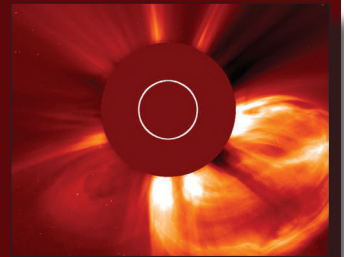


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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Nelson Mandela turned 94 on July 18, and 67 of those years have been devoted to bringing about social justice.



Mandela was arrested for various crimes, including sabotage, because he non-violently defied his government that insisted black people and white people stay on opposite sides of the fence, with whites getting the pasture and blacks getting the gravel.

After spending 27 years in prison, he became President of South Africa. He provided free health care for all citizens under 6; mine safety; sharecroppers' rights; management committees for nursing homes and education money.

Then he won the Nobel Peace Prize. And when he turned 90 he asked the world's rich to help the world's poor. No telling what he'll come up with now.



Stan Selejov, a.k.a. Stanislav, from Dallas rode an obstacle course in which the rider tries to avoid touching feet to the ground. Stanislav, originally from the Czech Republic, was the only Fat Tire rider who did not touch toes to earth.

PHOTO BY DANIELLE BROCKWELL

CAPC has a vision

NICKY BOYETTE

"We are the one organization with the city's best economic interests at heart who can project tax revenue better because our revenues parallel the city's revenues," declared Mike Maloney, Executive Director of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, at their July 18 workshop.

He added that the city does not have a shoe factory, and our economy depends on tourists. "I would hope the city fathers see that when tourism suffers, the city suffers," he said. In an effort to continue momentum built up for the city by the CAPC in the past year, he and his staff are creating *CAPC: Vision 2015*, a document which he said will launch the city into the next three years. It includes a bullet list of items such as adapting the website to accommodate mobile devices and other technological enhancements so the CAPC can, as he said, "deliver the goods." He said they have seen in the

analytics that visitors in town look at the website to see where to eat or what is happening, so they should do what they can to get visitors where they want to go.

The document, a work in progress, also seeks to fill up the calendar of events in the area so new ones can be added or developed. Maloney commented someone had mentioned to him recently, "What if there were something going on every weekend?" This document, with input from all kinds of businesses, can work toward creating an effective continuum of activities to keep visitors watching for what's happening next in Eureka Springs.

"We are the driving force," Maloney said, adding that *CAPC: Vision 2015* is a way to involve all businesses throughout the area and keep local industry moving in the right direction.

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Happy Birthday to Nelson Mandela and Linda Caldwell

Price-Backs in the ring for CBWD board

MARY PAT BOIAN

Lisa Price-Backs has filed as an independent candidate for the Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD) board. She will face incumbent Gene Chafin of Berryville in the Nov. 6 general election.

"We need to educate ourselves," Price-Backs told the *Independent*. "We need clean, safe, viable drinking water for all our communities and we don't need to be inoculating the population with fluoride."

Price-Backs said she was asked to run by Secure Arkansas, a grassroots organization dedicated to preserving the state Constitution while promoting responsible government, fiscal accountability and the protection of personal property rights and civil liberties of all Arkansas citizens.

"I was actually inspired to run for the water board when the



LISA PRICE-BACKS

Eureka Springs city council passed a No Fluoride ordinance," she said. "Water in the Great Lakes is horribly polluted. European corporations are

privatizing U.S. water. There is no Country of Origin labeling. There is a drought. Water quality is a huge issue and we must protect the good water we already have, not compromise it by adding mandated chemicals that decrease its, and our, health."

On June 11, the City of Eureka Springs council passed Resolution 600 stating opposition to the Arkansas mandate to add fluoride to drinking water serving districts of more than 5,000 people. Council asked the city clerk to prepare a mailing list of whom she thought should get the resolution and voted to have her send the resolution out.

Voters in Eureka Springs had twice voted against adding fluoride to water the city buys from CBWD.

Other customers of CBWD include Berryville, Green Forest and Harrison.

Price-Backs, an LPN, is a long-time clean water advocate who has worked with the Kings River Watershed Partnership, the Arkansas Natural Resource Commission and the Clean Water Association of Carroll County. She has monitored river water quality at the Grandview bridge and in Table Rock Lake with an emphasis on aquatic life.

"Consumers can only exercise choice by voting," Price-Backs said. "Water is our most precious resource, we have good water here, and it would be a terrible shame to compromise it just because the state says we must."

Kansas woman found dead in motel room

A 51 year-old Coffeyville, Kan., woman was found dead in a room at the 1876 Inn on U.S. 62 early Sunday morning. Carol Shafer was unresponsive when found by her husband at about 5 a.m.

According to a report from Eureka Springs Police, the victim's husband, Rick Shafer, said the couple were in town for shopping and motorcycle riding.

Rick Shafer told police the couple went shopping Saturday and he dropped his wife off at the Rowdy Beaver. When he returned to pick her up he said she didn't want to leave which started an argument. They left the bar 30 minutes later and returned to the 1876 at about 8:30 p.m.

The report states that Rick told police he told Carol if she was going back to the bar, he was going back to Coffeyville. Rick said his wife got a limo and went to the

bar and he left for Coffeyville at about 9:20 p.m., arriving at 1:30 a.m. He told police he received a text message from his wife at 1:07 a.m. saying she was not happy that he had left her with their truck and trailer to drive home.

Shafer said he got in his wife's car and drove back to Eureka Springs to give her the car so he could drive the truck and trailer to Coffeyville.

When he arrived at the motel room at 5 a.m., he found her in the bathroom unresponsive and called 911. ESPD Officer Paul Sebby said in his report there was an assortment of pills in a pill case and no visible marks on Mrs. Shafer.

Police Chief Earl Hyatt said an investigation was instigated because the death was unattended but that no foul play was suspected.

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Parks wants grant to redirect water

NICKY BOYETTE

Most of the July 16 Parks Commission meeting focused on a grant opportunity for what local arborist and photographer, Chris Fischer, called a rain garden for a portion of Harmon Park. He said the project had been given to him only three days before, but he presented a fairly complete vision of how to make good use of a possible \$7500 grant from the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

The goal of the grants, Fischer said, is to demonstrate low-impact scenarios for dealing with storm water or excess rainwater. He said he had studied this idea before in the area of Cardinal Spring in Harmon Park.

Fischer described how the runoff from Cardinal Spring mixes with rainwater and cascades down onto a gravelly section of Harmon Park and makes its way through natural runoff

Commissioner Steven Foster commented that the project is “an opportunity to clean up a sweet spot that has become a mess.”

corridors and storm drains, eventually all the way to Highway 23 and Leatherwood Creek. The runoff course identifies itself only during times of heavy rains, and Fischer’s idea is to use grant funds to minimally excavate certain sections of the area to “create a more attenuated swale” which will provide not only flow control but more effective use of the water.

His design includes a serpentine course for the water that will reduce force of the runoff. The Forestry Commission also wants trees to be planted as part of the grant, and Fischer envisions bald

cypress, box elders and others that would absorb some of the water.

Fischer acknowledged he is so soon into this project that he has yet to assess what the effect of repositioning runoff will be. One effect for sure, he said, will be less sediment in the culverts.

He also acknowledged that there is a population of William’s Crawfish that live in the vicinity of Cardinal Spring, so any excavation in the area would be monitored closely.

Chair Bill Featherstone asked if the final result would be beneficial to the crawfish, and Fisher said it probably

would be.

Commissioner Steven Foster commented that the project is “an opportunity to clean up a sweet spot that has become a mess.” He called the area under discussion a “wild, neglected area,” and the project couldn’t help but be a good thing.

Featherstone asked if the project would preclude their using the area in any way, and Fischer replied that it might limit recreational activities in certain areas, but there would still be plenty of usable space. He called the work to be done “a superficial adaptation of what’s there.”

Foster commented the project is an opportunity for a demonstration of the value of rain gardens and making rainwater flow in a useful way.

Commissioner Daniel Jackson said he was still concerned about the

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Commission explores new ways to get new hospital

NICKY BOYETTE

Michael Merry, Chair of the Hospital Commission, reminded commissioners at the July 16 meeting that their attorney, Seth Ward of Health Law Firm of Little Rock, had encouraged them to stay fiscally conservative for the moment. At issue was how best to use hospital funds without knowing whether Allegiance, the company leasing operations of the Eureka Springs Hospital, will follow through on building a new hospital in town as the commission had at one time believed. Commissioners cannot use hospital funds to assist a for-profit corporation in building a new hospital.

Commissioner Anna Ahlman pointed out that Siloam Springs had announced their intention of having a new hospital three years ago and now they have one. Eureka Springs has

not been able to gain traction toward building a new facility. Ahlman wanted to ask Ward what options the commission had to assist Allegiance with getting the project moving.

Commissioner Pam Crockett said the Hospital Guild provides things for patients, so they ought to be able to do that also. They could provide money for EMS services or for indigent care. She said if Allegiance knew how committed they are, Allegiance would be more comfortable moving forward. She suggested they ask Ward what they can do to restart the movement.

Merry and Crockett both mentioned they had heard from folks about the good care they had received from ESH. Crockett said she was “not liking the situation but liking the excellent care” patients were getting at ESH.

Commissioners voted to seek more

advice from their attorney.

Other items

- Ahlman announced that the new administrator at ESH will be Chris Bariolo, and he will start next week. She expects Bariolo to attend the August commission meeting.

- Commissioners expressed disappointment that city council had voted not to seat Mary Jean Sell back onto

the commission after she had served for seven years. They commented that she had been hard working, dedicated, knowledgeable, well-versed in commission history, and they agreed she was greatly missed. They composed a letter to send council asking them to reconsider.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 20, at 1 p.m. at Echo Clinic.



Two of Diana Harvey's paintings were accepted into the Regional Exhibition at the Arts Center of the Ozarks, the Arkansas Baroque pieces... Wren and Titmouse.

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Pajama party at the Andrew Carnegie place on Spring Street Monday

The Eureka Springs Library will end its Summer Reading Program this year with an after-hours Pajama Party for young participants in the Dream Big: READ program, who will be treated to pizza and cupcakes, fun and games on Monday, July 23 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the library. Wear pajamas and bring a pillow to sit on; do your best to finish your reading goal, because we will award the Reading Certificates as well. For further information contact the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library, (479) 253-8754 or info@eurekalibrary.org.

St. Anne's Annual fun, sun and hot dog bun

It's that hot time of year again! St. Anne's Berryville annual festival is Saturday, July 28 from 4:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.

We are conducting a state licensed Bingo and Raffle. Raffle 1st prize is

\$2000 with all of the usual rules – must be at least 18 and need not be present to win!

Fireworks? We have them in the works if... rain dances are effective.

Hardie again challenges HDC guidelines

NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District Commission found itself facing a Hardie board wall again. Hardie board is a fiber-cement siding, and applicants coming before HDC have asked for it several times recently, but it is not allowed by the guidelines commissioners must follow.

Applicant Rachel Brix said she and her husband were faced with replacing siding that was deteriorating in an area that gets damp and is prone to mold. They wanted to use Hardie board because they had been told it was a long-lasting alternative to other siding materials for their situation.

Commissioner Doug Breitling

told Brix that Hardie board was not appropriate for a historic structure, and commissioner Richard Grinnell agreed saying the guidelines specifically disallow fiber-cement siding.

Brix responded that some of her neighbors have it.

Breitling answered that the neighbors might not have appeared before them or there might have been other circumstances, but he said he would be willing to make a site visit to see if HDC could offer any advice. He said maybe there was an addition to the original structure and HDC might allow Hardie board in that case.

Brix then said she and her husband

needed to move forward, so she asked what would HDC approve at that meeting.

Breitling said they would approve wood siding, and they did.

Gutters gone bad

In another case of deterioration, Chris Crider told commissioners he had been asked to repair old-fashioned wood gutters at 14 Kingshighway. The gutters were designed so poorly and in such bad repair that not only were the soffits and fascia deteriorating, but runoff had found its way into the interior of the house.

Grinnell, again reading from the guidelines, said those kinds of gutters should be repaired if possible.

Crider said the expense of repairing them would be prohibitive. Grinnell said he understood Crider's situation, but guidelines tell them that

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ESPS announces winning preservationists

The Eureka Springs Preservation Society held its 34rd annual Spring meeting June 18 in the Grand Hall of the Grand Central Hotel. Each year, the society presents awards for outstanding efforts and accomplishments in local preservation.

Restoration of a Residence – Benjamin and Theresa Achor, 27 Benton

Restoration of a Residence and Phoenix Award – Ken and Debbie Davis, 12 Summit

Restoration of a Building for Business – Cottage Caboodle, Rob and Linda McFarlin, 11 N. Main

Outstanding Historical Event – Celebrate the Springs, Eureka Springs Parks and Recreation and Springs Committee

Outstanding Community Event – White Street Walk, Zeek Taylor, Eleanor Lux, Mary Springer

Outstanding Preservation Society Members – Archie and Suzanne Ryan

Improving a Site – Peggy Kjelgaard and Roger Shepperd, 10 White

Improving a Site – Charles and Sandra Templeton, 15 Eugenia

Special Recognition for Promotion of Beautification – Eureka Springs Garden Club, Pat Messer, president

Special Recognition for Stewardship of a Eureka Springs Landmark – Penn Memorial First Baptist Church

Outstanding Organization benefiting Eureka Springs – Eureka Springs Downtown Network

A special award, A Eureka Treasure! was presented to DonE Allen, in recognition of his exemplary stewardship of Eureka Springs parks, improving the quality of life for all.

The Eureka Springs Preservation Society, established in 1979 is a non-profit dedicated to preserving natural and architectural beauty of Eureka Springs. ESPS is a member of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas. For more information visit www.eurekaspringspreservationsociety.org

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A really big deal happened in our little artist community. Zeek Taylor was awarded the 2012 Arkansas Arts Council's Governors award for Lifetime Achievement, shining the artist spotlight, once again, on Eureka Springs.

It seems that Zeek's talent, passion, devotion, commitment and just plain old hard work has reached Critical Mass.

I can't remember the first time I met Zeek, but I sure remember the first time seeing his art. It was my first White Street Studio Walk, maybe 1996, and there I was in the middle of his beautiful Victorian home, paintings hung salon-style throughout, wine in hand, munching on the incredible food spread, watching this impeccably dressed, silver-maned gentleman greet scores of adoring fans.

There is no mistaking a Zeek Taylor painting. Over the years he has perfected his signature-style, dry-point watercolor technique to great effect, mixing bold color and pattern that in theory should not work, but does and does so brilliantly.

His signature florals are in-your-face stunning, while his whimsical chimpanzees contain a slightly dark, even subversive undertone, revealed even more so after reading the long prose-like titles.

In 2002 I was lucky enough to purchase one of Zeeks chimps – a coquettish female, wearing a diamond tiara, dripping in jewels and sitting on a throne-like chair. Its title, "Thanks to the ability of a good lawyer and the fact that her third husband had been a jeweler, Roberta Jean Bouvier always looked stunning for the Sunday brunch at Shoney's."

To say Zeek has done a lot for our art community is an understatement, and I am always amazed that he still finds time to paint with all his extra-curricular activities: co-founder of the White Street Studio Walk, executive director of the Eureka Springs Artist Registry, writer and editor of its monthly newsletter, Chamber of Commerce board member, member and former chair of the Eureka Springs Arts Council, and an important liaison to the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, to name just a few.

But it is Zeek the man – kind, generous, caring, genteel Southern, quick-witted, compassionate, smart, informed, engaged and loyal – who holds my attention. A man who continues to delight hundreds of children every Halloween night, who will always rescue an animal in distress, donate a piece of his art for a needy cause, or make us smile with an over-the-top costume or float in a parade.

While most people start thinking about slowing down at the pinnacle point in their lives and careers, Zeek, it seems, is just getting started.

Congratulations, dear friend.

City of Eureka Springs Council meeting

Monday, July 23, 6 p.m.

AGENDA

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 – 7/1/12. Pos. 3 – Lynn Bridwell – expired 6/30/11. Pos. 4 – Bobbie Foster – expired 6/30/12

Hospital – Pos. 2 – vacant – expires 6/1/14. Pos. 6 – vacant – expires 9/7/15

Parks – Pos. 1 – vacant – expired 5/1/12. Pos. 5 – vacant – expired 5/1/11

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

Cemetery – Pos. 1 – June Westphal – expired 2/15/12

Yellow Bag Research Committee

Deer Hunt Committee

PUBLIC COMMENTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Non-conforming Off-Premise Signs – Planning Commission – postponed until sign ordinance approved
2. Ordinance No. 2154 Animal Drawn Vehicles – third reading
3. Ordinance No. 2155 Limousines – second reading
4. Discussion of water rate increase – postponed until review is completed – Mr. Raphael and Ms. Ballance
5. Action for non-participating commissioners – postponed until the second meeting in July – Mr. Pownall and Ms. Ballance
6. Ordinance No. 2156 Revision of Appendix A – third reading
7. Ordinance No. 2157 Ward map revisions – second reading
8. Building permits, parking lots, demolition and construction ordinance – Planning
9. Removing the word "weekly" from definition of Dwelling Units – Planning
10. Vine St. vacation – postponed until after the Public Hearing – Mayor Pate
11. Amended ordinance for adjustments of EMS charges – Mayor Pate
12. Discussion of Group Tour trams – postponed until the first meeting in August – Ms. Ballance and Mr. Raphael
13. Update from the City Attorney re: ordinances, resolutions, actions – Mr. Pownall and Ms. Ballance

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Yellow bags and enforcement –Ballance and Raphael
2. Discussion of taxi franchise – workshop date –DeVito and Lindblad
3. Discussion of proposed ordinance for Water/Sewer committee – Pownall and Ballance
4. Discussion of Auditorium agreement for 2013 –Pownall and DeVito
5. Discussion of voting changes for Alderman –Pownall and Raphael
6. Discussion of deer hunt –Lindblad and Ballance
7. Two Vine St. vacation ordinances –Berry and DeVito
8. Discussion of marker proposed for Conway Spring –Ballance and Lindblad
9. Appendix for Animal Drawn vehicle routes –Ballance and DeVito
10. Discussion regarding limousines –Ballance and Lindblad
11. Discussion of standards –Berry and Pownall
12. Discussion of financial procedures –Pownall and Ballance

AGENDA SETTING

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Benefit for Shenell Maisonneuve

hosted by **Chasers**

Tuesday,
July 24
2 p.m.-2 a.m.

Shenell Maisonneuve is recovering from injuries she sustained in a June 11 motorcycle accident. She has undergone more than sixteen surgeries and now faces the challenge of recovery. As her family and friends know, her strong spirit will carry her through this tough time in her life. As her medical bills mount by the minute, and her family travels to Springfield to be by her side, we in Eureka Springs want to help with some of the expenses. Crystal Lucas and Chris Holtkamp of Chasers Bar and Grill have organized a fun day of activities as a fundraiser. There is a Facebook page titled "Shenell's Hope Fund," and her family has been printing out the many messages of love and support and reading them to Shenell. There is also an account at Arvest with the same name. If you would like to mail a card or letter send to: St. Johns Mercy Hospital, Room #3260 for Shenell Willson Maisonneuve, 1235 East Cherokee Street, Springfield, MO 65804.

Silent Auction 2-8 p.m.

Live Dessert Auction 7-8:30 p.m.

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No time to follow the leaders

Editor,

CBWD board president James Yates said, "If the state mandates we have to put fluoride in our water and the people managing the grants make a statement that we are only entitled to so much money for startup costs because they won't cover certain things, we are going to do it right."

Doing things right seldom involves blindly following orders.

How is it right to violate the law that states grant funds only, not water district fees or taxes – are supposed to be used to implement fluoridation, and spending ratepayers' money to the tune of \$28,000 on engineering studies? How was that doing it right?

Doing it right would be checking all the facts from all sources, particularly those with *no vested interests*, and following rules that have been created to protect the health and safety of *all* citizens, particularly those who would be

most impacted by the introduction of toxins like fluoride, arsenic, lead and radionuclides to the water.

Doing it right would be recognizing that what was *assumed* to be safe in the past may have since been discovered to be unsafe, and checking all the latest trends and research around the world, which can easily be done by accessing reliable sources, such as Fluoride Action Network, and finding out why so many communities and nations

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WEEK'S Top Tweets



@chrislhayes --- I think political journalism would be much improved if we all focused less on what people say and more on what they do. Talk really is cheap

@rvparkreviewer --- "Wanderlust RV Park" in Eureka Springs, Arkansas – was rated: 9: Spotless bathrooms and sh[owers]...

@yuvair2 --- Eureka Springs is the Banskó of Arkansas

@DavyTattedUp --- McDonald's being the official restaurant of the Olympics is like smoking being the official medicine of lung cancer

@kathrynschulz --- As usual, Austen put it best: "What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps me in a continual state of inelegance." HT

@drwalker_rph --- U.S. healthcare system is hemorrhaging money due to patient non-adherence to prescribed medications.

@african_tweets --- Happy Birthday Nelson Mandela age 94 today. !!!!! you are amazing

@_Snape_ ---
#FirstDayOfSchoolThoughts. There

will be no foolish wand-waving or silly incantations in this class.

@sevenmileswest --- 7-11 now selling mashed potatoes and gravy out of Slurpee machines. Which is both fantastic and very, very troubling.

@FunnyFacts --- You think you're having a bad day? Remember this: In 1976 Ronald Wayne sold his 10% stock in Apple for \$800! Now its worth \$58 Billion!

@jmmelite --- Congratulations to everyone in the Eureka Springs Downtown Network for putting Eureka Springs on America's Main...[Street]

@MusicSpeaksLife --- "Don't bury your thoughts, put your dream to reality." – Bob Marley

@KKoz22 --- When we stop feeding the Corporate America monster it will begin to need us more than we need it.

@WSJbreakingnews --- White House says Syria's government is losing control, world must act to prevent violent power vacuum.



Keep on keeping on

There used to be a turkey drop in Yellville, a town we can invade simply by driving east for 90 minutes. The turkey drop was the highlight of Yellville's annual festival and people would tromp out of the hills to go for an October weekend of corn dogs, Pepsi, trinket buying and snapshot taking of turkeys being slung out of a single-engine Cessna.

The turkey drop pilot was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Every year he was the one who put three or four wild turkeys in the cockpit with him to fly over the town square and release them to the delight of the crowd.

Animal activists had a wall-eyed fit. They saw the drop as inhumane, distasteful, insensitive and a step backwards for all humanity. PETA got involved.

Naturally, journalists jumped all over the story, with thoughtlessness, cruelty and the idea that this was a sport in rural Arkansas being their hook. "Ghastly." "Alarming." "Gruesome" were headline words. National correspondents were sent with cameras and microphones and attitude to cover the uneducated hill folk dropping turkeys from airplanes.

The turkeys were wild; you've probably seen them in the forest. They look like giant bumblebees when they fly, as though they are defying all laws of gravity and design. They rarely fly higher than the tall branches where they roost.

One afternoon the pilot took off with four wild turkeys in the cockpit and flew over the town square. He had clipped a bit of their wings so they could still fly after being tossed out the hatch at 1,000 ft. This festival was not without its tragedies, but for the most part turkeys were able to get back to terra firma and continue a life of scavenging for nuts and bugs.

On this particular day, ABC News had sent a correspondent to cover what was sure to be a slap in the face of uncaring Arkansas and all its backwardisms.

Necks craned when they heard the plane approaching, eyes squinted; a mild roar erupted from the crowd. "There it is!" people exclaimed as the first turkey was hurled from the plane. The crowd waited for the turkey to flap its wings and soar into the trees it called home. Instead, it had the glide path of a bowling ball. The turkey went splat in the church parking lot.

A collective sigh of defeat was all the noise the crowd could muster. The press was chasing the head of the Chamber of Commerce as he drove around in speedy circles trying to get to the pilot to ask what happened. The correspondent drove in faster circles following the Chamber prez to get her story for the nightly news.

When the pilot and the businessman were red face to red face, the pilot was asked in a thundering voice, "What happened?" The pilot said this turkey, a jake not more than 13 pounds, had caused so much of a fuss over the controls in the cockpit that he had to wring its neck and toss him out before there was a crash.

That's when the correspondent skidded to a stop and ran out with her microphone turned up and said to the pilot, "Exactly how do you feel about this atrocity?"

The pilot looked right at her, cameras rolling, and said quietly, "Not nearly as bad as I did dropping napalm on innocent children in Vietnam."

As weird as we get in our anger and righteousness, there are five or eight sides to a story. We do dumb things because we do dumb things. We climb on the backs of others to achieve success and lay blame. We are fragile and silly and mean.

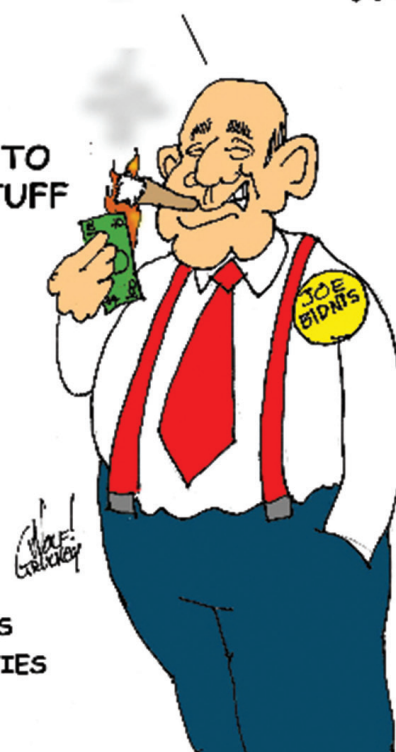
Yet we strive. And remember. And compare and learn and start over when the shoe doesn't fit, each time hoping to get smarter, wiser, savvier and more adept, not just enduring, but thriving.

Maybe tossing turkeys out of airplanes is okay for some people, but spraying Agent Orange, or guiding bombs by remote control on people who are tending their gardens is something honestly ghastly, alarming and gruesome. Sometimes it takes a little war to make a lot of peace, yes, but keeping things in perspective is how we keep on keeping on.

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The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I have a Hawaiian shirt that is blue and sports two palm trees, one on either side of the buttons. These palms flow attractively over my stomach, and the fronds quake a bit when I walk the way tree branches shimmy in a breeze.

There is a hula dancer wearing a grass skirt and a lovely smile on the back of the shirt. She too quakes a bit when I walk. I refer to this shirt as "my Hawaiian shirt."

My wife refers to my Hawaiian shirt as "Oh my God! You can't wear that to..." fill in the blank.

My wife consigns a whole lot of judgmental baggage to my shirt. Frankly, it is a heavy burden to carry. She has morally judged it and, having judged, becomes filled with aesthetic, class and psychic wrath. She suffers.

You will note, please, that I simply described my Hawaiian shirt. It is blue; check. It has two palm trees on the front; check. There is a girl in a grass skirt on the back who dances when I walk; check. These are all facts that conclude in a rational judgment: it is recognizably a Hawaiian shirt.

Along these same lines, I told an acquaintance that I volunteer at a food bank on Fridays. I perform this fact; it is a rational judgment about what I do on Friday.

He replied to my fact: "You give handouts to fat people who chain smoke and talk incessantly on cell phones!"

What a burden my shirt is! What a burden this food bank is! How terrible that my dear wife, my acquaintance, must carry the great weight of their aesthetic, class, sensory, perceptual, emotional, political, historical and regional presumptions because of a hula shirt or the habits of the underclass.

How to relieve their misery? Shirt police? Food bank fat profilers? Would that make them feel better? Calmer?

It seems like we live in a time where few things are rationally discussed, and where even fewer rational solutions are found. Mostly, we seem bent on feeling better, no matter what it might cost someone else or what the unintended consequences might be.

I'm going to change my shirt now.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JULY 9

10:15 a.m. – Three unfettered and unsupervised dogs were roaming in front of a place of business. Responding cop found the dogs' owner who restored order.

2:02 p.m. – An observant passerby noticed a vehicle suspiciously parked behind a vacant place of business. Turns out it was for out of sight landscape workers.

2:59 p.m. – Responsible driver admitted she had backed into another vehicle and wanted to file a report.

JULY 10

1:30 a.m. – Motel employee reported a person who was not a guest swimming in their pool. Responding officer found out the swimmer actually was a registered guest.

12:24 p.m. – Administrator at a care

facility told ESPD a visitor had taken a resident off the premises without permission. Officer investigated and determined it was a civil issue.

12:43 p.m. – A guest at a motel was refusing to leave after management insisted, and arrival of a constable made all the difference.

3:48 p.m. – A bus on its way to the Passion Play got GPSed and was going up Spring Street. Officer arrived to provide an escort.

4:08 p.m. – A guest at a hotel reported trouble with another guest. After a discussion, the constable said to call back if it happens again.

5:10 p.m. – An accident in a downtown parking lot resulted in some damage to one of the vehicles, but the owner did not want to file a report.

6:30 p.m. – Sheriff's office passed along a report of a possible unattended death in an apartment building. Officer, EMS and coroner responded, and discovered an elderly female resident had passed away.

JULY 11

7:23 a.m. – A concerned observer noticed an unattended child walking along U.S. 62. Officer searched all along the highway but did not encounter the child.

3:52 p.m. – ESPD got word that a vehicle was illegally parked near Harding Spring. Vehicle was gone by the time an officer arrived.

7:14 p.m. – Constable on patrol collected a purse left behind in Basin Park.

7:16 p.m. – Resident requested an officer to visit her home to help with a theft report.

JULY 12

12:08 a.m. – Caller thought the music in the parking lot of a motel was too loud for the hour. Constable who responded brought this to the attention of those in the parking lot, and they stopped making music. For the night.

12:19 a.m. – EMS requested assistance with a medical call and officers responded.

9:41 a.m. – Constable redirected traffic while the phone company repaired a line sagging over U.S. 62.

10:16 a.m. – Campers at a campground reported a Yorkie running loose all over the place. Constable did not find the runaway animal but he did discover where the missing Yorkie was supposed to be.

3:10 p.m. – Trolley broke down on U.S. 62. Officer directed traffic until the trolley was moved.

3:27 p.m. – Motel owner told ESPD he had chained up a dog that had again wandered onto his premises. Animal Control returned the animal to its owner.

6:10 p.m. – A female was supposedly going door-to-door selling items for community service. Constable searched for but did not find the saleslady.

JULY 13

11:40 a.m. – A mobile home blocked

traffic near the high school as it attempted to turn into the parking lot. It was out of the way before the constable arrived.

1:40 p.m. – Teenagers were allegedly soliciting in an area with posted "No Soliciting" signs. Officer encountered one of the individuals and advised him to read and obey clearly posted signs.

2:39 p.m. – A motel owner requested an officer because he and an employee had just had an altercation.

3:16 p.m. – A vehicle ran into a van and then drove away. One officer investigated while the other went looking for the offending vehicle and found it. The owner was not around but the officer filed the report.

3:47 p.m. – Eyewitness reported seeing a vehicle dangerously passing three vehicles, two of which pulled trailers, on U.S. 62 heading toward Eureka Springs. Officers never encountered the vehicle.

3:56 p.m. – ESPD got a report of a person camping in a tent behind a vacant motel. Responding constable did not find anyone camping.

6:10 p.m. – A truck heading south on Hwy. 23 toward Madison County was allegedly all over the road and it sideswiped another vehicle. Information was given to Carroll and Madison County authorities.

7:54 p.m. – Washington County Department of Human Services requested a welfare check on three children who were supposed to be with their grandmother. Their mother reportedly has a history of drug use and had been arrested the previous weekend for assault and domestic battery in Springdale. Officer responded and found the children at the grandmother's home and they were okay. No response at the mother's house.

JULY 14

12:54 a.m. – Witness alerted ESPD to a one-car accident near the Lake Leatherwood Bridge. The driver was reported to be okay but possibly intoxicated. Officers responded, but the driver had already left the scene with someone else. Sheriff's officer



Don't you deer worry about this – A doe photographed near the McIlroy Wildlife Management Area south of Eureka Springs has several black warts called fibromas. They are caused by a virus probably spread by the deer rubbing against a tree previously rubbed against by another infected deer. Infected deer will behave normally and general health is not affected unless the fibroma covers an eye. This animal has one near her left eye, but the mass on her left foreleg does not affect her running or jumping.

PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE

called for a tow truck.

1:34 a.m. – Employee of a bar reported a male passed out on the concrete in the parking lot. Constables arrived and called a taxi to take him to his motel.

2:10 a.m. – Observer witnessed an argument between a couple walking along Spring Street and was concerned for the well-being of the female. Responding officer talked with the couple and decided everything was okay.

4:17 p.m. – There was a noise complaint downtown about motorcycles revving their pipes. The constable who responded found all motorcycles within reasonable limits.

5:10 p.m. – A driver reported she had barely bumped another vehicle in a parking lot. Officer responded and the caller had already left.

6:33 p.m. – Caller reported she was being blocked in by an illegally parked vehicle. Constable who came to assist determined that the caller was the one illegally parked and blocking the other vehicle.

8:15 p.m. – A white German shepherd showed up at a residence, and the resident did not recognize it so he brought it to the police station.

9:13 p.m. – A place of business reported an apparently intoxicated person was hanging around making everyone uncomfortable. Officer encountered the individual in the parking lot and arrested him for public intoxication.

11:21 p.m. – A couple were arguing in front of a downtown business. Constable arrived and joined their discussion, their issues were settled, and all three went their separate ways.

11:55 p.m. – Routine traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and driving left of center.

JULY 15

12:01 a.m. – A vehicle had parked where a helicopter needed to land at EHS. An officer found the owner and he moved the vehicle.

4:15 a.m. – Gas station employee reported that several young people in at least two vehicles had gathered in the

parking lot and it seemed suspicious for the early hour. Everything was okay.

5:08 a.m. – Officers responded to a motel because of a report of an intoxicated person. They filed a report.

8:11 a.m. – An individual reported an assault against a female at a trailer park the previous evening.

9:38 a.m. – Officer wrote a citation for an illegally parked vehicle.

10:47 a.m. – A resident near downtown reported a foul odor coming from a neighbor's property. The neighbor said an animal had died in the backyard the day before and she had just disposed of it.

1:14 p.m. – There was a gas driveoff in Berryville and the vehicle headed toward Eureka Springs. Officers did not encounter the vehicle.

2:31 p.m. – Vehicle reportedly being driven recklessly was headed toward town from the east but was not seen in town.

2:42 p.m. – Concerned neighbor reported an 80-year old female lives in a basement that has begun to leak. Officer informed the landlord.

3:29 p.m. – Eyes on the scene reported that eight motorcycles were parked in front of a bar with intoxicated cyclists about ready to ride them. Officer responded but discovered a truck had picked up the cyclists and delivered them to their motel.

4:08 p.m. – Department of Human Services asked for a constable to assist on a welfare check.

5:11 p.m. – Constable had to assist motel staff in removing people who were not allowed to be at the motel.

7:55 p.m. – Officers watched for a reportedly reckless driver coming into town from the south but they did not encounter the vehicle.

11:29 p.m. – Worried neighbor reported yelling and screaming coming from a nearby house. Constable found people exercising their lungs while enjoying their backyard pool.

JULY 16

2:23 a.m. – Alarm company alerted ESPD to an alarm going off at a business, but the cop on duty found the alarm to be false.

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield



I'm up on a ladder the other day changing the marquee from Melanie to listings for Bluegrass and Jazz. A passerby yells up to me "Willie Nelson!" To which I flippantly replied "Write a check!" Thinking about the exchange later, I realized that my answer really deserved a more in-depth discussion. So, dear passerby, here goes:

Putting on a show like Willie Nelson is going to cost you somewhere around \$80,000 by the time you consider talent fees, production costs, insurance, ticketing fees, catering and hospitality, travel and lodging, backline, and a host of other things to spend money on you haven't even thought of. Probably half of that is going to be up-front money for deposits and other advance expenses. You'll want to figure for contingencies so, to be safe, you add a 10 percent cushion and budget for expenses of \$88,000. The Auditorium seats roughly 1000, so if you were to assume a completely sold-out show, you would need to charge \$88 per ticket just to cover your projected expenses, never mind making a little profit.

Except you're not an idiot and would never be foolish enough to assume a sell-out. Even with a proven talent like Willie, you still have to be willing to bet \$88,000 that absolutely nothing is going to happen in the world between now and showtime that will affect your sales numbers. Assume

you're planning this right now for a show this winter. Are you willing to bet \$88K that there won't be an ice storm the weekend of your show? That Europe won't collapse and take down what's left of our economy? Gas prices spike after a heating oil shortage, severely limiting tourism? Hell, will you put down \$88K that Willie will even be alive in six months? (knock wood)

So, even if you use a wildly-optimistic figure of 65 percent of the house as your break-even point, you're looking at ticket prices of \$135. Just to Break Even.

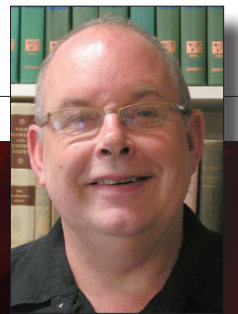
How many locals do you expect to see at the show?

We are doing our best to find a balance. The CAPC's primary mission is to draw visitors to town. A Willie Nelson show at \$135 a seat would very likely do just that. And very probably will, but under the auspices of an independent promoter willing to assume the financial risk that the CAPC cannot. And who, in exchange for the assumption of that risk, will expect to make a profit and not really care too much whether or not you or your neighbors can afford a ticket.

Our management of the Auditorium carries with it the added responsibility to use the facility for the benefit of the people who live here. That's why advance tickets for our upcoming Bluegrass, Jazz and Folk Auditorium shows are all going to be in the \$20-\$25 range for Orchestra seats and \$15-\$20 for Balcony. If that's not enough, you'll also soon be hearing about Early Bird discounts of up to 20 percent for those who purchase tickets during the first two weeks they're available.

Like I said: Wanna see Willie? Write a check. You get to make the choice of whether it's for \$135 or \$88,000.





“Nature to Humans, Come in. Hello? Are you there?”

On July 16, HBO aired two nature-related specials. One was about birding in New York’s Central Park, an obsessive touchstone to nature for a handful of New Yorkers. My one word review – boring, and not just because I’m a plant nerd. The next program was about the Japanese tsunami – the tsunami and the cherry blossom. The deep connection to the symbolism of hope imbued in the cherry tree in the face of complete natural destruction was as poignant as the beauty of a single cherry blossom. I was up late that night of March 11, 2011, until 5 a.m., watching live Japanese news feeds of that horrific event – just last year. Yet, I remember it little. So recent, yet so long ago.

Several times in the last week, random individuals mentioned that we will be hit with a solar storm this day or that day. A minor electromagnetic wind blew through last Saturday. And so, after watching those two polar opposite documentaries with solar winds blowing, I wonder what in our daily natural world do we most neglect? My conclusion is the sun. It’s just there.

I recall reading an article in a science magazine in the late ‘70s or early ‘80s about massive solar storms that eject charged particles toward Earth every few hundred years. It has always imprinted my mind. Two years ago I did a lecture at Hobbs State Park, and afterwards saw an individual in the lobby sporting a SOHO t-shirt with a brilliant orange-ball of a sun on a black background. SOHO is the Solar & Heliospheric Observatory, a spaceship launched in December 1995 as a joint effort of NASA and the European Space Agency. Today, data from SOHO is transmitted to NASA’s deep space radio telescope arrays and gathered at mission control at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. The data is transmitted daily as images to the SOHO app on my iPad.

SLOW EXPLOSION – Sunspot complex AR1520-1521 erupted on July 17, producing an M1-class flare that unfolded slowly over a period of hours. Slow explosions often produce CMEs, and this one was no exception. According to a forecast track prepared by analysts at the Goddard Space Weather Lab, the CME will hit Venus on July 19 and could deliver a glancing blow to Earth on July 20. The impact could re-energize but not rival the spectacular light show of July 14 through 16.

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I engaged in conversation with the person at Hobbs State Park with the SOHO t-shirt, who was a one-time SOHO scientist. I told him about the article I read 30 years ago, which left such an impression with me.

“Is it true that if we get a once in every four hundred-year or so CME (Coronal Mass Ejection) that every microchip on the planet will fry?” He nodded with an affirmative yes and a nervous smile. “That means our computers become doorstops, our cellphones worthless, our microchip-laden automobiles stop in their tracks, and our toasters won’t toast?” He nodded again.

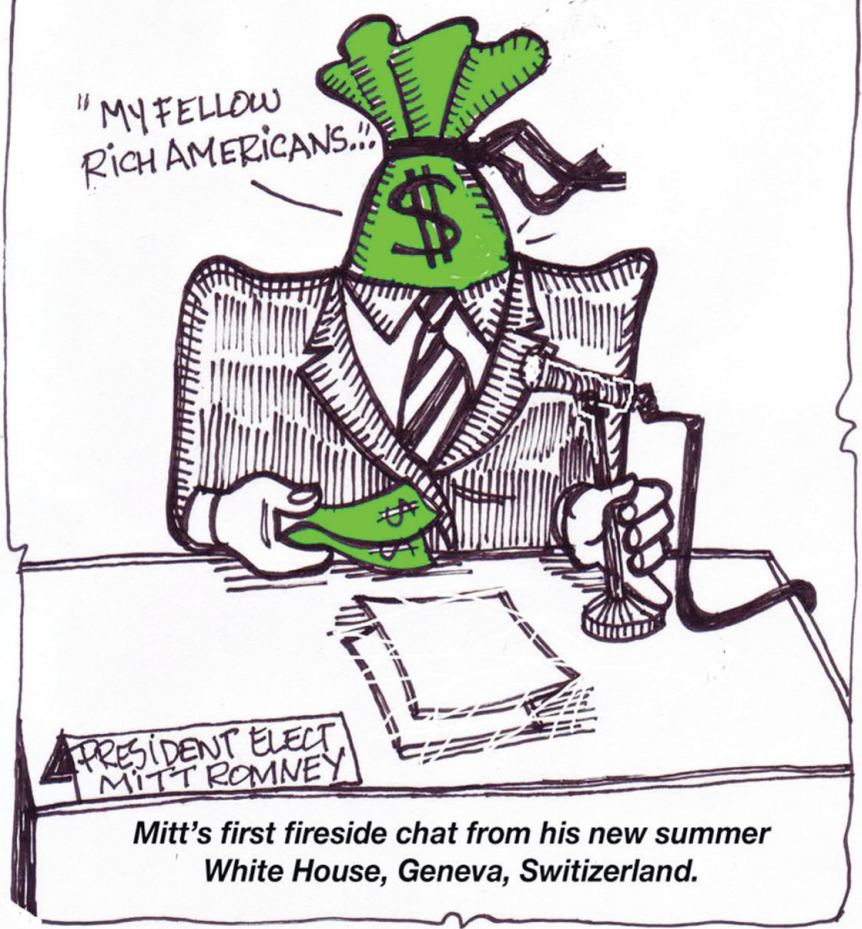
I ask myself, in the face of an inevitable CME tomorrow or in 100 years, what is the most important human invention? My mind immediately sways to raised-surface moveable type, laden with ink, pressed on handmade paper. It was popularized (though not invented) by Johann Gutenberg, certain to a letter written in Frankfurt by the future Pope Pius II, dated 12 March 1455, describing copies of a Bible made by Gutenberg the previous year. That invention, which came to Europe 600 years after its Chinese origins, is to my mind the most revolutionary invention of the human mind. Raised type, ink and paper existed before Gutenberg. He devised a mechanical way to manufacture books, the first example of mass production in Europe.

The book. It’s the book.



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Consumer Regulation in the Produce Aisle

When asked recently about the stickers that always seem to be on organic fruit, government regulation imposed on organic growers and sellers was the first thought that came to mind. It seems this is a case of consumer regulation instead. It is not required by the FDA and began as a tool for supermarkets and sellers to identify fruit at checkout.

The International Federation for Produce Standards that administers these PLU code stickers have a nifty feature that helps identify how the fruit was grown. This is helpful to shoppers who want to buy organic or just avoid genetic engineering. The labeling system is voluntary so the unmarked fruit is an unknown factor. Use the following to guide your choices:

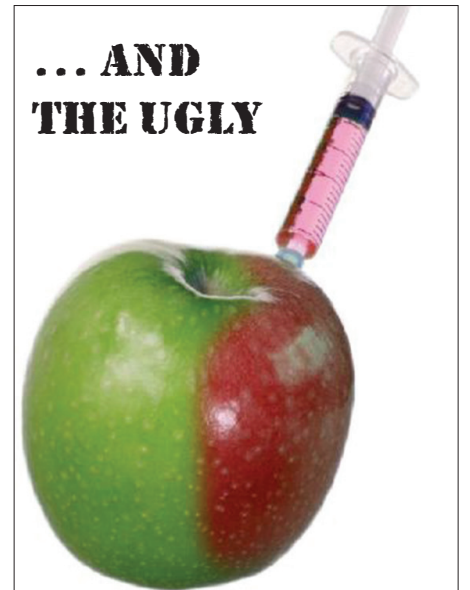
- If there are five numbers and the first number is 9, the produce was grown organically and is not genetically modified
- If there are only four numbers it means the produce was grown conventionally with the use of pesticides
- If there are five numbers and the first number is 8, the produce is genetically modified.



THE GOOD...



THE BAD...



... AND THE UGLY



The 2012 Patt Carmichael Scholarship Award winners announced by the Eureka Springs School of the Arts went to Joy Quigley (l.) and Jae Avenosa (r.), presented by director Peggy Kjellaard. Each year a deserving person is chosen as the recipient for a full five-day workshop in either of Patt Carmichael's favorite mediums, painting (oil, acrylic, watercolor) and clay. Recipients must be individuals who are actively involved with art as a profession.

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Can you see me with my eyes closed?

Susan Morrison, LeRoy Gorrell and Linda Hager helped the Writers' Colony celebrate Fleur Deliciously with samplings and sips last Tuesday evening. Fresh organic Carroll County produce was prepared by Chef Andre Poirot of the Peabody in Little Rock using flavored oils and balsamic vinegars from Raimondo Family Winery. Samples were washed down with wonderful red and white wines, followed by pictures for the paper. Chef Poirot's shiitake and white mushrooms in a butter cream sauce disappeared as soon as they were served, as did grilled peaches enhanced by a drizzle of balsamic vinegar.

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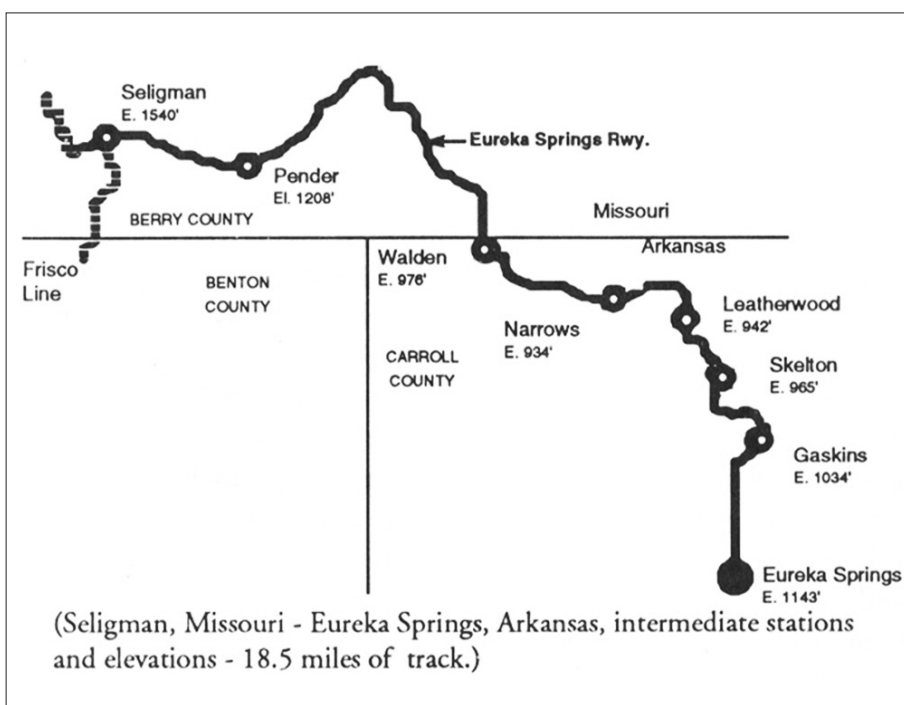
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BUSCH, Arkansas 72620 by Terri Bradt

In 1904 when the Busch Store was built, the little 19-mile short line railroad from Seligman, Missouri to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was just over 20 years old. Running like a roller coaster down a narrow creek valley called Butler Hollow, this little railroad was built to carry people to the health resort of Eureka Springs from the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad station at Seligman. With the people also came freight as hogs, cattle, lumber, grain, coal and other goods were carried to the booming resort town.

Busch lay just upstream (south) on the White River from a spot on the railroad called Walden, a flag station named for the family farm the railroad crossed on its way to the siding and bridge at Beaver. This was the first stop after entering Arkansas where the train's steam engine could get water from the creek. Adam Wyrick in his memoir, *A Book of Truth*, described the railroad line as "a little jerk-water railroad 19 miles long," referring to the practice of carrying water bucket-by-bucket from the creek to the engine.

But the railroad companies still wanted to expand the short line beyond Eureka Springs to Harrison. So for at least 20 years, between 1882 and 1904, people in Busch made their living cutting virgin hardwood timber on government land or land with no clear title, hewing railroad ties on the spot where the tree was felled, and hauling ties by wagon over crude rocky trails to the railroad's flag station at Walden or the siding at Beaver. For 20 years men cut timber and carried it to mills in the area to be made into lumber for building in Eureka Springs and beyond.



Demand was so great that a large mill was being built in 1903 just across the White River at Blue Spring Farm, driven by a powerful spring that ran into the White River. Cedar was also cut and made into fence posts or put on the railroad to be shipped to pencil factories. By 1904, there was very little virgin timber left, only those trees used for hoisting logs and ties into wagons, and for a place to stand in the shade. The Ozarks were becoming scrubby hills and valleys with a maze of rocky trails and logging roads leading here and there. This was the beginning of the agricultural era, when more people took up farming and ranching.

The automobile era came in the early part of the 20th century and created a need for more efficient road travel, nationwide. Automobiles could not navigate the Ozark rocks and rivers that

a wagon could. An effort was always made to improve roads, to make them better than a mere wagon or horse trail. In fact, efficient delivery of the U.S. mail necessitated those good roads. As efforts to improve roads grew, the U.S. Postal Service introduced Parcel Post nationwide in 1912.

In the early years of the 20th century, the Busch Store and Post Office was situated on just a rocky trail, with Mahan's 160-acre homestead behind it to the west on a mountain ridge. A creek ran directly behind the store, and in front of the store to the east spread the bottomland of the White River. But the 160-acre homestead was soon to be subdivided. It appears that Mahan had some financial difficulties, because in 1910 Mahan mortgaged the homestead for \$250 to

W.C. Fawver, the moneylender and Notary Public in Seligman, Missouri. Then in 1912 Fawver gave Power of Attorney to Joe Davidson, Mahan's partner and brother-in-law. Later in 1912 Mahan deeded a small strip of his homestead, 162 square rods, the part containing the store and post office, to D.D. Walden. Finally, in 1913 Mahan deeded the remaining 160 acres, "more or less," to C.S. Coberly. These documents are filed in the Carroll County Courthouse. From then it seems Mahan and Davidson dropped out of the picture of Busch, Arkansas.

(Eds. Note: This is the second in the serialized edition of *Busch, Arkansas 72620* written by Terri Bradt in 2009. Dedicated to Mabel Walden, who was the last postmaster in Busch and still lives on Butler Creek, it tracks the history of Busch starting with the homestead years. It is available at www.terribradt.com).



Keeping it green... Parks gardener DonE Allen has had to water daily during the severe drought in order to keep the springs looking pretty. This has been our worst drought in 60 years.

PHOTO BY
JOHN RANKINE

Blowing from the big toe - Kamelle Webb, 14, won Best Musician Award for her band at the University of Arkansas Middle School Band Camp last week. There were about 40 musicians in each band. Kamelle, who plays trumpet, received a plaque and half off tuition for next year's camp.



PHOTO BY SONNY CARTER

It's time, time, time for yards and yards and yards of what?

Yard sales, of course. The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 18th Annual Yards and Yards of Yard Sales August 3 and 4 from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. both days. Treasures, feathers, books, blankets, pictures and frames, glasses with frames, knickknacks, Cadillacs, mittens, kittens, good art, bad art, nouveau art,

foreign money, Ozark honey, nails, pails, dresses, sashes and sour mashes. If you miss it, it'll be another year before you can sell it to the thundering masses shopping for just the right doohickey that you happen to own.

Stop by the Chamber of Commerce located in Pine Mountain Village on US 62 East to sign up

and receive your official Yard Sale participant sign. Registration fee is only \$15, and if you sign up by July 20 you will be guaranteed placement on the official YYYS map.

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (479) 253-8737 or info@eurekaspringschamber.com.

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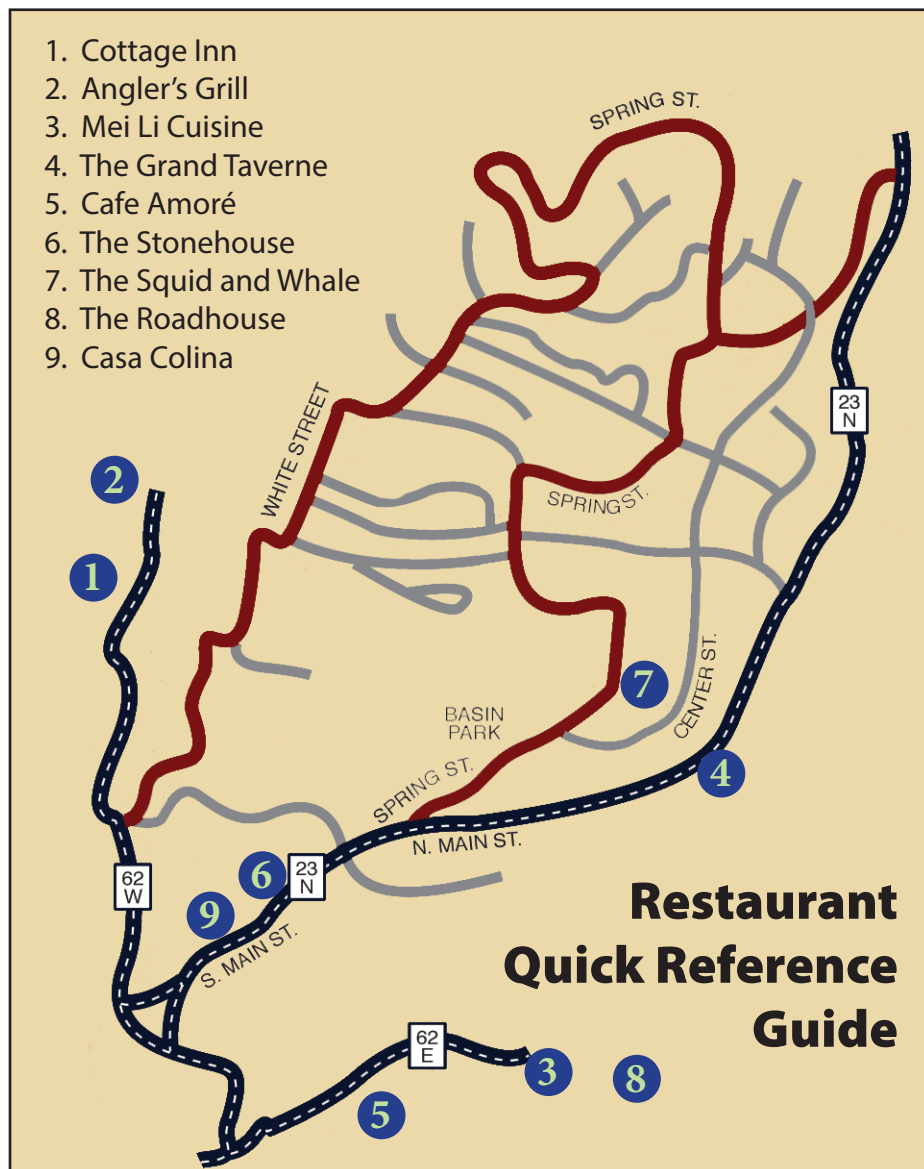


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Arkansas boys

As hippie show band Greasy Greens twirled rubber chickens and tortured their instruments, a couple of Arkansas musicians watched from the wings backstage at Little Rock's prestigious Robinson Auditorium.

It was the night of Jan. 8, 1979, and one of the lurking musicians was a drummer from Turkey Scratch. His buddy was a sax player from Hope celebrating being elected America's youngest governor at 32. Levon Helm and Bill Clinton applauded as the Greens revved up an economically diverse crowd of the fabulously wealthy, the brilliantly creative and the weirdly talented who filled all 3,000 seats for Bill's inaugural bash, "Diamonds and Denim."

As a band, Eureka Springs and Little Rock-based Greasy Greens found out early that when political and show business worlds collide, you might as well let Hunter Thompson write the script. "When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro." Or more appropriately (and stolen from Samuel Johnson), "He who makes a beast of himself gets rid of the pain of being a man."

Acts from all over the state took turns in the limelight until a single spot followed *Arkansas Gazette* political cartoonist George Fisher to center stage to dash off a quick characterization of Bill on a gigantic sketch pad lowered on two cables by stagehands hovering high above the 50 ft.-wide stage.

With his first stroke, the pad flew backward away from Fisher and he broke the second rule of show business by telegraphing his trouble to the audience as he struggled unsuccessfully to hold the paper with one hand and draw with the other.

A biting awareness arced through the seasoned performers in the wings. Their worst nightmare was unfolding in slow motion right in front of them. The guy was dying out there.

The only person in the Auditorium who knew what to do was an anonymous Greens' roadie. He scrambled, as quickly as he could, behind the stage's backdrop of two-story red velvet curtains to their center seam and invisibly reached on stage to stabilize the swinging pad. Fisher saw the pad stop swaying and threw himself into Bill's larger-than-life portrait. Standing behind Levon, I didn't realize



Bill would go on to 10 more years as governor and eventually two stints as the nation's 42nd president, but I wouldn't have bet against it.

That night I was more focused on the roadie. As roadies go, he was challenged by his inability to carry anything heavier than a guitar because he'd been blown off the deck of a U.S. Navy carrier while bombing Vietnam back into the Stone Age. His severance package as a vet included a twisted spine so screwed up it sometimes threatened to eclipse his perpetual smile. Sweating 50-caliber bullets, he held the weight of the night's political spectacle in his burning arms. Back bowed in excruciating pain, the crippled vet pushed back invisibly as the cartoon of Bill Clinton's familiar face flowed from Fisher's hand, 35 ft. above

the front row seats. The circus rolled on; the patrons were entertained; the entertainers were patronized.

Watching that roadie bear the load of a political event like *Diamonds and Denim* reminded me of sitting on the front porch of the Art Farm in Little Rock where the Greens lived and rehearsed across the freeway from the state capitol building. One day it occurred to me that the building's massive stone architecture mirrors the basic operating principle of government. The building was erected by placing one stone on the ground and then piling as many as possible on top of it without pulverizing the one on the bottom.

As Fisher presented the completed drawing to Clinton, the shriveled roadie limped off stage and disappeared while Arkansas' glitterati applauded the cartoonist and the politician.

As Bill's turn to toodle through *Summertime* drew near, Levon asked him where his sax was. Bill turned to a state trooper and asked for his axe. Levon stared as a state policeman tilted his Smokie-the-Bear hat and spoke into the mic on his shoulder. "Get the governor's saxophone." The static-filled message was acknowledged by a second trooper, standing next to the first, and relayed to a third trooper, "Get the governor's saxophone," standing next to the second trooper.

The message rippled through the shoulder-to-shoulder ranks and out finally to a trooper inside the governor's limousine. "Governor's saxophone is coming in," was relayed over and over from one officer to another until the head trooper handed the battered instrument to his boss.

"Where's the mouthpiece?" Bill asked.

"Get the governor's saxophone mouthpiece," rippled down the line *ad nauseum* until ("The governor's saxophone mouthpiece is coming in,") the missing piece arrived. Levon, who had about 10-minutes invested in digging this surreal parody of state-of-the-ark government/show biz communication slapped his pal on the back as the Boy Governor gathered himself for a stage-right entrance, and said, "Well, Bill. It must be nice to know you can always get a happy-hour gig at the Holiday Inn if politics turns to s***!"



Be right back with your drinks – DeVito’s claims the fastest drink delivery in town due to waitstaff who delivered the quickest and fullest summer coolers to ummm, someone on a trolley? Motorcycle? SST? during Fleur Delicious’s race last weekend. Ariel Walker of DeVito’s (absolutely fastest); Isaac Sivyer of Voulez Vous Lounge (second absolutely fastest); and Abigail Brents of DeVito’s (number three in the whole world isn’t bad) are worth their weight in vodka. Walker won \$200.

PHOTO JOHN RANKINE

INDEPENDENTCrossword

Solution on page 23

- Across**
- 1. Eureka Springs game
 - 5. Meal opener?
 - 8. Cass Elliot title
 - 12. Tropical tuber
 - 13. Singer DiFranco
 - 14. Pizazz
 - 15. Internet alphabet
 - 16. Producing a hissing sound
 - 18. Small hotel
 - 19. Greased
 - 20. Go a-courting?
 - 21. Local convenience store
 - 23. Water tester
 - 25. Land’s end?
 - 27. Store refused by Eureka Springs
 - 31. A head of the mayor?
 - 32. Secret rival
 - 33. Bummed
 - 34. Sunken area that provides light or air
 - 36. Pretend
 - 37. Bud holder?
 - 38. Extreme
 - 39. Proper amount of Brylcreem
 - 42. Agnew’s nattering big shot
 - 44. Approval
 - 47. South Pole explorer Roald
 - 49. Road emotion
 - 50. World’s longest river

- 51. VIP on the Hill
 - 52. Eras
 - 53. Dormant
 - 54. Age
 - 55. It lasts for days
- Down**
- 1. Sub station?
 - 2. Early garden
 - 3. Toothless
 - 4. Decay
 - 5. Refuge
 - 6. Indigo dye
 - 7. Dalai Lama is one
 - 8. Giants’ rightfielder Ott
 - 9. “Woe is me”
 - 10. Script opener
 - 11. Pot starter
 - 17. Hero
 - 19. Long poem
 - 22. On top of the mountain
 - 24. Live coal
 - 25. Place to relax
 - 26. Vehicle
 - 27. Method
 - 28. Being from elsewhere
 - 29. Toupee
 - 30. Perfect score
 - 32. Juiced sugarcane remains
 - 35. Navigate

- 36. Lie
- 38. Reed or Summers
- 39. Ex-mayor Joy
- 40. Surrounded by
- 41. Hogwash
- 43. Brewski
- 45. Double curve
- 46. Work place
- 48. Formerly
- 49. Uncooked

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Black Water to Perform at Squid & Whale

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They are playing Friday and Saturday at *The Squid & Whale*, also hosting a birthday bash for Cap'n Tony. Happy Birthday, Matey, and thanks for all the great live music you bring to us.

FRIDAY - JULY 20

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Hogscalders*, 12 p.m., 6 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Jones Van Jones*, 4 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Fetish*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Warren Byrom & The Fabled Canelands*
- **EUREKA LIVE!** 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** *Whiskey Grin*
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ & Karaoke
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *James White Trio CD Release Party*, 6:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Jeff Fox*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Jukebox Fest
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *John Harwood*, 7 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Black Water Face Melting Rock*
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Big Bad Gina*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY - JULY 21

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *James White*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Awesome Possums*, 1 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Act A Fool*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Centerfuze*
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** *Whiskey Grin*
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ & Karaoke
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Skillet Lickers*, afternoon, *Spring Billy*, 6:30 p.m.

- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Jeff Fox*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Left of Center*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Quitters*, 7 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Gypsy Sparrows* opening for *Black Water* 'Capt. Tony's Birthday Bash'
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Big Bad Gina*, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY - JULY 22

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Shawn Porter*, 12 p.m., *James White*, 6 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Chuck Onofrio*, 1 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Contra Band*
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Toury, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Gospel Sunday Brunch with Brick-Fields*, 11:30 a.m., *Jason Gordon*, 4 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Free Pool Sunday
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Open Mic
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** "Local Kine" *Blue Moon Americana*

MONDAY - JULY 23

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Pool Tournament
- **CHELSEA'S** *Spring Billy*
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theatre

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- **CHELSEA'S** Drink & Draw
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **ROCKIN' PIG SALOON:** Bike Night with *Bryant Brothers*, 7–9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Taco Tuesday

WEDNESDAY – JULY 25

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Sing and Dance with *Tiny*
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Whitley Starnes*, 7–9 p.m.
- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** Free Pool
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wheat Wednesday Draft Beer Specials
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Pickled Porpoise Revue Open Jam

THURSDAY – JULY 26

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Maureen Alexander*, 5 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Steve Jones*, 3 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco & Tequila Night
- **EUREKA LIVE!** Customer Appreciation Night, 5 p.m.–close
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** Karaoke with *DJ Goose*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Bike Night
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Open Mic Musical Smackdown feat. *Blood Buddy & Friends*



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impact on the crawfish, and Fischer said Jackson “was perfectly justified in showing concern, but I would never trample through their terrain and we would alter the project if we needed to. We will be smart about this.”

Commissioners voiced confidence in Fischer’s vision and competence, and voted unanimously to support his work on the grant proposal, which must be completed by August 1.

Director’s report

• Director Bruce Levine announced that Denton West added a railing to the steps Eagle Scout Keaton Boardman had created from limestone slabs at Lake Leatherwood Fields. Commissioners raved about the steps and railing, with Featherstone adding they were “far nicer than we ever would have been able to afford.”

• The soccer fields were recently aerated and work will soon begin laying sand and reseeding.

• Levine said Parks has been working with Rightmind Advertising to produce a map/brochure of all the trails, and he showed a copy of the work in progress.

• During the winter, Parks worked on developing a trail lease that would allow landowners to give Parks an easement on their properties to connect walking and biking trails around town. Levine showed commissioners the first such lease signed by a property owner and Featherstone.

• Levine announced that the Springs Committee decided to buy new equipment for testing springs’ water here in Eureka Springs rather than going to Rogers every time they need water tested.

Smoking ban in Basin Park now permanent

Commissioners discussed continuing the ban on smoking in Basin Park. Foster mentioned the idea was first suggested by alderman James DeVito, voted on in March 2011, and was for one year. Foster said the ban creates a friendlier, family atmosphere in the park, and commissioner Ruth Hager pointed out enforcement has not been an issue.

Foster stated the ban has been successful, and he (a smoker) moved to implement a permanent smoking ban. Jackson, also a smoker, seconded the motion and vote was unanimous to approve the smoking ban.

Other items

• Commissioners voted to certify the mid-year financial report they had reviewed line by line at a

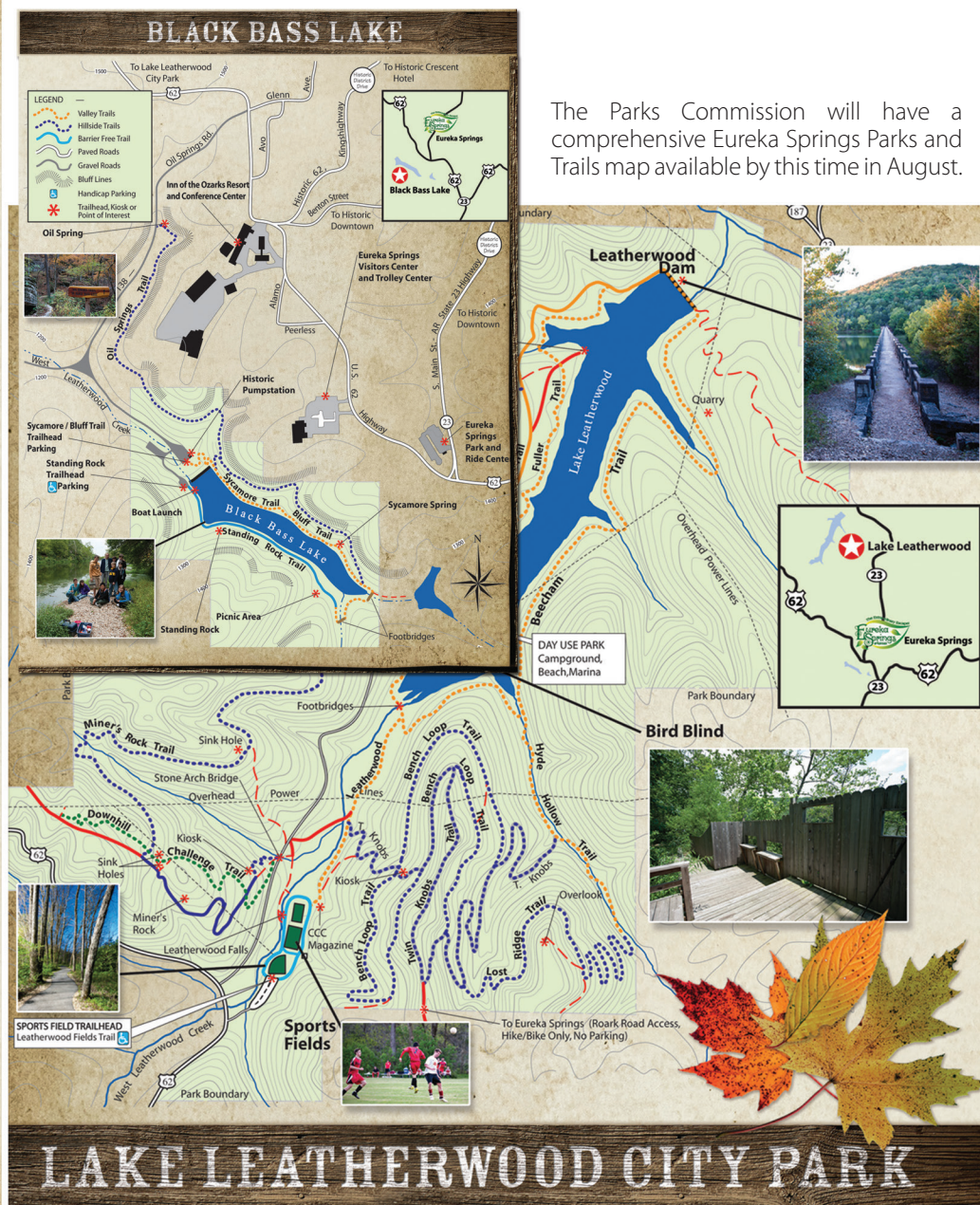
recent workshop.

• Featherstone reported that the recent Fat Tire Festival was outstanding. The number of entrants increased to more than 300, and with kids included, reached almost 500. Featherstone said seeing so many spectators reconfirmed why they worked so hard to build the Lake Leatherwood Fields because there is no other venue in town that could have hosted the event. He extended kudos to David Renko who organized the event.

• Featherstone told commissioners that Betsy Rodier had resigned from the commission. He thanked her for her input, and Parks now has two seats vacant.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, August 7, at 6 p.m. at Harmon Park.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, August 20, at 6 p.m.



The Parks Commission will have a comprehensive Eureka Springs Parks and Trails map available by this time in August.

Harmon Park was the place to be Saturday, July 14 to see the Fat Tire Fest Observed Trials. This crowd watched as competitors attempted the course on a seatless cycle and were penalized for touching feet to the ground.



PHOTO BY
DANIELLE BROCKWELL

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He said last weekend was great for businesses in part because of the Fleur Delicious events and the Fat Tire Festival. There were lots of visitors in town and not only did the restaurants and lodgings do well but the Farmers' Market had a great turnout. That's the vision he has for what the city can be like.

He said the CAPC wants to re-energize Food and Wine Weekend for early November, and it will piggyback on the Folk Festival which will follow Diversity Weekend. "All of this is the reason for the Vision." He expects to have a draft of the document for commissioners the July 25 meeting.

Tweaking the co-op ads

Finance Director Rick Bright had mentioned to commissioners previously that he discovered loopholes in the regulations of their co-op advertising policy. The idea is that eight businesses can band together to place an ad, and they can apply

to get one-third of the cost covered by the CAPC. The intent, according to Bright, was to assist businesses with limited advertising budgets get effective advertising.

Bright discovered, however, that businesses in Berryville, Green Forest and beyond had found their way into some of the ads.

Chair Charles Rasgdell suggested limiting the CAPC discount to the local zip codes of 72631 and 72632, and commissioners liked this idea.

Robert Schmid, recently nominated to sit on the commission, wanted to clarify that even a business outside those zip codes could be part of the group of eight, but it would not get the CAPC discount.

Bright added that from now on, the CAPC will insist on reviewing advertising beforehand and he will make sure everyone pays before the CAPC pays its share. "We will not get stuck with the bill," he said.

Maloney mentioned that they have had to ask

one applicant for the program to pay its overdue taxes before it was allowed to participate, so being current with taxes will also now be part of the policy.

Also:

- Maloney told commissioners he can get a quality entertainer, name to be revealed later, to add to the Jazz Weekend lineup. The price is right and all he needed was their consent to spend some of the money he did not spend on Mardi Gras. They will vote on his request at the next meeting.

- Ragsdell said he had looked at his copy of the Auditorium contract, and there is a clause which stipulates that if neither the city nor CAPC gives notice, then the CAPC retains its authority to continue booking events and managing the facility.

- Bright said they are on track to meet budget projections for the year.

The next CAPC meeting is Wednesday, July 25, 6 p.m.

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economic hardship should not be a consideration in the decision-making.

Crider replied the system is so poorly designed that it would surely fail again if it were repaired.

Breitling responded because of the historic significance of the property, he wanted to make a site visit to make sure the gutters are beyond what can be salvaged. He added that if the substructure were being affected, then HDC would have to consider what to do next. He said it is possible it might cause more damage trying to fix the damage.

Crider said he appreciated their concerns, but his opinion was the situation is too far gone to repair.

Commissioners decided to visit the site before their next meeting.

Commissioners unanimously approved the following applications:

- 7 Kingshighway – landscaping: paths, patio, and replace retaining walls

- 109 Wall Street – replace spindles; new railing.

Commissioners unanimously approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 39 S. Main – new trim color: upper story windows

- 61 N. Main – new sign

- 2 Bat St. – paint house

- 304 Spring Street – raise height of existing privacy fence.

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

Vice-chair Greg Moon presented these Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair or work involving no changes in materials or color and also includes applications for changes in roofing color.

- 38 Vaughn – add fascia for gutters

- 63 Spring – emergency Public Safety Issue Approval: temporary gates at top and bottom of stairway.

HDC will hold a workshop Tuesday, July 24, 2012 4:30 p.m., at City Hall. Workshop topics will be revising Certificate of Appropriateness procedure and reviewing guidelines regarding retaining walls.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 1, at 6 p.m.

Summer is in full force. Tomato is king and a favorite of mine. To maximize flavor and nutrition be sure to buy seasonally available and locally grown produce. The rule I use is simple, namely I emphasize the shortest distance between the garden/ranch and my table. This makes sure that I maintain my localvore status. One other rule is that organically grown is always better/tastier and better for you.

Sadly, for vegetables/fruit some care around the choice of heirloom seed versus new and improved versions is needed. Heirloom has better flavor, which generally means better nutrient value. The scientifically improved version may better survive attacks by insects and the yield may be greater but I'm hesitant to fully embrace this choice, although having food on the table is better than starving. Then again, I'm slow to embrace smart phones and texting, too. This may be about different strokes for different folks. I'm not

talking about genetically modified organisms (GMOs) as they are avoided in my house.

My favorite fresh tomato dish is Caprese. This summer salad is bursting with flavor, color and nutrition along with being easy to make. Go to the farmers' market and select only the produce, which calls to you. For the Caprese, choose tomato, basil and locally produced new white/soft cheese, blend them together and dress simply with balsamic vinegar... summer at its finest!

Good nutrition never tasted so good. Fresh tomato is rich in vitamins C and A, potassium minerals and amino acids while basil provides potassium, amino acids and chlorophyll, which is a powerful chelator. Chelation can remove toxic metals stored in our bodies, perhaps reducing artery disease by removing plaque buildup.

The cheese is an excellent protein source when made from locally grown, grass fed cow's milk, and

the conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) will be high. CLA helps people lose weight around the middle and can protect against breast and prostate cancer.

Finally, vinegar has many benefits, one of the best being a reduction in blood sugar levels. This fresh and simple dish is low in calories, fits a low glycemic food plan and is rich in nutrition. It looks great displayed on a white plate and has a high aromatic value. My senses sing just thinking about this summer delight.

Some people will need more nutrition depending on their health. Ascorbyl palmitate will add powerful, long lasting vitamin C, barley grass supplements will chelate better than basil, so while adding a long list of nutrients and a concentrated CLA, the soft gel is a top choice for combating midriff spread or breast/prostate cancer.

More summer will come along with many seasonal choices to enjoy. *A votre sante* (to your health)... natural that is.

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around the world have decided against fluoridation, recognizing that it *never was* a safe practice.

Doing it right would be acknowledging that vested interests may be attempting to slow down that process of recognition, fearing that reputations may be damaged and public confidence in policy makers shaken when the public realizes that no proper testing was ever actually done, especially in determining the safety of chemicals labeled as fluoride which are presently being added to public waters, and in particular, the safety of disodium fluoro-silicate or hexafluorosilicic acid.

Doing it right would be to slow down the local process of the state mandate in every way possible, in the recognition that there is a strong likelihood this mandate will be rescinded in light of the deceptive way in which it was pushed through, and in view of the current strong international trend toward non-fluoridation.

At a time when the local and the world economy is teetering on the brink, is it right to be spending ratepayer and taxpayer money on this potentially huge and growing expense which tomorrow may be agreed on by the majority as being unsafe and unwise?

The list could go on and on about what it is to actually do something *right*, but Martin Luther King said it all, "He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."

Natalie Mannering

What happened to America?

Editor,

It's time we understand why we are in the current financial, social, political situation in this great nation. Just as important is to understand what we can do about it, because only we can bring about the change needed to free us from the loss of freedom and liberties that has enslaved us since around the end of WWII.

The information I provide is not my opinion. It is fact based. Wherever I can, I will provide you with the sources. I encourage you to check out everything for yourself. If you disagree with me, I encourage you to provide facts and sources.

It might be helpful to know some of my background so you understand I am not being political. I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat. Although, at times, I have been a registered voter in each of these parties and have

voted for Democratic and Republican candidates. However, during the last 20 or more years, I have been an Independent.

Most of my wake-up occurred when Ross Perot came on the political stage. As a result, I became the co-founder of United We Stand America of New York. Later, when I moved to New Jersey, I became the Chairman of the Reform Party for that state.

What is the most important lesson I learned from Mr. Perot? As he said, "Look under the hood." By this metaphor, he suggested to look into our government and see what is really going on. I did just that by aiding a whistleblower by investigating activities related to Monticello Racetrack and bringing *Pro Se* lawsuits against the county government where I lived in New York state.

I've basically "retired" from this kind of activism. However, I still seek the truth about what is going on with our federal government. That's the information I will be bringing you. You decide what, if anything, you want to do with this information. I've decided it's time for me to spread this information to you.

Remember the Trojan horse that allowed the Greeks to enter and conquer the city of Troy? Around the time of WWII (long before Obama

ever became President), could a "Trojan horse" strategy have been implemented that allowed someone to infiltrate the federal government, form specialized government agencies to control the masses, direct plans that killed at least thousands of innocent people and sign key executive orders against freedom and liberty?

Who could that be?

Ira Goodman

La dolce vita

Editor,

I thank the dear members of my family (Debbie, Darcy, Summer, Ava, Mike) and many dear friends for the surprise party on my birthday, June 29. Eighty-five and still going strong... as Jack London said 100 years ago, "I'm a sailor on horseback, watch my dust."

Thank you to Caribe and KJ for the room she provided.

Seeing my dear friends reminded me of the Basin Block Café and the fun times therein. Eureka Springs has been blessed with wonderful and loving citizens. It is a pleasure to be part of the community.

Also, thanks to the *Independent* for the excellent coverage, photos and all. Yes, Debbie and Darcy, I was surprised!

Daddy Jack Muzio

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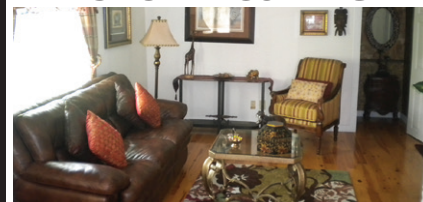
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Well maintained updated historic home in the heart of Eureka Springs. This 3 bed/2 bath, 2-level home with beautiful wraparound porches on both levels is located within walking distance of downtown. Enjoy access to all the best downtown has to offer while enjoying the amenities this home has to offer. Call me today! **\$152,000.**



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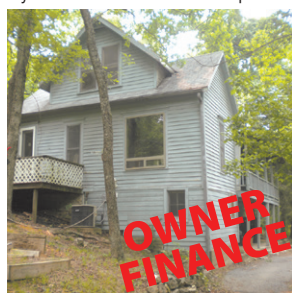
Great home on one of Eureka's unique streets. Views of downtown from deck & backyard. Approx. 1,724 sq. ft. 2 bed/2 bath, 2 car garage with additional parking pad. PLUS additional 1 bed/1 bath & workshop, both with separate entrances. Fireplace, Jacuzzi bath, eat in kitchen and lots of storage. This is a MUST SEE! **\$153,000.**



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