, winter squash, cabbage and corn and the main course was beef and fowl.

A letter from one of the participants mentioned "turkey," but early New Englanders called several birds "turkeys," so pheasant or grouse could have been the highlight for the Pilgrims. The Wampanoag brought venison.

Early settlers in North America would have been fine with roast goose at holidays, but there were not enough geese around. According to Michelle Tsai of *Slate* magazine, turkeys "were fresh and big enough to feed a crowd. Cows were more useful alive than dead." Chickens were useful because they laid eggs, and pork was held in low esteem. Venison was an option, but you had to hunt for it.

So turkeys were the main course answer.

By the time President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863, turkey had become chefs' choice at holidays and a symbol of the Thanksgiving meal.

According to the University of Illinois, turkey growers produced one turkey for every 29 people in the United States in 1920. Now, the National Turkey Federation tells us growers raise 248 million turkeys for our population of 311 million, or eight-tenths of a turkey per person.

At Thanksgiving in 2011, it is estimated Americans consumed 46 million turkeys compared with 22 million at Christmas. Easter 2012 came in third with 19 million. A math

whiz will quickly figure that, given an average turkey weighs almost 15 pounds, Americans consumed 675 million pounds of turkey during the 2011 Thanksgiving holidays.

Although turkey consumption has more than doubled since 1970, not everyone chooses turkey for the holidays. For those for whom a simple turkey, even with stuffing and all the fixings, is inadequate, Hebert's Specialty Meats of Maurice, La., created the turducken, which is "a delicately deboned turkey stuffed with a boneless duck stuffed with a chicken." You might like your turducken also stuffed with jalapeño chicken sausage.

But wait! There's more! If you are carnivorously out of control, you can get your turducken wrapped in bacon for a turbaconducken! Recipes abound online.

Tubaconducken had as its predecessor a dish called "Roast without Equal" included in the 1807 book *Almanach des Gourmands* by Grimod de la Reyniere. This dish called for a bustard (an Old World game bird) to be stuffed with a turkey and then a goose, a pheasant, a chicken, a duck, a guinea fowl, a teal, a woodcock, a partridge, a plover, a lapwing, a quail, a thrush, a lark, an ortalan bunting and a warbler. An olive goes in the warbler's mouth. Notice the absence of stuffing.

Whichever direction turbaconducken went, Martha Stewart went the other way. Her alternative holiday suggestions include Cornish game hens with pomegranate molasses and orange and cumin pork loin. Probably with caramelized shallots because they're in season.

Startcooking.com suggests Thanksgiving jambalaya or eggplant parmesan. Nothing says Thanksgiving like eggplant parmesan.

In 1995, Turtle Island Foods of Hood River, Ore., created Tofurkey®, a tofu-based alternative to Thanksgiving turkey. The prototype was a complete

holiday meal including stuffed tofu roast, tempeh drumettes and nutritional yeast gravy. Many variations followed, and currently there are Thanksgiving celebrations around the country featuring Tofurkey®.

Regardless of what your main course

is on Thanksgiving, appreciate it and the people you are with while you watch Dallas Cowboy football. Our forbearers celebrated to acknowledge the harvest, large or small, and prepare for winter. It is genuine thanks, not turducken, that marks the holiday. Enjoy!



Door, fencing approved by HDC

NICKY BOYETTE

Two applications facing the Historic District Commission at its Nov. 20 meeting tested guidelines. The first was the application for 21 Linwood. Mark Fitzpatrick wanted to remove a door facing the street, close the portal and install a French door in a nearby perpendicular wall.

Chair Dee Bright first read a letter of support from a neighbor who said any improvements to the house would be welcome.

Commissioner Richard Grinnell then read from the guidelines that an extra door should not be added to a secondary facade, which is precisely what Fitzpatrick wanted to do.

Commissioner Greg Moon also noticed, contrary to guidelines, the new door would be visible from the street, but Bright pointed out it would not be visible straight on. Commissioner Dan Hebert added the new door would be visible only when coming from the dead end part of the street. Both Bright and commissioner Susie Allen said they saw no problem

with where the door would be, and it matched the front door exactly.

Even though the application challenged guidelines, commissioners voted unanimously to approve the project.

Commissioner Rachel Brix of the Parks Commission represented the Dog Park Advisory Committee trying to get a dog park created in Harmon Park. She had previously been approved by HDC for a type of vinyl-coated fencing frequently used for dog parks.

Brix appeared again to see if a sturdier type of fencing might also be approved because not everyone thought the original choice would be adequate. She asked this time about black vinyl-coated chain link fencing.

Brix acknowledged that traditional chain link fencing is not allowed under the guidelines, but she showed photos of the product and said it looks very similar to the fencing already approved.

Hebert said he had used the same

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Don't let hunger in ES be a problem

Editor,

Once again area Scouts, parents and leaders did the most fantastic job of giving up two Saturdays in a row to help the needy of the Eureka Springs area.

With Thanksgiving here and Christmas just around the corner, hard-working volunteers at The Flint St. Fellowship really appreciate the unselfishness of the people of Eureka. Having enough food on hand makes their difficult "job" that much easier.

In case you were missed and were wanting to contribute you can make a cash donation directly to the food bank at the Flint St. Fellowship, at 33 N. Main, next to the Grand Central Hotel. Money collected will be used for hams and turkey and other items in short supply. You can also make use of collection boxes that are at Hart's and Sun Fest.

Better yet, drop by the food bank and visit with the hardworking volunteers and see firsthand the need that exists. Hunger is a problem here in our town, but they are helping to do something about it. So can you!

Bruce Bieschke

Food for thought

Editor,

We extend a very big Thank You from Flint Street Fellowship to the Pied Piper Pub Inn for another successful food and fundraiser last Thursday held for our pantry and lunchroom. The amount of food and money collected was very substantial and will keep our shelves full for quite a while. Success of the event is no doubt due to the hard work of the folks at the Pied Piper, but also the delicious food this event has become famous for.

Area restaurants that donated the delicious food were Rock Town

Distillery, Rogue's Manor, Mud Street Cafe, Dena Smith, Gerald's, Ermilio's, Glazers, McBride's, Road House, Local Flavor, Garden Bistro, Bubba's, Mei Li's Cuisine, Crescent Hotel, Rockin' Pig, Anglers, Squid & Whale and Caribe.

The event would not be complete without the beautiful limo from Eureka Taxi parked outside to put canned goods into, and also the huge box truck from W.T. Fockers which they use to so generously fill up with food from their store to match and more that which was donated by the very generous and caring folks who attended the event.

We can hardly believe all that was donated and we are so grateful to everyone who worked and gave to help feed those who need a helping hand in our community. We pray God blesses you all as He has certainly blessed this ministry through you.

Pat Kasner



WEEK'S Top Tweets

@Zen_Moments --- Be humble for you are made of earth. Be noble for you are made of stars. ~ Serbian Proverb

@reneedobbs --- Shop Small – Small Business Saturday is November 24th!

@brandonheath --- It's Thanksgiving week, what are you most thankful for?

@a_southern_mess --- Black Friday shopping? May the odds be ever in your favor.

@Ahfreecuh --- Black Friday: because only in America people trample others for sales exactly one day after being thankful for what they already have.

@TheRealDratch --- It's disconcerting to know the heads of our national security are wasting more time online than I am.

@BreakingNews1st --- U.S. sends warships near Israel in case evacuation needed: Three U.S. Navy amphibious warships are returning.....

@pdanahar --- Just about the only light moment in Gaza of last few days. Cameraman takes getting a good shot to the extreme.



@todaysthv --- Looks like Twinkies won't die that easily after all. Hostess, union to go into mediation.

@MotherJones --- ICYMI [in case you missed it] "Super-PAC" is likely getting added to the dictionary, along w/ "sexting," "mash-up," "f-bomb," & "man cave."

INDEPENDENT Editorial

Read our lips

An email came in last week from “Anonymous,” telling us that Blue States are forming their own country, the Enlightened States of America (ESA). They made it clear they want nothing to do with the Red States, primarily the South. The new country, started by everybody’s favorite people, Californians, includes Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and most of the northeast. Oh, and about 60,000 Texans.

The email was so exclusive, bumptious and insufferable that it was hard to read – so we knew it was something we should share. Is it impertinent of us to assume that ESA instigators drive Ferraris into Yield signs wondering if the South has more than one person sitting on the tailgate who can read?

ESA claims to have a neck lock on what they perceive to be the elite. We’re just guessing at that. They claim they will keep the Statue of Liberty, we get Opryland; they get Elizabeth Warren, we get Todd Akin. They get Stanford, we get Bob Jones University.

When we were young, there were two ways to divvy things up: One divide, one choose; and rock, paper, scissors. There was no such thing as, “We’re taking this and you can have that.”

The ESA claims to have a lower divorce rate, which they say proves their families are happier. They neglect to say that divorce is a healthy alternative to a sour marriage. They say they will also automatically keep all the good wine and cheese, and 90 percent of the fresh water.

We get mosquitoes, burritos, tornadoes, mudbugs and cousins.

Amusing, but not really worth the read as it is one more unenlightened, too-tight-of-a-hat-band kind of thinking that is the reason our country is in chaos.

We could brush all this off saying the South has sweet tea manners, genetic gentility, lower ulcer rates and a preference to conduct fair and honest business without paperwork, lawyers or an iPad. Handshakes work here.

Ever heard of moonshine? It comes in a Mason jar without a label. It can be found in many pickups as it not only takes the hurt out of one’s pain, it corrodes accumulated battery-post acid. We like recycling.

Gosh, wasn’t California the state where in the Nov. 6 election voters defeated a proposal to label genetically-modified foods? Their food is so dangerous it needs labeling? Did they decide to buy food made somewhere other than in wine and cheese country? Squirrel stew never sounded so good.

In the Nov. 6 election, lower income voters were strong Democrats. So who gets the rich Mississippians? Rich Southerners lean toward Republican ideals, but rich Massachuseters vote as convinced liberals. Rock, paper, scissors?

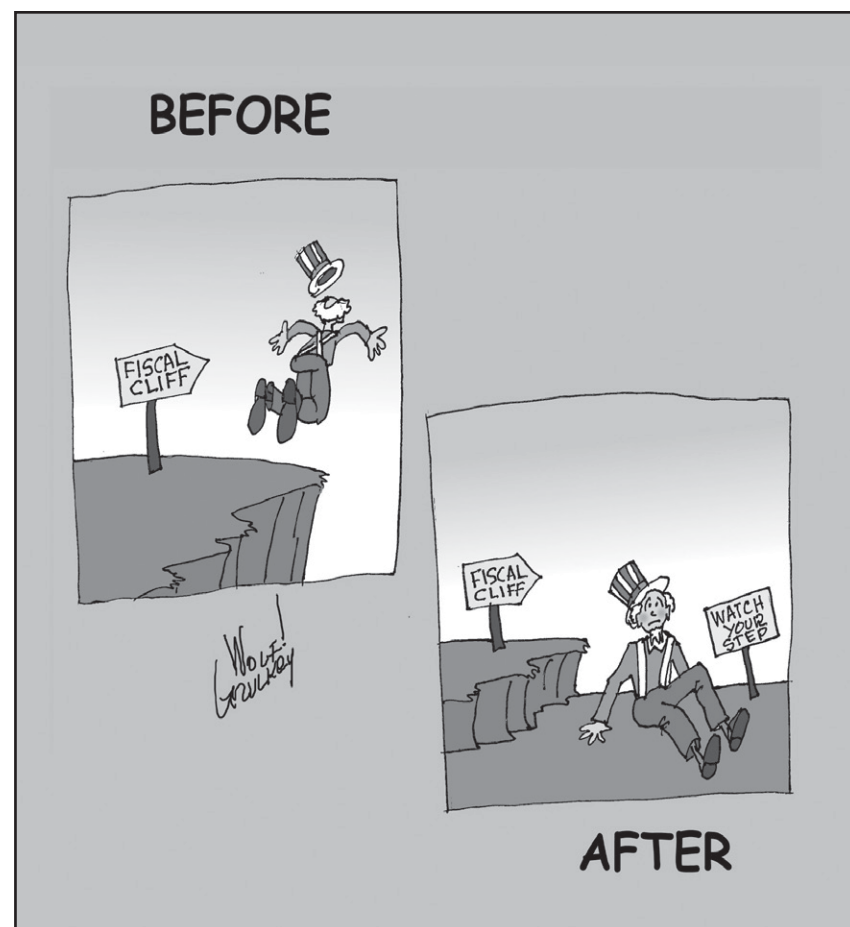
Another dim attempt at stretching their tarp all over the vitality of the South is that ESA Californians insist they have all the good weed. We really would have to have a smoke-off at Pine Mountain Village to determine a winner in that. Our food stamps are on Arkansas homegrown. Additionally, Californians and other ESayers insist they are more tony because they passed marijuana and gay rights’ issues in the same election. Big whoop. Even the Bible says when two men lay together they should be stoned.

They also refer to us as “crazy bastards.” We presume that’s because they know we have enormous Thanksgiving gatherings, can repair trucks, tractors, transmissions and tinhorns without calling someone to do it for us, and can build a barn, cut a cord of wood and have a benefit all in the same day with only neighbors helping.

And who will get Pat Robertson? Remember him? He wanted to impeach Bill Clinton (we get him) for an absence of morality, but turned around and said the fault of Gen. Petraeus’s morality glitch was with the woman, not the general. “She’s smart and extremely good looking,” Robertson said, “and he is just a man.” Where the truthiness or logic of that lies befuddles us.

Well, guess what? We’ll keep Robertson. We’ll deal with him in our own polite way. And we’ll keep Harper Lee and Paula Broadwell and everybody else who has the good sense to think secession is neither a goal nor a solution.

Unless these pompous pups from “over there” really want to pay their own social security, Medicare, public education bills, retain the right to travel through the South and defend themselves against international invaders, we can’t do much but send them a dollar to help them out of their bankruptcy and ask them to read our lips: No New Texas.



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

This week has been a load of wet manure piled in the back of a coughing truck travelling slowly up a long tall hill on the way to nowhere. There is a never-ending line of cars behind the truck, each carrying a rage filled poultry broker listening to talk radio. As the helmsman of the ailing truck I fervently wish – pray – that the driver of each car has a heart attack, runs off the road, crashes and is consumed by fire. I know you are too good a person to have ever felt this way; I admit that I am ashamed of myself. But what can I do?

Gratitude grasping strategies, like comparing my situation to refugees in the Sudan, have failed. “Think of the Starving China Babies!” my mother implored when I was feeling sorry for myself. Well, stuff it, Mom: let me introduce you to America’s new banker.

As you can see, I have failed in my pursuit of happiness this week.

I brought the matter up to friends at a dinner party. “You must accept that what you accept as reality is not real,” advised Jim Young, co-founder of the Arkansas Metaphysical Society, and popular self-help writer. “You must shift away from preconceived possibilities, which is only perspective, to inner Truth, which is always perceived. Perception is all.”

“My shoulder hurts and I can’t play the trombone,” Jerry Landrum said, apropos of nothing I could put my finger on. But Jerry is an inventor, and maybe he assumed that I was inventing my misery. He didn’t say that, but the implication was that I should probably stop whining.

“You should stop whining,” Dr. Sharon Sloan said. “Think about the poor Koch brothers. They spent \$300 million dollars on a candidate who was so unpopular he couldn’t beat a Muslim from Kenya. Imagine how they feel.”

“You just need to get intimate needs met,” my wife said. “But no one wants to fool around with a wet, stinky, pooppy truck. Your chances of getting lucky look pretty grim right now.”

I can’t play the trombone either.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

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.

9:06 a.m. – Driver reported a vehicle eastbound on U.S. 62 going about 10 mph and impeding traffic. Constable on patrol spoke with the driver of the slow vehicle, and she said she was being cautious because her brakes were failing and she was on her way to an auto mechanic.

10:01 a.m. – Resident filed a harassment claim.

12:28 p.m. – Motel clerk reported a guest had checked in the previous evening and had said someone was chasing her and that she had a gun. She had not been heard from since and it was after checkout time. Constable was able to find her and she was okay, and she checked out of the motel.

3:52 p.m. – There was an accident on private property with no injuries.

4:13 p.m. – A business reported suspicion of shoplifting. Constable filed a report.

4:13 p.m. – Motel owner asked to speak with a constable regarding damage done to one of his rooms.

5:05 p.m. – A mother told ESPD her daughter had not come home from school. Schools reported which bus she had boarded, and the mother discovered the daughter had gone to a friend's house instead of home.

8:53 p.m. – Resident in a neighborhood reported dogs barking at a nearby address. Dogs did not bark for the constable, and the owner was not home, but the information was given to Animal Control for followup.

9:57 p.m. – Driver reported a van had tried to run him off the road as he entered town from the west. The vehicle had stopped at a motel, and a constable spoke with those in the vehicle. He found no reason to detain them.

NOVEMBER 13

12:41 a.m. – Bartender at an establishment asked for constable

assistance with a patron who had run off the other customers but would not leave. Constable spoke with the individual and took him to his hotel.

3:58 a.m. – Security company reported an alarm going off downtown, but the constable on patrol found everything secure. False alarm.

4 a.m. – Passerby noticed a crate of chickens had fallen off a truck on U.S. 62. Constable cleared the roadway, and he left a message for Animal Control about the chickens.

11:11 a.m. – Alarm sounded at a business on U.S. 62 toward the eastern edge of town, but the constable and keyholder both responded and found everything was okay.

4:24 p.m. – Witness told ESPD she had been in a parking lot and saw in a nearby vehicle a lady with a one-year old child in a car seat, and the lady pulled the child's hair, slapped her and slammed her into her car seat. The witness said she had confronted the woman about her actions. Information was given to ESPD detective.

4:32 p.m. – Truck and vehicle had a minor accident in a parking lot.

4:52 p.m. – Passerby noticed a dead fawn on the sidewalk near the post office. Animal Control responded and removed the animal.

4:53 p.m. – Driver on U.S. 62 saw another driver, possibly intoxicated, driving on the wrong side of the road. ESPD later found the vehicle parked, but driver did not return.

6:07 p.m. – Person reported her vehicle had been stolen. Authorities in Arkansas and Missouri were notified.

8:37 p.m. – Pedestrian said she was chased by a wolf-like dog. Constables spoke with the owner who showed them the long leash attached to the dog, but he said he would try to contain the animal even further.

NOVEMBER 14

8:29 a.m. – Attendant at a gas station said four individuals were standing around in front the store smoking marijuana. Constable responded and determined they were fueling up on their way out of town.

10:54 a.m. – Someone stole medication from a vehicle parked in

a parking lot.

2:05 p.m. – Caller from a neighborhood at the western edge of town reported a dog running loose. Constable who responded did not see the dog, and neither did another resident out and about in the vicinity.

4:37 p.m. – Constable responded to report of a dog that had reportedly been barking for hours.

5:55 p.m. – Driver on her way toward Berryville hit a deer. Constable who searched for it did not find it.

11:45 p.m. – Caller told ESPD her roommate had hit her. Constable responded and discovered the disagreement had been verbal only.

NOVEMBER 15

9:43 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of U.S. 62 and Hwy. 23 North. No injuries.

11:17 a.m. – Constable on patrol downtown saw two dogs headed up a street off Spring Street. He followed them, and as he tried to find the owner, the dogs ran away again. Animal Control will follow up.

6:06 p.m. – Driver reported hitting a deer at the intersection of U.S. 62 and CR 302.

7:18 p.m. – Sheriff's department asked ESPD to check along U.S. 62 toward the western edge of town for two male pedestrians. Constable did not see anyone in that location.

9:57 p.m. – Passerby reported a deer on U.S. 62 west of town, but constable who checked the scene did not see it.

NOVEMBER 16

11:33 a.m. – A delivery truck caused traffic congestion downtown until constables responded and cleared the way.

6:18 p.m. – Resident said she needed to report a break-in.

7:29 p.m. – A truck left the roadway east of town, but it was able to drive out of the ditch and there were no injuries or damage.

7:30 p.m. – EMS requested assistance with an intoxicated female. Constable arrested her for public intoxication.

8:35 p.m. – Resident near downtown reported a dog had been barking for a long time. Constable spoke with owner and advised him citations would

accompany future transgressions.

11:40 p.m. – Alarm sounded at a restaurant. Constable on patrol checked it out and found everything secure.

NOVEMBER 17

12:46 – Resident told ESPD a suspicious vehicle had parked in front of his house. Responding constable found a male sleeping in the vehicle. He said his brother lived in an apartment across the street. Constable convinced him to move the truck and sleep in his brother's apartment.

3:01 a.m. – Constable was checking doors of businesses downtown and found one unlocked. He cleared the building and secured the door.

3:07 a.m. – Same constable found another door unlocked. Again he cleared the building and locked the door.

3:58 a.m. – Gas station attendant reported a possibly intoxicated driver getting gas. Constable arrived to speak with the driver and discovered he was not intoxicated, just fatigued, and he went on his way.

4:24 p.m. – Sheriff's department confirmed a juvenile had been arrested and taken to the detention center.

5 p.m. – ESPD arrested an individual on a warrant out of Benton County.

9:27 a.m. – People were having a picnic at the free parking area on N. Main, and the constable asked them to extinguish their campfire.

8 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 62. One vehicle had its bumper pushed back into tires. No one was injured.

NOVEMBER 18

12:15 p.m. – Individual reported her cell phone had been stolen out of her purse.

2:46 p.m. – Driver reported he was concerned for an elderly female driver going all over the road. She had stopped at a roadside business. Constable went to check on her, but she was gone before he arrived.

7:15 p.m. – One neighbor complained about a wood chipper that had been chipping for about three hours. The operator turned it off just before the constable on patrol arrived.

Six big cats rescued, help needed for 28 more

DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

The tigress Ducky arrived at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge recently in what could become one of the largest big cat rescue operations in the state. The blind and gentle-natured tiger was among the first six tigers moved a few days ago from River Glen Tiger Refuge in Crawford County to her new home at the refuge. There are 28 more animals that need to be moved to a new home, and the staff at Turpentine Creek is willing to take them.

The only holdup, according to Tanya Smith, president and founder of Turpentine Creek, is finding or building space for them. The facility now has accommodations for perhaps eight of the animals. There is plenty of space on the grounds, but currently not enough cages for all the extra animals. Smith has contacted other big cat refuges in search of space for the animals and only one has answered saying they have accommodation.

Only 90 of Turpentine Creek's 459 acres are currently developed for keeping big cats. Smith estimates it will cost \$200,000 to build a quarantine area and 24 cages measuring 20x50 ft. with combinations of concrete and grass floors. "We are building as we speak," Smith told the *Independent* on

Tuesday.

A fundraiser is now underway and one donor has already given \$30,000. Meanwhile, the cats can only be moved moved two at a time and Smith said she thinks the remaining cats can stay at River Glen until cages are built at Turpentine Creek.

River Glen is a privately owned facility operated by Betty Young, 72, who has said she can no longer care for all the cats. Her goal is to find a home for as many as possible although she plans to keep the oldest of the animals and those that cannot be moved easily.

Many cats wind up at places like River Glen and Turpentine Creek as a result of people attempting to raise big cats as pets; or they are often circus animals grown too old to perform. Most of the cats at River Glen are in good health and well fed, but some of the cages are in disrepair creating a possibility of escape, according to Smith. For that reason she has limited the moving process to Turpentine Creek to staff members only for safety. The refuge's interns can help care for the animals after they are securely housed at Turpentine Creek.

For information on helping provide shelters for the cats see www.turpentinecreek.org or turpentinecreek.chipin.com/turpentine-creek-rtis online.



Tigress doing just ducky after rescue – Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge President and Founder, Tanya Smith, spends time with Ducky, a blind 16-year old tigress adjusting to her new home at the refuge.

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Calling all area shelter animal owners – parade with us on Nov. 30

Pet owners who adopted from Good Shepherd Humane Society are invited to walk in the Eureka Springs Christmas parade Nov. 30. Don't have a pet? Do you have a little red wagon? If so, bring that along, and the Good Shepherd Shelter will have dogs and cats to ride in the wagons. For more information, call the shelter at (479) 253-9188.

And don't forget – you could be watching all the big dog show competitions on a new flat screen color television! The Good Shepherd Humane Society is raffling off a 32-inch LG flat screen TV donated by a generous GSHS member. Buy your tickets at the Eureka and Berryville Doggie Shops, and at the Shelter for \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing will be held at the Eureka Springs Doggie Shop on Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. You need not be present to win.



Bella Vita Trunk Show @DeVito's Restaurant

Bella Vita Handmade Jewelry

Artist, Brandy Thomason McNair will have a trunk show at DeVito's of Eureka Springs. Appetizers, wine and a special signature martini will be enjoyed. All welcome! For more info find Bella Vita on Facebook (facebook.com/bellavitajewelry) and on the web (bellavitajewelry.net).

When: November 28, 2012

Where: 5 Center St.
Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Time: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

City council agenda

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 6 p.m.

Commission, Committee, Authority reports and expired terms

Planning – Pos. 1 – Mickey Schneider – expired 7/1/11. Pos. 3 – vacant – expires 7/1/13. Pos. 4 – Jim Morris – expired 7/1/12

CAPC – Pos. 1 – vacant – expires 7/1/16. Pos. 4 – Bobbie Foster – expired 6/30/12

Hospital – Pos. 2 – vacant – expires 6/1/14. Pos. 5 – Jack Pritchard – expired 6/1/12. Pos. 6 – vacant – expires 9/7/15

Parks – Pos. 1 – vacant – expired 5/1/12. Vote on Myrna Thaxton

HDC – Pos. 1 – vacant – expires 11/30/12

Cemetery

Public comments

Unfinished business

1. Non-conforming Off-Premise Signs – 2 ordinances – Planning
 2. Weekly dwelling units Ordinance No. 2167 – 2nd reading – Planning
 3. City attorney's review of the Auditorium agreement for 2013 – Pownall and DeVito
 4. Yellow Bag Committee recommendations – Ballance and Raphael
 5. Discussion of Code section 4.48, amending to "City-permitted" or "City-sanctioned" – Berry and Lindblad
 6. Voluntary tax for the Cemetery Commission/Mr. Clark's .6 mills estimate – Berry and DeVito
 7. Discussion of readjustment of vacation water rates – Lindblad and Ballance
 8. Lake Lucerne Rd. specification documents, ordinance, contractor, bid waiving, deeds – Mr. Berry, Mr. DeVito, Mayor Pate
 9. Nelli Clark's case – Raphael and DeVito
- ### New business
1. Discussion of Outdoor Sales –Raphael and DeVito
 2. Pg. 3 Personnel Policy Handbook and A.C.A.14-42-110 – Lindblad and Ballance
 3. State Statute re: council to decide number of Police Officers – Ballance and Lindblad
 4. 2012 Budget Adjustment Resolution – Mayor Pate
 5. Check signatories – Pownall and Ballance

Council comments, Mayor's comments, Adjournment

Scottish Country Dancing for joy

Melissa Clare invites everyone to Enthios Dance Studio on Greenwood Hollow Road off Hwy 23S, for Scottish Country Dancing. The Winter Series 1 runs until Dec. 19 on Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. The first session is free. No previous experience is needed. People should bring soft-soled shoes or dance barefoot.

It's a unique opportunity to have fun while rediscovering cultural roots. Scottish Country Dancing is the exuberant social dancing performed in the village halls and ballrooms of Scotland for several centuries, a precursor to American Square and Contra dancing. Enjoy a cheerful aerobic form of exercise with upbeat music and good company. A slow strathpoy movement gives dancers a chance to catch their breath between the jigs and reels.

Melissa learned Scottish Dancing from the Brigadier MacIntyre since the age of 4 and has continued to be involved. For more information, contact her at melissaclare01@gmail.com or (479) 253-8252.

Thrifty gift shopping

The Purple House Hospital Thrift shop, located on the Eureka Springs Hospital Campus at 24 Norris Street, is ready for holiday shopping. Take advantage of the new inventory of adult winter clothing and Christmas items and decorations. Hours are weekdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Closed Thursday, Nov. 22, for Thanksgiving. For more information, contact Mary Dolce at (479) 253-4939 or by e-mail at marydol5@aol.com.

Metaphysical meeting hosts presentation on healing balance

Katy Morter, advanced holistic chiropractic physician, will speak at the Metaphysical Meeting Monday, Nov. 26, from 7 – 9 p.m. Katy will speak to balancing physical, emotional and chemical stressors, and the development of healthy daily habits in six essential areas leading to the body healing itself as it was originally designed - from the inside out. For more information see: www.MorterWellness.com.

All are welcome to attend at 68 W. Mountain Street, downstairs in the Christian Science edifice.



Roenigks honored – The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow's Board of Directors presented Elise Roenigk with a plaque dedicating 505 Spring Street to Elise and late husband, Marty, for their inspiration and participation in bringing the structure to new life and making it part of the Colony. Elise is shown holding the plaque while enjoying a seat on the lovely meditation bench donated by the Preservation Society and dedicated to Marty Roenigk on Nov. 9 during a ceremony hosted by WCDH. The Preservation Society also donated a statuesque birdbath dedicated in honor of co-founder, the late Ned Shank. Also present for the occasion was Shank's wife and Colony co-founder, Crescent Dragonwagon.



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Eureka Springs is a noted arts destination, chock full of talented, creative people; but while many in the community call themselves artists, in reality only a handful make a living through art alone. Most supplement income with either full or part-time jobs to feed themselves and their artistic passions.

Marketing is a word that makes most artists cringe. We are so much more content working in the studio in blissful denial rather than tackling the realities of selling one's self and one's work.

Last year a small group of artists committed to get together once a week to learn the do's and don't's of promoting one's art. The 13-week "Artist in Situ" workshop, created and facilitated by Cné Breaux, covered the gamut of art marketing from gallery representation to web design to PR through social media and the press.

John Willer, Carol Saari, Drew Gentle, Charles Pearce and I diligently completed the workshop, which culminated with three overly ambitious group shows at The Space, Willow Spring Gallery and The Box. It was a lively 13 weeks and I think everyone gained valuable insight into the amount of work outside the studio it takes to become a successful artist in this town.



MainStage board member, friend and art supporter, Deborah Trimble, in discussion with Charles Pearce during the opening of Pearce's one-man exhibit at the MainStage Gallery last Saturday.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

Last week I was invited by the Eureka Springs School of the Arts to participate in a panel discussion on "art marketing." ESSA executive director Peggy Kjellaard facilitated and was joined by fellow artists Zeek Taylor, Carol Dickie and Wendi Le Fey. For two hours we discussed and answered questions from a group of about 20 artists eager to learn how to get ahead in this volatile, recession-affected art scene. Again, we addressed everything from how to

write a simple press release to the best way to approach a gallery.

For me personally, the morning session was a practice-what-you-preach moment – the realization that talk is truly cheap and that having all the marketing tools and skills under one's belt are worthless if one does not get off his or her lazy, procrastinating artist ass and get moving on them.

This weekend is ESSA's fall art show at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. It's a chance to go out and support our local artists. Not quite on par with White Street's social level, it's still a lot of fun, with some really good work on display.

Despite no announcement in either paper, Charles Pearce had a great turnout for the opening of his one-man show at the MainStage Gallery last Saturday. (Did someone fall asleep during "Press Release 101" Charles?) For anyone who missed this beautiful show, it can be seen Saturday and Sundays from 10 – 5 until Dec. 22.

And while in the neighborhood, definitely check out John Willer's new work in the Grand Central Hotel.

Monthly sessions wax poetic –

Wendy Taylor Carlisle talks about the basic building blocks of formal poetry — structure, meter and rhyme — in the first monthly Elements of Poetic Craft workshop at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow Nov. 18. Carlisle was speaking to a group of seven poets. For more information about the workshop email alisontaylorbrown@me.com or call (479) 292-3665.



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Mutual admiration – Zeek Taylor thanks the people of Eureka Springs during a reception in his honor at Community First Bank Nov. 20. Taylor was this year's recipient of the Arkansas Arts Council Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts. Taylor was also chosen Man of the Year at this year's Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

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PASSAGES

In Loving Memory

Jan. 5, 1922 – Nov. 19, 2012



The spirit of Clyta M. Holland became free of earthly bonds Monday morning Nov. 19, 2012. Clyta, a Denver, Colo., native born January 5, 1922, moved to Eureka Springs in 2000 to be near her now surviving three children, their spouses and numerous grand and great grandchildren.

Clyta married her one true love, John K. Holland, on October 10, 1942 and enjoyed a 29-year marriage until he passed in December 1971. Afterwards, she enjoyed traveling, meeting new people and the occasional Red Hat experience, all while offering a smile wherever she happened to be. She was often seen exploring her neighborhood with her adopted shelter dog, Millie. Clyta's zest for life, courage and tenacious spirit will be long celebrated and missed by those souls lucky enough to have shared her path.

Silver Tea approaching 50

For nearly half a century, the women of St. James' Episcopal Church have hosted the Silver Tea as an outreach to benefit community and county non-profit organizations. This year, one of the town's most locally-enjoyed events, the 46th Silver Tea, will be held Thursday, Dec. 6, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Crescent Hotel. Hosted by the women of St. James' Episcopal Church, the 2012 Tea will benefit the Eureka Springs School of the Arts (ESSA).

Chaired by Suzanne Tourtelot, assisted by Lucilla Garrett, the Silver Tea transforms the Crystal

Dining Room into a Christmas delight. Guests will be greeted by a hostess in Victorian dress and invited to wander amid sparkling silver and festive table decorations to enjoy a variety of delicious cookies, tea sandwiches and beverages while enjoying seasonal music by Eureka Springs musician, John Wylie. The public is cordially invited to share in the fun, and admission is by donation at the door.



Joyfully served – Margo Pirkle served up some tasty treats at last year's Silver Tea. This year's tea will benefit the work of the Eureka Springs School of the Arts on Dec. 6, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., at the Crystal Dining Room in the Crescent Hotel.

PHOTO BY TONI ALBERS

ESSA, the brainchild of local artists Eleanor Lux, Doug Stowe, and Mary Springer, has grown from a school without walls to a 16 acre campus near Inspiration Point offering classes each summer to more than 200 students of all ages. In addition to local instructors, a number of recognized artists from around the country, representing a broad spectrum of media, have found a teaching home at ESSA. The summer session also includes a Youth Arts Week. For more information, visit www.essa-art.org.

Through the years, the generous donations of Silver Tea guests have assisted the following worthy organizations in their missions: People Helping People, the Eureka Springs Food Bank, Eureka Springs Historical Museum, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, the Good Shepherd Animal Shelter, Eureka Christian Health Outreach (ECHO), St. John's HospiceCare and Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library.

The women of St. James acknowledge Elise Roenigk and the Crescent Hotel staff for assistance in making the Silver Tea a red-letter day for the community.

SCHOOL BOARD continued from page 1

to improve the intersection of Greenwood Hollow Rd. and Hwy. 23.

Larson thanked Mayor Morris Pate and city council for coming through for the district.

Other items

- The board chose Al Larson as its new president to replace recently retired Charles Templeton.

- Lavender reported Keegan Wilbur has been selected out of more than 100 applicants as one of nine finalists in the state for the Youth Senate Program. The program is for outstanding high school seniors who are interested in a career in public service.

Winners will spend a week in Washington D.C. attending sessions of Congress and meeting with government officials. Winners also get a \$5000 scholarship.

- David Parkman, coach of the cross-country team, appeared with four of the

Get a move on – Al Larson, new school board president, watches as Superintendent Curtis Turner says, "Over the next few weeks, it's going to be crazy for us," referring to moving into the new high school.

PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE



six team members to show off the trophy they won as 2012 Class 2A runners up. Team members are Jake McClung (junior), Nathan Andress (sophomore),

Alex Cisneros (junior), Matthew McClung (freshman), and Robert Lefever (freshman).

- Lavender also told the board that

Warren Utsler, EAST coordinator and certified art teacher, had completed the design on the gym floor.

- The building trades students have been painting doors and such.

- James Rozell, K-6 athletic coordinator, announced he would like to establish a football program in the district. He said he has seen the school lose students who transferred to schools where they could play football. He said Friday night football builds involvement, and suggested starting in the lower levels, such as seventh grade, then grow the program.

- The board approved a one-time \$500 bonus for full-time employees with a pro-rated amount going to part-timers.

- There will be an open house for students and parents Jan. 2 from 3 – 5 p.m. An open house for the general public is still to be determined.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 20, at 5:30 p.m.

not just a husband, but two stepdaughters and two step-granddaughters she was once very close to. Her daughter has lost her stepsisters, one of whom was also her best friend. The family has been torn apart.

In addition to losing her home, Anderson lost the tight-knit rural community she lived in after moving to another town in Arkansas where friends had offered a place for her. And

she still worries about the impact of the testosterone on her stepdaughters and their daughters, who live with Anderson's soon-to-be ex husband.

"Healthcare providers need to know that a man who is going to take testosterone needs to be in a bubble and can't live around women," Anderson said. "This has destroyed my family because there was not a clear disclosure statement. There should have been a disclosure statement so we understood.

Now there are warnings on the commercials, but I don't know if people understand how serious it is. There have been young babies whose labias have fused."

Anderson said testosterone is even used as a street drug.

"It is considered the perfect speed," Anderson said. "They call it 'the juice'. Testosterone is being touted as the new Viagra. And it is being heralded as the way for men to regain their youth. My

husband said he felt 21 years old. But with that comes behavior changes, including riskier behavior."

She also has concerns about all the advertisements for testosterone. Want to feel younger? Want your sex drive back? Want your energy back? With those kinds of claims, how many men will consider the impact this could have on the women in their lives?


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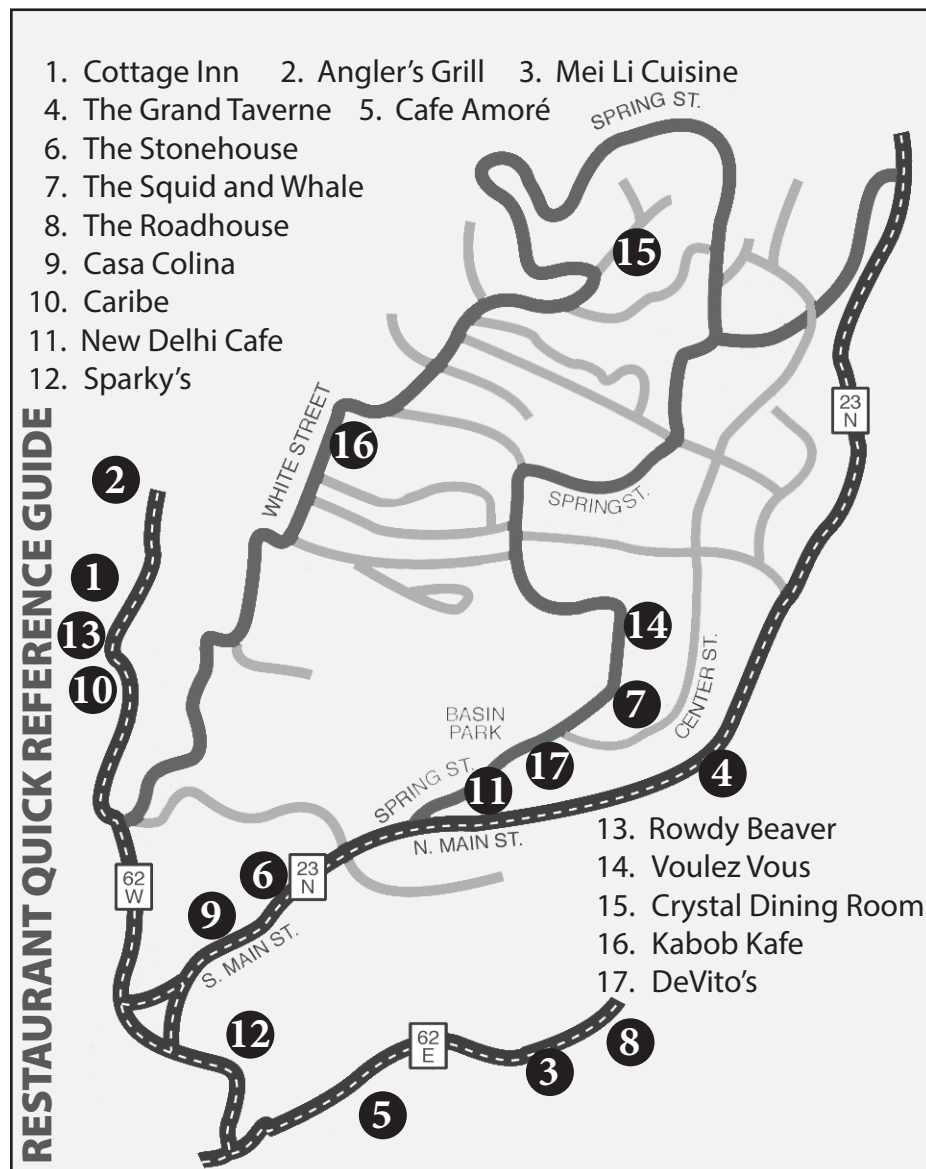
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Rosa's tirade against the father was interrupted by pain that seemed stronger than hatred. It was three hours later when Susan held the newborn baby up for its mother to see.

“Look at your fine baby boy,” Susan said. “He is waitin’ fer somebody to give him a bath and put some clothes on him.” Rosa did not look at the infant. As she turned her head away, she again refused to even discuss the welfare of the child.

“I ain’t got no clothes fer him an’ I ain’t goin’ to get none fer him. I don’t care if it’s a girl or a boy and I ain’t never goin’ to look at it anyway. Pa hated me fer havin’ him and I guess right now, I hate everybody in th’ whole world.”

“You’ll feel different in a little while. You are tired right now,” Susan consoled. “Right now, I’m goin’ to give you a nice bath and change your bed, while the little feller is gettin’ the same thing in the kitchen.”

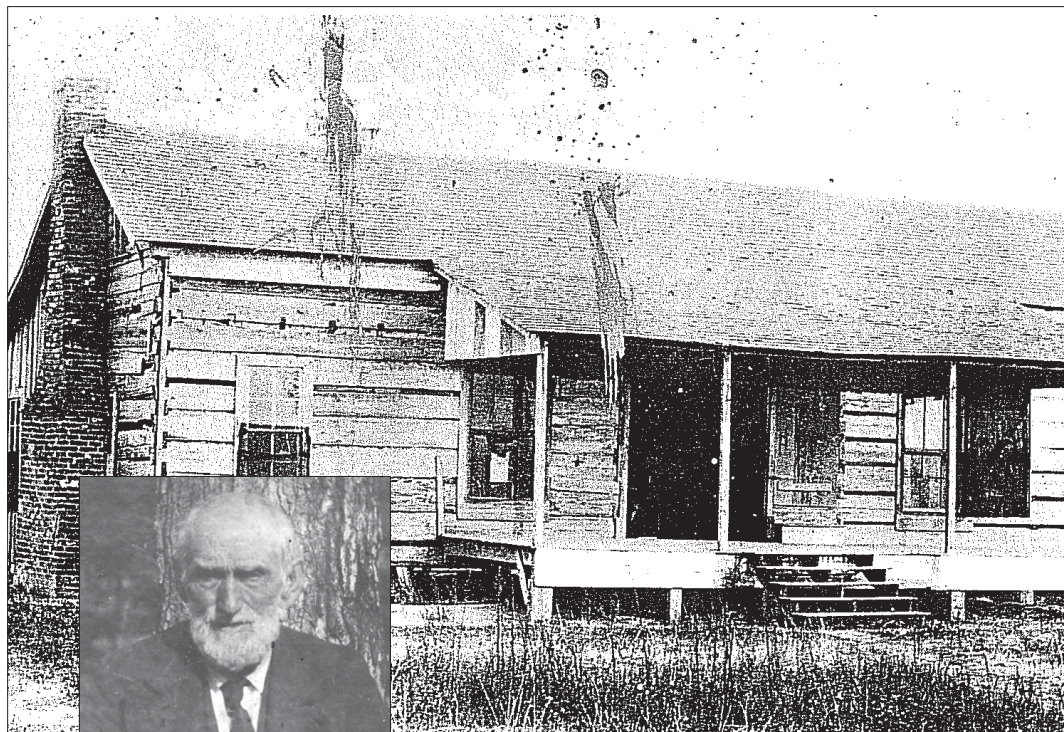
Minnie and Flossie busied themselves in the kitchen heating water for the baths and searching around the two small rooms for some kind of clothing for the infant. It was evident no preparations had been made by the new mother prior to the birth.

“Mr. Beck,” Flossie spoke to the man who sat huddled in the chair by the fireplace, “do you know where we can find something we can wrap the baby in until we can go home and gather up somethin’ from the neighbors?”

“There’s a piece of an old blanket folded up in the bottom of the chair Rosa’s been settin’ in. I don’t reckon it’s very clean but it’s all I can think of right now. I wish we had a-been ready fer this an’ I reckon we should a-been. I didn’t think it would be so soon. Rosa never did tell me exactly an’ I don’t know if she knowed or not herself.”

As the two women bathed the newborn baby and wrapped it in the dirty blanket, Susan Gaskins re-entered the lean-to kitchen. She spoke to her friends, “Will you two go back in there an’ stay with Rosa fer a few minutes? I think she has dropped off to sleep and I think somebody ort to be with her. I want to talk to Amos, here.”

The women left the room and Susan turned to



the man beside the fireplace. “Amos, we have got some talkin’ to do and it needs to be done before this thing goes any further. Rosa don’t want that baby an’ she ain’t a-goin’ to take it. I’ve seen cows that would not own their

calves but I ain’t never seen no human bein’ mother that wouldn’t have her baby. I’m afraid that if we try to force it on her, she will go into fits or somethin’.

“Besides, even if she was able to take care of it, she won’t do it. She would neglect it an’ let it die. You can’t take care of it an’ do your own work. Amos, that baby is helpless an’ hit don’t make no difference who’s to blame fer its bein’ here, it’s got to be took care of. What do you think we orta do?”

“I’ve thought about it a lot ever since I knowed she was a-goin’ to have it,” he told her. “Everybody knows that when a girl has a baby without a daddy, she ain’t got a chance in th’ world of makin’ anything out of herself after that. I have said all along that as soon as the baby was born, she would have to go some place else. It’s more fer her good than mine. She needs to go off somewhere an’ start all over again. I’ve got a sister in Springfield that would take her but she don’t want her to bring th’ baby. I don’t know what to do. Honest, Mrs. Gaskins, I don’t.”

Amos Beck ended his explanation of the matter in a defeated gesture of throwing up his hands.

“Well, then,” Susan told him, “if you ain’t got no answer to this thing, maybe you’ll listen to mine. There ain’t no use to try to talk to Rosa. She don’t keer.”

“I’ll listen, Mrs. Gaskins, an’ I’m thankful fer you

bein’ here an’ doin’ what you have. What is it that you have in mind?”

“I want to take th’ baby home with me. Before you say anything, I want you to know that it ain’t because I think my Jim fathered it. I don’t know if he did or not. But it don’t make no difference who th’ daddy is. Th’ mother don’t want it and it ain’t the baby’s fault. I’d take care of a stray animal that didn’t have anybody else to do it. That little feller needs somebody to love him an’ take care of ‘im an’ I’ll do it if you’ll let me.”

“Mrs. Gaskins, I’m grateful fer th’ offer an’ I promise you that if you take him, I’ll never give you any trouble or try to take him away from you.”

Susan Gaskins raised herself to every inch of her height and looked at Amos Beck with fire in her eyes as she told him, “An’ I promise you somethin’ Amos Beck. If I take this baby because his own folks don’t want him, nobody, and I mean nobody, had ever try to take him from me. If I’m goin’ to take keer of this baby, I guess the startin’ place is right here. I’d fight fer my own young’uns and from now on he’s goin’ to be mine. Do you understand that, Amos Beck?”

“I do, Mrs. Gaskins, an’ I pray to God that you will never have cause to regret it. I know you will love him like he was your own.”

Susan took the blanket-wrapped bundle and wrapped it inside her own coat for added warmth. Within a few minutes, she was walking back toward her own house just over the hill.

The three women discussed the strange turn of affairs as they walked along. “It’s a mighty fine thing you’re a-doin’, Susan,” Minnie Hyde remarked. “I don’t know if I could take a baby my boy had fathered and raise it myself or not...”

Susan interrupted her, “I didn’t take it because I think it is my grandchild. I took him because he needs somebody. I’m goin’ to raise him fer th’ same reason. Th’ way I look at it now, his daddy nor his mother ain’t a-doin’ much fer him.”

The two women turned off the trail when it forked, going toward their own homes. Susan Gaskins carried the naked baby the remainder of the way alone. It was daylight when she got home. All the horses, buggys and wagons that had been there bringing people to the dance were gone. She pushed the door open and entered, with the bundle clutched tightly in her arms.

Embark on the journey to Neverwinter!

The Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library invites teens 13 and older to take part in a marathon, 12-hour role-playing adventure game at the Library Annex on

Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Players will be challenged to cooperate and craft creative solutions as they journey together through the imaginary medieval

world of Neverwinter. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. Meals will be served. Space is limited, so sign up today for this free event!

Contact Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library at (479) 253- 8754 or info@eurekalibrary.org for more information.

Bulletin Board

Holiday Events – Don't miss a minute of fun. Keep this list of events handy for dandy planning!

November

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.” Come out and join the fun!

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

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• **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

• **Holiday Prize Giveaway!** Register with volunteers during the parade to win more than \$500 in shopping vouchers and prizes to be given out in Basin Spring Park following the parade. Vouchers can be used like cash at participating merchants.

December

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• **Living Windows.** Enjoy animated windows with live actors downtown from 4 – 6 p.m.

• **Holiday Spectacular Talent On Parade** dance competition, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. at the Auditorium. Free admission. Dance groups and soloists from around the U.S. compete in all age groups in holiday music, ballet, hip hop, jazz, modern and other categories. www.talentonparade.com

• **30th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes: Upstairs, Downstairs and all Around the Town.** Self-guided tour of Eureka's Victorian homes on Main and Spring Streets from 3 – 8 p.m. – presented by the Preservation Society. Refreshments at Penn Memorial Baptist Church with 100 Year Celebration and costumed characters from stained glass windows. \$15 until day of tour, then \$20. (479) 253-8737

• **Tree Lighting Ceremony** at Crescent Hotel – At 6 p.m. 30 trees in a Christmas Tree Forest will spring to bright life and illuminate the top of Crescent Mountain! Trees will remain lit throughout Christmas.

• **Photos with Santa** in Basin Spring Park, Mrs. Claus's Letter Writing Station (all letters will be answered!) and S'mores Station – 2 – 4 p.m. Mrs. Claus will help children write letters to Santa and place them in the Big Red Mailbox to be answered by the Big Guy in Red. Enjoy the roving choir of carolers, too.

• **Hidden Elves Downtown** – Eureka Springs cheerleaders dressed as elves are hiding downtown with prizes. Find the elves and win prizes from 2 – 4 p.m. Get maps and clues in Basin Park, and enjoy the Eureka Springs High School Carolers.

1-31 Christmas Forest at Crescent Hotel – illuminated with Christmas trees decorated by local charities as a fundraiser for each. Visitors can stroll and vote for the best! Admission is free. www.crescenthotel.com.

2 – 5 Christmas at the Crescent Hotel – Brunch with Santa, dinner theatre, concerts, free movies and more. See www.crescent-hotel.com for complete schedule.

6 46th Annual St. James Episcopal Church Silver Tea at the Crescent Hotel's Crystal Dining Room 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. to benefit the Eureka Springs School of the Arts. Sweet treats, sandwiches, cookies, beverages and entertainment. Admission by donation. (479) 253-8610.

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• **Ozarks Chorale Holidays in the Hills**, 7 p.m. at Auditorium, \$10 at the door. Students free.

• **Santa in the Park**, Mrs. Claus's Letter Station, S'mores Station and carolers. Photos with Santa are offered for a small donation to Eureka Springs Downtown Network. Prizes will also be given to those who find the Big Red Presents hidden downtown. 10 boxes boast codes, bring those back to Basin Spring Park and be eligible to win gift certificates for area retailers. All activities are 2 – 4 p.m.

• **Living Windows** sparkle downtown from 4 – 6 p.m.

• **6th Annual Sweet Treats Cookie Tour**, A self guided tour (1 – 6 p.m.) of 9 Bed and Breakfasts inns serving sweet treats, each with recipes to add

to your collection. Tickets limited, \$20. www.allianceofbetterbandbs.com

• **Sip and Shop** downtown at participating merchants. Holiday Open House at participating retailers. Snacks and holiday libations, 4 – 6 p.m. Maps at Basin Park and Eureka Springs Chamber. Shop, sip and save on deals offered at each location.

• **Holiday Village Stroll**, 5 – 7 p.m. at Pine Mountain Village's Victorian-style shops decked out for the holidays. Special shopping offers and lots of fun.

• **2nd Saturday Gallery Stroll** throughout downtown. 6 – 8 p.m. www.artofeureka.com.

• **Christmas Lighting Contest – Bling in the Springs.** Judging takes place tonight throughout Eureka Springs, residential and commercial. Be sure to take a ride and see the lights!

9 Carroll County Community Orchestra Christmas Program in city auditorium, 2:30 p.m. (doors open 1:30)

13 Eureka Springs High School Christmas concert in auditorium 7:30 p.m. (Doors open 7 p.m.)

15 John Two-Hawks' 9th Annual Christmas Concert “Celebrating the Magic of this Sacred Season” with Gravette Jr. High School Choir. City auditorium 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 at the door, \$15 in advance (online only – buy two get one free), kids 15 and under free. (479) 253-5826. johntwohawks.com.

18 Eureka Springs Elementary Christmas show at the Auditorium 7 p.m. (Doors open 6:30)

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• **Home For The Holidays**– fine local musicians entertain at the Auditorium. (Tentative – see www.theaud.org)

• **Jazz Funeral** – New Orleans style. Join in an authentic New Orleans Funeral to celebrate the end of the Mayan Calendar. Parade, pub crawl, wailing contest, Viking funeral (and a resurrection!) www.jazzfuneral.danellis.net or jazzfuneral.blogspot.com.

Free Parking! Enjoy events and shopping from December 1 - 31 for two hours of free parking at meters.

Hills are alive with music Dec. 8



Happy holidays – The Ozarks Chorale performs their 18th annual holiday concert, *Holidays in the Hills*, at the city auditorium Saturday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. Filled with holiday favorites, mellow and up-tempo jazz-inspired standards and beautiful classical works, this concert is one for the whole family. Founded by a small group of dedicated local singers in 1994, the Ozarks Chorale celebrates its upcoming season under the expert musical direction of artistic director and conductor Beth Withey (bottom row, far right), accompanied by composer and pianist Ellen Stephenson (bottom row, far left). More information: www.theozarkschorale.org. Tickets \$10 at the door, students free. For advance tickets phone (479) 366-4996.

Upstairs, downstairs – don't miss the home tour

Upstairs, Downstairs and all Around the Town is the theme for this year's self-guided historic home tour presented by the Preservation Society on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 3 – 8 p.m. Ten lavishly decorated locations on Main and Spring Streets will give guests a glimpse of a bygone era. Victorian attired docents will be onsite to relate the history of each home.

Visitors will be treated to choir and band music, carolers, refreshments and merriment. Tour goers will also see elegant ladies adorned in their finery and dapper gentlemen dressed in tails and ties as they stroll through downtown.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the tour. Purchase in advance at the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce (479) 253-8737, and Eureka Springs Historical Museum (479) 253-9417 or purchase online at www.eurekaspringspreservationsociety.org and print your ticket.

Bring the printed ticket to the Penn Memorial First Baptist Church at 100 Spring Street after 2 p.m. on the day of the tour to redeem for lapel passes and a tour booklet.

TheNATUREofEUREKA

by Steven Foster

Look for witch hazel on a Thanksgiving stroll

An attentive eye during a walk in the woods this time of year may reveal a small shrub-like tree with, 4-petaled strap-like flowers, tightly hugging leafless branches. It is witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*),

one of the late fall bloomers in eastern North America. In this part of the Ozarks, a little later in the season – the end of December or the first of January – another witch hazel blooms, vernal witch hazel (*Hamamelis*

vernalis), effectively ensuring that we have at least one plant in bloom year 'round in the Arkansas Ozarks. Seed capsules of witch hazel are also of interest, found in clusters along with the flowers. The seeds take a full year to mature, and once ripe the thick, fruiting body splits ejecting the seeds up to 20 ft. from the shrub. The seeds, similar in size and shape to pine nuts, are shiny black on the outside, white and oily within.

You can still buy witch hazel "extracts" wherever over-the-counter drugs are sold. Along with slippery elm bark, witch hazel is one of two American medicinal plants still approved as a non-prescription drug.

In the early 1840s, Theron T. Pond of Utica, N.Y., became interested in an Oneida Indian remedy used for burns, boils and wounds – a tea of witch hazel. Around 1846 Mr. Pond and the native American from whom he learned of the shrub started making an extract and offered it as "Golden

Treasure." After Pond's death around 1850, the name of the extract

was changed to "Pond's Extract." The product name and extract passed through several owners and corporate entities, and in 1882 new product forms were added including a toilet cream, dentifrice, lip salve ointment and toilet soap. The name and company were sold again in 1898, and several times since. Today Pond's is a Unilever-owned brand. Distilled witch hazel water or distilled extract of *hamamelis* have been sold continuously since the mid-1850s, and it all began with Theron T. Pond.

These days when we go to a pharmacy or natural food store to buy witch hazel products, we should be mindful that this fascinating native shrub is just a hillside away and thankful that its products have survived in the marketplace.



Now blooming, witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) photographed along the trails at Black Bass Lake on Nov. 8.

PHOTO BY STEVEN FOSTER



As the season winds down with only eight more performances to go before our break for Christmas and New Year's, we can relax a bit and spend some of our time reflecting on what has been accomplished as well as looking forward to what's in store.

We've made a number of operational improvements in the functioning of the building. Through the exceptional grant-writing efforts of Glenna Booth we now have storm windows and an auxiliary heating unit for the basement. The windows have significantly improved both the thermal efficiency of the building as well as drastically reduced interior condensation and the transmission of street noise. The basement heater has proven to be quite useful, too, during this transition period from the old



HVAC system to the new.

Ron Sumner has acquired a new 32-channel digital mixing console that has certainly expanded our capabilities as well. The program-ability and recall functions afforded by a digital console make changeovers from one musical act to the next a relative breeze. He also installed program speakers in the lobby for preshow music and making sure our patrons don't miss anything when they step out to the lobby for refreshments. Lately he's been working on a supplemental PA rig – now in its beta phase – for those shows that require reinforcement beyond what's possible

with the house system.

Sarai Aleshire has certainly taken command of the position Front of House Manager. Concession sales have increased dramatically, bolstered – if not led –

by beer and wine sales. Although our sales are relatively low in the greater scheme of things – Pied Piper probably does more in 45 minutes during BB&BBQ than we do all year – every little bit helps and keeps us on track to profitability. If that weren't enough, Sarai also covers everything from keeping the display windows updated to cleaning the restrooms to keeping up with volunteer ushers.

While this is just the briefest skim of all we've had going on this year, I would be remiss if I didn't once again express my thanks and gratitude to Ron and Sarai. They both make my

job a pleasure.

I would also be due a smack if I failed to mention the assistance rendered by Nancy Paddock with the Folk Festival, Diane Wilkerson of the Mayor's office in any of a number of areas, and the exemplary efforts of Clark Jenkins in making – and keeping – our Baldwin a world class instrument. So, in the spirit of this week's holiday, I'm thankful for you all.

Mea Culpa

In last week's column I committed two errors. First was a simple typo in which I stated the noise level measured inside the outdoor condenser unit was 91dBa. This should have read 91dB, i.e., unweighted. Second, I failed to mention that the noise measurements were for one unit. Since we will often have two units operating, the figures will each increase by 3dB.

Sign up for parade today

All area bands, churches, businesses, civic organizations and individuals are urged to join in the Christmas parade. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in four categories including Commercial, Non-profit, Bands and other. Registration deadline is Nov. 23. There is no entry fee for the parade, which will begin at 6 p.m. For more information or registration call (479) 253-8737.

Free fever scanners available

Come to The Cradle, the Maternity Support Center, for a free fever scanner while supplies last. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 213 Hailey St. in Berryville. Call (870) 423-6811 for more information.

Readin' writin' and chess

– Eureka Springs Middle School had a six-member team in Nov. 19's O.U.R. Elementary Chess Tournament. Sixth grader Colton Jecker, son of Matt and Debbie Jecker, came in an impressive 3rd place among more than 70 competitors, bringing home the only trophy from the ESMS team. Mom Debbie is especially proud since Colton just learned to play chess last year. All the kids worked hard to sharpen their skills for this very large competition and deserve congrats for a job well done.

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fencing for his yard in another town, and it seemed to fade from sight as one walked away.

Grinnell acknowledged the park was not strictly in a residential area, although houses were just up the street, and the choice of fencing would not be encroaching on neighbors. He suggested screening the fence with a hedge or ivy.

Commissioners approved the

application unanimously.

They also approved these new applications:

- 21 Linwood – new deck

- 5 Center – new retaining wall

Bright then presented five applications on the Consent Agenda:

- 9 Spring – Replace awnings, new color – Gustin

- 58 Spring – Replace plywood transoms and upper windows with glass

- 33 Owen – new trim color for doors

- 85 S. Main – new signs

- 115 W. Van Buren – new signs.

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

Bright also presented these Administrative Approvals:

- 11 Singleton – Re-roof, new color; re-point chimneys

- 61 Mountain – re-roof, new color; repair fascia

- Spring St/Pendergrass Corner – repair stairway to restroom

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

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m.



New semester, new school – Eureka Springs School District Superintendent Curtis Turner Jr., prepares to lead a group of reporters and photographers on a tour of the new 88,000 square-foot Eureka Springs High School on Nov. 13. Students are scheduled to move into the new school in January.

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DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Tummy stretching – (From left) Alex Marohn, Ruby Dicks, Fatima Treuer and Dena Smith flank the stretch limo that area residents filled with food during the Fill the Limo event for the Flint Street Food Pantry on Nov. 15 at the Pied Piper. The event was a great success as donors brought items for the food bank and filled their own tummies as well from an awesome buffet provided by local restaurants.

PHOTO BY MARY FLOOD

Twitterstories – new literary phenom

Twitterstories are short pieces of literature in 140 characters, and they're gaining in popularity around the country. Author Darren Cormier, one of the first to publish in the form, will be in Eureka Springs on Sunday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m., at the Garden Bistro on N. Main to discuss this new literary style and its importance. The public is invited to come meet the author and join a conversation about the significance of flash fiction and Twitterstories.



Cormier's new book *A Little Soul*, is one of the first of its kind. "It's common to say we're losing our attention spans," Cormier said. "Twitter fiction is popular because the premise (140 characters or less) is accessible. Our lives are becoming busier, and technology and devices are becoming more pervasive. But there is still a need and a desire for fiction and for stories."

However, brevity doesn't necessarily indicate lack of depth. Consider this Twitterstory titled *Two Writers* from Cormier's book:

"I just want to make people laugh." She spun her chair to face him.

"I want to break your heart." He stared until she looked to the floor.

One reviewer commented, "Deceptively complex, ranging from philosophical musings on literature and writing to the nuanced terrain of anxiety, self-disappointment and disintegrating relationships these stories will stay with you for much longer than it takes to read them. Cormier's stories, taken as a whole, show a uniquely melancholy yet optimistic world view, conveyed with more wit, humor and unflinching empathy than many writers can fit in an entire novel."

Guests who attend the event, scheduled for a private room at Garden Bistro, will be able to order dinner and drinks if they desire. The free, informal event is sponsored by the Community Writing Program of the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow.

To learn more about the Community Writing Program and how to be part of it, contact Alison Taylor-Brown at alisonbrown@me.com or (479) 292-3665.

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INDYSoul by Gwen Etheredge

Slam Boxx is a new alternative/hard rock band out of Golden, Mo., that has gathered quite a following in Eureka Springs. The trio of country boys who love to rock are David Smith on guitar/vocals, Dan Borquist on bass and Philip Taylor on drums. Dan has played bass for many of Eureka's local bands and Philip Taylor brings experience from Charleston, West Virginia, where he was in the punk band Dead Dolls. They started playing together in April and despite a break to allow the drummer to heal after a motorcycle accident, were stage ready by September 1 when they played their first show at the Squid & Whale. There was no looking back from there, Slam Boxx has played ten shows in as many weeks and continues to be in high demand. Hear them Saturday night at CHASERS BAR & GRILL.

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 23

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *The Hogscalders*, 12 p.m., 6 p.m.
- **BEREAN COFFEEHOUSE** Worship Circle, 7 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Sing and dance party!
- **CHELSEA'S** *The Cate Brothers*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **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** *Thunder Crow*, 9 p.m.–closing



Saturday Nights Alright – Slam Boxx performs at Chasers Bar & Grill on Saturday night and that makes it all right.

- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Black Friday R&R, drink specials/\$5 burgers
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Live Music, afternoon, *Jason Gordon*, 6:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Richard Burnett and Friends*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Rockin with DJ Mark*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Rowdy's Jukebox
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *The Seth Freeman Band* Blues
- **VOULEZ VOUS** *The Lola Van Ella Burlesque Event of the Year*, 8:30–11 p.m.

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 24

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Live Music*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Slam Boxx*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Cindy Woolf & Mark Bilyeu*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester* Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** *Chad Emmert - Acoustic*, 9 p.m.–closing

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- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Live Music, afternoon, *Jason Gordon*, 6:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Richard Burnett and Friends*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Karaoke with *Tiny*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Jesse Dean*, 7 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *The Brick Fields Blues Band* Blues, Roots, Soul
- **VOULEZ VOUS** *The Lola Van Ella Burlesque Event of the Year*, 8:30–11 p.m.

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 25

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *James White*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 5 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Steve & Chuck Swing Grass*, 4–8 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** Customer Appreciation Night, 5 p.m.–close
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Skillet Lickers*, afternoon

- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** "Local Kine" Local Talent Showcase

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 26

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Spring Billy*, 8 p.m.
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Pat & Tom's going away party @ 7 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Monday Night Football, 7:30 p.m.
- **VOULEZ VOUS** Open Mic Night

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 28

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Sing and Dance with *Tiny*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Bob Wayne & The Outlaw Carnies*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE**



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THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 29

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

• **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco & Tequila Night

• **CHELSEA'S** Jazz Night w/*Gina Gallina and her Little Big Band*, 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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All of this with Mercury retrograding in Scorpio (hidden, misunderstood communications)! Family emotions may be high. We can look upon these events with humor, knowledge and compassion, choosing to be the quiet “harmonizers” radiating

gratitude in all situations – our task this Thanksgiving. We’re reminded to “lift the person, event, experience, emotion, lateness, lostness, disconnection up to the Soul’s Light.” In this way all’s well and it ends well, too. In the meantime, we give thanks; enter into gratitude, a quality of the Soul.

Monday, Nov. 26, Mercury (18 Scorpio), turns stationary direct, taking weeks to lose its retro shadow. **Wednesday** is the Full moon lunar eclipse, a most potent Sagittarius solar festival. Lunar eclipses signify that something in form and matter disappears. Our world (country) as we know it, perhaps. So the new work of creation (the new culture and civilization) can begin.

ARIES: Always on the go, seeking new ways to initiate new ideas and risk your life in ways others can’t, you’re called to different cultures and religions, people living differently than you so, in learning entirely different things, you begin to uncover a new philosophy. You may need others to point the way toward these new adventures. You may publish, learn a new language and attempt to take the blindfold from the eyes of justice.

TAURUS: There will need to be an assessment concerning shared resources, possessions and finances. Clear communication is called for so you can feel a sense of safety and security. Family resources will need you to take a stand and decision as to their future. Stand with the Will-to-Good, directly under its light. This will give you Right Choice. Learn to listen carefully to intimates’ real messages.

GEMINI: A great depth of communication, attention and growth will be needed in all relationships, especially the most intimate ones. There is a need to review the purpose of the primary relationship, discussing its meaning. Each relationship allows us to work on our identity and ability to love and serve. Every seven years relationships enter a review. Will you continue together, why, where and how? Both must answer.

CANCER: The details, ordering,

organizing and practicality of daily life becomes a focus and you choose one task a day to accomplish. You want your environment to emerge out of chaos into beauty and you formulate plans and goals and each day you reach your goals. This will create a routine and schedule that reorganizes your inner and outer life. In between times is time with your garden if kales and chards.

LEO: An affair of the heart may occur. Not necessarily or only a love affair, but an intensity of communication, contact and interaction that creates a togetherness deeply needed by you. You will learn how to be more personal and courageous with others, how not to be afraid to praise others and act in a loving manner. So often, in protection, you veil yourself with reason, with details and this leads to detachment. Leo’s task is to love. Your only real task.

VIRGO: The weeks ahead will draw your focus to home, family, foundations, security and a review of how you were nurtured (or not) as a child and how you nurture now. We always maintain our childhood learnings until we are observe them carefully to see if they continue to meet our needs. All things at home (inside and out) need attention. So that you can have a firmer footing that anchors and sustains you.

LIBRA: You must continue your learning and then share your knowledge with everyone in your environments. You are a teacher and others can become intelligent by what you teach. It’s also important to make deep heart-centered contact with siblings. Families are our first communities. They are our first Ashram and refuge. Do not abandon any part of the family. Or you will be abandoning an irreplaceable lifeline.

SCORPIO: Do you know the difference between your needs and the needs of others? Perhaps you do. But perhaps they can be a bit more defined, with self needs a priority. How have you tended to finances in the past six months? To feel good about yourself and secure you must ponder upon issues like death and taxes. The first you can prepare for with Nightly Reviews, the second, get a good

tax person.

SAGITTARIUS: More and more you want to take charge of your life, to feel courage, confidence and independence. Your personal appearance may change, your self-image, too. How you’re seen in the world becomes more important. First impressions, you think, last. A significant other helps with your new identity and growth. You’re pushed to purposefulness, power and partnerships. You do all this with a sense of whimsy. And you’re very serious.

CAPRICORN: There is a subtle turning inward for a while so interior promptings can be heard. Simultaneously people will be drawn to you, sharing inner sadnesses, fears and needs. You empathize with compassion. However, unless it’s your family, do not get worn out by others’ needs. Know that you never under-perform and that you are working under a Great Plan and Timetable not of your making.

AQUARIUS: You need appreciation and recognition by others. You need to take this appreciation and recognition into your heart. You need to respond in this way, “I’m so glad you noticed.” You need to allow brotherly and sisterly love to permeate all interactions. In this way you create around you community on all levels of diversity. You are able to cultivate true friendships. You need to feel that you belong.

PISCES: You realize you need to work in a group, in form and matter, not just in spirit, that is like-minded, that states clearly a purpose and a goal. You need to be part of this for identity and for spiritual growth. You must balance equal time for home duties and professional duties. You consider a change of residence. You search many places. You know where you want to live and work. On a hill. Pray for this.

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up passing the budget. He said the court can solve all these questions, but they must give staff time.

Flake replied the court always kicks problems down the road, and Mumaugh reiterated they must pass a budget, and he would commit to working with Flake and others on solving all the issues being presented.

Mumaugh said he would bring back a revised budget reflecting adjustments to the library line items. He asked for help adjusting

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plaque acknowledging Fuller, and a dedication ceremony at the Auditorium since Fuller was responsible for the Auditorium being constructed.

Parks Director Bruce Levine suggested a broader acknowledgement of Fuller could be added later when they create an information/education center with kiosks and displays at Lake Leatherwood Park.

Flaherty said she could raise the funds to pay for the plaque and installation.

Vote was unanimous to allow Flaherty to pursue her idea of installing a plaque at the trailhead pending design approval.

Flaherty also presented ideas for improving Califf Park near the Historical Museum, and commissioners asked her to further develop her plans and bring them back to another meeting.

Director's report

Levine told the commission the good weather and beautiful autumn foliage helped Lake Leatherwood Park reach its financial goals for the year. He said Parks received the donation of a used 4-wheeler from the Arkansas Parks and Tourism Commission, and if they use it enough, parks will budget for getting a new one.

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• \$14,240 had been received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Carroll County deputies patrolling Beaver Dam. The entire amount was put into the line item for overtime. The ordinance also transferred \$9000 from another line item to pay for

the numbers for telephone expense. "Don't just leave it to the budget committee," he said.

Mumaugh also noted there will be a meeting next week at the airport, so new information will be available for making necessary adjustments.

The court agreed to hold its next meeting on Dec. 14 so they would have time for another budget discussion if necessary before the end of the year. At that point, they voted to table further discussion of the 2013 budget.

Levine said he met with a Trails Advisor from the National Parks Service who will be available to consult with developing the Master Plan and preparing presentations in support of the Master Plan.

Chairman's report

Featherstone thanked voters who supported the one-eighth cent tax initiative passed in the Nov. 6 election, and said the Master Plan needs everyone's input. He thinks the end result "will be off-the-charts awesome."

Featherstone read excerpts from *Outside* magazine about the benefits of being in an environment like Lake Leatherwood Park, such as lower blood pressure, enhanced memory and improved moods. He read that Japan and Finland financed studies of the benefits of being in the woods. One study reported higher results on tests measuring creativity after the testee had spent time in a forest.

Featherstone said the commission should keep these concepts in mind as they put together the Lake Leatherwood Park Master Plan.

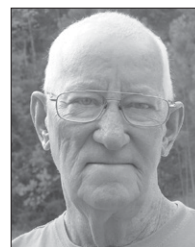
Next workshop will be Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m.

fuel. Vote was unanimous.

• A \$500 donation was directed to the Citizens Corps Council, which administers Emergency Response Training.

• There was also unanimous approval of a resolution confirming the appointment of Rick Shelton to the Lake Forest Acres Subdivision District.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

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ACROSS

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- Ewe's lament
- Pealed
- Old Italian cash
- Shot with an arc
- A little of everything
- Pepe La Pew's defense
- Inappropriate
- Man cave
- Build
- Israel's Dead
- Search carefully
- Slick
- Full Nelson and half Nelson
- Not proud of
- Toward the mouth
- Before
- One is golden
- Bachelor's change of life
- Speak off the cuff
- Ming of the NBA
- Essence
- Go for

- Heat almost to a boil
- Bar rocks
- Not negative
- Not close
- Having wings
- Deer Mom
- Wooden human image
- Cultural tradition
- Final
- Tree of life location

DOWN

- Lump of earth
- Secrete
- Impossible to contradict
- What golfers chase
- Seen on book jackets
- The best
- Cut off
- Baby fish
- Gifts for the poor
- World's longest river
- Spanish artist
- Engrave

- Printers' measurements
- Strangely
- Gridiron units
- In what manner
- Bauxite or galena
- Container for the covenant
- Divided by deep notches
- Highest priest at Shiloh
- Ball attendee, for short
- Environmental destruction
- Brewers' oven
- Help
- Glowing ember
- Australian gem
- Game on horses
- Russian despot
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Illuminating – Lorinda Schader from Fayetteville looks at glassware from Antiques By Wanda from Gonzales, Fla., at the Antique Show at the Inn of the Ozarks on Nov. 17. The two-day event attracted antique dealers and buyers from around the country.

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Holiday glow – Jeff and Jan Robens from Mesa, Ariz., enjoy the holiday lights at Basin Park on Nov. 19. Lighting displays in the city's spring parks are the handiwork of Parks employee, DonE Allen.

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licenses should never have been issued and are therefore void. City Code is clear, he said, that the property owner would need a CUP to rent for fewer than 30 days in the residential zone. He said there is nothing to interpret about what Code says – the law is unambiguous.

Jasinski also says when zoning laws do not treat everyone equally, adversely affected people could have reason to sue the city. When zoning laws are not applied equally, it is called “spot zoning” and spot zoning is illegal.

He also pointed out that Blankenship had said at the Nov. 12 council meeting the ordinance before aldermen did not include the recommended changes she had given Weaver. Jasinski said the new version not only did not remove weekly, but now would allow nightly rentals. “How do you make the leap from weekly to nightly? It doesn’t pass the smell test,” he said. His advice? “Do nothing.”

Blankenship said she understands what both sides are saying. She hears Jasinski say City Code already has precautions in place. Code says no tourist lodgings in the R-1 zone. However, property owners are claiming they are renting single family homes, not tourist lodgings. Single-family homes notwithstanding, Jasinski pointed out there is still the law enabling the City Advertising and Promotions Commission which stipulates property owners renting properties for fewer than 30 days must collect taxes and get a CUP.

“I just want the law to be clear. I don’t care one way or the other,” Blankenship said. She said she is obligated to follow what Code says and is concerned about protecting the neighborhoods.

“Whoever wrote the ordinance was not watching out for our neighborhoods,” she said.

When contacted for comment, Weaver replied, “I really have no comment.” Dani Joy, who owns a property with a line item 199 license, also declined to comment.

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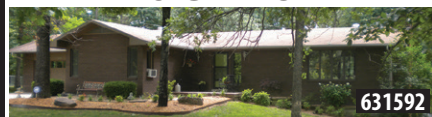
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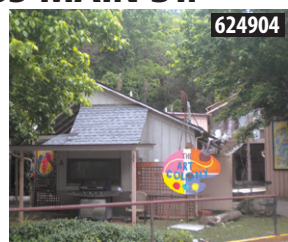


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