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## This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Steve LaTourette of Ohio, who has been elected nine times to the United States



House of Representatives as a moderate Republican, announced Tuesday he will not seek another term

because he is so dismayed with extremists.

LaTourette said parity is long gone in the halls of Congress and there is no middle ground. "Compromise is considered cowardice. That's wrong," he said. "We are forced to vote with Party extremists, not Party principles."

Thank you, Steve LaTourette, for following the lead of Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe (R) and making us remember that we're empowered by virtue rather than dominance.

And thank you for proving that there are Republicans with heart, soul and courage.



Public Works employees still managed a laugh as they replaced a broken sewer pipe in 103° heat on Center Street Tuesday.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

## Anyone seen our taxi ordinance?

Nicky Boyette

A group of four aldermen and six interested citizens gathered for a city council workshop on the taxi franchise July 30, and from the outset the group felt something was missing.

Sometime in the early 1970s City Code stopped referring to the taxi service as a franchise. City Clerk Ann Armstrong brought copies of every ordinance she could find related to taxis. She had documents back to the '60s, and there was Ordinance 902 from 1969 that granted a taxi franchise to Robert L. Ball. However, Ordinance 989 in 1975 regulated the taxi service but failed to mention the word "franchise."

Armstrong said someone must have removed language regarding franchises either during a recodification or because typical conversations regarding taxis just did not refer to the service as a franchise.

"Somehow we went from having one to not having one," alderman and acting Chair James DeVito said. He said he thinks the city needs a taxi franchise and council should move in that direction, but move cautiously because franchises operate in perpetuity.

DeVito said he would like for city attorney Tim Weaver to research this and determine whether they have a taxi franchise. Regardless, he said they have an opportunity to strengthen guidelines for taxis in town, such as implementing inspection schedules.

Alderman Karen Lindblad remarked that since they have no record the ordinance was removed or repealed, they still have a franchise, just not all the paperwork.

As council searched through documents for answers,

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## Parks angry, offers reward for Harding Spring vandal information

NICKY BOYETTE

An eyewitness told Eureka Springs Police on Saturday night she saw three teens on the hill above Harding Spring throw a bowling ball off the hill onto a bench below. Officers discovered the bowling ball had landed on one end of a limestone bench and shattered it.

The bench was placed there in memory of Jessica Angel Wright.

Director Bruce Levine said Parks commissioners are very angry about the incident and intend to “do a full court press on this thing.” Parks is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

Police Chief Earl Hyatt said they gathered some evidence at the scene but have no new information. “What is the purpose of such a senseless act? How can anyone enjoy damaging a memorial bench like that?” Hyatt asked. He encouraged anyone with information to step forward.



### BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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**Benefit for Billings Family** – A spaghetti dinner was held at Faith Christian Family Church to benefit the family of Piper Billings, daughter of Derrick and Kluane Billings. Piper has a medical condition that has required two surgeries and extended stays at Arkansas Children’s Hospital. Pictured above are Dee Kent, Andrea Fargo, Tammy Bullock and BJ Allee helping in the kitchen.

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## INDEPENDENTQuote

In a recent interview on CNBC, Warren Buffett offered advice on dealing with the debt ceiling.

“I could end the deficit in five minutes,” he said. “You just pass a law that says that anytime there is a deficit of more than 3 percent of GDP all sitting members of Congress are ineligible for re-election.”



## \$40,000 parking meter suit deadlines set

NICKY BOYETTE

In the case of Matsukis et al. vs. Joy et al., Circuit Judge Kent Crow set December 3 as the cutoff date for all discovery and January 7, 2013, as the cutoff for motions to be filed. This suit was filed against the previous city clerk and council by five citizens for the manner in which city council passed Ordinance 2106 in July 2009 for the purchase and installation of parking meters for the city hall parking lot.

Complainants Pat Matsukis, Karen Lindblad, Rae Hahn, Lany Ballance and Charlie Wurmnest say the city waived the competitive bidding process, violated the guidelines of the Historic District Commission and disregarded State Code concerning invoking an emergency clause to authorize installation of parking meters.

The suit seeks repayment of approximately \$40,000 to the city by defendants Dani Joy, Robert "Butch" Berry, Beverly Blankenship, James DeVito, Joyce Zeller and Mary Ann Sell. This amount would cover the cost of the purchase and installation of the parking meters.

The opinion of Associate Justice

Elana Cunningham Wills of the Arkansas Supreme Court offers this timeline of events:

In June 2009, Police Chief Earl Hyatt suggested the city purchase individual parking meters for parking lots near city hall to replace faulty pay stations. Council approved Ordinance 2106 on July 1, 2009. The ordinance waived the competitive bidding process because the expenditure had already been authorized through the budget process. Also, the city would lose revenue during the bidding process.

Quickly after the ordinance was passed, citizens petitioned and gathered enough signatures to call a special election. Council, however, determined that the ordinance was an administrative action and voted not to call for a special election.

In November, complainants filed suit in Carroll County Circuit Court.

On January 27, 2010, complainants amended their complaint, raising four specific causes of action: 1) council failed to call for the special election despite enough signatures on petitions 2) council failed to comply with historic district guidelines 3) the ordinance violated Arkansas law because it contained an emergency

clause 4) the ordinance "was not necessary for the public peace, health and safety and, therefore, both the ordinance and its emergency clause were invalid."

On February 12, the case was heard by Crow who stated he had not "found anything I think should go to trial," and dismissed the complaint *sua sponte*, which means on his own without the request of anyone. He said he found "this case to be without merit."

Complainants filed an appeal a week later. They claimed no one had asked the judge for a ruling and they had been "ambushed" without a warning there would be a ruling and did not have a chance to defend their position.

Wills did not comment on the value of the case as her opinion was solely on legal procedure.

She cited several similar cases in which appeals had been granted when a judge had issued a judgment *sua sponte*, and she mentioned in particular Crow's "failure to provide the non-prevailing party with an opportunity to meet proof with proof." Wills maintained that with sufficient notice, complainants might have been able to offer additional evidence to make their case. Therefore, in October 2010, she reversed the decision and remanded it back to Circuit Court.

In November 2010, voters rejected a ban on parking meters in the historic district.

Finance director Lonnie Clark said that in 2011, Eureka Springs parking meters generated a profit of \$183,000. Through May of this year, they have generated just over \$65,000.

## Back to School August 20

**Elementary School Open House** – August 16, 3–5 p.m.

**Middle School Open House** – August 16, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Register your middle school student:

5/6 Grade – August 13, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – August 14, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – August 15, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

**High School Open House** – August 16, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Register your high school student:

Renaissance Students – August 14, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

11/12 Grade – August 15, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

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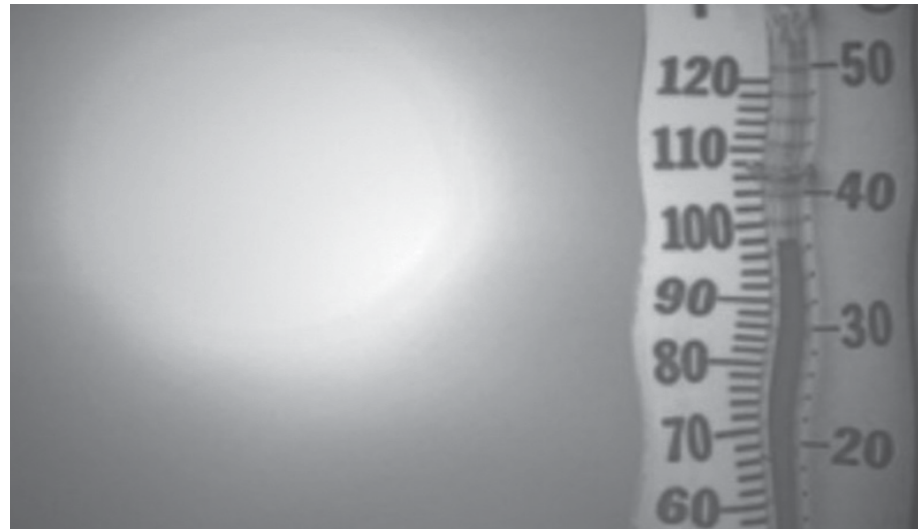
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## Don't swelter, find shelter. How to beat the heat.

NICKY BOYETTE

Maybe you've noticed one hundred degrees in the afternoon has been our norm lately. Recently an elderly gentleman in town had been outside with his family but had not maintained his hydration and began to feel weak and lethargic and his skin became clammy – all signs of heat exhaustion. He was treated at where several cases were treated in just one day last week, according to Gayle Voiles, ESH director of education.

According to the American Red Cross, there are three heat-related illnesses: heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, also called sunstroke. Heat cramps are painful muscle spasms in the legs and abdomen, and are a warning that too much heat is beginning to have a harmful effect on your body. Heat cramps will be temporary inconveniences if the



victim takes care of them by resting in a cool place and rehydrating with water. When symptoms fade the victim can gently begin activity again, but with caution. After all, heat cramps are a heat emergency, although usually temporary and minor if promptly treated.

### Heat exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is a more severe condition. Anyone working outside during the heat of the day can fall victim to heat exhaustion, especially roofers and other construction workers, farm worker, athletes and factory workers.

The heat index measures how hot you feel. When humidity is high, your body's normal air-conditioning, sweating, is not as effective because high humidity decreases evaporation of the sweat. Urban conditions

are worse because concrete and asphalt exacerbate the heat index, so workers in those areas are even more vulnerable.

Besides people outside working in the heat, those most at risk are the very young and very old, the obese, and those with compromised systems due to diabetes, high blood pressure or heart conditions. Certain medications affect the body's ability to regulate its heat, and include beta-blockers, diuretics, antihistamines and antipsychotics. If you must take these medications, you should take extra precautions in extreme heat.

### Prevention

There are easy ways to prevent heat exhaustion even if you have to work outdoors. First of all, know your tolerance and pay attention to how you feel. Wear light fabrics and

some kind of hat to protect your face. Sunscreen protects your skin, which affects your ability to control internal temperature. Stay hydrated with non-alcoholic beverages, and drink plenty. Since sweating depletes potassium in the body, consider a beverage with electrolytes, such as sports drinks, to supplement the water if you are sweating excessively. Take breaks.

### Symptoms

Even with precautions you could be overcome by heat. The first identifier of any emergency is that something is not right. Maybe you or the person you work with just seems different. Typical signs that a person has been overcome by heat exhaustion are confusion, dizziness, unexpected fatigue, headaches, muscle cramps, pale and clammy skin, nausea and low blood pressure when you stand.

### What to do

The first thing to do is get out of the heat. Go inside if possible and rest. At least get in the shadiest place available if you can't get indoors. The American Red Cross says to loosen any clothing and apply cool, wet cloths and drink sips of water. A wet bandanna snapped three times and put on the back of the neck is a good cooler. Rest, have someone check on you and avoid activities for the rest of the day. Anyone who has experienced heat exhaustion is more vulnerable to heat-related

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# HDC guts gutter replacement

NICKY BOYETTE

At the Historic District Commission meeting August 1, Chris Crider again represented the application to replace a failed and antiquated gutter system at 14 Kingshighway. At the previous meeting, Crider had described a situation so bad the soffits, fascia and crown molding were deteriorating because the built-in gutters were leaking. HDC had a site visit before the meeting.

Commissioner Richard Grinnell again said he understood Crider's dilemma, but said guidelines clearly say built-in gutters should be repaired if possible.

Crider pointed out the amount of reconstruction required to comply with what Grinnell was suggesting.

Commissioner Doug Breitling asked Crider to get the gutters down and see what is underneath. Some of the understructure would have to be rebuilt anyway, but the gutters should be repaired as the guidelines stipulate. He also commented the crown molding is integral to the original design of the house.

Crider acknowledged the work the commissioners are suggesting can be done. At issue is the extra expense and labor, which he acknowledged

commissioners are bound not to consider in the decision-making process. He maintained, however, in many places on the house it would be better to start over rather than repair.

Nevertheless, the vote was unanimous to deny the application.

Grinnell told Crider to pick a section, pull it apart and see where it goes from there.

Crider replied, "What I'll see is a bunch of rotten boards."

Breitling encouraged Crider to reassess his options and submit a new application.

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## After almost a decade – Opie comes home

Eureka Springs resident Michelle Pool was living in San Antonio, Texas, when she first laid eyes on and fell in love with a foal of 16 months named Sultan's Modern Opus, or Opie for short. "He came to live with us in Red Oak outside of Dallas, and we began loving him from day one," Pool said.

The spotted American Saddlebred horse remained the darling of the family for five years. Michelle, who taught riding lessons and ran a summer camp, taught him to swim and did a lot of training and groundwork with him. Then, in March of 2003, someone stole Opie from Pool's father's pasture. She reported the theft to Stolen Horse International, and Opie's webpage was put on the organization's website, [www.NetPosse.com](http://www.NetPosse.com). NetPosse alerts were sent to thousands who in turn sent them to thousands. But Opie was not anywhere to be found.

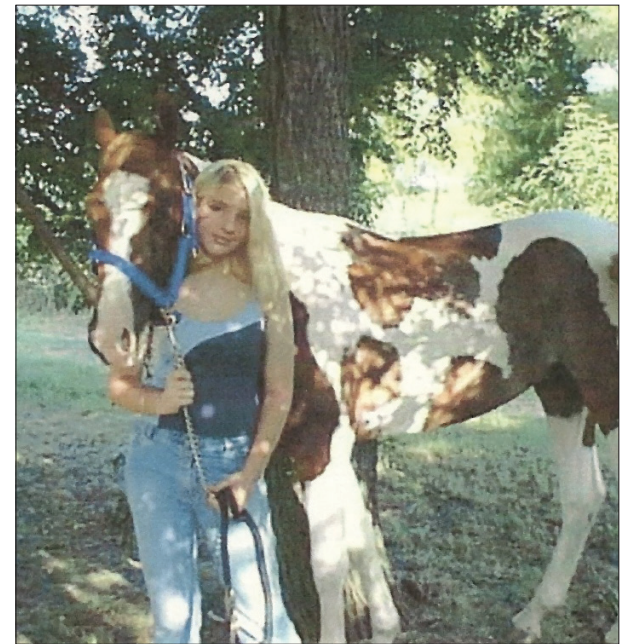
As the years passed, Pool never stopped thinking of Opie and wondering what happened to him. "I used to see a horse that looked like him and go up to the fence and check to make sure," Pool said. "I

still remember having to explain [Opie's theft] to two small children and a teen with amazing, loving hearts that the world was not as nice a place as I so desperately wanted them to believe."

Meanwhile, Opie's page remained on NetPosse.com year after year. And a few days ago, it paid off. On July 30, nearly a decade after Opie disappeared, a tipster called Stolen Horse International to report an ad they'd seen on Craigslist. With an interest in possibly buying the horse, they first searched NetPosse.com to see if he was one of the missing horses listed. Although they didn't expect to see him ... they did.

After being contacted with the tip, the first thing Debi Metcalfe, president and founder of Stolen Horse International/NetPosse, had to do was find Michelle Pool. But by now Michelle was long gone from her Texas address and her contact information on the website had not been updated. Many data searches and phone calls later, Pool was

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Young Opie – Arianne Wilson, Michelle Pool's niece, is shown with Opie before he was stolen in 2003.




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## Her feet on the beat puts heads in our beds

Certified Travel Industry Specialist and Sales Director for the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, Karen Pryor, recently released a 2012-2013 schedule of tour and trade shows where she will represent Eureka Springs. The list includes nine states so far, not counting several events yet to be confirmed.

In addition to its advertising agenda, these shows are the CAPC's next biggest push to familiarize travelers with all Eureka Springs has to offer. "People ask where all the bus tours are; well this is how we get them," Pryor said.

Anyone who's worked a trade show will understand the time, effort and patience it takes to keep smiling and be on point for long days of repetitive questions from the public and tour operators. Pryor has been doing this long enough to know exactly what to answer to persuade folks to take a closer look at Eureka Springs as a destination.

"The idea is to build friendships and trust," Pryor explained. "People are doing business with me and trust me to provide what I tell them they're going to get when they come here."

Pryor doesn't always get to know if her efforts are successful. "One of two things happen: Either they contact me directly or they take the information and contact the lodging

*"We can start counting our losses when we quit coming up with new ideas to grow Eureka Springs."*

– Mike Maloney

directly. In the latter case, I won't always know if people I talked with actually come to town," she said.

There's even more follow-up and work to be done when she comes home. "I love my job, I have fun, but there are still expectations regarding my performance," Pryor explained. "Tradeshows require multiple days and hours of appointments and meetings with potential visitors and building trust that the product you are selling is the product that will be received."

Constant follow-up via mail, email, phone calls and even remembering someone's birthday are just a few ways Pryor keeps Eureka Springs in the minds of travel planners.

Pryor's "feet on the beat" aren't always in some other town to drum up business. "If I see a tour bus in Eureka Springs somewhere I step



**Hi. My name is** – Karen Pryor sports some of the name badges she's collected while representing Eureka Springs at trade and travel shows around the country. Her trips keep Eureka Springs prominent as a travel destination.

on board and ask where they're from and why they came here. Sometimes I only get to talk with the bus driver if the group is away, but I get a business card and send the group leader a Thank You card whether I've met them or not," Pryor noted.

One new travel group Pryor will visit for the second time is the Boomers in Groups (BiG) show in September. She's expanding her circuit again this year and will be attending Pow Wow International in Las Vegas for the first time next June.

"People ask me why we're going to Las Vegas, and the reason is simple – that's just the hot city – there are people from all over the

country attending there, people who would love Eureka Springs."

Pryor's favorite trade show is held by the American Bus Association. "I'm on a subcommittee for the ABA, so I get to see how it's put together and I also get to act as a mentor for first timers," Pryor said.

Both Pryor and CAPC Director, Mike Maloney, look forward to representing Eureka Springs around the country as part of the organization's vision plan – which also includes entertaining new ventures.

"We can start counting our losses when we quit coming up with new ideas to grow Eureka Springs," Maloney said. "And that's not going to happen on my watch."

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## Voices from vampires a good thing

Editor,

Bravo, Jeremy McGraw! Vampires in Eureka Springs! Now there's a concept I can really sink my teeth into. Seriously, that's brilliant. Eureka has a natural disquieting, enigmatic quality – especially in the fall – that really sucks you in. Why not expand on what already exists and make our little town the Halloween Mecca that

Jeremy envisions for people who want to get their creep on? I know there are a lot of us out there.

Voices from the Silent City is a step in the right direction and has enjoyed a growing popularity, but it's not enough. We need more. This is the best idea I've heard in years. Please support it.

Sandra Ostrander

## Isn't comedy divine?

Editor,

It was a delight to find a piece by Dan Krotz in the issue of the ES

Independent. His eye-opening wit and wisdom have been too long missed. Thanks for bringing him in from the cold.

Back in the early 1960s a ponderous and incomprehensible read through Dante's *Inferno* was required by a tired and boring professor at my college. I got through it only by listening carefully to the lectures and cramming with Cliff-Notes. I never appreciated what Dante was saying to us.

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## WEEK'S Top Tweets

@xo\_champagne --- Currently in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Coolest little town I've ever been in.

@MikeyWax --- I feel like Chick-fil-A is going to create a 2<sup>nd</sup> civil war.

@Funny\_dudes --- You were born to stand out. So stop trying to fit in to badly.

@turpentinecreek --- Sierra is not able to climb in and out of the larger pools, so we found a short pool for her so she can still...[enjoy the water]

@truthteam2012 --- Non-partisan study concludes that Romney's tax breaks for the wealthy will "inevitably hurt the middle class"

@BarackObama --- "I won't pay for new tax cuts for millionaires & billionaires by gutting the investment that have always kept the middle class strong."

@AmericanRoadMag --- Find out why Spring Street in Eureka Springs, was named among 10 Best Streets in US by American Planning Assn.

@Csalt --- I see incredibly stupid tweets and I have great comebacks but I keep them to myself and laugh at all of you secretly.

@MotherJones --- Could climate change be the culprit behind India's massive power grid failure this week?

@arkansasnews --- USDA expands drought disaster in Arkansas.

@HeatherSITVB6 --- Congrats #NathanAdrian, for winning the gold! I love when athletes are so excited they can't even find words to describe how they feel!

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## Trouble Spots and Problem Areas, ca. 1993. Or 2012.

We recently came across a list of typewritten Eureka Springs hot buttons compiled by late environmental and political activist Carolyn Green in 1993. Green kept her thumb on the city's pulse and was never shy about expressing herself. Some called her ideas suggestions, others were sure they were anti-growth, anti-tourist and anti-establishment diatribes. But the simple fact that she recorded her thoughts and took some to council and some to her grave reminds us of the importance of community involvement.

- Magnetic Spring Road – County Judge Phil Jackson wants to “blast it out and fill it up” to make a bypass connecting with Passion Play Road which could be taken over and developed as a state highway.
- Limit size and loads of tour buses and delivery trucks and consider making the historic loop one-way for these vehicles.
- The *Times-Echo*, “What the hell’s wrong?” We need consistent local municipal news. Something’s happening every day that the public needs to know about.
- CAPC tax – 1 percent needs to be returned to public use such as to build a community center and swimming pool.
- Clean water – Residents still complain about cavalier treatment during recent water boils.
- Revamped Parking Authority – The public awaits the Master Plan as required by ordinance, both local and state, including the method of financing.
- Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District – Their parking study will have input from the citizenry who hope to prevent the study being shoved into a drawer in city hall, the fate of the 1982 study.
- Why is the School Board dumping behind the high school? Is it to solve an erosion problem or an attempt to fill in the valley to build a Fine Arts building as suggested by one school board member?
- Police Chief Paula Stitz’s salary is next to the lowest of all department heads. The least paid is a new department head. Considering her seniority and responsibilities, perhaps Stitz rightfully deserves at least the average of higher paid department heads.
- Neighborhoods need protection and we should say NO to further commercialization of residential zones.
- “Five Mile Jurisdiction” – No chicken houses within a five-mile radius.
- Lovely County was once the name of our county. Let’s reclaim it!
- Lack of leadership on city council becomes more apparent weekly.
- Pay the mayor. We don’t need an administrative assistant.
- What’s happening with the destruction of the oldest historic street in town, Water Street? Recently the road department laid down fill in spite of the fact the area is a designated park.
- Does the HDC need stricter guidelines to prevent carving up of our mountains? Look at Planer Hill.
- Interstate entertainment railroad idea deserves an indecent burial.
- Phil Jackson wants a 1 percent sales tax. You know what to say.

Yes, a lot has changed. 1993 was the beginning of a healthy 15-year economic cycle, good for some and a sore spot for others. But tourism was the only industry, and people realized they either had to support themselves with seasonal work or a trust fund. If tourism was to be our hook we should be really good at it. And then we realized that even if all the people and all the Victorian buildings were gone, this area would still be a draw to humans and other wild animals. What’s in it for us?

We were Lovely County for one short year before we ever became a state. Land of Opportunity was on our license plates until 1978, and yes, we were sorry to see it go but some people were probably sad to see the old porcelain license plates go. Sometimes progress is necessary and the only way to sleep well is to get out of its way. Change makes us grumpy and appreciated at the same time, kind of like doing something legally wrong and morally right. But we can count on change happening and us changing, whatever year it is.



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

It is a quite a trick these days to balance the obligation to be responsible, informed citizens against our innate desires to be happy and sane. We aren't getting much help from our political leaders.

The Republican Party supports the right of people like James Holmes and Anders Breivik to have unrestricted access to automatic weapons. On the matter of gun control the Democratic Party wouldn't say Sierra Hotel India Tango if they had a mouthful. If I have overstated the case I would like to hear it.

A Republican Administration started a war that can't be won or ended gracefully no matter how many American lives or borrowed Chinese dollars are poured into it. Despite these “known knowns,” as former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was wont to say, the current Democratic Administration fights to achieve the same non-end, but by pinning its hopes on the success of a few organized crime families.

State Republicans vow to do everything in their power to maintain the status quo on health care, even though Arkansas is almost dead last in the quality of our public health system and in the health of our citizens. State Democrats, who have almost single-handedly run the State of Arkansas for more than 100 years, are responsible for the state of our State health.

These same Republicans promise to create new jobs in Arkansas by lowering taxes on corporations that locate here even though these corporations won't pay any state taxes for up to ten years if they do. State Democrats have fostered an education system that has produced one of the cheapest labor forces in the United States because it is, by any national standard, poorly educated – and which is, consequently, unprepared to take non-jobs offered by the non-taxed non-job creators.

Republicans don't believe in Global Warming because it will cost business money if they do. But they do believe in Climate Change (pretty much the same consequences) because it is God's will and therefore free at no charge. Democrats are responsible for the public school system that allows people to unquestioningly accept this dodge.

And mercy, these people have the audacity to ask for our votes.



# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## JULY 23

7:48 a.m. – Someone backed into another during the night.

7:57 a.m. – Sheriff's office reported two motorcycles being driven recklessly toward Eureka Springs. Constables on patrol never encountered them.

4:33 p.m. – Constable performed a civil standby while a female removed her belongings from a residence.

4:55 p.m. – Resident told ESPD that someone broke into his apartment while he was at work. Only thing missing was his goldfish. Officers will maintain extra patrols in that area.

5:53 p.m. – A driver in a motel parking lot backed into a signpost and got the message. After speaking with responding constable, she decided not to file a report.

9:13 p.m. – Motel manager asked for police assistance in removing a guest who refused to leave after being asked to. When constables arrived, the guest was not there, but had left his belongings. Motel manager took possession of the belongings for proper return to the owner if he came back.

## JULY 24

3:21 a.m. – ESH reported a vehicle in the parking lot had been parked there probably two weeks and they didn't know to whom it belongs. Hospital will do one more doublecheck before having it towed.

6:27 a.m. – Someone reported broken water pipes at Harmon Park. Public Works responded and repaired the leak.

9:12 a.m. – Resident reported getting harassing emails and texts from a former employee. Constable gathered information.

10:04 a.m. – Animal Control officer corralled two unattended, uncontrolled dogs on a street. He was able to find the owner who said she was unaware they had escaped.

11:32 a.m. – A vehicle was parked in a delivery zone. Responding officer found the owner and delivered a request to move.

4:23 p.m. – There was a traffic accident in front of the library.

7:58 p.m. – Very distressed grandmother told ESPD her granddaughter had not been seen since 1 p.m. She had checked with friends and neighbors but no one knew anything. ESPD and ESFD

scoured the area. The granddaughter returned home around 8:30 p.m.

9:43 p.m. – ESPD learned a daughter, arrested for forgery earlier in the week, was supposed to stay away from her family but was allegedly driving by repeatedly, and was witnessed walking up to the property. The daughter might also be driving around while intoxicated. Officers watched for but did not encounter the daughter.

11:04 p.m. – Officer responded to report of a person passed out on the side of the road and arrested the individual for public intoxication.

## JULY 25

5:33 a.m. – A motel for cyclists asked that a gentleman on the front lawn be removed. Constable responded and arrested the individual for public intoxication and sleeping in public.

7:47 a.m. – A parent reported a daughter was on the property and not supposed to be there. Officer went to the scene and the daughter had already left. Parents were advised to get a No Contact order.

11:45 a.m. – Resident reported he was being harassed and threatened. Constable gathered the information.

4:06 p.m. – A male who had not yet been served with a Protection Order was following a female. Constable encountered the male in Eureka Springs and he claimed he was going to Clifty. Female asked for Berryville police to meet her at the Walmart in Berryville because she felt she would be followed. Berryville police encountered the male in Berryville and served the Protection Order.

4:23 p.m. – A recent guest at a motel reported her son had left his iPod in their room about a month ago, and the motel had shipped it to the wrong person. They know the person it went to and they are trying to retrieve it. Responding officer tried to contact the person who received it but to no avail.

5:47 p.m. – Concerned observer reported a male walking along U.S. 62 who seemed to be having trouble walking and suspected either intoxication or heat exhaustion. Officer searched for but did not find the individual.

6:05 p.m. – Worried friend told ESPD that two individuals were stranded in

Eureka Springs with no place to stay. ESPD provided phone numbers of some churches that might be able to help.

7:45 p.m. – A restaurant reported a person outside who was acting suicidal. The person expressed he wanted to jump in front of a bus or somehow kill himself. Two officers responded and searched for the individual.

8:01 p.m. – Clerk at a motel reported an individual had showed up there despite being recently kicked off the property. Turns out it was the suicidal person from the restaurant. Officers found the individual, and EMS transported him to ESH.

8:06 p.m. – Passerby saw an individual walking along U.S. 62 in front of vehicles. He was one of the two stranded in town and was looking for a ride.

9:01 p.m. – Resident who lives near a place of business reported a noisy semi in the parking lot. Responding constable found a note on the semi announcing the driver would shut off the semi at 10 p.m. Complainant was satisfied.

## JULY 26

2:45 a.m. – Constable responded to a report of a domestic altercation and arrested one of the combatants.

1:48 p.m. – A small dog was hit by a passing vehicle and injured. Animal Control found owners of the dog but not the dog.

2:30 p.m. – Calls came in about limbs and power lines down on the east side of town. Electric company was notified for cleanup.

3:32 p.m. – Employee at a motel sniffed a gas smell outside. ESFD responded and found no problems on their preliminary check. Gas company will follow up with their equipment.

3:57 p.m. – ESFD responded to an open fire at an address in town. They gave a verbal warning and the fire was put out.

4:19 p.m. – Employee at a restaurant said he witnessed a male physically harm a female in their parking lot. Two constables arrived on the scene to find the two individuals who said the incident had been verbal only. The male said he would be leaving for a couple of days and officers followed

him out of the parking lot.

4:26 p.m. – Resident near downtown reported a wandering dog had taken shelter from the storm on her porch. She said the animal was too skittish to catch but it was staying on her porch.

4:59 p.m. – An individual and a witness reported to ESPD that another male had threatened to kill complainant. Officers took statements from everyone.

5:34 p.m. – A tree fell across a driveway and part of a street. Public Works removed it.

5:39 p.m. – ESPD was apprised of a vehicle broken down on U.S. 62 west of town, but constable who responded did not encounter a vehicle in need.

5:52 p.m. – Sheriff's office got word of a vehicle half on, half off U.S. 62 with a woman slumped over inside. Turns out the woman was not injured. Her vehicle had run out of gas.

6:36 p.m. – A daughter, who is to have no contact with family per protection order, left a voice mail message on her mother's phone saying she was going to commit suicide. Officer who responded discovered the daughter was the one who had run out of gas. He went to make contact with her.

7:28 p.m. – An insurance agency informed ESPD that a tree had fallen on a house near downtown, and the resident had been slightly injured but refused help from EMS. The injured person was also apparently trapped inside the house. ESFD and first responders arrived but the resident refused them also, but asked for a tree service. They were able to determine the individual had a cut on her arm but was otherwise okay except she was upset about her missing cat and she had a fallen tree on her porch and lawn.

8:32 p.m. – A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of an individual for violating a No Contact order.

## JULY 27

12:12 a.m. – Concerned neighbor told ESPD he heard a female screaming for help nearby. Constable arrived on the scene to learn from the female that her boyfriend had beat her up and had fled. Constable searched the area but did not encounter the boyfriend. Victim refused to give a statement.

1:01 a.m. – Same caller as before said he heard the woman screaming again.



She told responding officer she was calling her dog.

3:27 a.m. – As a result of a routine traffic stop, driver was arrested for DWI, implied consent, careless and imprudent driving, and no driver's license.

8:28 a.m. – Delivery truck snagged a phone line along U.S. 62. Phone company responded and fixed everything.

1:27 p.m. – An individual told ESPD a person for whom her family has a protection order in place just made visual contact with them. An officer searched the area but did not find the offender.

2:10 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 62. No injuries were reported.

3:49 p.m. – Witnesses just east of town reported a driver being belligerent and reckless. Officers watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

4:38 p.m. – A vehicle was temporarily blocking Hwy. 23 South. It had been moved off the road by the time a constable arrived.

8:38 p.m. – A stop sign and street signs on Spring Street were knocked down and a street light was not working. Public Works and the electric company responded.

10:02 p.m. – An amusement business kicked out two allegedly intoxicated customers, who drove away. Officers watched for them, and the sheriff's office was alerted.

10:12 p.m. – Passerby heard an alarm at a Madison County business on Hwy. 23. ESPD discovered Madison County sheriff already knew about it.

10:37 p.m. – Animal-drawn carriage driver reported an elderly woman was very intoxicated and planning to drive to her motel. Officers did not find her but stayed on the lookout for the rest of the evening.

#### JULY 28

8:37 a.m. – Resident near downtown asked for an officer to check a vehicle on his property before he had it towed. Officer checked it. Vehicle will be towed.

9:11 a.m. – Observer described for police two individuals at a spring grabbing rocks out of the water and throwing them into the street.

Constables did not encounter the perpetrators.

11:27 a.m. – A restaurant reported its surveillance cameras captured a theft. Officer gathered information.

11:53 a.m. – Constable responded to a report of a dog locked in a vehicle in a parking lot, but he found the windows were down a bit and the animal had water.

12:20 p.m. – Yard sale patrons were blocking the driveways of neighbors. Constable spoke with the yard saler who said she would advise her customers.

4:37 p.m. – A business owner filed a shoplifting report.

6:23 p.m. – A limb blocked part of a roadway although traffic could go around it. Public Works was notified.

6:35 p.m. – Witness saw three kids above Harding Spring throw a bowling ball down onto a stone bench and break it. ESPD is gathering information.

7:20 p.m. – A witness told ESPD teens in Basin Park had Pit Bulls with no leashes or collars. Officer who responded found the individuals had their dogs on leashes.

7:33 p.m. – Concerned witness near downtown reported a man walking around, staggering, not able to stay on sidewalk, talking to himself. Upon arrival, constable was informed the man had gotten a ride with a friend.

8:37 p.m. – Restaurant employee said a customer left without paying. All units were on alert, and suspect was encountered at a gas station. Officer said it appeared to be an honest mistake. Customer returned to pay his bill.

11:02 p.m. – Roaming, unattended dog downtown was captured and returned to its owner the next day.

#### JULY 29

3:02 a.m. – Passerby noticed a raccoon with two broken legs on Main Street. Appeared to have been run over and was dying. Animal Control was notified.

7:43 a.m. – Parks Department reported damage to a limestone memorial bench in Harding Park. A bowling ball was at the scene. Same incident as reported the previous evening by an eyewitness.

3:54 p.m. – A guest at a hotel had left a handgun behind. Police retrieved the weapon for safekeeping.

# INDEPENDENTNews

## HISID manager resigns, returning to his roots

Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District Manager John Kennedy has resigned his post effective July 31. Kennedy was hired in March. A former parks and recreation director, he has returned to his roots – accepting a parks and rec director position in Raymore, Mo.

Chairman Ken Ames said a decision on a new manager has not been made commissioners will meet August 1 to start finding a replacement. "He accepted a job that is closer to home and pays more," Ames said of Kennedy's departure.

## Area writers get boost with local workshops

Executive Director Sandy Martin and Director Linda Caldwell, along with Community Writing Program Director Alison Taylor-Brown, were impressed with the number of established and beginning writers who turned out for the launch of Taylor-Brown's program July 21 at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow.

Results are a series of workshops planned to address interests voiced by area writers. The first is Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Colony with the *Elements of Craft*, a basic introduction to writing. The course will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. Cost is \$45.

Workshops have been broken into categories and all will be held at the Colony, 515 Spring Street. The three fiction workshops will be taught by Taylor-Brown and Mike Hancock.

Workshops in addition to *Elements of Craft* include:

Fiction part 1 – Sept. 22 – Taylor-Brown/Hancock – \$45

Fiction part 2 – Oct. 27 – \$45

Fiction part 3 – Dec. 8 – \$45

Introduction to Memoir – Sept. 15 – Kim McCully-Mobley and Taylor-Brown – \$45

Memoir Writing – Oct. 20 – Laura Parker-Castoro – \$45

Poetry 1 – Sept. 9 – Instructor(s) to be announced – \$25

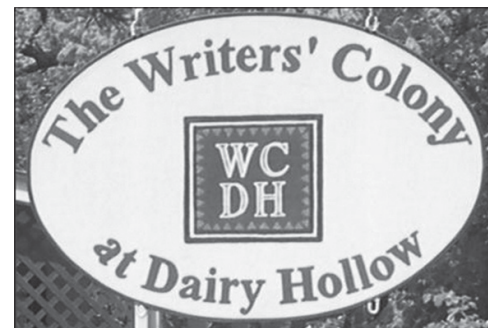
Poetry 2 – Oct. 14 – \$25

Poetry 3 – Nov. 18 – \$25

Poetry classes will be offered on the three Sunday afternoons from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Writers' Colony. Taylor-Brown hopes to have three established poets lead one workshop each.

And there's more in the works. Future workshops include children's literature, young adult, romance, mystery/thriller, fantasy/science fiction, travel writing, songwriting, screenplays and graphic novel genres.

For more information or to sign up for a workshop, email Taylor-Brown at [alison@writerscolony.org](mailto:alison@writerscolony.org) or call her at (479) 970-0090. Classes are limited to 10 and early registration is recommended.





# Health Care Reforms on a Personal Level

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act recently upheld by the Supreme Court is 2,409 pages long. This is not light reading. There are many changes coming with some dire predictions and some optimistic ones. No matter how you feel about “ObamaCare,” it is going to happen. There will of course be changes and unforeseen consequences, and then maybe more changes.

The biggest change is one you have already heard. Everyone will have to buy health insurance or face a penalty. This goes into effect January 1, 2014. When you file income taxes, proof of health insurance will be required. If you do not have insurance the penalty starts at \$95 in 2014,

\$325 in 2015 and \$695 for 2016 (numbers are for individuals). The IRS will be enforcing this.

Also changing will be your options to buy insurance:

- Option 1: Employer provided. Employers with more than 50 employees will be fined around \$2000 for each employee they have not insured. Although this seems like incentive to offer coverage, the fine could be much less than the price of insurance.

- Option 2: Medicare or Medicaid

- Option 3: Purchase your own. The only way to purchase insurance on your own will be via a Health Care Exchange, in which competing companies sell government-mandated benefits. Each state will

operate its own exchange.

- Option 4: If your income is below 133 percent of the poverty level (currently \$14,404 for an individual and \$29,326 for a family of four) you will be required to enroll in Medicaid.

There will be programs setting up for those who cannot afford insurance, and [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) is a good place to start looking.

The new law will make it easier for certain people to purchase insurance, forcing companies to provide coverage for pre-existing conditions and chronic illnesses. Children will be allowed to stay on parents’ policies until age 27. There is also a provision that eliminates lifetime dollar benefits.

## Let the intrigue continue

Due to strong response from audiences this summer, Intrigue Theater’s show *An Illusionist & A Medium* will not close for the month of August to prepare for the fall season as planned. Intrigue Theater Performances will continue on Thursday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. at the Historic Gavioli Chapel, 80 Mountain St. on the historic loop. For more information call (479) 244-7028 or visit [www.intriguetheater.com](http://www.intriguetheater.com).



## Uncommon patchwork on display at ESHM

Eureka Springs Historical Museum’s latest exhibit, *Eureka! An Uncommon Patchwork of Quilts* is on display throughout August. Twenty-eight quilts created by members of the Eureka!

Quilters Guild will be on display along with stories behind their creation.

Eureka Springs Historical Museum is located at 95 S. Main and is open from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily.

## Paint abstract landscapes, make paper and get a bead on it this month at ESSA

Take a spiritual journey through art with Jody Stephenson’s *Abstracting the Landscape* Workshop Monday, Aug. 13 – Friday, Aug. 17 at Eureka Springs School of the Arts. Learn how to construct an abstract painting featuring landscape elements using mixed media techniques and finishing with oil paints. Jody’s abstract *Now, But Not Yet* is shown at right.

Also in August, workshops *Drawing/Narrative Art* with Sean Fitzgibbon, *Hand Papermaking* with Leandra Spangler, and *Glass Beadmaking* with Doug Powell will be offered. For more information and to register go to [www.ESSA-art.org](http://www.ESSA-art.org) or call (479) 253-5384.



## “Photos gone wild” reception Saturday

Lorri Carter, who has lived in the Eureka Springs area since 2002, first became interested in photography at age 10 when her mother got a new 35 mm camera for Christmas. Lorri was fascinated with its mechanics and possibilities. She went on to study photography at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

Lorri’s current work focuses on finding a personal connection with

her subject matter. Stilllife, wildlife, flora and fauna, all subjects in her search of rich color and interesting composition. Working as a graphic design professional for more than 25 years, Lorri prefers the purity of capturing an image and not manipulating it.

The artist reception for Lorri Carter is this Saturday, August 4, Noon – 5 p.m. at Tinmaker & Glitz, 45 1/2B Spring St. Refreshments will be served.





## Thirsting for Nature

If you like late summer wildflowers, you've come to the wrong place. They seem to have disappeared along with the rain. Typically this time of year, yellow sunflower family members would begin a lively display along our roadsides, even if earlier wildflowers such as butterfly weed had already stopped flowering.

This is the time one would expect to harvest elderberries, but there are no berries to harvest. It's serious. Not only have our typical wildflowers for this time of year decided to hunker as close to whatever vestiges of moisture they can find in the soil, but spring flowering wildflowers, trees and shrubs that produce fruits and nuts relished by wildlife this time of year are not producing fruits.

Even weedy, stout, hardy, tough

pokeweed can squeeze a shriveled-up, barely edible fruit in this weather – not that the fruits are edible in the first place. After last summer's unbearable heat, many trees, especially shallow-rooted hugging rocks on ridge tops were highly stressed. Now many of those same trees are brown, and no it's not because they think autumn showed-up early. It's because they are either dead or dying.

This increased stress also provides a great opportunity for hungry pests like the pine beetle. Have you noticed the pine trees in the valley on Crescent Grade, west of and below the Crescent Hotel? A high percentage of them are now dead, and they will need to come down. It's really a devastating drought, and we go on with our day-to-day lives, perhaps noticing these

things, perhaps not.

If you've noticed an increase in wasps, spiders and other six- and eight-legged critters around your home, porches or decks, perhaps you have an outdoor potted plant or two that you water. The critters have come to your home to find any available water, because our city named after water doesn't provide much to nature now.

Then there's the poor deer that can't seem to catch a break. First, we the "people," decided by a democratic process, which seems to be increasingly irrelevant in American politics, to strategize on how to cull the deer population with a bow hunt. The next committee that comes up with a strategy might consider a new ordinance that allows hunting with shotguns only, just like they do in dozens of New England cities.

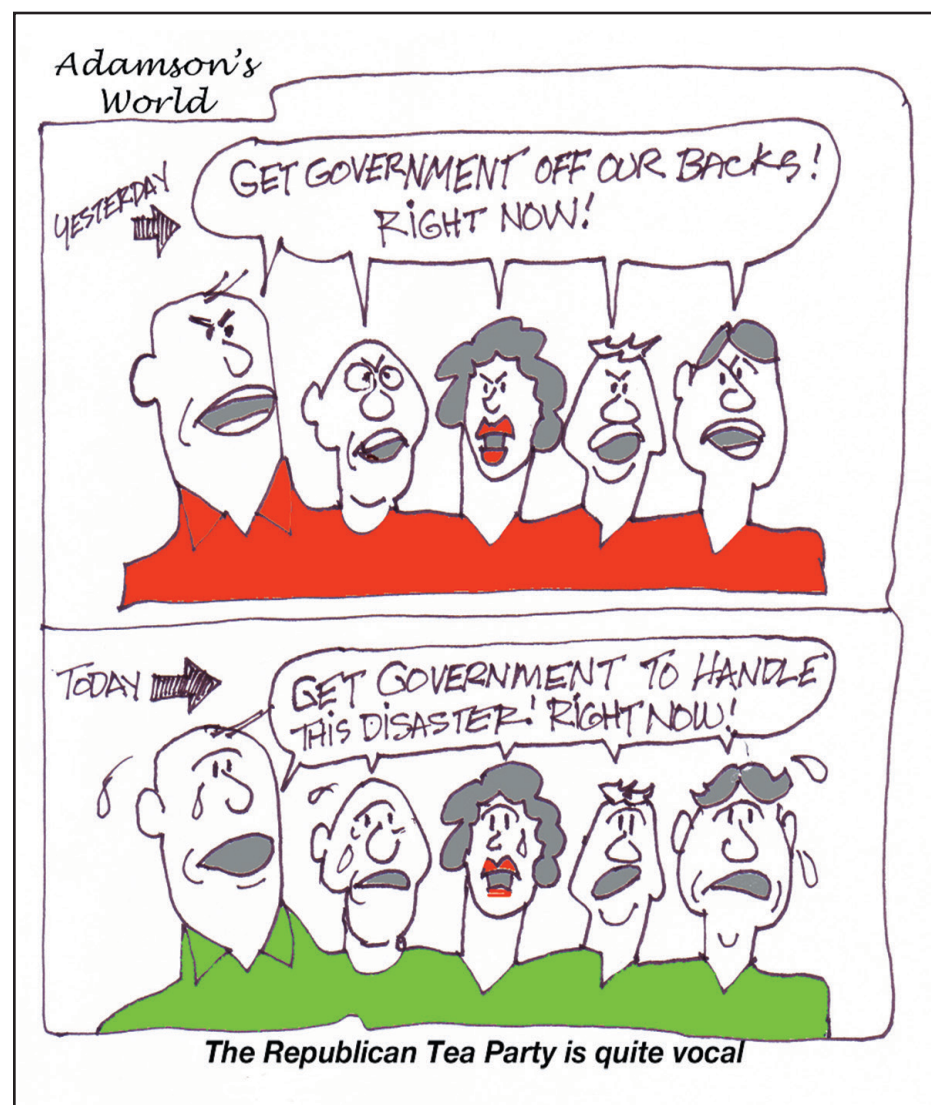
"Hunting with Shotguns Only" reads the sign on the border of many-a-

town much larger than Eureka. Forget primitive bows and arrows.

Why not have a spear hunt, which we can organize in groups of 12 people each? Loincloth required. Now that's silly – hand me my 12 gauge.

Sure, residents and tourists don't want to see bloodied, wounded deer with an arrow planted in their haunch writhing in the backyard. No, instead we get to show tourists, our cute starving, emaciated, dehydrated, hollowed-ribbed, shadows of life – Eureka's newest attraction.

So which is more humane? A sporting view of a cute starving, dying-of-thirst deer, or deer that have been harvested by the predator at the top of the local food chain? Either way, it's not about the deer. It's about what the top-of-the-food chain predators want to see or don't want to see. And that's the nature of Eureka.



Gumweed, protected from moisture loss and insect attacks with a gummy aromatic resin, is one of the true survivors of late summer.

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# DIVERSITY Schedule

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1



7 PM **Wind Up Wednesday with Chasing Nadean** (formerly Whitley Starnes). The Rock-N-Blues style of Chasing Nadean is the perfect way

to get wound up for Summer Diversity. Grounded by well-known local, vocal powerhouse Lynn Whitley, Chasing Nadean is always a great way to spend an evening. **The Patio at Eureka Live Underground** – 35 North Main

## THURSDAY, AUG. 2



6:30 PM **Diversity Opener with Big Bad Gina** Genre Hoppin' ~ Folkin' Rockin' with a driving girl groove edge! From chant to reggae, jazz to rap, to Goddess Groovin' and danceable disco, Big Bad Gina spans a myriad of genres and styles with knee buckling 3 part harmony and multi-instrumentalism. **The New Delhi Cafe** – 2 North Main

## FRIDAY, AUG. 3

All Day **Shop Eureka Springs** It's the annual sales tax holiday!!!

8 AM to 4 PM **Yards and Yards of Yard Sales** Yard Sales all over town for two days. Bargain hunting at its best! **Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce**

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

6:30 PM **Live Music TBA** The Patios at the New Delhi Café are always alive with great music. Enjoy the sounds with delicious food and drinks! **The New Delhi Cafe** – 2 North Main



6:30 PM **Womyn's Music Weekend with Mama's Black Sheep** Don't miss the Eureka Springs debut of this Baltimore Maryland based duo! **Voulez-Vous Lounge** – 63A Spring Street

9 PM **Womyn's Music Weekend with Big Bad Gina** Nationally renowned trio Big Bad Gina anchors Womyn's Music Weekend before setting off to play Michfest! **Voulez-Vous Lounge** – 63A Spring Street



9 PM **Dance the Night Away with DJ Remix** A Diversity Favorite DJ at the best little dance bar in Eureka Springs! **Henri's Just One More** – 19 1/2 Spring Street

9:30 PM **Underground Divas Drag Event** There's always

something happening underground and whatever it is – it stayz buried. **Eureka Live Underground** – 35 North Main

## SATURDAY, AUG. 4

8 AM to 4 PM **Yards and Yards of Yard Sales** Continues



10 AM **Diversity Bikers Summer Fun Run** Meet at Planer Hill parking lot – corner of Hwy. 62 and 23 (Main St.).

11:30 AM **Summer PDA** Come join us in Basin Park at 11:30 for positive music and short talks about equality. Then at 12 noon

join us in a PDA – a public display of affection - to show the world our same-gender LOVE. **Basin Spring Park**



Immediately after the PDA **Men's Only Pool Party** Sorry ladies men only at this one. Have some summer fun at Arkansas' exclusive private men's resort! Prizes, Dj Remix, and so much more! Three day weekend pass – only \$35. Saturday only pass – \$20. **Magnetic Valley Resort**

Noon to 4 PM **Diversity Pool Party** Catered Party with Yummy Foods, Sodas, Music, etc BYOB- No Glass. All are welcome! **Land-O-Nod Inn** – 109



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9 PM **Womyn's Music Weekend with Big Bad Gina** Join the send-off of this "local" favorite band from their home stage in Eureka Springs to the stage at Michigan Womyn's Music Festival! **Voulez-Vous Lounge** – 63A Spring Street

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9:30 PM **Underground Divas Drag Event** There's always something happening underground and whatever it is – it stayz buried. **Eureka Live Underground** – 35 ½ North Main

11PM to 3 AM **Breakfast After Hours** **The New Delhi Cafe** – 2 North Main

**SUNDAY, AUG. 5**

11 AM **Gospel Sunday Brunch with Brick Fields** at **The New Delhi Cafe** – 2 North Main

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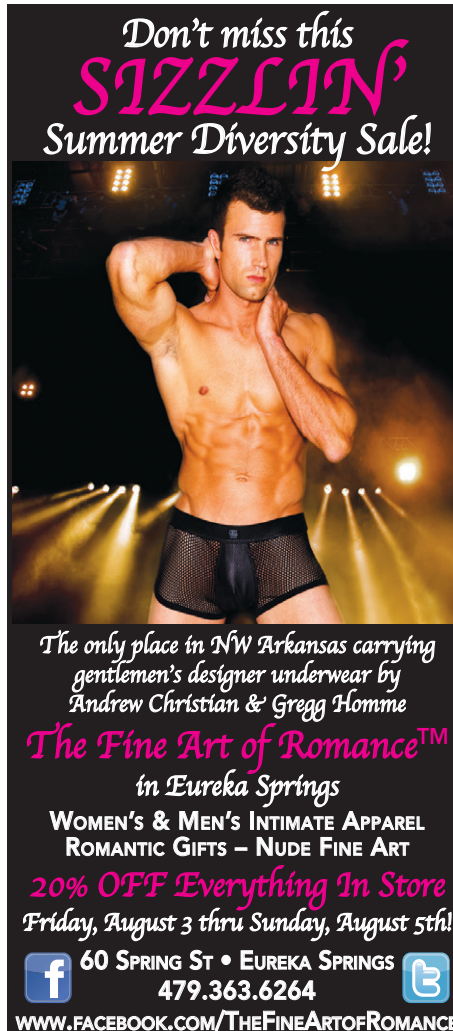
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Sometimes we are better off leaving things alone. Case in point – the new Art Wall.

What was once an eclectic collection of 8 x 4 ft. art panels, beautifully lining the back wall of the Main St. parking lot, now looks something of an incomplete eyesore.

As a two-time participant, supporter and defender of Charlotte Buchanan's The Artery, I was less than enthused when I heard the Eureka Springs Arts Council decided to revamp the wall – and apparently I was not alone.

For me and many other artists this lack of excitement was partially due to the city's horrible treatment of Charlotte, and a sense of loyalty to this generous, talented, spirited woman whose original vision brought the artist community together. And, of course, there was the final slap of installing parking meters in front of the panels to teach us uppity artists a lesson.

Many friends chose, however, to participate in the Art Wall and the majority of individual panels now on view are impressive and professional; but the original concept was always more about the collective than the individual – a chance to show us off as an artist community.

The wall as a whole has now been replaced with intermittent panels, exposed two-by-fours nailed to crumbling concrete and generic city ads hawking us as an arts destination, messily assembled behind double-headed parking meters – an unintentional Rauschenberg meets Duchamp, minus the brilliance.

I was not the only person with camera in hand for my morning inspection of the Art Wall. I met a small group traveling from Tulsa who were enjoying the individual panels; I happily volunteered a group shot of them behind Robert Norman's towering panel. Also shot a semi-professional-looking group

of kids shooting a fashion spread in front of Janet Goodyear's dramatic black and white piece.

Obviously the art still speaks to people, but it has been several months since the official unveiling and I have to assume that this is it – no additional panels, no removal of two-by-fours, no attempt at making the installation aesthetically pleasing. The Art Wall features promotions for Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Are they co-sponsors? WWAT? (What Would Alice Think?)

Some very good friends sit on the Mayor's Arts' Council and I am thrilled so many volunteer and bring their professional expertise to the table. Their

art and business knowledge can only help expand and strengthen Eureka Springs' standing as an arts destination, and it is exciting to hear that funding for the proposed musical sound sculpture park on North Main is on its way.

So I encourage the arts council to re-examine the Art Wall because, unfortunately, the writing's on the wall. The Art Wall left as is will do nothing to enhance our city as an artist community or destination.



## Dog Days of Summer...



**Lily and Raven cool off with a game of stick on Beaver Lake.**



# Public input welcome at North Main update Aug. 9

Several groups are investing time and money in efforts to showcase the North Main section of downtown Eureka Springs. There will be a public meeting on these efforts at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring Street, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday,

August 9.

Brief presentations will be made on the garden project by Pat Lujan, Eureka Springs Downtown Network, and on new benches by the Eureka Springs Preservation Society.

Also on the agenda, Bruce

Levine will give an update on the proposed in-town trail that passes through this area, and the Mayor's Arts Council and Community Development Partnership will present plans for the Musical Sculpture Park to be created by Ranaga Fabiarz and funded by the

Arkansas Arts Council.

Community members will have an opportunity to ask questions and give input on all these projects as well as volunteer. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Glenna Booth (479) 253-9703.

## EATINGOUT in our hot little town



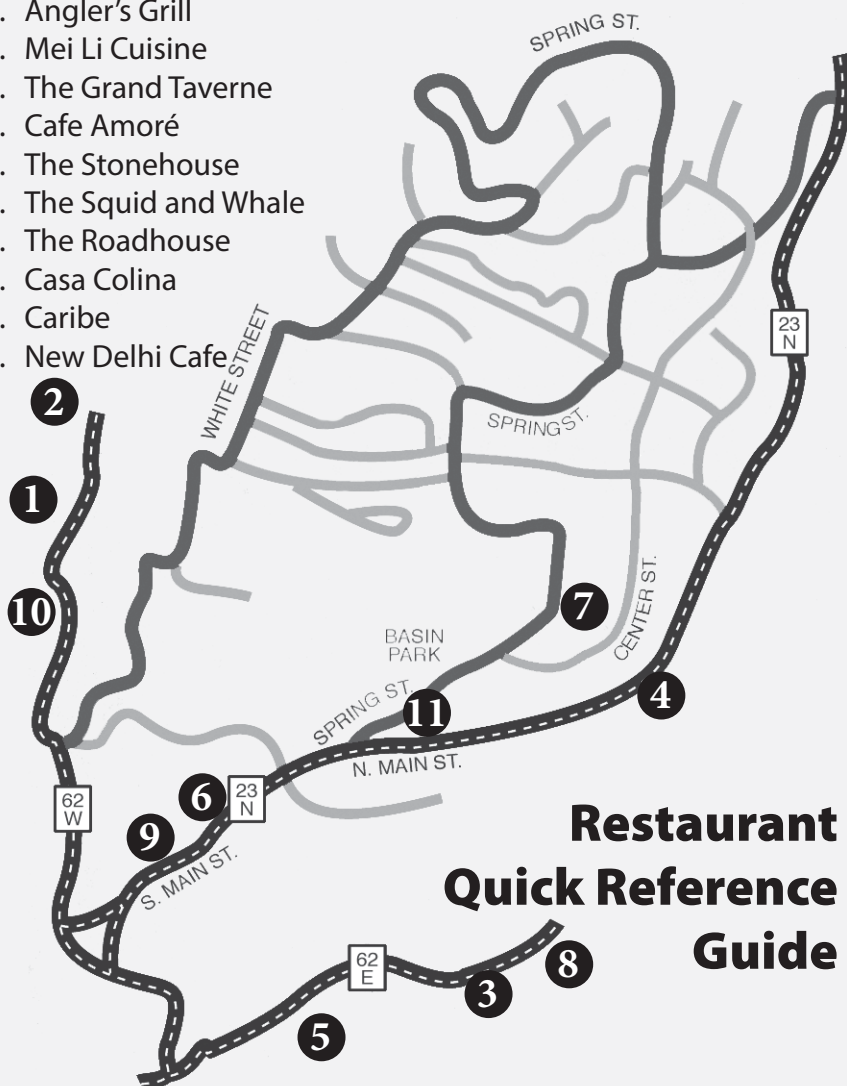
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## Eureka's extended families – through the time tunnel

A lot of hippies who moved to Eureka Springs in the early 1970s turned on, tuned in and dropped out all the way back to the Stone Age. In some ways, their lives followed, literally as well as geographically, the same paths trod by Eureka's original settlers... Indians. Long before white entrepreneurs like the fabled Dr. Alvah Jackson had his "Eureka!" moment with the healing waters of what would become Basin Spring Park, original settlers lived in a two-tier population that presaged the city's penchant for episodic social schisms, such as the Mohawks and the Silk Stockings, longhairs vs. straights and downtown vs. the highway.

The Native American elite was composed of tourists from surrounding bio-regions who visited the area on hunting or trading parties. Artifacts left on relatively flat land above the confluence of two creeks or rivers, the Interstate highways of the day, attest to the early tourists' penchant for trinkets. Archeologists have found feathers and exotic stone from Mesoamerica alongside soapstone from the Great Lakes area.

These intrepid travelers came from, relatively advanced native American societies that were tribally organized. Some of their homelands featured large villages where agriculture and social organization had advanced to the point where a division of labor existed which yielded enduring, and sometimes massive, works of art.

### Pre-Columbian communes

Not so the more year-round Indians who typically roamed the area in extended families of a few individuals and followed a migratory "seasonal round" dictated by weather and the availability of food and water. When herds of edible animals migrated, they followed. When the acorns fell, they were there to grind them into flour with the few stone manos and metates they could lug around or fashion from fallen remnants of south-facing, limestone bluff shelters they lived in.

One unfortunate result of eating stone-ground acorn flour was bad teeth. Skeletons from the time reveal teeth worn down to the gums from chewing bits of grit mixed with the flour. The size of extended families was limited by the fact that few lived very long and often died excruciating deaths from rotting teeth. Anyone who reached the age of 30 or so was an elder.

Frequently moving from one area to another, bluff dwellers were severely limited in the material goods they could carry with them. While their more sophisticated brothers and sisters built pyramidal mounds and fashioned exquisite effigy pottery, the rag-tag nomads of the Ozarks seldom created anything



more lasting than baskets and sandals woven from native plants and occasional pictographs daubed on the rear walls of bluffs or incised on bones like comic books for the illiterate.

Village-dwelling mound builders and bison hunting plainsmen looked down on them as hillbilly Indians and the proto-hippies knew enough to make themselves scarce when armed visitors passed through.

### Squatters

Flash forward a few, not that many, centuries to the nomadic hippies who stumbled on Eureka in the early 1970s. Guided by word-of-mouth and traveling light in extended adopted families, many of them who couldn't afford \$30 or \$40 a month for a farmhouse or a downtown apartment simply moved into empty, sometimes abandoned, dwellings.

After the popularity of patent medicines dried up the allure of healing spring water and the trains stopped shuttling tourists from sweltering northern cities to the relatively low-humidity coolness of Eureka Springs, and before the attraction of Gerald L.K. Smith's "Sacred Projects," (think Gumby the giant Jesus and the Passion Play) gained economic

traction, the town was pretty much deserted. The popular perception was that you could buy just about any house in town for less than \$5,000.

On New Year's Eve, 1970, the biggest celebration in town was five people standing near the intersection of Main and Spring Streets. Shortly before midnight, a tow truck pulled up with a school bell hanging from its hook. As the "crowd" counted down to 1971, the driver fetched a ball peen hammer and struck the bell 12 times before tossing the hammer in the back of the wrecker and driving off as the revelers rapidly dispersed. During the following winter months, those so inclined could, if so inclined, fire a canon down Spring St. without fear of hitting anyone.

Long before the writing on what would become the Vietnam Wall became clear, the days of six-month winters without any visible tourism began drawing to an end and Eureka went on a motel-building binge that bet its collective mortgages on a year-round economy.

"They're gone. Come on up," was a common message on the hippie underground telegraph during those early winters and some longhairs emulated the "seasonal round" of their Stone Age precursors. When jobs, meaning working for enough to get by during the summer at the Passion Play, where lip-syncing longhaired thespians smiled as native-born Eurekans glued on Biblical beards and long hair, dried up in the winter, some hippies moved to the city for a few months.

### Freaky Eureka

Waiting tables, playing music or tending bar in more established tourist destinations such as Austin, San Francisco and, most important, New Orleans, then returning to Eureka for the summer forged strong cultural ties between long-haired Eurekans and their brothers and sisters across the country and infused the tiny Ozark metropolis with a cosmopolitan cultural perspective that contributed to the city's un-Arkansas weirdness that often impelled those born near Eureka to make a long detour around "Freaky Eureka" on their infrequent trips to the relatively bright lights of big-city Berryville.

For all the obvious cultural similarities shared by Eureka's hippies and the Ozarks hillbilly Indians, it would be an ignorant mistake to overlook one crucial difference. The Indians were driven out of Eureka Springs by the powers that be; as for the hippies, no matter how hard bankers, lawyers and motel owners tried ... we're still here.

*(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.)*



Dallas Walden had not owned the store very long when he sold it to Wyrick. Adam Wyrick goes on to describe borrowing money from W.C. Fawver, the moneylender in Seligman, Missouri. “Now as I have said I didn’t have any money but didn’t owe anyone either, had that little farm and the stock and I had a good credit and a good name. There was a company in Seligman, Mo., by the name of Fawver and Co. I went to them to borrow the money and I was in doubt if I could get it or not, I was to give invoice price for the goods and \$100.00 for the building and one acre of land so the company said they would loan me the money, the invoice price was \$1,686.00, and \$100.00 for the property which made it \$1,786.00.

“I gave a mortgage on my place for \$700. Mortgaged my personal property and still lacked \$200 security. So there was two of my friends went my note and I rented the farm and moved to the store. Well dear reader if you could have seen me the first morning, I had to borrow money to make change with, as I only had 15¢ in cash, the stock of goods was a general stock, it was hardware, groceries, shoes, dry goods and notions, and post office.

“You should have seen the first package that I done up, it looked like a crow’s nest of course, all of the customers were acquainted with me and they just laughed at me and came back again as it was the only trading place there was within 12 miles each way, there were no cars then, just the old wagon.”

Adam Wyrick applied for and became the third postmaster of Busch on December 31, 1912. He described, “Now this store was off in the woods, there was no road to it, only wagon roads and paths and our mail came from Beaver, Ark., by horseback. When I first bought the store it was brought in every other day or three times a week, but later on we got daily mail. Now the roads in this country at that time

were just as rough as could be up over ledge rocks, through the timber, around hillsides where a wagon would almost turn over, across creeks and ford the river when you could get to it.”

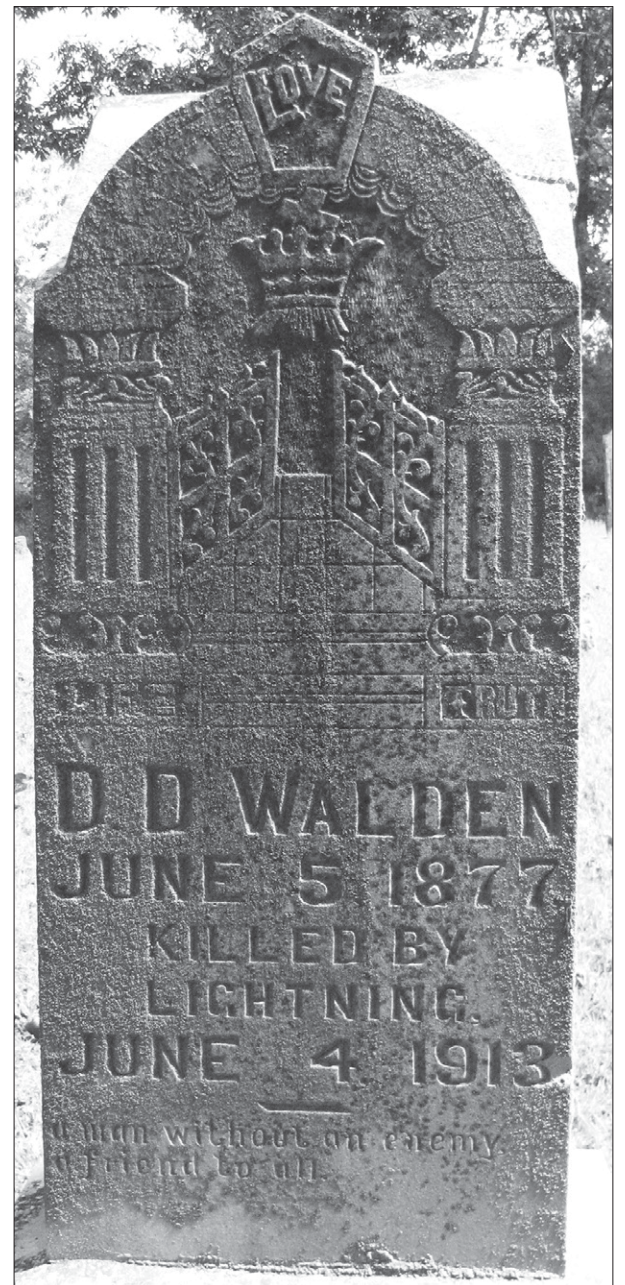
But within about a year, Dallas Walden bought the store back from Wyrick. The story goes that Walden and Wyrick loaded a wagon drawn by two horses, drove the trail downriver (north) to the Walden farm where they could then turn northwest and drive the trail along the railroad bed up Butler Hollow to Seligman. There they would trade goods for the store, a once a week trip anyway, but this time they would also visit the moneylender and notary, W.C. Fawver, to conduct the business of transferring the store from Wyrick back to Walden.

Coming back from Seligman, they were about a mile from the store on the wagon road from Butler Hollow when a lightning bolt struck a cliff about 100 feet from the wagon, killing Dallas Walden and one of the horses. Wyrick wrote, “The lightning knocked me out of the wagon into a pile of rocks and knocked me unconscious but somehow I got up and wandered around for hours.”

Flonie Walden recalled, “I often have been told that the one horse was quietly standing, still hitched to the fallen horse and wagon. And my father was sitting erect in the left side of the springseat. Due to the fact that his watch was stopped and the works were melted, it was determined the exact time the lightning struck them.”

Now Dallas Walden, the new owner of the Busch Store for one day, and for the second time at that, was dead. His headstone in the Walden Cemetery on the river at Busch reads “D.D.Walden – Killed by Lightning.” He died a day before his 36<sup>th</sup> birthday, June 4, 1913.

*Busch, Arkansas 72620 is available at [www.terribradt.com](http://www.terribradt.com).*



**Valkyries ride for charity** – Some 300+ Valkyrie motorcycles rumbled through town last week leaving more than exhaust fumes behind. Every year the club supports a charity local to their convention destination and this year Special Olympics Area II, serving six counties including Carroll, was that lucky organization. The club made a generous \$7,000 donation from special auctions and events and also participated in the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks blood drive. Police Chief Earl Hyatt, Mayor Morris Pate, and hotel owner Randy Wolfenbarger said the group was one of the best the town has hosted. “Not an accident, not a scratch on a bike, not one complaint – a great group of people,” Hyatt said. They gave rides to Special Olympic athletes and welcomed them to their events. Through their donation, new sports will be added to the Area II program. Co-Directors Rachal Hyatt and Jennifer Dransfield stated, “We are excited to add more for our deserving athletes. This group was fantastic to work with and incredibly generous. Talk about leaving a place better than you found it!”

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## Leo – Lionhearted & Royal

**H**appy Birthday, Leo. Leo is the sign of friendship and fun, of children, games and self-identity through what one creates. Leo's hair is a mane rising up from a regal high forehead. The lion appears on the arms (logo) of many royal houses. Richard the Lionhearted recaptured the Holy Land. Leo oversees the heart, center of our life force. The opposite of Leo is Aquarius, the circulatory system. Leo is the center (the heart) where all energy flows and life-force (blood) emanates. Leo is courageous, the lord of the jungle. Leo, the fifth sign and labor, is fixed fire. Like a flame, Leo burns bright for a while. Later their fire burns low, an ebb and flow of life energy.

In the Old Testament Leo is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. In the New Testament, the Christians were thrown to the lions (symbol of power in Rome). The fish (Pisces) later subdued and caged the lions. It's written the Sun rose in Leo at the world's creation. Egyptians worshipped the Leo Sun when Sirius, blue star of Initiation, appeared in the sky and the Nile rose.

Egyptian temples were decorated with the lion or cat. In China, the Leo constellation is the Yellow Dragon with the royal star, Regulus. The Buddha loved the lion and often rested on his right side like the lion. In the esoteric book *Labors of Hercules* is the Nemean Lion, divine and from the moon (humanity's past to be left behind). Hercules's Fifth Labor was (is) to destroy that past (the lion) and to keep the lion's hide (spiritual protection) as armor (used for the remaining seven labors). The lion and Hercules, now stars in the heavens, signify humanity's different tasks and stages of awareness. All have Leo in their astrology charts. Everyone is royal.

**Aries:** Do you feel divided among four ways, standing in the middle wondering which paths to pursue next? There are several past issues that need tending and closure before

you will know how to proceed. They are being presented to you now so observe, assess, ponder, pray and have the intention to carefully and kindly complete all things unfinished. Then the next page turns.

**Taurus:** Maintain the trajectory into the future even though pressures and people pull you back. The new realities must be brought forth and each sign has the responsibility for a facet of that diamond. As Taurus, you have illumination needed for others to understand the plans and purposes of the new era. You have land to buy, a model to construct, a community to build, expansions to bring forth so that many will be saved.

**Gemini:** You experience confusion when you don't stand directly in the center of all realities. You must do this to observe both sides in order to create a triangle of synthesis, you at the apex. There are two paths outlined for you. Knowledge creates thought that creates symbols which reveal revelations so Right Choice can occur. Ponder upon, draw and visualize the seven pointed, six pointed, five pointed stars and a triangle and the Cross. Again.

**Cancer:** A fusion and synthesis are occurring between what you were taught and what you now know and seek. Money is a concern. It will always be available. With others are you harsh, possibly critical? Careful. You may not realize your tone of impatience. The homeopath Aconite neutralizes impatience (an excess of electrical energy). At times you feel like a rainstorm.

**Leo:** It's possible that thoughts and feelings from previous relationships are being remembered. It's possible there could be anger about the ways your parents raised you which influenced your behavior in adult relationships. It's good to ask what you learned in each relationship. And to ask, "Did I give enough?" There's still time. Everyone is learning from everyone else, all the time. Your self-identity changes.

**Virgo:** Tend to finances; ask for assistance if puzzled, embrace the future by investing money in supplies to sustain you and others for two years. Plan on others joining you. When ongoing self-critical beliefs occur heartache results. It's important to know the difference between good and evil, dispassion and intrusion. It's best to use words of praise, which neutralizes mental and emotional illusions and distortions.

**Libra:** Something profound, transformative and new has been occurring at home affecting the foundations of your life. By autumn you'll know more. Good things are coming about in your professional life. Is family visiting or are you missing family? Are you thinking about and able to travel? Tend with care and kindness to all relationships. Your group sustains, nourishes and fortifies you. But someone's left out.

**Scorpio:** It may feel that you need to structure your surroundings so nothing is left to chance. Also you want to nurture and build an even growing participation in a social sphere. You wonder what to do with your money as you are offered two choices. One grows, one dims. How do you decide which to choose? Which is more sustainable?

**Sagittarius:** It's time for something new in terms of relationships. Is it also time to travel somewhere you've been before to assess it with new eyes? Do be aware of how much work you've done, how hard, and where you are today. In the next 18 months your usual ways of thinking and interpreting will change. Your creativity will change, too. Some of this is already occurring. Is it topsy-turvy at home with life tumbling about?

**Capricorn:** You asked for a playful column. I see why. Pluto in your first house of self-identity. Everything about your life is deep and profound and you need someone else to make the jokes freeing you from the Plutonian depths. Let's not talk about money. You have enough.

You don't have enough. In between is a childhood wound. You desire to transform all environments. There is a prayer that turns your abode into a shrine.

**Aquarius:** There's a new reality in your life as the old realities tumble after. Perhaps you grew up with little or enough money. Either way you have a certain lens concerning money. And here we are today, the monetary world collapsing. Don't be fearful. From the ashes emerge great opportunities. Ponder upon priorities considering the world situation. What must (can) you do now? You'll come to true answers.

**Pisces:** Things feel very complex. In your state of solitude all expectations are surfacing, informing you they must be forgotten. Disappointments, sadnesses and unrealized hopes, leading to despair, can actually make us ill. It's important to be aware of this. Then see a holistic doctor who does astrology with homeopathy. Deep, deeper to deepest layers will be uncovered. In safety. The new psychology.

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**Chasing Nadean** – Lynn Whitley and Deb Starnes perform at Eureka Live! Wednesday for the kick-off event of summer diversity.

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**Patio Action** – Walter Burrell (left) and Lee Keating (right) proprietors of Eureka Live! Underground and Patio relax for a moment while enjoying some live music.

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## INDEPENDENT VISITORS this Week



Jo Karen Hudson (left) is from Conway, Ark., and is a University of Central Arkansas Math professor. Wanda Pittaway (right) is from Midland, Texas, retired after 43 years of teaching. Pictured here enjoying the patio at Eureka Live!, they did not know it was Diversity Weekend when they planned this trip, but Hudson states "My husband and I used to come here and I would much rather visit on Diversity Weekend. I think it is great fun." Meeting in 1971 while teaching in adjacent classrooms at Central Junior High in Springdale, Ark., they became lifelong friends. This is their second visit to Eureka Springs this summer alone. "We like to shop – Spring Street Peddler and Annie's are two of our favorites." As for dining they enjoy the Crystal Dining Room, Grand Central and like to spend afternoons at the Balcony Restaurant's mist room, "although it was just about too hot today" said Hudson. About the heat, we can only hope the old saying is true—if you don't like the weather in Eureka Springs, find a cool bar.



**ESDN Green Team volunteers strike again** – The Eureka Springs Downtown Network has adopted the "Pagoda" garden next to the Art Wall downtown, and spent three hours last Tuesday clearing it out. The team of volunteers included Amanda Haley, ESDN secretary; Linda McFarlin, ESDN vice president; Lilah Steiger; Joanne Pastena Vaught; Scott Dobbins; Pat Lujan and not pictured, Jacqueline Wolven, executive director. The next clean up at this location will be a Mulch Brigade. Date will be announced soon. To get involved in gardening projects contact Jacqueline Wolven (479) 244-5074, email [director@eukaspringsdowntown.com](mailto:director@eukaspringsdowntown.com) or see [facebook.com/EurekaSpringsDowntownNetwork](https://facebook.com/EurekaSpringsDowntownNetwork).

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## Diversity Weekend

Summer diversity is here and it is going to be a hot weekend in more ways than one. There will be big parties at NEW DELHI, VOULEZ-VOUS, EUREKA LIVE, HENRI'S JUST ONE MORE—read more in the Diversity Schedule. Here are some other acts you might want to catch while in town.

JACK'S CENTER STAGE has **Big Skillet**, a new band from Joplin who describe themselves as “5 weirdos playing music that doesn't suck.” Robbie Helms, Chris Kissel, Doug Fuller, Max Barnett, & Lonnie VanVolkinburg are the five in question and I have to admit, they don't suck. They play rock, blues and modern country. They have a version of *Ladies Night* online that will make you want to hear them in person. They play Friday and Saturday at Jack's.

THE ROWDY BEAVER DEN is featuring **Jesse Dean** on Friday night. You may have seen him perform solo or with **Left of Center**. At this smaller, more intimate setting, Jesse performs his blues and rock while putting the crowd at ease and in party mode. You can see the passion he has for his craft up close and personal.

There are several shows around

town and the **Violetta Lotus Burlesque Troupe**, local “Lotus Girls” perfecting the art of the tease, are performing at CHASERS on Saturday night. This show is always a crowd pleaser and is tastefully done. Melanie Linker, artistic director and choreographer describes them as “Always classy, but so, so sassy.” Make this one of the shows you see in

town, you won't be disappointed.

### FRIDAY – AUGUST 3

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Hogscalders*, 12 p.m., 6 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Jones Van Jones*, 4 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** ‘80s *Rewind favorite hits from the '80s*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Ben Miller Band*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Boys will be Girls-Drag Event*, 9:30 p.m.
- **EUREKA STONEHOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 5–8 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red Guitar*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **HENRI'S JUST ONE MORE** *DJ Remix*, 9 p.m.
- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** *Big Skillet*
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ & Karaoke
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Skillet Lickers*, 6:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Tommy Nolan*, 8 p.m.
- **PIZZA BAR** *Diversity Meet and Greet*, 6 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Karaoke with Rachel
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Jesse Dean*, 7 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *The Tricks Rock*
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Mama's Black Sheep*, 6:30 p.m., *Big Bad*



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Gina, 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY – AUGUST 4**

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Chuck Onofrio*, 11 a.m., *Awesome Possums*, 1 p.m., *Steve Jones*, 3 p.m., *Drumming in the Park*, 6 p.m.
- **CARIBE** *Live Jazz Music*, 6–8 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Violetta Lotus Burlesque*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Speak Easy*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Boys will be Girls-Drag Event*, 9:30 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **HENRI'S JUST ONE MORE** *DJ Remix*, 9 p.m.
- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** *Big Skillet*
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ & Karaoke
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Skillet Lickers*, afternoon, *Bella Donna*, 6:30 p.m., Breakfast After Hours,

10:30 p.m. – 2 a.m.

- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Tommy Nolan*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *"The Queens" Comedy Drag Show*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *John Harwood*, 7 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Blue Moon Americana*
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Mama's Black Sheep*, 6:30 p.m., *Big Bad Gina*, 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY – AUGUST 5**

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Shawn Porter*, 12 p.m., *Jeff Lee*, 5 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Barbed Wire*, 1 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Steve Jones & Chuck Onofrio*, 4–8 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., *Mule Ride*, 3:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Free Pool

Sunday

- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Laurie Morvan Band Red Hot Blues Rock*

**MONDAY – AUGUST 6**

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

**TUESDAY – AUGUST 7**

- **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 *Russ & Mike*, 7–9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Taco Tuesday

**WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 8**

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Sing and Dance with *Tiny*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Magic Mule*, 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 9**

- **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*

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### Windows get stuck

John Tarasuk represented the application for replacing the old wood encased windows at 12 Linwood with new wooden windows. Tarasuk told commissioners some of the windows are cracked, one has a bullet hole and the molding needs replacing. All of this has allowed water damage. Some are covered by storm windows that he wants to remove because they're unsightly.

Breitling pointed out the guidelines say replacement windows should match original windows, and repaired wood windows are better than new wood windows.

Tarasuk pointed out that one sill had rotted away so badly someone

used a two-by-four as a repair.

Breitling asked if the sashes were in good shape, saying if so, the windows can be repaired.

Grinnell offered to make a site visit, but Tarasuk said he preferred a decision at the meeting.

The decision on his application was unanimous not to approve it.

In other business, HDC unanimously approved the following applications:

- 20 Owen – rebuild existing retaining wall; complete veneering concrete walls; add limestone capstones
- 51 Steel – revision of previously approved new construction: change roofing material; balcony railing;

window paint color

- 25 Amity – replace windows
- 85 South Main – replace windows; paint deck; new roof
- 24 Judah – new residential construction

Applications for 21 Nut and 1 Grand Avenue were tabled so commissioners can see a sample of roofing material in the applications.

Commissioners approved these three items on the Consent Agenda:

- 182 W. Van Buren – new paint colors
- 12 Hillside – new sign
- 265 Spring – new sign.

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that City Preservation Officer Glenna Booth believes to

be in accordance with the design guidelines.

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

- 61 Wall St – re-roof, same material and color
- 285 Spring – re-roof, same material and color
- 5 Ojo – replace gutters
- 37 S. Main – repaint
- 114 Armstrong – re-roof
- 269 Spring – re-roof

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 15, at 6 p.m. There will be a workshop Wednesday, August 22, at 4:30 p.m.

finally located in Eureka Springs with the help of a private investigator hired by Metcalfe. Metcalfe called her right away.

"I was in shock and part of me did not believe it at first because I had been let down so many times," said Pool, "but Debi said she was sure it was him."

With Pool holding on the phone, Metcalfe emailed pictures of Opie from the ad and heard her gasp as the pictures came into view.

"Oh my God! I never thought I'd see him again!" Pool cried. "Look! It's really him!" she exclaimed to her children sitting with her at the computer. After talking with Pool, Metcalfe organized her notes, notified the proper county authorities and later called the TSCRA Ranger who was assigned to the case and gave him the particulars as they had unfolded Monday.

With his interest piqued at the prospect of returning a horse to its family more than nine years after its theft, the ranger and a Dayton County deputy went to the residence where Opie was known to be and seized the horse. Opie remains in custody until the court releases him, and Pool is now responsible to pay his boarding fees there. Meanwhile, she's looking for a place to keep him when he comes home.

One possibility is pasturing with

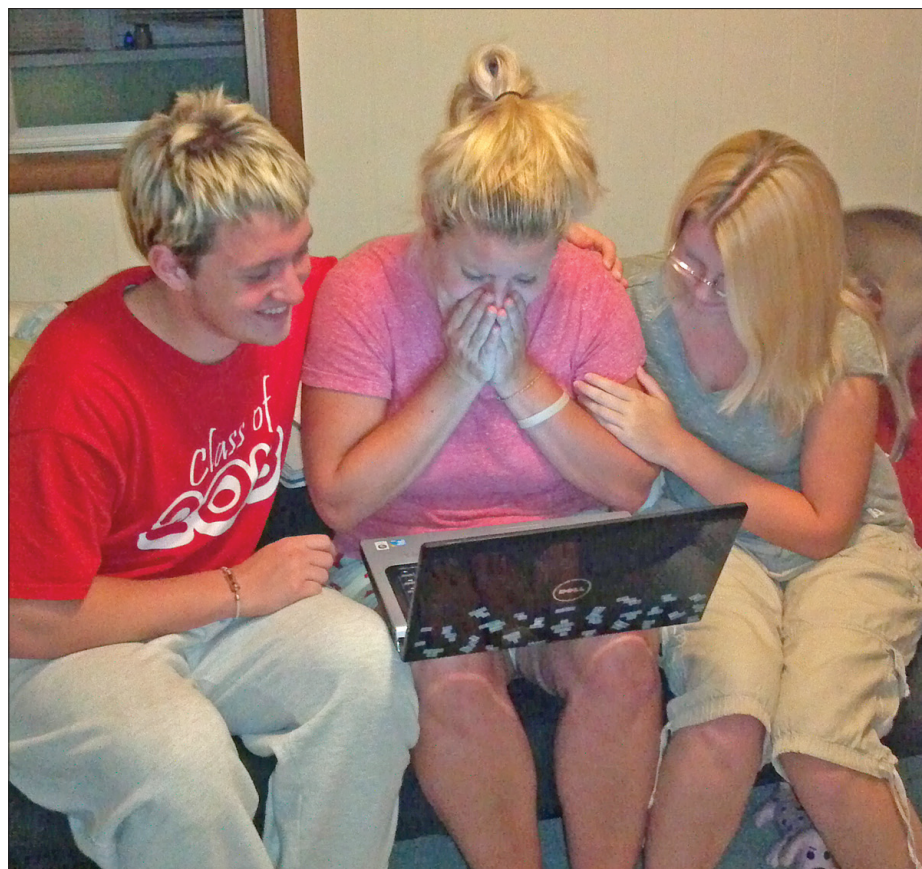
friend Liz Hisaw, who currently boards two of Pool's horses in exchange for training services for her own horses. But ultimately Pool would like to buy some land and have boarding available in the area. "I've talked to about six people in Eureka Springs who are looking for a place to put their horses. I'm going to start a stable one day if it kills me," Pool said.

Although the painful journey taken by this family for almost 10 years can never be erased, being able to show her children that there are good people in the world and that Opie will be home soon is helping to restore Pool's faith in people.

"I talked with Debi all day and she helped me find the right authorities and made calls on her own to get me help – not in a week – but tonight!" declared Pool.

"Opie was picked up by Ranger Jimmy Belt (TSCRA) and Missy Watson (Dayton County Sheriff's Office) this evening and I will see him, kiss his face and blow in his nose soon. The shattered dreams I had are being put back piece by piece and glued together all with the help of two amazing people ... the tipster DeAnna, and Debi with Stolen Horse International/NetPosse."

"We never give up and we never underestimate the power of one," Metcalfe commented. "This is truly one of the miracles we love to see and are so thankful we get to share this moment



**It's really him!** – Michelle Pool and children Travis and Taylor Ramsey see the first pictures of Opie as they arrive by email from Debi Metcalfe of Stolen Horse International. The children's father happened to be on hand with a camera.

with Michelle. It has been a good day."

According to Metcalfe, horse theft is a crime alive and thriving in the U.S. today with thousands of horses missing each year. With the help of volunteers through Stolen Horse International many horses are recovered and there is hope for victims like Michelle Pool – even years after a

horse is stolen.

For more information, contact Stolen Horse International (704) 484-2165, (704) 472-4314, or email [stolenhorse@netposse.com](mailto:stolenhorse@netposse.com). Before you buy a horse, be sure to check [www.NetPosse.com](http://www.NetPosse.com). Someone could be waiting for a reunion like Michelle and Opie's.



Enough with feeling sorry for ourselves. We're a small hall in a relatively small town. Get over it; we're not going to see mega-buck shows here. So what are we going to do, whine about what can't be made to work for us or celebrate what we have and can do with what we have?

What is it we've got? How about a cozy little 1000-seater (well, 990 actually) where there's hardly a bad seat in the house? What's wrong with an intimate theater where the back row of the balcony is 96 feet from downstage center? A theater with acoustics so good that minimal amplification is required?

How about a room that still has the vibe from thousands of performers over the years running the gamut from hundreds of Hedgehoppers to the



ghosts of Ray Charles, Doc Watson, and even J.P. Sousa himself? Late at night after a show and load out, you can stand on the darkened stage and feel – what? I don't know what to call it but I know it's there. For lack of any better description I just think of it as the spirits of a great old hall and all who have poured out their performing hearts there distilled into a warm, happy place. And I do enjoy my distilled spirits.

What we've got is a treasure that adds its own presence to every show. We've got a place that can

showcase the best local, regional and – sometimes – even nationally-ranked up-and-coming talents. Barely a month ago we welcomed rising classical stars, some who are likely to soon be counted among names like Stern and Ma.

Coming up in a few weeks we will present two groups gaining fame for pushing the envelope of Bluegrass. Same for Jazz Eureka 2012 in late September when we'll have the newest member of the Marsalis jazz dynasty, Delfeayo Marsalis, and his quintet.

Anecdote time: a long time ago I was production manager at a mid-sized music club in Atlanta. We got a contract to advance for an upcoming show. Looked like it was going to be pretty minimal, just a duo, two vocals, guitar and cello. Cello? Whatever. One interesting note, though – we were told

the cello player had a 5-octave vocal range. It's a Wednesday night show, nobody's heard of these guys. No great expectations. We added the show to our usual ad in the local free weekly and moved on.

Fast forward two weeks. It's now about a week before the show. All of a sudden there's a song all over the radio with our guy singing about getting high driving a taxi. The box office exploded. We added two more shows and sold out an 850-seat room three times over.

It can happen. And you could have the chance to someday tell the same kind of story and say you were there when X hit the big time...



INDEPENDENTCrossword by Chuck Levering

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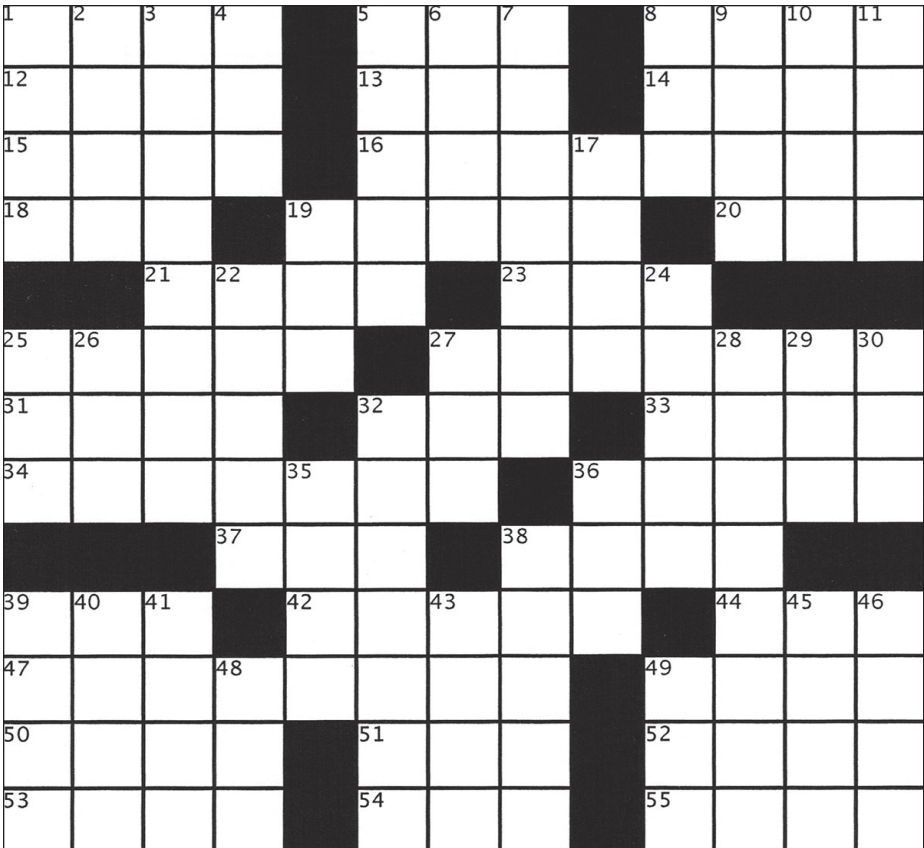
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- 1. Flake
- 5. Duo
- 8. Blueprint
- 12. Tramp's love
- 13. Self starter?
- 14. Challenge
- 15. Clay pot
- 16. Yes man
- 18. Ball support
- 19. Spent
- 20. Blue
- 21. Memo
- 23. Overnight haven
- 25. Intestinal
- 27. Found
- 31. Assay
- 32. Bard's evening
- 33. Horse play?
- 34. Raw fish dish
- 36. Cider provider
- 37. Bro
- 38. Expired
- 39. Source of iron
- 42. Australian horse
- 44. Scandinavian rug
- 47. Depress
- 49. Boat's center line
- 50. One teaspoon
- 51. Turn right

DOWN

- 52. European capital
- 53. Type of party
- 54. Yours and mine
- 55. Man or Skye
- 1. Coagulate
- 2. Healthy
- 3. Sloth
- 4. Burnese coin
- 5. Herb that's a source of courage
- 6. Sob
- 7. Speech
- 8. Handheld computer
- 9. Bet you can't eat just one
- 10. Zone
- 11. Dork
- 17. Lip-
- 19. Yada yada yada
- 22. Promises
- 24. Geometry's half a cone
- 25. Not ours
- 26. Pasture
- 27. Hawaiian welcome
- 28. Finish off
- 29. 12<sup>th</sup> letter
- 30. Female rabbit
- 32. Prohibition
- 35. Hovering Hawaiian bird

- 36. Run on TV or radio
- 38. Block
- 39. Chances
- 40. Melee
- 41. Local school (abbr.)
- 43. Stead
- 45. Shout
- 46. Sunburn cooler
- 48. Wooden pin
- 49. Goldfish





Lindblad commented, “It’s ridiculous we have to talk about this without all the information.”

Alderman Butch Berry said council might have done something during the early ‘70s to the franchise, and they must find out if the franchise they thought they had is still valid.

Armstrong pointed out it is not easy to make a franchise, once established, go away. It would take an elaborate process which is not recorded anywhere.

Glenn Brown, driver for Abundant Transportation, commented, “We’re barking up a tree with no paper trail.”

DeVito said they would gather all the paperwork they can find for the next workshop.

emergencies for the next several days.

### Heat stroke

Symptoms of heat exhaustion can deteriorate to a life-threatening situation called heat stroke. The body of a victim of heat stroke has begun to lose its ability to regulate its own temperature. Organs will shut down as the body attempts to regulate some parts at the expense of others. A victim will have hot dry skin because the body cannot sweat anymore, breathing could be difficult, and the victim could lose consciousness. This person needs emergency services immediately.

You might not be able to give a heat stroke victim anything to drink because water could induce vomiting. Maybe wet the tongue. Remove clothing as appropriate to expose the skin to air. Cool the

Discussion ensued on related topics. Pat Matsukis suggested the whole transportation system, including trolleys, needs to be reassessed, and Cody Steussy of Abundant Transportation questioned the wisdom of having only one taxi franchise in town.

DeVito said everything should be on the table. He brought up his experience of calling the local taxi service for his customers and not getting an answer. He said he had driven customers back to their motels himself because he could not get a taxi. He told David White, owner of the taxi business in town, that he had called for a taxi for more than an hour just two weeks ago and got a message that the mailbox was full. He told White he needs to hold up his end of the bargain.

White said he would not deny it might have happened, but he said he’s done pretty well for Eureka Springs over the years.

David Mitchell, owner of Heart of the Hills Inn, said his guests have had mixed results calling the taxi service but more reliable response from limos. He urged council to come up with regulations which provide quality service for visitors in town.

Lindblad insisted Eureka Springs is a small town, and taxis are a public conveyance but limos are not. The city needs to protect its public conveyances. It must regulate limos so the city will still have a taxi service.

Armstrong will poll aldermen to find a convenient time for another workshop.

person as much as you can with cool, damp towels, cloths or sponges. Use a fan or ice packs where large blood vessels are close to the skin, but do not put the person in an ice bath.

The idea is to cool a victim of a heat stroke as quickly as possible because damage to the body occurs when overheating persists. Most important, get emergency help as soon as possible.

### The situation

Here is news you don’t want to hear. June 2012 was the warmest June in Arkansas and Oklahoma since records have been kept. The period from January 1 – June 30 was also the warmest such period for that area since records began. Not only that, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration predicts July through the end of September has “an enhanced chance for above

average temperatures,” so we still have a ways to go.

The Arkansas Department of Health reported the first heat-related casualty in Arkansas on July 19. Last year, there were 17 heat-related deaths in Arkansas. That is a scary fact, but Cook County, Illinois, has already reported 27 so far this year. Dick Haselow of ADH said, “Everyone is vulnerable when the temperatures and humidity stay so high for so long.” He recommends spending time in air-conditioned places if possible and regular fluid replacement. Like it or not, we should get accustomed to our new weather paradigm.

We have to be smart about the heat like never before. For more information about heat-related illnesses, you can call Gayle Voiles at Eureka Springs Hospital at (479) 253-7400x2160.

Increasingly frequent references in popular media to Dante’s work have made me see this gap in my education. I really must read it. A newer, more accessible translation should help me navigate the *Inferno* this time.

Thanks, Dan Krotz, for giving me that extra nudge!

**John Herbster**

## Healthy eating requires proper labeling

Editor,

New labeling guidelines were published in March for fresh meat and poultry. We as consumers now have access to a tool to make healthier food decisions while grocery shopping. If not listed directly on the packaged product, the information is to be

prominently posted and available at the point of purchase. Of particular concern to many dieters is calorie count. Of course this count varies dramatically based on different cuts of meat. To me the most important information on a steak or roast is the USDA grade of meat in the package.

There are eight grades of meat recognized by the USDA and are, in descending order – Prime, Choice, Select, Standard, Commercial, Utility, Cutter and Canner. USDA records indicate only three percent are prime. Fifty percent is choice and only one-third is select. Generally unlabeled cuts of meat are either standard or utility.

I have not seen the above information posted at our local hometown grocery and am really concerned by the raw beef being listed as “USDA.” Note there is not a grade shown above called USDA. All

this market does is waste ink with that label and shortchanges the customer of information for their wise choice. Other grocery stores in the 10-mile radius do routinely label fresh raw meat by the legitimate grade. My assumption is that lack of grading locally hides the cheaper cost value by the merchant.

I do not buy any fresh raw beef locally as I prefer to go where I can know the value I am paying for. Choice is my favorite as less fat and still flavorful.

**Bill Pugh**

## Simply proud to live here

Editor,

When I made the decision to open a tearoom here in Eureka Springs in 2010, I looked forward to meeting new friends. I especially wanted to have a chance to meet more of the

locals of Eureka Springs, as I live out on the lake away from town.

What I didn’t realize was the amazing support and overwhelming caring of the people of this wonderful town. I have been the recipient of numerous cards, prayers and well wishes these past few weeks. I am recovering and plan to be back at the tearoom next week. I am so proud to be a part of this community and am humbled by your gifts of kindness.

**Charleen McCain**

Simply Scrumptious Tea Room & Emporium

## Rankine Thais one on

Editor,

My fiancé and I have been curious and waiting for a good review. In regard to “Thai House,” John Rankine’s review was credible. He actually opened the door for me and I smelled and tasted. Thank you, John.

**Randall K. Duvall**



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