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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Sally Ride rode through our lives much too fast. Her smile had the dazzle only introverted people have. Her brain had the brilliance only the curious achieve. Her name sent us over the moon.

Sally Ride answered a

classified ad calling for astronauts. She could have been a pro tennis player but decided it would be more fun to



ride around in rocket ships.

Every one of us knew her name, few knew anything about her except that she was ours.

Sally Ride showed little girls they can love whom they want to love, fly where they want to fly, pursue what they choose, and that being first is merely a by-product of shooting for the stars.



The Ride of the Valkyries – Around 350 Honda Valkyries took off from Pine Mountain Village for a nighttime parade around Eureka Springs on Tuesday night. The Valkyrie Riders Cruiser Club is in town for its InZane XII annual gathering – and loving every minute of it.

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Council shoots down deer hunt committee plan

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs city council turned the page on another chapter in its debate over the proposed urban deer hunt. Council voted 2-2, aldermen Karen Lindblad and Lany Ballance voting No, not to follow the plan recommended by the Deer Hunt Committee.

The committee had recommended a hunt beginning in September, taking a break in October, and picking up again in November and continuing through February. Lindblad said she and others were concerned about the length of the hunt and that it will put a burden on property owners who do not want hunting on their properties but must make sure their property lines are adequately marked.

Lindblad said she had spoken with the Arkansas Bowhunters Association, and the ABA puts its members through rigorous training and testing, but not so, she said, for the Eureka Springs hunt. Lindblad said members of the committee "have no expertise at all" in organizing an urban bowhunt. She said if a hunt is going to happen it ought to happen under the auspices of the ABA, not the deer hunt committee.

Ballance replied that she had also received plenty of "eloquent and passionate" input on both sides of the issue. She said no matter what council does, the outcome will disappoint some people. She said they should therefore go ahead and allow the hunt as recommended by the committee and she made a motion to that effect.

Alderman Butch Berry also said he had received a variety of comments on the issue, but the vote tally, he said, was 3-2 in favor of the hunt. He acknowledged some citizens were concerned about the length of the hunt and there would always be concerns and "what-ifs." He also pointed out in the entire

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Delta Dental delays fluoride funding

NICKY BOYETTE

Carroll-Boone Water District attorney Dan Bowers announced at the July 19 meeting that Delta Dental had withdrawn its original funding proposal and replaced it with a similar proposal in which funding would not begin until May 2013. Bowers also announced that he had received a copy of Eureka Springs Resolution 600 in which the city council had stated its opposition to fluoridation of the water system.

Chair Jim Yates allowed time for those with comments to speak, and everyone who spoke was against fluoridation. Darlene Schrum said the area has wonderful water and she appreciated what the water district was doing to keep it that way and she hoped they would continue to watch out for everyone's best interest.

Her husband, Richard Schrum,

was more direct. He said the board was not paying attention to what has been going on in the world, and its actions are taking Arkansas backward. Cities all over the world are removing fluoride from their water systems, he said, because of data demonstrating its detriment to health, and Arkansas just now wants to add it.

Donna Hersey, a property owner in Eureka Springs, said she was frustrated that no one knows the source of the fluoride to be put into the water. She added that her son has a thyroid problem and won't be able to touch the water once it is dosed with fluoride. She insisted she does not see any reason to add the chemical to the water and she feels the cost is too extreme.

Teresa Matthews asked the board if they had received a chemical analysis of the additive from providers. Bowers

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Teresa Matthews, Natalie Mannering and Holly Winger all voiced opinions opposing fluoridation at the recent Carroll-Boone Water District Board meeting. Winger has been accumulating material on the issue since 2000. Her material is available for perusal at the Eureka Springs library.

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Zombies capture CAPC's attention

NICKY BOYETTE

Jeremy Mason McGraw, photographer and visionary, gave the City Advertising and Promotion Commission a detailed narrative of how he envisions making Eureka Springs a national Halloween destination. His plan calls for vampires, zombies and all members of the immortal community to stage a month-long series of events celebrating "Eternal Eureka" throughout October. There would be a press conference in mid-August introducing immortals who would field questions about the upcoming celebration.

McGraw said a video of the press conference turned loose on You-tube would provide Eureka Springs with widespread notoriety. "A video which goes viral on You-tube would be marketing which spreads itself," he said.

McGraw described other ideas that might capture people's imaginations such as a spider the size of a Volkswagen perched on the edge of the Auditorium roof. There would be Eternal Eureka magazine, a spoof of lifestyle magazines that would actually be the festival guide. He presented a tie-in with the Sci-Fi channel as well.

Commissioner Bobbie Foster asked him what he wanted from the CAPC, and McGraw said a commitment to help with branding, advertising, theming, decorations and the magazine, about \$20,000 for a good start.

Commissioner James DeVito said it was a great concept but it is too late to start it this year. He said it would be a

he sees its potential, but the CAPC budbut they don't have much of a shoestring left for new projects this year.

get for the year is spent. Chair Charles Ragsdell said he likes the guerilla marketing aspects in Mc-Graw's plan and he wishes they could figure out how to do it on a shoestring,

daunting project even for next year and

it would be imperative to do it well the

first time. He said that as a businessman

Commissioners agreed to discuss it at budget time.

CAPC: Vision 2015

Executive Director Mike Maloney distributed binders with a draft of CAPC: Vision 2015, an outline for moving the CAPC and the city forward.

The plan "for the next thousand days" will expand the city's market share nationally and get the city upto-date technologically. "We're not on the cutting edge, and that's not good enough," Maloney said.

The city's website will be trans-

formed by finding a new web host who can better meet needs and budgetary constraints.

Ragsdell commented the website is an excellent site and usage sets a new record every week. "What the public sees is great; what staff is dealing with is stressful," he said. Maloney explained that the site, as wonderful as it is, is very time-consuming for staff.

Maloney said 25 percent of their web traffic comes from iPhones, and most users are already in Eureka Springs. However, the site was not designed for mobile devices. Maloney said the CAPC needs a mobile app for its site within a year. "It's a whole new playground, and that's why we need to think visionarily," he said.

Ragsdell suggested they begin now to at least develop content for the mobile site. Besides improving the website, the CAPC will continue to use effective cable advertising and expand into markets such as Memphis and Houston. Maloney explained that the On-Demand feature of cable networks allows a viewer to watch Eureka Springs videos and request information by simply pushing a button.

Commissioner discussions will be ongoing.

Auditorium extension

Maloney said staff have said they want a multi-year agreement with the city for management of the Auditorium and he wants a three-year commitment.

"The longer the better," Ragsdell, who wants five years, said.

Berry pointed out the mayor can sign an agreement with Maloney and council does not need to be involved. Discussion was tabled pending contract length.

Voices from the Silent City

Voices from the Silent City requested \$1500 for this year's event scheduled for October 19, 20, 26 and 27.

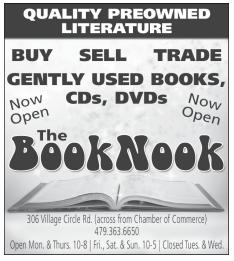
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Woman falls to her death at Hogscald

A 44-year-old Carroll County woman was killed Tuesday afternoon at Lover's Leap, a bluff on the Little Clifty arm near Hogscald, just south of Eureka Springs.

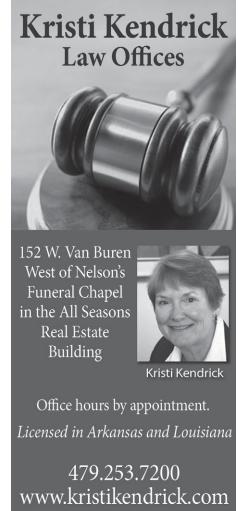
Sheriff Bob Grudek said Crystal Branning was hiking with her husband, Christopher, who made the 911 call. Grudek said the call was difficult to understand, and when deputies arrived they found the woman's body at the bottom of the 200 ft. bluff.

"Because there was a fatality and there are no other witnesses, our Criminal Investigation Division has taken over," Grudek said. "At this point we're not sure if she slipped or exactly what happened." He said a toxicology report is forthcoming.









Sheriff clarifies 911 procedures

NICKY BOYETTE

Carroll County Sheriff Bob Grudek wanted "to clarify misinformation" about the county's 911 operation, but he also gave the Quorum Court an update of the entire dispatch procedure at its July 20 meeting.

Grudek said the goal of the dispatchers is to get a professional to an emergency as soon as possible. First responders at the scene can determine whether or not an emergency requires further response, such as an airlift service, but dispatchers do not make that assessment. They only know what they are told in the 911 calls.

If an airlift is necessary, responders will alert the dispatcher who will contact both Mercy and Air Evac to see which can get a helicopter to the scene fastest.

Grudek also stated he does not want the dispatcher to be in the situation of calling one service and not the other based on membership. Many people in the county are members of an emer-

gency response service. Grudek said his family subscribes to Air Evac, but pointed out, "If my family were in trouble, I would want the fastest service. I hope my wife would want the same for me."

He said Eureka Springs Police Department does its own dispatching once it receives a 911 transfer from central dispatch. Now, Mercy Hospital, too, has requested to do its own dispatching. Grudek reported that after discussing the situation with Mercy, he learned they have a state of the art dispatch system, plenty of experience, the right equipment and a computer-aided system to track their ambulances. He said it would be like having another dispatcher in the office. He said he thinks Mercy doing its own dispatching would provide better service to the county.

He also responded to comments he characterized as "misstatements" regarding response times from both Mercy and Air Evac. He pointed out all the calls and related data are automatically recorded so he can look up response times and other information, and there can be no disguising the facts. Grudek added that the county partners with both Mercy and Air Evac to provide the best possible medical service.

Justice of the Peace Jack Deaton, fire chief for Holiday Island, declared all he is looking for is a chance to save someone's life. He said the service the county gets is dependable. He has in the past called dispatch and said, "I need three ambulances," not caring which ones showed up, and dispatch handled it from there.

Judy Dyke, Regional Director of Base Operations for Air Evac, said this is not a "which helicopter to call" issue. She said she had no problems with what Mercy will be doing. They work together well, she said, and respect memberships, but the most important issue for everyone is

JP John Howerton asked Dyke pointedly, "Does Air Evac have any reservations about this?"

Dyke replied, "We trust Mercy and we also want to do what is right for the patients."

JP Dan Mumaugh asked Grudek if those involved have ever participated in mass casualty exercises together. "We have, but not recently," Grudek answered. Mumaugh encouraged them to consider it at least once a year.

Dyke and Mercy representative Sonny Saxton both said they would agree to the joint exercise.

Blue Spring Road

The court considered an ordinance that would transfer \$155,000 to pay for repair of Blue Spring Road west of Eureka Springs. Mumaugh told the court Blue Spring, which draws many visitors each year, has been patched and repatched many times. He said it was an important road, and the county "should do it right as an example of how to do other roads in the future."

Judge Sam Barr said the estimate was for a repair that "would make a good road for many years," and he agreed with Mumaugh the road is important to the tourism business for the county.

JP Ron Flake countered, "It's a lot of money for a mile and a half of road." He said they could get many more miles out of that money in some rural areas where chicken trucks beat up dirt roads. He questioned whether or not the county benefits from tourism at Blue Spring, and asked the court to think seriously about the matter.

JP Lamont Richie answered that tourists who come to town to see Blue Spring also spend money elsewhere and pay sales taxes which fund the county jail. Blue Spring is part of a collection of attractions in the area and the road to get there needs the court's attention.

"Tourists come here to see Blue Spring, they don't come here to see the chicken houses," Deaton said.

JP Don McNeeley asked Barr what he thought and Barr responded that the county needs to do it. "If we let if get worse, we'll have to plow it up," he said. "We try to treat everyone the same, east and west. This one needs attention, so we chose it."

Vote to approve the ordinance was unanimous.

Salary study

Also on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing an expenditure of \$20,000 for a salary study of all county positions. Richie said the Personnel Committee feels it is time to update the salary structure for the county. The committee wants a comprehensive review that will create a blueprint for pay rates and raises. He said this goes beyond offering Cost of Living Adjustments and it will institute annual evaluations.

Howerton said he had received negative feedback from the public and asked department heads in attendance if they like the idea.

Grudek replied it would be very beneficial to the sheriff's office. Cindy Collins, County Treasurer, and Ramona Wilson, Circuit Clerk, expressed reservations about the need for the study and the expense. Jo Ann Harris, County Assessor, said she saw the value in the study and wished the court would pass

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Officers and dog capture Florida felon

Nicky Boyette

Police officer Todd Noftsger stopped a man for careless driving in downtown Green Forest, Tuesday, July 17 shortly after 10 a.m., when the driver suddenly bolted from the vehicle. Noftsger took off in pursuit and called for backup.

Carroll County Deputy Troy Wenzel and Cpl. D.J. Harlan responded. Noftsger told them the subject had first ran south behind the Exxon gas station and then turned back north toward Evans Feed where he had lost sight of the subject. Central dispatch relayed

that the subject was Thomas Walter Spivey, wanted in Manatee, Florida, on felony charges for attempting to run over a police officer.

Harlan received a call from an observant citizen who had seen someone climb up the back of a semi trailer behind Evans Feed, and the description matched the person they were pursuing.

Wenzel and Harlan went to there and Wenzel climbed the ladder on the trailer. He saw a male lying on top of the trailer and ordered the man to show his hands and not move. The subject then got up and jumped onto the roof of Evans Feed and ran to the other side.

At this point, Harlan retrieved K-9 Tyson from their vehicle and began pursuit.

Harlan saw the subject jump from the roof to the ground, and Harlan ordered him several times to stop running or he would release the K-9. When the subject continued to flee, Harlan released Tyson who began pursuit.

When the subject realized the K-9 was fast approaching, he lay on the ground and K-9 Tyson stood guard until Harlan and Wenzel arrived. Wenzel placed Spivey in custody where he was charged with fleeing, possession of a controlled substance, careless and prohibited driving, driving on a suspended license and criminal trespass.



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Pat Lujon working in his adopted garden on North Main Street.

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Adopt A Garden

Pat Lujon has been a self-proclaimed "crazed gardener" for years. A resident, artist and business owner in Eureka Springs, he is working with Public Works director Dwayne Allen to help beautify 17 garden spots the city owns. As we all cut corners in this economy so does the city government, and maintenance for these areas is not in the budget. "Instead of badgering them about it, why don't we just help?" asks Lujon. He was inspired by a woman from Huntsville who cleaned up one of the areas just because she loved the urn in the center and loved to garden.

There are 17 small garden areas in town that need sprucing up. Of the eight on Main Street, four have already been adopted. The city has agreed to provide water and mulch at all the gardens. Lujon states most of the gardens now just need to be cleaned up, weeded and prepared for fall planting of some drought resistant plants. If you would like to help contact Pat Lujon at (479) 244-5146 or outonmain@cox.net

Sub orientation coming up

Eureka Springs Schools will hold a Substitute Orientation meeting Thursday, August 2 at 8:30 a.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria, 142 Greenwood Hollow Rd. If you are interested in substituting for the 2012-13 school year, you must attend this orientation and pass a background check. Contact Cathy Martinek (479) 253-5999. EOE

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Planning leaves outdoor sales alone for now

NICKY BOYETTE

The Planning Commission again discussed the law regarding outdoor sales Tuesday night, and each commissioner had a slightly different view on what the law should say. Chair Beverly Blankenship brought this to the table because the law limits each person to three outdoor sale permits per year. However, in addition to traditional garage sales, several people group together and take turns getting a permit to conduct what is essentially an outdoor flea market at the same location more than three times a year.

Blankenship's question to the commission has been, "Do we want to address this now before it has a chance to spread, or is the law okay as it stands?"

Commissioner Melissa Greene said she likes garage sales, but after a point the situation becomes a retail business in a residential zone and the city should not allow that.

Commissioner James Morris said he had been having second thoughts about the concept. He said the limit of three times per year may be too extreme and the city should allow more opportunities, maybe seven or ten times per year. "We ought to cut some slack," he said.

Greene suggested if a person wants more than

three per year, that person should apply to get a special permit. Commissioner Denys Flaherty agreed with the special permit, and brought up the special circumstance of a moving sale.

Blankenship came back to the point that the discussion is about outdoor sales, not just garage sales. She said as long as they are on private property, they are considered outdoor sales, and certain locations have them more often than the law intended. She added that they can leave the law as it is if they think it is okay. "We don't have to do anything. If you don't care how many times they have sales out on the highway we can leave the law alone."

After more discussion, Morris remarked, "If we don't have a problem, let's don't fix it yet." Commissioner Mickey Schneider suggested they postpone any more discussion until the next meeting.

Also...

- Blankenship pointed out City Code is inaccurate in its description of protocol for getting permits to sell items at outdoor events. After a discussion of points of language, the commission agreed to send an amended and improved version to council.
- She also mentioned the Queen Anne mansion had announced it intends to become a private club, and

now B&Bs are coming forward wanting to be private clubs. Lawyers are looking into the situation, and Planning might be called upon to do some research.

- Blankenship reported on Monday's council meeting, saying aldermen approved the third reading of Ordinance #2156 which amends the list of legally non-conforming dwellings in the R-1 zone. Council also responded to Planning's proposed ordinance to eliminate the word "weekly" from the definition of a dwelling by passing a resolution that imposes a 90-day moratorium on certain business licenses. The intent of the moratorium is to prevent property owners from circumventing the law regarding no tourist lodgings in the R-1 zone. At its next meeting council will discuss the construction review proposal from Planning.
- As the Board of Zoning and Adjustment, commissioners approved a setback variance for 5 Paxos. Reconvened as Planning, they approved a Conditional Use Permit for one unit of overnight lodging for 255 Dairy Hollow Road.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 14, 6 p.m. There will be a public hearing to begin the meeting for a CUP at 7 Armstrong increasing the number of units at the B&B from three to five.

WCCAD to recruit EMRs

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs Fire Chief Rhys Williams told the Western Carroll County Ambulance District board Wednesday he needs more first responders. He gave a brief history of how much the situation has improved since he began as a volunteer in 1983. "When I started, there was only one first responder in the entire area," he said, adding that now there are almost 50 covering western Carroll County.

Holiday Island Fire Chief Jack Deaton distributed copies of a map that showed where first responders for the district live, and most of the county is well represented although there is a conspicuous void around Eureka Springs.

Board member Joe McClung said he wanted to help Williams attract more first responders but he was not sure how to do it. He said he was open to ideas for boosting recruiting.

Lynn Palmer, chair of the EMR Alliance, reported that Eureka Springs is currently conducting an EMT class, required every two years, and 20 people

are enrolled. Deaton said Holiday Island will have an EMT refresher course sometime during autumn.

Other board business:

- Williams reported that he had been working with Bare & Swett Agency to get the performance bond required in the contract between Eureka Springs and WCCAD. The contract is for five years, but the agency said they could do the bond year to year only, and they had issues with some of the language in the contract. Chair Chuck Olson said he would investigate the problems because they need to get the bond in place.
- Commissioners discussed who is responsible for the cost of refilling oxygen tanks for the district, and McClung read from the contract that the service provider, which is Eureka Springs, is responsible. Williams said next year he wants to look into getting grant money for an oxygen machine so they can fill bottles themselves.
- Olson reported he made progress in finding space for storing district documents. For now, he said, "I will

be putting a couple of filing cabinets in a hallway toward the back of the courthouse. At least we're in the door."

• Deaton distributed a list of inventory that included a long list of spare inventory. McClung remarked he was surprised at how much spare equipment they had, and Deaton said they shuffle it around to those who need it.

• Commissioners elected officers for the year. Chuck Olson will be Chair, Ken Mills, secretary, and Joe McClung, treasurer

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 21, at 4 p.m. at Cornerstone Bank in Eureka Springs.

Sales Tax Holiday August 4-5

It's almost back-to-school time – Eureka Springs students start class August 20. In acknowledging how costly this time can be for families, the state has established a sales tax holiday. The items listed below are tax exempt August 4-5 at any retailer in Arkansas.

School Supplies, including art supplies, will be exempt from sales tax no matter what the cost.

Clothes and shoes will be tax exempt if they are under \$100.

Jewelry, cosmetics and purses that are under \$50 will be exempt.

Diapers including disposables will

be exempt from taxes as well.

School supply lists for elementary and middle school are available at the respective schools most weekdays. They are also at Hart's and Dollar General, Fred's at Holiday Island and the Berryville Wal-Mart.

All retailers are required to participate and may not legally charge a sales tax on the exempt items. Monetary amounts listed above apply to the price of the item, not the total sale.

Retailers may go to this website for more info: www.dfa.arkansas gov/ offices/exciseTax/salesanduse/Pages/ taxHoliday.aspx

School board decides phone plan needs to be heard

NICKY BOYETTE

At the July 19 Eureka Springs School Board meeting, Tom Freehling characterized the phone system at the elementary school as "one of Alexander Graham Bell's first projects," and the one at the high school as not much better. He said the Technology Committee sees this as an opportunity to significantly upgrade the phone system for all the schools. Freehling told the board the committee had received estimates from a Eureka Springs company for two different kinds of phone systems.

One option would be to install a phone hub on site, but this choice would require the district to maintain the equipment. The other choice would be a virtual system with the hub off-site, all maintenance handled at that site and the district paying a monthly fee to the provider.

According to the estimates, the hosted option would require probably \$45,000 for the equipment, and the virtual system would cost \$1200 per month for services of the provider. However, since the district would be contracting for services, the plan would qualify for federal support of 87 percent of the cost of the services that would bring the cost down to about \$150 per month.

It all sounded good until board member Tom Winters asked about the cost of the cabling, and discussion ensued. Winters insisted that the virtual system would expect the district to have the infrastructure in place. Eventually board member Karen Gros moved to table the item until the Technology Committee did more research. Robert McCormick agreed, saying "Something doesn't sound right about the \$1200 per month."

Principals' reports

Kathy Lavender, principal of the high school, reported that results are in for Advanced Placement testing, and Eureka Springs students did very well. She said eighth graders scored in the advanced range in algebra, and all students excelled on the biology test, which Lavender rated "one of the toughest tests to take." One student ranked high enough to earn four hours of college credit for biology.

Other AP students also earned college credit. Lavender said five out of nine students in calculus earned college credit. as did eight out of ten in English, four of seven in history and three from the statistics class.

Murmurs of approbation resonated through the room, and Chair Charles Templeton told Lavender, "Tell the teachers what a great job they're doing."

Cindy Holt, principal of the elementary school, told the board she would be attending the Master Principal Institute at Petit Jean next week. This will be an ongoing training for her. She also mentioned that fifth grade students achieved a 97 percent proficiency rating, and this is in spite of the challenging socio-economic status facing students in this area.

Miscellaneous

• The board voted to increase meal prices at the schools because the increase was required in order to continue getting federal dollars. McCormick remarked, "We don't have any choice, do we?" Templeton replied, "Not if want to get the federal money."

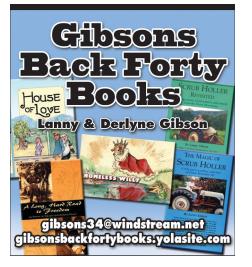
Elementary and middle school student meals will increase by ten cents from \$1.50 to \$1.60, and adult meals will increase to \$3.10. Meals for high school students will be \$1.90 and adults will pay

- Templeton presented for approval the only bid they had received for the bread contract, and McCormick asked why they had received only one bid. He remembered they always received two or three. Freehling moved to table the discussion until they investigate.
- During the Public Comments forum, Kathryn Lucariello of Carroll County News mentioned the board at its June meeting voted to approve an expenditure that had not been on the original agenda, and therefore the public had no opportunity for input. She also mentioned the board had voted to change its contract with KESA to include giving KESA exclusive rights not only to radio broadcasts but for internet streaming as well. She said Carroll County News objects to the way the decision was handled and is looking into its legality.

Following executive session the board announced the following:

- to accept the resignation of Lydia Bush, school nurse;
- announce Cynthia Bowers, special education, decided not to return:
- announce the resignation of John Rainwater, transportation director;
- hire Toni Mertzweiller for special education class at the high school;
- hire Michelle Allred, paraprofessional, special education at the high school;
- hire Robert Belzung, part-time bus

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 16, 5:30 p.m. at the administration building.





Skills USA snags Cheyanne

This year for the first time in the leadership conferences. Cheyanne is history of Eureka Springs High School, senior Chevanne Pierce became a secondary officer for the state Skills USA office. Cheyanne is spending her summer attending leadership conferences and represented the state at the

National Conference in Kansas City. She is scheduled to go to Nebraska and Washington DC in the fall for extended

learning a lot and hopes to be able to have a meeting once a month this school year to help teach leadership skills to her fellow students.

She also competed in web design at the state level for

the first time, and she and her design partner, Sabrina Sexton, placed 2nd in the state.



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Guns don't kill people, ammo does

Editor.

Here we go, again. How many more Columbines or now, Auroras do we have to experience before we finally demand that our lawmakers pass a permanent national law against assault weapons?

Our politicians have to stop worrying about elections and the reaction of the gun lobby. We, as voting citizens, need to write to our President and to our congressmen and shame them into acting for the safety of our children.

I'm not a foe of the 2nd Amendment, but hunters don't need AK-47s to kill bears or deer. A 30.06 rifle or a 12 gauge shotgun works well for most game. A .38 handgun works just fine for home protection. No one needs a war chest in the home. It's only common sense.

The world looks at us and wonders why we don't seem to learn from the

tragedies of our past. Our children look to us for answers. How can we explain our tolerance of the brutality that runs amuck in our culture?

Finally, we need to force Hollywood to look at their rating system, again. We also need to write to the filmmakers and tell them what we think of the violence filled movies that seem to be our only choices when we go to the cinemas.

If we hit all of the people who sway this country at the voting booths and

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WEEK'STopTweets

@BorowitzReport --- Maybe I'm a dreamer, but I wish mental health care were as easy to get as, say, a gun.

@seekingshama --- Read how I discovered a flooded town and a seven story Christ statue: Eureka Springs is Arkansas' Artsy Ozark Oasis

Christine Buckley of The Huffington Post visited Eureka Springs, see her story at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/christine-buckley

@CopaseticMusic --Saturday at Squid & Whale
Pub! Hope to see y'all there

@neiltyson --- Odd that only in world politics is the number of people who want to kill you a measure of your importance.

@trevortimm --- NYT: Secret court orders for surveillance have risen "on a scale that has no parallels in American history."

@schuzam --- Never drive into a small town you'll get lost and have to stay there for the rest of your life. That's how they get people

to live in them.

@jbarth4arkansas

--- Great visit to Eureka Springs High School under construction. Gorgeous facility with particularly cool arts facility.

@arhousedems --- Our jobless rate dropped in June, making Arkansas one of only eleven states to report

a decline. We're growing stronger each day

@Missfootieart --- "When life hands you lemons, add tequila and salt." Happy National Tequila Day!

@FinancialTimes --- World faces food crisis as worst US drought in more than 50yrs pushes agricultural commodity prices to record highs.

@AndrewKroll --- Sen. Lindsey Graham on why defense cuts are bad: "You need to keep money flowing in a predictable way so you can plan for the next war." ⊗



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The guns of governance

Broadcast media evidently wanted to guilt us all into concentrating on the victims rather than the killer after James Holmes murdered moviegoers in Colorado. Of *course* our hearts go out to the victims and their families, but it's human nature to want to know why this happened, who did it and what made him or her commit such an act against all reason.

Not many of us can understand or relate to the kind of loss perpetrated on friends and family when a person is pointlessly murdered. We humans want our tragedies to have a point, some kind of explanation – medical issues or an accident. But murder demands a reason. Cops and lawyers look for motive to satisfy the court. It's just how we're built – not to glorify the killer, but to understand why and maybe learn something helpful in our unreasonable quest to prevent it from happening again.

Mitt Romney recently said toughening gun control is not the appropriate response to the Holmes' killings, and also said Holmes should not have had the weapons he possessed to do the deed. All we can say is, "Huh?"

Money just keeps on talking. Whoever has the most gets to buy a president to serve their causes. Are we really allowing this?

That kind of corporate campaign investment money could feed thousands of families and support a lot of programs schools have had to cut. But maybe that's the point of big corporate spending in government. The less broadly educated we are, and the smaller our worldview, the more we depend on other people to tell us how to think. Then it's much easier to get to our base emotions and tell us to react (or vote) based on a few key button-pushing words instead of a true understanding of the issue.

Our society is now so economically psychotic that some educators believe gearing classes solely toward getting a high-paying job is more important than learning the history, culture, art, science and math that built the civilization we live in.

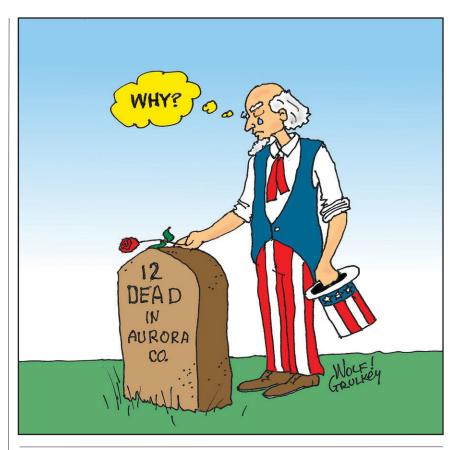
A virtuoso guitarist and music professor once commented that only wanting to learn how to play rock guitar was like learning the alphabet and stopping at the letter "f." If you learn the entire alphabet, i.e., classical guitar, you can play anything. When you stop at "f" you're stuck with limited possibilities. Even visual artists know you have to learn all the rules before you can bend them. Learning to make money without having good reading-with-understanding, writing and problem solving skills is like learning the alphabet only to "f." It leaves us with no frame of reference to adequately understand and appropriately respond to global events impacting us.

This is where the government goes into a public place and opens fire. As social and educational programs get cut people are hurt, families are torn apart and lots of people are living on a diet of misinformation and ignorance. "The rich get richer and the poor get poorer," is no longer a benign slogan implying the inevitability of what Karl Marx called the *Law of Increasing Poverty*.

Paraphrasing what Romney said about Holmes's situation – toughening government control is not the appropriate response to our economic and social ills, yet government should not possesses legislative weapons that hurt us. Still a "huh?" conundrum.

But Romney said one more thing in his discussion about Holmes and guns, and on this he was right: the answer lies in changing the heart of the American people.

Google Bastille Day. Learn the whole alphabet and draw your own conclusions. It's important to know why tragedies happen.



ThePursuitOfHAPPINESS

y Dan Krotz

I'm thinking about buying a Lincoln. Yes, I know, what a selfish thing to do. But I have been good, car-wise, for a long, long time. And it will be the last car I buy.

In 1980 I started a business and bought a salesman's car. It was a Skylark, the first X-Body compact Buick made. I drove it all over the United States, 40,000, 50,000 miles a year, peddling my papers. Later, my partner and I hired some real salesmen. We planned on leasing little X-Body Buick compacts for them.

"Oh, no!" they said. "We're Road Warriors! We need real cars! Toranados! Cadillacs!"

"That's a lot of overhead, boys," I said.

"Yeah, but it's your overhead," they answered. So: the Road Warriors drove Oldsmobiles and the boss drove, by then, a pretty skanky Buick Skylark with 160,000 miles on it.

When my daughter was a little girl I would bounce her on my knee and cry out, "What's a car, Mary? What's a car?"

"It's overhead, daddy! It's overhead!" (What a good kid. What a bad dad.)

But I'm old dad now. Today, the only real overhead I have is Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Mercy Health Care "system." I'm fully depreciated, but my car doesn't have to be.

Sure, I worry about looking shallow like Larry Hagman on Dallas. But, frankly, my ass is as big as South Fork, and clutching up and down the gearbox hurts my knee. I'm tired of our little Pontiac Vibe, and when I drive it, I day dream about the plush leather seats and wowie sound system that I am sure are standard in new Lincolns. These are fun daydreams.

The Boss and I are taking a long road trip this summer. We'll see our cash flow conscious kid in Minneapolis, visit a pal on the Rosebud, do a couple of naked walkabouts in the Badlands, waltz into the Little Big Horn and stand on the Continental Divide at Lemhi Pass. I can see our new Lincoln, cooling and ticking at the top of America, maybe on the exact spot where Meriwether Lewis stood.

You've got about two weeks to shame me into buying a Subaru.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JULY 16

7:17 a.m. – Sheriff's office alerted ESPD to a possibly intoxicated driver on Hwy. 23 South heading toward town. Officer waited but did not see a vehicle matching the description.

July 17

3:41 p.m. – There was a car vs. transit van fender bender at ESH near the ER bay. Officer filed a report.

4:53 p.m. – Caller told ESPD one of her employees has not been seen for two days. She said he frequents Lake Leatherwood Park and described his vehicle. Officer found his vehicle and called the missing person's father for more information. Constable encountered missing person on a bike trail, determined he was okay and encouraged him to call his father and place of employment.

5:44 p.m. – A semi was reportedly tailgating in a dangerous fashion a speed limit honoring motorist on U.S. 62 heading east. Officer watched for the semi but did not encounter it.

JULY 18

4:12 p.m. – Owner of a tourist attraction reported an illegal dumping and wanted to press charges. Officer was able to find alleged dumper who said she would retrieve her dumpage. No charges were filed.

4:31 – There was a traffic accident involving a parked vehicle on a street near downtown.

6:08 p.m. – A semi with a long trailer headed up a narrow street near downtown, but the officer who responded found that it had made its way out of there on its own.

6:22 p.m. – Concerned passerby reported a dog locked in a pickup with windows slightly lowered but no water. Constable responded but the truck was gone.

7:07 – Worried onlooker gave fairly detailed description of a possibly intoxicated person driving east on U.S. 62. Responding officer searched for but did not find the vehicle.

10:52 p.m. – Guest at a motel said a 19-year old male, supposedly suicidal with a mental condition, threatened to run him over. Constables looked for the individual and got more information

from complainant.

JULY 19

4:13 a.m. – Resident of a mobile home park noticed a foul smell nearby resembling a dead animal odor. Officer will check again after daylight.

12:55 p.m. – There was a fight in a motel room. Officers arrived to find the combatants getting ready to leave as the owners had requested.

JULY 20

3:15 a.m. – Attendant at a care facility saw a young person prowling around the property. Constable who responded did not encounter the prowler but ESPD will ad extra patrols in that area. 9:12 a.m. – Alarm company reported a hold-up alarm at a hotel had been triggered. Officer responded and discovered the front desk clerk had accidentally it set off.

11:15 a.m. — Motel owner reported damage to one of the rooms.

2:12 p.m. – California resident was attempting to deliver an emergency message to a local resident but got no response. Constable attempted to deliver the message.

4:01 p.m. – Transit employee saw a motorcycle lose a cooler on U.S. 62. Constable looked for but did not find the lost and lonely cooler.

5:04 p.m. – Resident of a condominium observed someone had set up a sign announcing bike rentals on the property without permission. Officer found no one under the bike rental awning and will advise the next shift to check for permits and permission.

8:52 p.m. – Sheriff's office told ESPD it got a 911 call in which someone screamed "Help!" and then hung up. Responding officers went to the apparent location but no one was there. ESPD thought the call might have been related to the next item.

9:05 p.m. – A caller was yelling at someone reportedly driving recklessly on Spring Street, but the driver parked at a tourist lodging and appeared to be in for the night, and then every little thing was all right.

9:07 p.m. – An alarmed motorist west of town saw a semi heading toward town smoking with its flashers on. Truck was having mechanical difficulties.

11:08 p.m. – As a result of a routine traffic stop, a driver was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an improper turn.

11:25 p.m. – Constables on patrol in Basin Park encountered an individual whom they arrested for public intoxication.

11:47 p.m. – Sheriff transferred a call in which people on the other end were talking among themselves but not to the sheriff's office. ESPD called the number and the individual who answered said there had been an accident, everyone was okay, and he must have inadvertently called 911.

JULY 21

12:54 a.m. – Several people were fighting outside a bar. Officers responded to settle things down. No one needed EMS and they went their separate ways in taxis.

6:12 a.m. – Resident near downtown noticed a person apparently passed out in a front yard. He did not look injured, just passed out. Constable on the scene woke him and discovered the individual lived nearby and sent him on his way.

6:32 a.m. – Same constable was alerted to another individual sleeping in someone's front yard. Again the individual was almost home, so officer scurried him along.

8:14 a.m. – A liquor store reported its security cameras had recorded a theft. Report taken.

2:10 p.m. – An altercation erupted between a manager and a person being fired. Constables assisted in removing the ex-employee from the premises.

3:09 p.m. – A male identified himself and reported a fight with lots of people involved in the parking lot of a motel. ESPD called the manager who said there was no one at all staying there. ESPD called the number back, and the female who answered said no one had used her phone in the past half hour.

6:27 p.m. – County requested assistance in finding transportation for a busload of people possibly exposed to carbon monoxide. EMS responded and determined no one had been exposed to carbon monoxide. Victims were probably overheated and dehydrated.

EMS transported five individuals to ESH.

8:02 p.m. – Angry passenger in a vehicle on U.S. 62 said the van ahead of them was going 10 mph. Responding officer did not encounter the slow-moving van.

9:29 p.m. – A pickup was blocking the exit for a driver who wanted to leave a parking lot. Exit was clear when the constable arrived.

July 22

12:35 a.m. – Employee of an establishment told ESPD an intoxicated patron had just driven away. Officer responded but did not encounter the vehicle.

12:44 a.m. – A male and a female fought in front of a downtown bar. Bystanders subdued the male. Officers responded, and one of the pugilists had already found a ride and the other one soon left the scene also. Officers gathered information.

12:20 a.m. – Concerned observer told ESPD she had seen a female sitting and a male standing in front of Clear Spring School. Responding officer did not see anyone at the school or on that road.

12:30 p.m. – Anxious onlooker reported a dog tied up outside a motel. Constables checked with the owner of the motel and he said there were actually two dogs, both of which had been rescued. The situation was temporary and under supervision. The animals were staying primarily inside.

1:27 p.m. – One employee of a business shoved another who sustained an injury. Report filed.

2:09 p.m. – Passerby noticed a baby deer and two puppies in the back of a pickup. Constable arrived for a welfare check and the animals seemed okay. He also checked with the owner.

10:12 p.m. – Motel desk clerk told ESPD a couple in a vehicle were arguing about leaving the motel. Clerk said the female was extremely intoxicated and the male might have been although he denied it. They drove away while the clerk was talking to ESPD. Constable on duty encountered the vehicle, stopped them and called a taxi to take them back to Fayetteville.

A brief history of Arkansas Olympians

NICKY BOYETTE

In the middle of summer every four years, amazing athletes from around the world gather to compete in the Olympic Games. This year's Olympics are in London, and opening ceremonies are Friday night.

Close to 14,000 athletes will compete during the next couple of weeks and a few will be remembered. But we remember the fine athletes from Arkansas who brought home some medal.

Earl Bell lives in Jonesboro. He was born into a pole-vaulting family and vaulted in his backyard from an early age. Arkansas State University recruited him to vault for them in 1973. He won the NCAA outdoor pole vault championships in 1975-77 and then again in 1984 and 1990. He also claimed the indoor championships in 1975, 1976, 1980, 1984 and 1987 and the pole vault title at the Pan American Games in 1975.

At the U.S. Track and Field Federation meet in Wichita, Kan., in May 1976 he set the world record with a vault of 18'7.25". The record lasted about a month, but Bell reclaimed the record with a vault of 19'0.25" in 1984.

Bell made it to the Olympics in 1976. He participated on a rainy day in Montreal and finished sixth. All Americans missed the 1980 Olympics, but Bell again participated in 1984 as the world record holder, and he won a bronze medal vaulting 18'4.5". He barely missed another medal at the 1984 Games when he finished fourth.

He continued to compete, medaling at the 1986 Goodwill Games and the 1987 Millrose Games, an annual track meet in New York City. Bell was inducted into the Millrose Games Hall of Fame with six victories there.

Bell's influence has gone far beyond his medaling in pole vault events. He created Bell Athletics, an indoor training facility, in Jonesboro in 1981, and he has trained many competitive athletes including pole vaulters Becky Holliday and Derek Miles on this year's United States team. Registration for his "Bell



APRIL STEINER-BENNETT

Camp" fills up quickly every year.

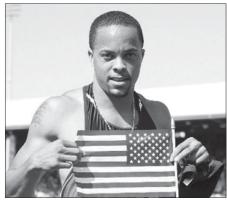
Bell was inducted into the U.S. National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2002.

Bill Carr, born in Pine Bluff in 1909, was one of the greatest sprinters of his time. He was very athletic but barely 5'6", so he chose track and field as his high school sport. He gained recognition for winning the high jump, the long jump and almost winning the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes at a state track meet in 1927. Because of his all-around track skills, sportswriters around the country, according to the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*, considered him "the premier track star in the nation."

He was persuaded to attend Mercersburg Academy, a prep school in Pennsylvania, for his senior year of high school. He became the Pennsylvania state champion in the 100-meter and 200-meter events.

Carr attended the University of Pennsylvania, and he never lost a 400-meter sprint. In July 1932, Carr competed against world-record holder Ben Eastman twice in preparation for the Olympic Games, and Carr won both times.

This set up what the sports world called "the 400-meter race of the century" at the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics featuring both Carr and Eastman and the best the world had to offer. Carr ran a cagy race, letting Eastman lead until Carr passed him down the homestretch to win by two meters. In that race, both Carr and Eastman shattered Eastman's world



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record, and Carr's time of 46.2 seconds was not matched again for twenty years.

A few days later, he ran the anchor leg of the gold medal-winning U.S. 1,600-meter relay team, which also set a world record, giving Carr not only two gold medals but two Olympics records.

Unfortunately, Carr was seriously injured in a car crash before he finished college, and was never able to compete again. In 1964, he was inducted into the Arkansas Hall of Fame. Also, both Mercersburg Academy and the University of Pennsylvania erected statues in his honor.

Charles Greene was also born in Pine Bluff, in 1945. By the time he attended the University of Nebraska, he was considered the world's second-fastest man, trailing only "Bullet" Bob Hayes. Greene was the NCAA 60-yard dash and 100-yard dash champion three years in a row from 1965-1967 and had tied the world record of 9.1 seconds in the 100-yard dash.

At the 1968 AAU Championships, Greene broke the world record in the 100-yard dash twice, finishing in 10.0 seconds in the preliminary heats and 9.9 seconds in the semifinals.

At the Mexico City Olympics in 1968, he finished third in the 100-yard dash despite pulling a muscle during the race. Even with the injury, he led off the 400-meter relay, which won gold and set a new world record of 38.19 seconds.

After his athletic career was over, Greene served as sprints coach at West Point. Later, he became a director for Special Olympics and a high school



JEFF HARTWIG

coach in Nebraska.

Jim Hines was another Arkansas sprinter, but not from Pine Bluff. He was born in Dumas, just down Highway 65 from Pine Bluff. While at Southern Texas University, he equaled the world record in the 100-yard dash of 9.1 seconds, joining the select company of Bob Hayes and Harry Jerome.

At the 1968 Olympics. He became the first person to break the 10-second barrier in 100-meter Olympic finals, earning him the title of World's Fastest Human. His world record of 9.95 stood for 15 years and his Olympic record for 20 years.

He is remembered best, though, as the anchor leg of the 400-meter relay team coming from behind to win the gold medal. You will remember Arkansawyer Charles Greene ran the first leg of that race

Hines was inducted into the U.S. Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1979.

Scottie Pippin was born in Hamburg in southeastern Arkansas in 1965. He was a 6'1" walk-on basketball player at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway in 1983. Before he graduated, he was 6'8", scoring almost 24 points per game and an NAIA All-American.

Pippin was incredibly athletic with long arms, tremendous jumping ability and an intense game-time focus, which challenged opponents on both ends of the court.

He is known mostly for his exploits alongside Michael Jordan for the Chicago Bulls. Both were chosen for the

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Lake Leatherwood swimming area closed

At a time when we need a place to jump in the water to cool off, the state health department has shut down swimming at the Lake Leatherwood swimming area until further notice.

According to Parks Director Bruce Levine, the city was informed that the level of e. coli bacteria climbed into the unacceptable range. The health department checks the water about three times each year, and in the spring, the water tested okay. Geese congregating near the swimming area leaving droppings, plus a lack of rainfall this year to disperse the waste matter has created the problem.

Levine said the Parks Department has three ideas in mind to address the problem for the short-term. He said they might spray a grapefruit extract on the grass in that area to dissuade the geese from congregating there, thereby lowering the fecal count over time. They might also try to relocate the swimming area where there is more flow. They also thought of installing an aerator, such as a fountain, in the water to help circulate the water.

Regardless of the short-term fix, Levine said, the answer is rainfall.



What's going on at ESSA?

Sean Fitzgibbon's Narrative Art Drawing Workshop Monday, Aug. 6 – Friday, Aug. 10

This weeklong class is designed to give an overview of basic drawing and the narrative art medium. We will work in industry sizes and specs, covering a wide variety of narrative approaches from documentary to slice of life stories. Students will work in a variety of media as well. Set-ups, timing, props, choice of shot, and character development are all emphasized.

www.seanfitzgibbonart.com

Also, take a Spiritual Journey through Art in Jody Stephenson's Abstracting the Landscape workshop Monday, Aug. 13 - Friday, Aug. 17.

Register for workshops online at www.ESSA-art.org or call (479-253-5384.

Tix on sale: Dread Clampitt & Folk Soul Revival headline 2012 Bluegrass Festival

Bluegrass lovers can look forward bluegrass, rock & roll, blues, jazz and to another three full days of music and fun during Eureka Springs' Annual Bluegrass festival happening August 17 through 19.

The Bluegrass Festival kicks off on Friday, August 17, in Basin Spring Park with the traditional Watermelon Social at 5:30 p.m. with free watermelon and ice water for all and performances from Tulsa-based string band Grass Crack followed by the HillBenders.

On Saturday more free music will take place again in Basin Spring Park from 1 - 7 p.m. with Deadman Flats, Spring Street, the Buffalo City Ramblers, and Grass Crack.

Saturday night headlining acts are both rising stars of the NewGrass movement. Florida-based Dread Clampitt's influences range from Louisiana Bayou funk complete with three part harmonies and pinch of southern humor for good measure. Folk Soul Revival is a harmony drenched, rowdy, Americana band from the Appalachian Mountains.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Auditorium. Reserved tickets are now on sale at www.theaud. org. Advance tickets are \$20 orchestra and \$15 balcony. Tickets purchased online before August 1 receive a 15 percent discount using the Promo Code: EurekaBluegrass.

Free music in Basin Spring Park continues on Sunday, August 19 from 1 - 5 p.m. Glory Mountain and The Bushwhackers close out the weekend with traditional Gospel music. For more information call (479) 253-7333.

Medical marijuana volunteers to collect signatures this Saturday

On Saturday, July 28, volunteers are gathering in locations all across the state to collect signatures for the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Act. Volunteers will be at local businesses and in public spaces from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. in more than 20 cities.

"We expect to see 30 or more locations across the state participating on Saturday and hope to raise 5,000 or more signatures," Melissa Fults, Treasurer for Arkansans for Compassionate Care said.

Locations are being added daily. Visit our event page for location details and announcements: http:// arcompassion.org/arcompassionday

Current Locations: Bella Vista, Cleburne County, Corning, DeQueen, Eldorado, Eureka Springs (at Sweet Spring Antiques at the corner of Spring and Pine), Flippin, Fallsville/ Ozone, Favetteville, Ft. Smith, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Mountain Home, Mountain View, North Little Rock, Oxford, Ozark, Paragould and Russellville.

People interested in participating can contact ACC Statewide Volunteer Coordinator, Gene Remley at (501) 258-2806 or gene@arcompassion.

Write on!

Carroll County residents demonstrated their talent for the written word at the launch event of the Community Writing Program held by the Writers' Colony last Saturday. Thirty-seven writers and aspiring writers from Berryville, Holiday Island and Eureka Springs gathered to learn to hone writing skills.

The program includes affordable workshops, online instruction, a critiquing group and one-on-one coaching.

In afternoon one-on-one sessions, writers discussed projects with an instructor. Local writers were joined by writers from Fort Smith, where the CWP plans a satellite program.

Workshops will be starting soon. For more information contact Alison Taylor-Brown at alisontaylorbrown@me.com or call (479) 292-3665 to get your name on the workshop notification list.

TheNATURE of EUREKA

Hot and bothered – Watch your step

I'm from Maine. That means – guaranteed – I'm scared of snakes. I never met a Mainer who wasn't, probably because Maine, like Hawaii, is one of two states that don't have poisonous snakes.

My initial encounter with a timber rattler occurred on my first trip to Arkansas when I was 21. When I embarked on that cross-country trip from Maine to California in 1978, I hadn't been further south or west than New York City. I came to Arkansas to meet the late Billy Joe Tatum who lived outside of Melbourne in Izard County.

When I arrived for that visit, one rainy November night, it was the first time I had heard a Southern accent live. I had seen Billy Joe in National Geographic and on the Johnny Carson show promoting Billy Joe Tatum's Wildfoods Cookbook and Field Guide (Workman Press, 1976). Billy Joe succeeded Euell Gibbons as the leading expert on wild foods. She was cooking dinner and sent me to fetch something out of a freezer on her back porch. I opened that freezer door, and there staring straight into my eyes - not six inches away from my face - was a fully coiled, full grown, fat, poised-to-strike timber rattler. I nearly died as I nearly fell off the back porch onto the rocks below. Fortunately, that timber rattler was frozen solid - road kill saved for some wild food gourmet dinner for a future guest from a big city.

This time of year, causal conversations around a cookout often include a tale or two of a recent sighting of one of our crotaloids which include beautiful timber rattler, which Linnaeus aptly named *Crotalus horridus*, that get up to six feet long; cute little Western pygmy rattlers (*Sistrurus miliarius streckeri*), a diminutive 25 inches long but with a stout body; the lovely Southern Copperhead (*Agkistrodon contortrix*

Southern Copperhead (Agkistrodon contortrix contortrix)

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contortrix), which intergrades with the Osage Copperhead; and the always frightening Western cottonmouth (Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma).

There's a good chance, too, that you could stumble across a Western diamondback (*Crotalus atrox*), which ranges as close as Washington County in the eastern extension of its range. The reason these critters are the subject of conversation this time of year is that they're on the move—cold-blooded reptiles enjoying the summer heat. Most poisonous snakebites occur in August. The pit vipers are hot, and if hot and bothered, they are mean. So watch where your step.

My wife, Donna, is a nurse at Mercy Hospital in Berryville. Antivenins available for snakebite treatment are species specific, and that's why you hear "bring the snake in for positive i.d." Well, last summer a victim of a Cottonmouth bite came into the hospital for treatment. He did as told, and brought the snake along with him. Problem was it was mad, writhing and ready to take out the entire hospital staff. Medical personnel can treat a snakebite. But if you bring the snake that bit you to the ER, make sure the snake itself is not the real problem. My wife thanks you.







Gun Lobby!"

InZanity on wheels

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Their club website calls them "386 lunatics just waiting to go InZane." We call them visitors. They're in Eureka Springs for the first time to attend the InZane XII annual gathering as part of the Valkyrie Riders Cruiser Club the largest club on the planet for Honda Valkyrie motorcycle enthusiasts.

And enthusiastic they are. At 10 p.m. on Tuesday night, the quiet rasp of insects on a warm crescent-moonlit night at Pine Mountain Village was shattered by the explosion of 380some engines coming to life as the club revved up for a night parade. Some of the bikes (only produced between 1997 and 2003) have been modified and tricked out with everything from glow lights to sidecars.

Proudly made in America at the Honda Motorcycle plant in Marysville, Ohio, the Valkyrie engine is a liquid cooled, horizontally-opposed flat-six engine, unusual since most "cruiser" style motorcycles were based on a V-twin engine design similar to that of a Harley-Davidson. On introduction in 1997, a naked Standard and a Tourer model were offered. In 1999, the Interstate model was added. And that's all she wrote.

The Interstate and Tourer models were dropped after 2001, leaving only the Standard model in production until 2003. Nonetheless, the Valkyries still ride large. Members from Canada and almost every state in the Union are meeting for nearly a week in Eureka Springs.

"It's our first year here and I hope it's not our last," said Ron Heathman of Ft Wayne, Ind. "We love it here!"

Both Ron (EEEZZRider) and fellow rider, Paul Weber (Hoosier Daddy) were happy to explain modifications made to some of the models parked en masse around them. These guys are serious about their rides.

Many of the "Valk" riders hope the club will continue to hold its annual InZanity in Eureka Springs – and many plan to return anyway, if comments from its members hold true.

As the Valkyries rode off into the humid night air, one couple was heard to shout to some other riders, "We're coming back again on vacation when it gets a bit cooler." "Hey, so are we," came the answer.

You can go on the Valkyries' own video tour of Eureka Springs at www.valkyrieriders.com.

Chamber unveils new art publication

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After four to eight months of preparation, the new publication Art is Alive in Eureka Springs was unveiled at a packed reception at Keels Creek Winery on July 25. The magazine, a cooperative effort between the Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor's Council on the Arts and the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, is designed to showcase the spec-

trum of arts available in Eureka Springs.

listings, advertisements and editorial copy for the vast array of performance, culinary, visual and literary arts that can be enjoyed locally. The publication was presented by Mike

Contents include

Bishop, Chamber President and CEO, who noted many of the "beautiful photographs" in the book were submitted by locals and thanked the many editorial contributors, photographers and businesses who graced the pages of the new publication.

In addition to being locally available, the magazine will also be distributed at Crystal Bridges Museum of American

"We take art for granted here because we're surrounded by it," Bishop told the Independent. "We're long overdue to have an official piece for an arts colony community, and now with

> the attention being attracted to the area by Crystal Bridges it was the right time," he added.

> The effort toward publication was spearheaded by the Chamber, which sold the advertising and organized the editorial copy with

the help of Jim Williams. Plans now are for the magazine to be an annual publication. Creative Printing and Design in Hollister, Mo., produced the initial run of 20,000 copies, but more may be printed if needed.

INDEPENDENT VISITORS this Week



Cookie monsters Dave and Robin Sjodin from Aurora, Colo., were on one of more than 300 Honda Valkyries that filled the Pine Mountain Village Parking lot Tuesday night. The entire group of riders enjoyed the show at the Jamboree and then lined up for a 10 p.m. parade after the show. Halfway through the parade Dave and Robin realized they forgot the home-baked chocolate chip cookies they got at the show, peeled out of the parade, and went back to get them. "I heard they were too fandamtabulous not to come back for them," said Robin. "It's not the cookies," confessed Dave, "it's the chocolate chunks in them I'm after." Luckily, Jamboree staffers were just closing up when the duo arrived. The couple is shown here with their 1999 Valkyrie Interstate and the coveted bag o' cookies. Want to welcome the Sjodins to town? Just follow the trail of crumbs.



Roomful of Roosters!

Come view some very collectable cocks at ARTifacts Gallery during the month of August by gallery artists Denise Ryan, Bert Seabourn, Diana Smith, Jimmy Leach, Bill Garrison, Gloria Garrison and John Tackett.

Shown is Bantam Sky by Denise Ryan. Open every day 10 - 5 and until 4 on Sunday at 37 Spring Street, upstairs. (479) 636-6660. artifactseureka. com



Rain garden needs shower of funding – Springs Committee members Barbara Harmony, Paula Koch, Jamie Froelich and Jim Helwig; Parks Director Bruce Levine; and Ozarks Water Watch staff David Casaletto and Angela Danovi, studied Cardinal Spring adjacent to Harmon Park, recently. David and Angela were visiting to discuss shared vision and goals with the Springs Committee. The Springs Committee, in collaboration with Chris Fischer and Glenna Booth, is applying for an Arkansas Forestry Commission grant to create a bio-swale and rain garden demonstration project at the site. Additional community support will be needed. Four Arkansas communities will be chosen for grant funding and must use established best practices to create the project.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FISCHER

Bibliophiles bond - \$500 was raised at the latest Cocktails for a Cause celebrating the Carroll and Madison Library Foundation and the Eureka Springs Downtown Network at Pied Piper Pub & Inn. Fatima Treuer donated 33 percent of all drink and food sales to the two nonprofits during the twohour event. The next opportunity to Sip & Support is at Henri's, August 16, 5 - 7 p.m. The event will support OARS and ESDN with a \$10 cover and one-third of drink sales going to the nonprofits. More info at (479) 244-5074 or eurekaspringsdowntown.com Pictured are Bill Brown, Library Foundation board; Fatima Treuer and Latigo Treuer, owners of Pied Piper; Jacqueline Wolven, executive director ESDN; Jean Elderwind, Library Foundation board and Dee Bright, ESDN board.





ARTAttack by John Rankine



Teah – the good news is that we don't have to drive to Fayetteville or Rogers to dine Thai, and the really good news is that the food here is really good.

The Sihapany family, who are connected with a Taste of Thai in Rogers, Fayetteville and Bentonville, have smartly decided to open up Eureka Springs' first Thai restaurant, The Thai

My partner in crime, Billy, and I checked out the restaurant for lunch Tuesday. Like 75 percent of Eureka's population, we got excited when we saw the freshly painted chili-pepper-red building with the "coming soon Thai House" sign. Expectations were high, and they didn't disappoint.

Walking in, the first thing I noticed were several beautiful Thai statues in a pseudo-elegant setting. The second thing I noticed was that I knew everyone sitting in the restaurant.

We were greeted by Don Vichaivattana (try entering that in your iPhone with auto-correct) the very handsome, can I repeat handsome, waiter/ manager who seated us.

I ordered the lunch special – tilapia in garlic sauce, (yes I'm one of those vegetarian hypocrites who sometimes eats "something with a face.") Billy had the vegetable red curry with tofu that we shared. Both were delicious, made fresh, and I would have sopped up the garlic sauce if they served anything resembling bread, but that is minor and not very Thai.

Maybe they have experienced too many Gringos who have sent back their meals saying they were too hot, because my 4 out of 5 hot felt like a 2 and Billy's 5 out of 5 felt like a 2 ½. Hot

chilies on the table helped with the heat.

Probably because their restaurant is 10 miles too close to a church, they still do not have their liquor license, and an ice-cold Tsingtao to wash things down would have really made the meal. We were assured a license is imminent.

To end the meal, Don, the handsome waiter/ manager insisted we try the homemade coconut, ice cream - silky smooth and not too sweet, it almost made up for the lack of an ice-cold beer.

But in the end it was really the locals (not a single tourist in sight) that made the dining experience so much fun – table hopping and chit-chatting across from one another had the newly arrived to Eureka Springs staff incredulously asking, "Does everyone know each other in town"? It sure seemed so.

Billy tells me that in the olden days (1970s-'80s) if you wanted ethnic food in the area you had two choices: the one Chinese restaurant an hour away in Fayetteville or Mexican at Crystal Mountain, eight miles south of Berryville. Times have changed, in this case for the better, and the addition of Thai food to Eureka Spring's culinary options is the coconut ice cream on the cake.



and brought to the benefit. PHOTOS BY DAWN WELLS

Going Postal - A young man who didn't want his name underneath his picture had a 10-point landing at the post office Monday.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE



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Foster said it is a fantastic program, and she wants the CAPC to help. She moved to provide \$1200 and have Maloney help with advertising. Vote was unanimous.

Other items

- Finance Director Rick Bright reported that year-to-date collections compared to this month last year are up 16.61 percent. He said they would be conservative in expenditures to make sure they reach their increased budget amount.
- Commissioners renominated Bobbie Foster to sit on the commission.
- Maloney reported that the recent CICA Music Festival was wonderful,

but organizer Thomas Chun-yu Chen had to spend lots of his own money for transportation and lodging for students because he did not get enough scholarships. Next year, Chen plans to get students from China to come over. They will pay their own way and their families will come as well. creating a cultural exchange in Eureka Springs. Maloney said he would start looking for donors in Northwest Arkansas. Next year's CICA Music Festival will be July 22- August 10.

• The Bluegrass Festival is August 17-19.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, August 8, 4 p.m. at the CAPC offices and the next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 22, at 6 p.m.



It's more than a foot long – Subway is moving to a new 2000 sq. ft. prominent location across from Harts on US62. The building will be completed in 30 days, followed by kitchen installation, stocking, paving, landscaping, etc., and is scheduled to be open in late September. Ken McCoy of Berryville is the contractor.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

Inspiration and empowerment at ESSA

Fun and laughter, mixed in with a healthy dose of self-discovery, abounded at ESSA recently during Valerie Damon's three-day "Shaman Doll Making" workshop. Students' shaman dolls are a manifestation of their vision representing their own spiritual journey and goals. Instructor Valerie Damon takes on the role of facilitator.

ESSA student Becky Ross said she began the workshop with the intention of making a doll with an Indian face. She was given a baby doll face from close friend and fellow student, Cynthia Dupps. As Becky began painting the face of her doll it evolved into the face of a fearless warrior. Made

out of hair from Valerie's dreadlocks, an amulet from Alaska (which Becky swears is God's official headquarters), and beaded bowls from her daughter, Becky's shaman is both special and spiritual to her. During her presentation, she revealed she discovered that she is the warrior at this point in her journey. Becky said this workshop illustrated to her the unity of our planet and the fact that this was truly "The Year of the Warrior" for her.

If you missed this workshop with Valerie, no worries. She will be teaching another session Sept. 12 - 14. Register at ESSA's website at www.ESSA-art.org or by calling 479-253-5384.



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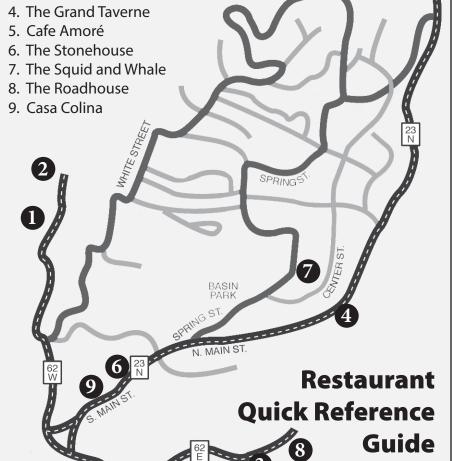




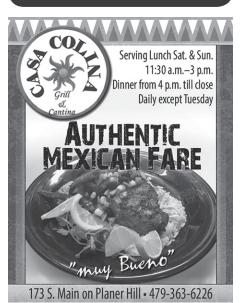












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INDEPENDENTFlashbacks by Vernon Tucker

Eureka Springs Postal Office

In keeping with Eureka's prehippie motto, "Welcome to Eureka Springs where your business is our business," postal employees liked to mess with longhaired arrivals in the 1970s by playing, "We want you to know that we know."

If your legal address is in Missouri and you open a checking account in Eureka Springs, don't be surprised if your monthly statement, addressed to your home in Missouri, is deposited in the downtown Post Office Box of the hippie momma you're shacking up with on Vaughn St. Hippies used to be able to receive mail addressed to their vehicles.

One hippie-come-lately had a regulation mailbox mounted next to the rear door of his cab-over pickup camper. He crashed on White St. so regularly he just became part of the route. That was before he was elected mayor.

Lone postmen, slogging daily up and down the mountainous streets of Eureka, were well possessed of enormous calf muscles and, in at least one case, a knack for selfamusement.

While taking a break from repairing asbestos shingles on a small house baking under an unrelenting August sun at the end of a long winding East Mountain road, John "Bullwhopper" Thompson watched as the postman approached. From his shady vantage point in the woods, John quietly observed the man deliver the mail and start back down the dusty road. Before the postman went around the bend he stopped by a telephone pole, looked carefully in all directions and eyed a street light near the top of the pole. Erroneously satisfied that he

was alone and unobserved, he unshouldered his bulging pouch and scoured the roadside for the right rock.

After the street light exploded on his third throw, the public servant hoisted his bag and continued on around the bend, seemingly refreshed.

A lot of hippies detested streetlights and one Vietnam-era veteran earned \$10 (or its



Public art – In 1975, the Eureka Springs City Council's Cultural Affairs Committee obtained a state grant to fund the conversion of a dead elm tree on the grounds of the post office into a public sculpture created by local artist Danny Morris. The untitled artwork, fashioned during the same period that Calvin Holland's large hanging was mounted on the nearby Wadsworth Building, stood erect for about a decade before eventually succumbing to the ravages of time and age.

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counter-cultural equivalent) a pop by putting his marksmanship with a .22 to good use. The .22 was a popular choice for urban plinking. Some of Eureka's native old-timers even referred to the truncated cartridges best known as "22 shorts" as "city rounds," because they were puny enough they wouldn't part John Cross's hair down at the bank if you missed a shot at your neighbor's dog carrying

off one of your chickens. At least that's what Shorty Beckham said.

Holy Gutenberg

When the hippies at Dog Hollow scammed a hand-cranked printing press and trays full of type, one of the first things they printed on blank hand-held fans of the type once popular with southern funeral homes before air conditioning, was a message which read: "See Stars. Don't Daylight Your Night. Mercury Vapor is Visual Poison."

About 35 years ago, the coiner of that pithy slogan and I were walking the deserted midnight streets of wintertime Eureka when he told me about the final delivery of Eureka's most widely-seen mail carrier, Chubb.

If Eureka ever had a shot at taking home a gold medal from the Olympics it faded when Chubb died. With his massive leg muscles pumped from years of climbing East and West Mountain and their capillary streets and trails, he'd a been a shoein for first in the walking races, or "Racewalking" as the Olympic Track and Field officials call it ... if he had the ability to walk on level ground.

Turning down North Main, my rambling companion pointed to the funeral home lit at that hour only by the dim light of a large, long-dead clock which hung over the sidewalk by the front door to Nelson's "home."

He told me the postman had entered the building earlier, placed a package on the counter and said, "Chubb's back," leaving the receptionist with the cremains. Not even death kept Chubb from the too-swift completion of his appointed round.

Walking toward the mortuary door while contemplating mortality, my

friend sprang up in a death-denying leap and spun the lifeless hands on the clock's face as we walked under it, never looking back to see what fated hour they foretold, twice a day.

(Author's note: Flashbacks? Send yours, and/ or photos, to vtespr@gmail.com. Copyright 2012 Vernon Tucker. The Misfits, a hippie history of Eureka Springs, is a communal work in progress.)

BUSCH, Arkansas 72620-PART3

Nonie Walden Tobin, D.D. Walden's daughter, recalled what happened next in her memoir about the Busch Store. "In 1910 my father, Dallas Walden, bought in partnership with Mr. Mahan, and the following year he bought the rest of Mr. Mahan's interest in the business. He was then appointed the second postmaster." The Carroll County Historical Society Quarterly [Autumn 19817 listed Walden's postmaster appointment as July 26, 1912.

Dallas Dillard Walden, new owner of the Busch Store, was born June 5, 1877, descended from Waldens, or Wallen or

even Walling as some of his ancestors were known, who immigrated from Tennessee to the Busch area before the Civil War and shortly after the Native American population was mostly evacuated. Tom Walden, a future owner of the Busch Store, and Dallas Walden were cousins whose fathers had fought on opposite sides in the Civil War as "brother against brother."

Tom described the area of Busch in his memoir of the Waldens, *The Walling Family*. "My uncle, John D. (who was called Long Goody) settled near Busch, Arkansas. He was the oldest settler on the White River. At this time all this part of the County belonged to Madison County and was referred to as the Leg of Madison County." The "Leg," containing Mountain and Cedar Townships, became part of Carroll County in 1869.

Goodspeed in his famous book from 1889, History of Benton, Washington, Carroll, Madison, Crawford,



Franklin, and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas, described this part of Carroll County in the early days. "Although unmarked by the influence of civilization the region that now constitutes Carroll County was in many respects most inviting. Buffalo ranged the forests in herds. Deer were found in great numbers, and smaller game abounded, while the black bear was the most formidable foe the hunter encountered. The creeks teemed with fish, and the forests literally flowed with honey. The means of obtaining a subsistence thus provided were not unappreciated. The black bear was found everywhere, but his principal haunts were the mountains in the western part of the county. Bruin was in great favor with the Indians. They returned from the Territory as late as 1842 in hunting parties, and usually remained several months during the winter."

Dallas Walden married Samantha Ann Robertson

in 1897 on his 20th birthday, and they had five children, one of whom was Flonie Walden. In 1981, Flonie's 1974 handwritten memoir of the store was published in *The Carroll County Historical Society Quarterly*. From this memoir we have been able to learn much about the nature of the Busch Store and Post Office between about 1910 and 1917.

Flonie's memoir recalls how her father sold the store in 1912 to Adam Wyrick. The story that follows is also recalled in Adam Wyrick's memoir, *A Book of Truth*, published in 1951 under the name of J.A.

Wyrick. James Adam Wyrick was another native of the area, who wrote that he was born in 1875 on the Pea Ridge Battlefield, raised on Gann Ridge, and moved in 1885 with his father and mother to a high Ozark hollow about a mile west of Busch.

Adam wrote in his memoir, "Now I had it in my mind that I wanted to run a store and had been that way for several years, so I mortgaged my farm and sold all of my stock, that is all but one mule team and two cows and some hogs. Now I had never weighed anything on a pair of scales and had a common eighth grade education and there was a post office in the store that I wanted to buy. But that didn't stop me. The store I wanted to buy was just a mile from me, it was Busch, Arkansas – still there yet."

Busch, Arkansas 72620 is available at www.terribradt.com

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

T've been staring at a blank page – with mind to match – for far too long and there's a virtual mob of journalists, editors and production staff gathered outside my window as deadline looms. Lest the assemblage turn unruly, I will resort to the last refuge of a desperate and shameless columnist: Random Thoughts

Over the years, I've worked in theaters and performance halls all over the world. I've seen some amazing technical facilities, some environments that put the patrons in a virtual palace, and halls with acoustics so accurate they take your breath away. I still like

our little place.

I really hope somebody steps up, puts his money where my mouth was, and brings in somebody like Willie for a show here. It's been too long. Who knows? Put together a package deal for multiple shows around the region, find a couple of sponsors, do some co-op advertising, catch a lucky break here and there and you might keep costs down enough to keep prices affordable. Not cheap, maybe, but a bit more in reach, perhaps.

I have a great deal of respect and appreciation for my colleagues at the

Aud, Ron Sumner and Sarai Aleshire. Both are as capable in their jobs as anyone I've ever worked with. Together, we all do our best to make sure every corner of a production has been taken care of. Thanks you two; can't do it without you.

Are \$15 and \$20 tickets for our festival shows going to be enough to finally draw some locals to some of these shows? If it's not the price, what's it gonna take? The guy in the back who just yelled "Willie!" may now leave. Do we lean towards booking the up-and-coming unknowns at prices that can

justify a cheap ticket or the over the hill, seen-'em-100-times, '80s survivors at prices that



can justify a cheap ticket? What are we looking for, coming talent or a name you recognize? Not to imply they're mutually exclusive.

Sometimes it seems like if 10 percent of the people who claim "We used to go to shows at the Aud all the time" came to an Aud show now, we'd be packed to capacity.

Civil War in Carroll County programs start Aug. 2

"The Civil War Came to Carroll County" starts a series of programs on Thursdays in August as part of the observation of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War.

History books do not chronicle many of the small battles or skirmishes fought across the country from 1861-1865, yet almost every small town was touched by the war.

Co-sponsored by Mary Jean Sell, June Westphal, Eureka Springs Carnegie Library and the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks, the programs will be at 7 p.m. each week in the convention

center at the Inn of the Ozarks on US 62/WestVan Buren near the intersection with the Historic Loop.

No admission charged but donations will be accepted. Whatever is collected will be divided between the Eureka Springs Historical Museum and the library.

"In Dreadful Conflict: The Ozark Homefront During the Civil War" is the topic for Susan Young, outreach coordinator of the Shiloh Museum of the Ozarks in Springdale, Aug. 2. She will talk about how the people who were left at home dealt with the privations of the war.

Glen Crenshaw of Eureka Springs will exhibit and talk about artifacts he has found and recovered from various southern battlefields on Aug. 9. A native of Richmond, Va., he has been exploring and digging at sites since he was a small boy. He will talk about some of his soldier ancestors as well as the artifacts he has collected.

August 16, Gordon Hale of Berryville will tell stories of the occupation of Berryville by Union troops and the subsequent burning of the town by

Confederate troops, the skirmishes at Yocum and Osage Creeks and other little known confrontations in Carroll County. He is president of the Carroll County Historical Society and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Dr. Michael Hughes, former professor of United States history, art history and Native American Studies at East Central University in Ada, Okla., will talk about the importance of the battles of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove, Ark., on Aug. 23, to close the series.

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15 years or so of urban deer hunts in Arkansas no one has been hurt and reminded council the whole point is to reduce the number of deer to protect property and reduce traffic accidents involving deer.

Alderman James DeVito said he has never been in favor of the hunt, and the drought is driving more deer into town than would normally be here. However, he said he would be in favor of dropping the first part of the hunt and approving the second part.

Lindblad disagreed with their assessment about the number of deer. She said she had never seen so few deer on her property in 38 years and again decried the idea of an urban during the holiday season when tourists will be in

On Ballance's motion to follow the recommendation of the committee, Ballance and Lindblad voted No. defeating her motion.

Mayor Morris Pate wondered what he would be telling people now. He said he could foresee lawsuits. Assistant to the mayor Diane Wilkerson said she already had copies of signed agreements between property owners and hunters.

City Attorney Tim Weaver pointed out, "You simply voted not to accept the committee's recommendations. The vote of the people still stands and you've not ended the possibility of a hunt."

During agenda setting, Berry moved to discuss rescheduling the hunt at the next meeting.

Watching out for neighborhoods

Weaver told council he has learned

some property owners in the R-1 zone are renting their properties on shortterm bases without getting a business license or filing for a Conditional Use Permit. The Planning Commission had prepared information he had put into ordinance form. Since discussion began, five property owners had come forward to get a business license because of this practice but they are not paying taxes on their earnings.

Ballance said she was "having a sticky point about this." She asked what would happen if she rented her house for a week while she was on vacation.

Weaver replied she would be required to collect taxes.

Berry asked if they should establish a moratorium on these kinds of business licenses while they sort it out.

Weaver responded it would be in the city's best interest to stabilize the situation before it got any further out of hand. He said he could write a resolution for the moratorium during a break if council so desired.

Council voted 3-1, Ballance voting No but Pate casting the deciding fourth Yes vote, to authorize Weaver to write the resolution. He did so at a break and council voted again 3-1, Ballance voting No and Pate casting the fourth Yes vote, to approve Resolution 602 imposing a moratorium on the issuing of Line Item 199 business licenses for 90 days.

Limos on parade

Council considered the second reading of the proposed ordinance regulating limousine service in town. Weaver clarified that the ordinance as it currently stood imposed a one-hour minimum and a \$75 per hour fee for limousine rides.

There had been discussion of altering the ordinance to set a twohour minimum. DeVito proposed instead imposing a two-hour delay between the call for the limo and the pickup time. He said that imposing a two-hour minimum on a ride would seriously reduce a driver's opportunity to make a living.

Lindblad asked how anyone could enforce the suggested change and said the two-hour minimum ride would be better.

DeVito replied they don't have the wherewithal to enforce the two-hour minimum, either. He said people are mostly law-abiding. If council passes a law, most people will abide by it. He felt it would be appalling to legislate a reduction in a person's ability to make

Berry added that Eureka Springs is not so big a town that a two-hour limo would be necessary to see the sights.

Ballance moved to table the discussion until the August 27 meeting, and council approved her motion.

EMS fee changes

Assistant Fire Chief Bob Pettus presented a reworked ordinance in which he had simplified language regarding what services are being provided. Weaver said he had seen the reworked document and did not have any problems with it. Pate read the revised ordinance and the vote to

approve it was 3-1, Lindblad voting No and Pate casting the deciding fourth Yes vote.

Ballance said although she was for the ordinance, she remembered something in State Law which did not allow the mayor to vote to amend an ordinance. She and Weaver looked through State Code when a recess was called.

After the recess, Ballance announced she was satisfied that the mayor's vote was okav.

DeVito then moved to place the ordinance on its third reading, and the vote to approve it was 3-1, Lindblad voting No with Pate voting Yes to approve the ordinance.

Other considerations

- Council approved the third reading of ordinance 2156, revising Appendix A regarding legally nonconforming dwellings in the R-1 zone, and the second and third readings of Ordinance 2157, the ward map revision and attached emergency clause.
- Pate announced Jack Pritchard's nomination to remain on the Hospital Commission and DeVito announced Robert Schmid had been nominated to sit on CAPC.
- Pate also acknowledged a letter from the Hospital Commission in which they expressed their regret over council's decision to reject Mary Jean Sell's nomination to the Hospital Commission, and they requested that council reconsider her nomination.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 13, at 6 p.m.

ESOTERICAstrology as news for July 26 - Aug. 1 by Risa

The Retro, the Meteors & the Full Moon

ercury retrograde is in full force. Reaching outward, we're pulled inward. Unable to maintain "business as usual" for multiple reasons (the retrograde, solar activity/flares altering our electromagnetic field, proton streams of positive ions, the planetary shifts, Uranus/Pluto, the old reality attempting to override the new, etc.), some of us feel paralyzed with tiredness, exhausted from pain, weary with busyness, longing to slow down, rest a while, contemplate individual realities, ideas and perceptions. Instead, we experience disruptive change, things upside down, and wonder where we'll find the resilience to maintain our balance. We can't in this present world. This Mercury retrograde in Leo calls all of us to be leaders. And, as leaders, to gather together, build a strong capacity for community and make a game plan that calls forth, envisions and creates the future. Assisting us with light and energy are the Delta Aquarids Saturday & Sunday, a meteor shower emerging directly from (radiant) the constellation Aguarius. The pre-dawn showers, 18 – 20 an hour, fanning out east, north and west, stream across the sky distributing the light of the Aquarian Age.

Wednesday is the full moon Aquarius solar festival (10 degrees). The fifth Gate (of Leo, opposite sign of Aquarius) has opened, the fifth Labor has begun. It is a dreadful labor and we must be prepared. Let us keep watch even though our heart is questioning. We must burnish bright our shields, feel our courage strong. Together, amidst the lion's roar, we venture forth knowing we must create the brave new world.

ARIES: In the days to come, with Sun in Leo, your deeper creativity will be revealed. But you must be silent for it to emerge. The Sun will reveal your temperament and characteristics of why you are in this particular life and incarnation. It will highlight gifts from previous lives you are living out in this lifetime. It will point out your path toward and made of stars!

TAURUS: You will either be told or it will be impressed upon your mind that a deeper level of confidence and creativity will emerge as you begin to express

yourself in ways that are bold and confident. Although you say you don't want to be noticed, deep inside when people recognize your gifts you are happy they recognized them and you know you are loved. Does it occur to you to play and have fun at home?

GEMINI: Do you speak from a place of authenticity? Or do you speak quickly, anything words will do, as long as you make people laugh and they don't cling to you? A deep personal power and courage emerges when your true creative mind and voice are expressed. It's important to identify exactly how you feel and express it. You become a light in the world when you speak. Especially from the heart.

CANCER: Do you believe you are valuable and have personal power? Do you give generously of yourself? Do you expect anything in return? It's important not to hide feelings. You are not to indicate or create puzzles for people to try and figure out how you feel. It's important to value your feelings, to articulate and to cherish them. They are your pathway to peace.

LEO: You have the ability to bring the heart of the Sun, Love/Wisdom, down into your heart and radiate it outward to everything, everyone and all you encounter. You have the ability to create warmth in others as they stand next to you. You must understand spiritually that you carry the light of the Sun. Often, unaware, you hide yourself in that light. You must instead radiate that light. You are the Sun!

VIRGO: As the Sun illumines your twelfth house it will ask you to dissolve all separative thoughts, feelings, actions; dissolving them into a universal loving matrix so your aspirational efforts can be recognized by the Soul. The Soul cannot direct anyone's personality if they are unkind, cruel, judgmental, critical – all separative behaviors. The Soul's light is Love/Wisdom. When you see others creating separations, send them your Soul light.

LIBRA: Are you the bright star with friends and in your social and work groups? I think you are. Your friends appreciate your courage, flair, parties, smile and generosity. You share every-

thing you have with everyone. Sometimes, though, you want to blend into the shadows. Sometimes you're tired. There are places to explore that are still unknown to you. Your own shadows. In there someone isn't a star for you. Why? SCORPIO: The world needs you... Scorpios who are disciples and warriors. Deeply individual at first, you build the strongest personality. Later you become aware of collective purpose and serving humanity. Often people think you're hiding. But really you're pondering life's mysteries, which you must undertake, one by one. You shoulder great responsibility so that others can move toward the light. You have a special style. **SAGITTARIUS:** You sometimes throw caution to the winds. You also sometimes take down your star and let others shine in their own light. You aren't happy with anything less than the very best of everything. You bring warmth, personality, a buzz wherever you are. You look away sometimes from what others see. You look toward your destiny. You shine a light on it. You walk toward it.

CAPRICORN: There is sometimes an unspoken energy around you that brings attention to your happiness and creativity. There's a bit of mystery about you, too, that no one understands. You maintain your dignity in all situations. You know the difference between people who love you and people who... (you fill in the blanks). You have a childlike

way of loving and are hurt when others are cruel. Keep your trust intact. Help others laugh more.

AQUARIUS: It seems to be time for an interlude, linking you to nothing and nowhere, just for a while, so that you can come to a central state of balance as to who you are, where you are, why, and what further choices you must make in and for the future. You must, as you stand in balance, attempt to hold all opposing forces in check. This tension creates a greater awareness concerning the distribution of your gifts in service to humanity. And direction.

PISCES: You need someone who understands and listens to you, someone who can share your hopes, wishes and dreams with, someone who, although you have a distinct sense of self, can hear your heartbeat and knows all that you say is important and contains a message. You need environments that bring forth your playfulness, environments of beauty, intelligence and balance. Chemical reactions between two substances transform both. If only one is transformed, then only one is singing. Risa is Founder & Director of the Esoteric & Astrological Studies & Research Institute, a contemporary Wisdom School in the Ancient Mysteries tradition.

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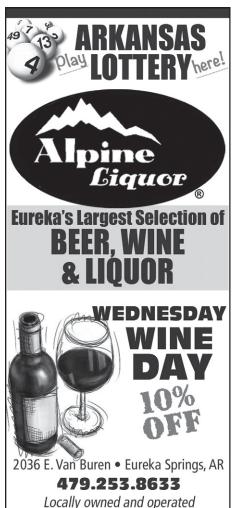
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INDEPENDENTS ou by Gwen Etheredge

Big Bad Gina rocks New Delhi

ig Bad Gina is Jori Costello, Renée Janski, and Melodie Griffis. Three amazing women who compose, record and play music together. It is hard to fit them in a specific genre, they harmonize voices and instruments to create a sound that cannot be put into a box. Fun and funky goddess folk fusion with a jazzy, soulful sound might begin to describe it. Amazon Warrior Princess was their first CD and Lake of Dreams is the latest, described as an invitation to sensuality. They won the Human Rights Campaign Battle of the Bands this year in Kansas City and have headlined many women's

music festivals. You can hear them Friday and Saturday at NEW DELHI CAFÉ, of one their favorite venues to play. While you are there order drink from Lisa Davis, New Delhi's own who



LISA DAVIS

won the Fleur Delicious Bartender Competition.

A big Thank You to the community for the outpouring of support for Shenell Maisonneuve. The turnout at Chasers was phenomenal, it reminds me how special the people of Eureka are, pulling together when it is for something important. There

will be Chicken * Splat * Bingo at CHELSEA'S on Thursday, July 26 with half the proceeds going to Shenell's Fund.

CARIBE is hosting Sy Hoahwah on Saturday, July 28. A member of the Cherokee Nation, he was raised in Arkansas and southwestern Oklahoma and is considered a southern poet. His poetry collection Velroy and the Madischie Mafia (2009) was well received, exploring the Cherokee identity in the 21st century.

FRIDAY - JULY 27

- **BALCONY BAR RESTAURANT** Hogscalders, 12 p.m., 6 p.m.
- BASIN PARK Skillet Lickers, 4
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Ozark Thunder classic rock
- CHELSEA'S Kory Montgomery,
- 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 Ronnie Simmons Band
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON DJ & Karaoke
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Gina*, 7 p.m.
- **PIED** PIPER CATHOUSE **LOUNGE** *Chooch*, 8 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER '80s night

with Another Fine Mess

- ROWDY BEAVER DEN **Effron** & Emory, 7 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE PUB Smokin' Crawdadz Jammy-Twangy-Bluesy-Funky-Rockin' Music
- VOULEZ-VOUS Dance Party

SATURDAY - JULY 28

- & **BALCONY BAR RESTAURANT** Smith & Reed, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- BASIN PARK Brick-Fields, 1 p.m., Steve Jones, 3 p.m.
- CARIBE Sy Hoahwah Cherokee Indian Poet
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Ozark Thunder classic rock
- CHELSEA'S Mockingbird, 4–8 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! DJ & Dancing
- GRAND TAVERNE Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- JACK'S CENTER STAGE Ronnie Simmons Band
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON DJ & Karaoke
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ Skillet Lickers, afternoon, Big Bad Gina, 7
- PIED PIPER CATHOUSE **LOUNGE** *HonkySuckle*, 8 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER One Night Stand
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Contraband, 7 p.m.
- **PUB** SOUID & WHALE





Copasetic Blues-Rock-FunkVOULEZ-VOUS Dance Party

SUNDAY - JULY 29

- BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT Shawn Porter, 12 p.m., Jeff Lee, 6 p.m.
- BASIN PARK Barbed Wire, 1 p.m.
- CHELSEA'S Steve Jones & Chuck Onofrio, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! Customer Appreciation Night, 5 p.m.–close
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, 6 p.m.
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ Gospel Sunday Brunch with Brick-Fields, 11:30 a.m., BellaDonna, 4 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER Free Pool Sunday
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN Open Mic
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** "Local Kine" *Local Talent Showcase*

MONDAY - JULY 30

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Pool Tournament
- CHELSEA'S *SpringBilly* 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theatre

TUESDAY - JULY 31

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Game Night
- CHELSEA'S Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- 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 - AUGUST 1

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Sing and Dance with *Tiny*
- CHELSEA'S Steve & Chuck, 9 p.m.
- EUREKALIVE! *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 - AUGUST 2

- BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT Maureen Alexander, 5 p.m.
- BASIN PARK Brick-Fields, 3 p.m.
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Taco & Tequila Night
- **GRAND TAVERNE** Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30– 9:30 p.m.
- JACK'S CENTER STAGE Karaoke with *DJ Goose*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Bike Night with the Big Dawg
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Open Mic Musical Smackdown feat. *Blood Buddy & Friends*



Funky, fun fusion by **Big Bad Gina,** 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28 at **New Delhi Cafe**

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1992 U.S. Olympic team, known as the Dream Team, the first squad to include professional athletes. The 1992 team was, according to many, the most talented team ever assembled. The U.S. won its games by an average of 44 points. Opposing players did not expect to win – they just wanted their pictures taken playing against the Americans.

Pippin, as always, was the quintessential team player, averaging nine points a game but handing out an average of 5.9 assists over eight games.

He also participated in the 1996 Olympics, a lessrenowned squad but one whom some say would have matched up well against not only the 1992 team but the 2012 team as well. Because of the different mix of players, Pippin stepped his scoring and averaged 20 points but also grabbed six rebounds while handing out six assists per game. And, of course, the Americans won the gold medal while averaging a victory margin of 31.8 points per game.

In 1996, Pippin was named one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history.

Clyde Scott grew up in Smackover in Union County. After high school, he was given an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he performed well as a fullback on their very successful football team.

While at Annapolis, he was given the assignment of escorting Miss Arkansas, Leslie Hampton, while she was visiting Annapolis on her way to the Miss America Pageant. Soon afterward, Scott resigned his post at Annapolis and moved back to Arkansas to marry Miss Hampton.

He and his bride soon moved to Fayetteville where Smackover Scott, as he was known, became an All-American running back and defensive back for the Razorbacks. He also joined the track team, and in 1947 set the Razorback record in the 100-yard dash at 9.4 seconds. He earned a spot on the 1948 Olympics team, and was barely beaten at the London Olympics in the 110-meter hurdles earning a silver medal.

College coach John Barnhill said, "Clyde Scott meant more to the Arkansas program than any other athlete. His coming to Arkansas convinced other Arkansas boys they should stay home."

Scott named the state's Athlete of the Century by readers of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette in 2000.

Jermain Taylor was born in Little Rock in 1978. He began competitive boxing at age 13 and was a successful amateur. He won National Golden Gloves titles in 1997 and 1998 as well as a bronze medal at the 1998 Goodwill Games. In 2000, he earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic boxing team competing in Sydney making him the first boxer from Arkansas to participate in the Olympic Games.

Taylor competed in the Light Middleweight division in Sydney. In his first three rounds, he defeated pugilists from Bulgaria, Canada and Germany to win a spot in the semifinals where he lost to eventual gold medalist Yermakhan Ibraimov of Kazakhstan. Taylor earned a

London Hog
Nine current or former Razorback athletes will be participating in the London Olympic Games. Alistair Cragg (Ireland) – 5,000 meters Tyson Gay (USA) – 100 meters Regina George (Nigeria) – 400 meters Raymond Higgs (Bahamas) – long jump **Ivanique Kemp** (Bahamas) – 100 meters Marek Niit (Estonia) – 200 meters Jeremy Scott (USA) – pole vault Wallace Spearmon, Jr. (USA) – 200 meters Tina Sutej (Slovenia) – pole vault

team bronze medal.

He turned pro after the Olympics and in 2005 he defeated Bernard Hopkins to become the undisputed Middleweight Champion as acknowledged by the four major boxing organizations.

He gained popularity in the state by announcing to whomever he talked to how proud he was to be from Arkansas. He wore a Razorback on the back of his boxing robe and the Arkansas Times named him Arkansan of the Year in 2005. In 2007, he was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

Wallace Spearmon, Jr., Fayetteville High School graduate and former University of Arkansas track star, is competing for the United States in this summer's Olympic Games. His father, Wallace Spearmon, Sr., was a two-time All-American at Arkansas who won bronze medals at the 1986 Goodwill Games and the 1987 Pan American Games in the 200-meter event.

Spearmon, Jr., excelled in sports in high school and earned all-state honors in not only three running events but also the long jump, high jump and triple jump.

In his first year at UofA, he became the first Razorback to win the NCAA outdoor 200-meter title. He also won the 200-meter event the first two times he went to the World Outdoor Championships (2005 and 2007). He ranked as the seventh fastest 200-meter runner of all time at that point and was even clocked in the top ten 100-meter runners in the world with a personal best time of 9.96.

Spearmon ran the 200-meter event at the Beijing Olympics and appeared to finish third for a bronze medal, but was later disqualified for a lane violation.

He is a three-time World Championships medalist in the 200-meter race, and he said he is excited to get to London and compete against Jamaica's Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake. Spearmon said, "No more stepping on lines... I'm staying in my lane."

Jeff Hartwig vaulted for Arkansas State University but did not gain a national ranking until 1997, five years after college. In 2000, he climbed into the world's Top Ten and remained one of the world's best into his 40s. He was ranked No.1 in the world in 2002, and he was ranked No. 1 in the United States three different times. He set the American Indoor record of 19'9" in 2000, which still stands. Only two others have ever vaulted higher in an indoor competition.

Hartwig participated in the 1996 and 2008 Olympics. In 1996, he finished 11th and in 2008 he finished 20th.

Earl Bell, former pole vault champion, trained Hartwig for many years and both live in Jonesboro. Along the way Hartwig picked up a side gig raising reptiles. Another pole vaulter left him with a Burmese Python, and within a year Hartwig had 23 baby pythons to deal with. Since then he and his wife have raised and bred pythons, boas and many other kinds of reptiles that they distribute to pet stores.

April Steiner-Bennett attended the University of Arkansas where she was the 2003 Southeastern Conference pole vault champion. She attempted to make the 2004 Olympic team, but fell short, placing fifth at the Olympic trials. However, she continued to improve and vaulted 14.44 feet for a silver medal at the 2007 Pan Am Games. She was the runner-up at the 2008 Olympic trails, and earned a trip to Beijing where she finished in eighth place with a vault of 14.93 feet.

She went on to be an assistant coach at UofA and teach gym at a Springdale school.

One thing sets April apart from all these other athletes. Back in 2004, when she was an aspiring athlete in need of financial support, she got the call from the reality television show Fear Factor. She persevered through mashed potatoes rife with maggots and green beans with live worms to win \$50,000 which all went toward her pole vaulting habit.

Charlie Jones was born in Ft. Smith, and he began his broadcasting career at KNAC-TV and KFPW radio in Ft. Smith in the late '50s. He was the broadcaster for the Dallas Texans of the American Football League in their inaugural year in 1960. He established himself as one of the premier football announcers and covered 25 college football bowl games during his career. He even put in stints as the baseball play-by-play announcer for the Cincinnati Reds and the Colorado Rockies.

Jones was very versatile. He covered 28 different sports for NBC, and was given the task of covering the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea, which meant he had the privilege of providing commentary for the exploits of Carl Lewis, Edwin Moses, Greg Louganis and Florence Griffith-Joyner.

At the 1992 games in Barcelona, Jones covered diving and water polo, and he provided the lead commentary for rowing and flatwater canoeing/ kayaking at the Atlanta games in 1996.

In 1973, he won an Emmy as the writer, producer and co-host of the documentary, Is Winning the Name of the Game? He also wrote a New York Times bestseller, What Makes Winners Win, published in 1987. In 1997, the Pro Football Hall of Fame honored him with the Pete Rozelle Award. Somehow, he found time to earn a law degree from the University of Arkansas.

There you have it -a list of very impressive accomplishments from people either born in Arkansas or with strong Arkansas connections. There are many others who attended college here, and it's cool to be proud of them, also.

INDEPENDENTCrossword by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 26

Across

- 1. Find a space
- Item burned in the '60s
- 8. Roman fiddler
- 12. The safe side
- 13. You lose it when you stand
- 14. Smell
- 15. Zest
- 16. Ill temper
- 18. Before, poetically
- 19. Belly
- 20. Working man's burden
- 21. Goo
- 23. Copy
- 25. Wonderful
- 27. ESP user
- 31. Assists
- 32. Zuider
- 33. lamp
- 34. Orator
- 36. Agua
- 37. Chinese Rocket Ming
- 38. Nip
- 39. Distinctive doctrine
- 42. Crustacean's belly
- 44. Wall hangings
- 47. Entrance to mountain range
- 49. Hautboy
- 50. Seal haven
- 51. 109th Greek letter

- 52. Woes
- 53. Yesteryear
- 54. USN rank
- 55. Internet alphabet

Down

- 1. Head
- Shaped like a wing
- 3. Rebel
- Small barrel
- Ebon
- Skin condition
- Suck up to
- Neither's partner
- 9. Amend
- 10. Roster
- 11. African antelope
- 17. See
- 19. Also
- 22. Take back
- 24. Great brilliance
- 25. Fuel
- 26. tide
- 27. Each
- 28. Abhorrent
- 29. " been had!"
- 30. Auto
- 32. Water purification catalyst
- 35. Eleventh Hebrew letter

- 36. Get first place
- 38. Large pill
- 39. Chancy
- 40. Aria 41. Tie up

- 43. Flair
- 45. Actor's dream
- 46. Assay
- 48. Pipe joint
- 49. Lubricate



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it so they won't have to discuss it again.

Deaton said he liked it. "We've got to start someplace, and the committee liked the idea."

Richie stated the proposal is not about raises but about creating a standardized look at what employees ought to make. He said it is their job to use the county's money well, and this study would be a valuable guide for how to spend it.

Mumaugh concurred and emphasized the word "guide."

JP Chris Graham answered if they are supposed to watch the county's money, why spend \$20,000 on this study?

The ordinance passed on an 8-2 vote, Howerton and Graham voting No. Barr is now authorized to negotiate with the Johanson Group of Fayetteville to initiate the study.

Phone bill review

Terry Hankins of Insight told the court his company helps organizations

get a better return on their telephone expenditures. He said their research shows 98 percent of organizations overspend on their phone bills, and his company averages 31 percent savings for its clients. He said Insight would become, in effect, the county's telecommunications department.

He said his staff would explore phone bills and point out where savings are possible. He said they are experienced at not only identifying overspending but in negotiating lower rates. Insight will take its cut during the first year from savings they generate, to which JP John Reeve asked about the second year and beyond.

Hankins replied Insight would offer a proposal to continue and the court could decide.

Flake said he did not see how they have anything to lose. He said they ought to discuss it and move forward, as there was no benefit in delaying.

County Clerk Jamie Correia told the

court the county has 52 phone accounts. She has already identified possible trouble spots and so have other department heads.

Flake repeated, "Let's get started," and the rest of the court agreed.

Airport expansion

Dave Teigen, representing Carroll County Airport, invited the court after its September meeting to visit the airport for Cajun food and a tour of their recent expansion. Teigen said because of the expansion, insurance rates increased. In addition, he pointed out general liability insurance does not cover their 10,000 gallon fuel tank.

He announced the airport has signed an agreement with Shell Oil, which means they are "branded." In the past they would seek out a distributor to put 8,000 gallons in the tank, and if they got a bad batch of gas, the airport was responsible for the loss and proper disposal of the foul fuel. With the new

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agreement. Shell is responsible for any such occurrence. Also, Shell provides an insurance policy and it will advise the airport on its expansions.

Teigen also announced Enterprise Rent-a-Car wants to open a small facility at the airport.

In the end, Teigen urged the court to have its insurance committee, if one exists, to review coverage and upgrade it.

Comments

During closing comments, Deaton cautioned everyone to be aware that because it is so dry, lawnmowers are starting fires. "Be super, super careful," he said.

Barr said he recently had the experience of watching a volunteer fire department at work, and said, "If you ever watch a volunteer fire department you will gain a lot of respect for rural fire-

Next meeting will be August 17, 10 a.m., at the courthouse in Berryville.

Arkansas Health Department. Matthews responded the legal responsibility rested on the shoulders of the operators.

Natalie Mannering presented accordion file packed with documents decrying the addition of fluoride to water systems. Contained in the documents were opinions of scientists, health professionals and other advocates. Holly Winger, who compiled the documents, said she began putting together the original source material in 2000. The compendium will be available to interested readers at the Eureka Springs library.

Matthews spoke up again to say the law stipulates the local water board does

not have to add fluoride if it does not have the money, so, she emphasized, "you don't have to fluoridate."

Bowers responded the board will do everything it can to follow the law.

Matthews asked, "Which law?"

Bowers acknowledged there are conflicting legal opinions but he said this was not the time to argue or debate, and Matthews reiterated that the board has a graceful way out.

George Geier of Harrison, who said he has a chemistry background, told the board, "Fluorine is the worst of the halogens. It is especially poisonous to kids if you give it to them all the time." He said it is also bad for those with thyroid problems. He closed by saying, "The government wants us to pay taxes so they can poison us."

Yates spoke up in response to point out that the answered that operators had made inquiries, but Arkansas legislature wrote and passed the law, and that question was partly the responsibility of the there is an election later this year. He encouraged

> everyone to speak with legislators about the law.

> Matthews again reminded him that the board also represents the taxpayers and the law has a provision that gives the board a way out of this dilemma. Bowers closed with the observation that because Delta Dental has postponed funding until next May, the board does not have to decide anything yet.

Keels Creek stabilization

Chris Hall, project manager, gave a slideshow of recent work done to stabilize 1800 feet of the banks of Keels Creek. The slides clearly showed banks of the creek had eroded in places because

fallen trees and other debris were interrupting steady flow. The eroded areas were getting perilously close to exposing nearby Carroll-Boone water lines.

Hall had spoken with engineers who had done stabilization projects like this before, and they developed a plan in which they used material on hand or from nearby sources to accomplish the goal. He said they used 1700 tons of Carroll County riprap rock to armor the banks in certain locations. In other spots they repositioned already fallen sycamores alongside the creek as a steadying force, and the trees will eventually produce suckers to further stabilize the banks.

Every 50 feet or so Hall planted a row of willows which in time will create a natural barrier; he pointed out the willows, which came from Fayetteville, were

the only materials they used not from Carroll County.

They also brought in very large rocks to be used as a Bendway Weir, which is an arrangement of the large stones placed intermittently alongside the creek to control direction and speed of the flow.

Hall expects in two or three years, when the willows are leafing out and the sycamores are suckering, anyone walking along the creek would not know workers had ever been there.

Other business

Jim Allison, officer manager of the Carroll-Boone West plant, told the board they had been patchworking repairs on their facilities for years, so they finally spent to get long-term renovations done. He reported they will have spent about \$250,000 when the renovations are complete, which should be soon.

Plant manager John Summers said he was the one who put off major repairs over the years, and Yates asked Summers or Allison to provide the board an annual maintenance status report so they can avoid major renovations in the future.

Jason Kendall, Executive Director of Beaver Watershed Alliance, spoke to the board because BWA had asked the board to be a top tier sponsor of BWA by donating \$10,000 for its educational and restoration funds. Kendall said BWA is an upstream partner of Carroll-Boone, and they will use the money for streambank stabilization projects, priority mapping and protecting environmentally attractive properties near Beaver Lake.

Yates replied the board would look at its budget at the next meeting and discuss Kendall's request then.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, at 10 p.m.

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the box offices, we can make the best public statement money can buy. Enid B. Swartz

Garden Club generosity provides food

Editor.

I thank Patricia Messer and the Eureka Springs Garden Club for their generous gift to the Eureka Springs Public School garden. The funds will pay for supplies and tools. The "Seed to Feed" project started three years ago with the help of Patrice Gros and many others. K-9th graders work in the garden and are sent home with fresh greens.

This Spring we harvested over eight quarts of strawberries and made strawberry shortcake for 60 students. The garden has been supported with funds from the 21st Century Learning Center program

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- George Geier

of Harrison

Mary Jo Rose

Let them drink water

Editor.

Driving through town all the flowers and landscaping look so beautiful it is easy to forget what an extreme drought we are in. The surrounding area where it's not being irrigated paints a more accurate picture, but it's what you can't see and may not realize that I want to bring to everyone's attention.

Water sources for wildlife are getting harder and harder for them to find at a time when they need more to withstand the extreme temperatures. Food sources such as berries, insects and worms that also provide moisture have disappeared. I have heard reports of seeing animals in places they would not be typically seen, as they are under more stress. Many creeks, ponds and springs are dry or shrinking. Those that can travel have to go further and further in the heat, and some smaller animals can only go so far.

When more animals are condensed at the few sources of water, this spreads disease. Chipmunks, squirrels, birds, rabbits and deer could benefit from a helping hand from humans right now. Rain typically collects in leaves, rock concaves, cavities of trees, etc., so you can think creatively (this is Eureka after all) and try to replace these sources for smaller animals. Shallow pans and bowls of water, or tubs in areas away from the house for larger or more timid animals.

Two cautions, if you put out pans or bowls on the ground it becomes easy hunting ground for cats and small critters to get in, but not out, and drown if you don't put a rock or such for a ramp out. Thank you so much for helping out, you really can make a difference.

Kathy Barnes

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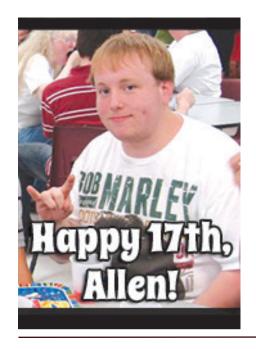
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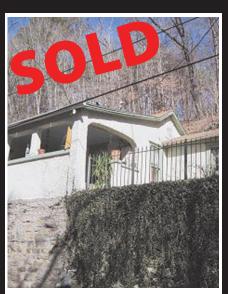
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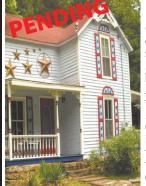
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