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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Journalist Anthony Baxter filmed as Donald Trump decimated a beautiful



wilderness area and designated Site Special Scientific Interest to build two golf courses

and a 450-bedroom hotel on Scotland's east coast. Baxter was determined to record the David-and-Goliath struggle between the local population and Trump. "The first thing said to me was, 'I hope you've got a good lawyer.' I felt it was an internationally important story because this kind of thing is happening all over the world, where local people feel powerless and are not given a voice. We were holding people in power to account and giving ordinary people a voice," Baxter said. Google "You've been trumped."



Pate pens petition – Eureka Springs Mayor Morris Pate stopped outside The Quarter to sign Ward 2 alderman Parker Raphael's candidate's petition to run for re-election on city council. Parker needs 30 validated signatures from registered voters in the city to get on the ballot in November. The deadline for all candidates is August 17 at noon.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

ESHS loses popular teacher in drowning

NICKY BOYETTE

Mike Bonds, popular teacher at Eureka Springs High School, drowned Saturday in Beaver Lake. Bonds taught Building Trades and mentored students in the Skills USA program.

ESHS principal Kathy Lavender said, "In my 25 years in education, I've never seen another teacher connect with students like Mike did. He was a real role model." She said there are students in school now who didn't drop out because of his attention to their needs.

Superintendent Curtis Turner commented, "Mike was a class act. He was one of the finest men and instructors I've been associated with." Turner said that because of Bonds' leadership, Eureka Springs students were always competing at



MIKE BONDS

the state and national level in Skills USA competitions. "This is one of the few times you'll find me at a loss for words. It's a tremendous loss," Turner said.

Skills USA is a nationwide program designed to provide students skills they will need in technical, industrial and service trades. Lavender said Bonds was highly respected around the state because of how well his students performed. She said in her first year at ESHS, Bonds had a student competing in almost every category, and they won and went on to national competition.

Val Bailey, senior at Eureka Springs High School, is co-president of Eureka Springs Skills USA. He said Bonds taught him everything he knows about construction, which **BONDS** continued on page 21

Harvard fluoride study disputed by ADH

BECKY GILLETTE

A recent article published in *PRNewswire*, "Harvard Study Finds Fluoride Lowers IQ," states that Harvard University researchers' review of fluoride/brain studies "support the possibility of adverse effects of fluoride exposures on children's neurodevelopment." It was published on-line July 20 in *Environmental Health Perspectives*, a U.S. government peer-reviewed journal.

"The children in high fluoride areas had significantly lower IQ than those who lived in low fluoride areas," authors of the study wrote. The article also stated that the EPA said fluoride is a chemical "with substantial evidence of developmental neurotoxicity. Fluoride exposure to the developing brain, which is much more susceptible to injury caused by toxicants than is

the mature brain, may possibly lead to damage of a permanent nature."

Senior author, Philippe Grandjean, said fluoride seems to fit in with lead, mercury and other poisons that cause chemical brain drain. "The effect of each toxicant may seem small, but the combined damage on a population scale can be serious, especially because the brain power of the next generation is crucial to all of us," he wrote. "This risk should not be ignored."

However, the state's lead dentist, Dr. Bryan Whitaker, DDS, new director for the oral branch of the Arkansas Dept. of Health (ADH), said the title of the *PRN Newswire* release is inflammatory and the abstract is a far cry from being proof of optimal fluoride levels as causing lower IQs.

"Most of the *Newswire* release is just the New York State Coalition

Opposed to Fluoridation, Inc. (NYSCOF) pulling random info and mixing opinion and hype with an article that no one has apparently read," Whitaker said. "The title of the real article is: 'Developmental Fluoride Neurotoxicity: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis,' but is not even listed in the press release. Most of their referenced studies are from the Chinese literature and CNKI (Chinese National Knowledge Infrastructure) database."

Whitaker said results support the possibility of adverse effects with high fluoride exposure. "I don't know that they are able to state that optimal levels of fluoride may have any effect at all," he said. "Children in high fluoride areas reportedly had lower IQ scores than reference fluoride levels; but they do not state what constitutes high versus low. Maybe all the studies had levels way above .7 ppm or even the 1 ppm mark."

Whitaker was referring recommended levels of fluoride added to drinking water to promote dental health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently cut nearly in half the recommendations for the optimal amount of fluoride to be added to drinking water. The new recommendation, 0.7 milligrams of fluoride per liter of water, replaces the previous recommended range of 0.7 to 1.2 milligrams per liter. ADH has stayed with the old standard allowing up to 1.2 milligrams per liter.

The anti-fluoride group Fluoride Action Network (FAN) said recommendations were lowered after a CDC study found that 41 percent of 12-15 year olds, and 36 percent of 16-19 year olds, have dental fluorosis. "In other words, over one in three American teenagers now display a visible sign of fluoride overexposure," FAN said. "There is no dispute that too much fluoride can also damage bones, but the U.S. has not studied children with dental fluorosis to see if fluoride overdose has caused them

skeletal damage."

Howard Pollick, DDS, spokesman for the American Dental Association (ADA), said the majority of dental fluorosis found in the CDC study is very mild, and is not an esthetic concern.

"The more severe form of dental fluorosis is a much smaller percentage of children and adults examined," Pollick said. "It is more like three percent."

Pollick also said the time period studied was prior to a recommendation coming out that young children use only pea sized amounts of toothpaste and be supervised when brushing their teeth to prevent the children from swallowing the toothpaste or using too much. He said the study was also previous to a change in 1994 recommending stopping fluoride supplements to children younger than six months of age. Pollick said those two changes should result in less over fluoridation and less dental fluorosis.

Concerning the recent IQ study, FAN said that there have been about 100 studies showing fluoride enters and/or harms animal brains and about 25 studies, which show fluoride does cause brain deficits.

Ed Barham, public information officer for the ADH, said that they understand that there are differences of opinion about fluoride. "But the overwhelming weight of credible, scientific research shows use of community water fluoride to be safe and effective," he said. "We rely on that science."

Barham referred to a 2008 ADH report that states 187,000 Arkansans over the age of 40 have no teeth. The report states fluoridation of all community water systems in Arkansas would reduce this number by 65,450.

"Dental caries and dental pain are the leading cause of absence from school in Arkansas," Barham said.

Fluoridation has been a hot topic **FLUORIDE** continued on page 26



Chasers benefit a success - Shenell says thank you

GWEN ETHEREDGE

Chasers Bar and Grill hosted a successful benefit and auction on July 24 for bartender Shenell Maisonneuve, who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on June 11. Shenell has undergone more than 15 surgeries and will be in St. John's-Springfield for several more months to heal her many broken bones.

Chris Holtkamp, owner of Chasers, and Crystal Lucas, talent manager, set a goal of raising \$12,000. "We far exceeded that goal," Holtkamp was happy to report. "This community showed outstanding support for Shenell and her family."

Shenell herself said "I want to thank everyone for donating. I am getting better and it made me feel really good that people gave so much."

"We thank the many people who volunteered their time, donated items or just showed up in support," Holtkamp said. "Although we can't mention everyone, here are a few key contributors: Crystal Lucas, Megan Chipouras, Kirsten Torgerson, Mary Howze, Malissa Bain, Crystal McGuire, Dave Tromburg, Pam Sanchez and many others were instrumental in collecting donations for the auction events as well as planning the entire benefit. Beau Satori was the volunteer auctioneer, even though he didn't know he was going to be until he showed up."

Food was donated by Angler's, Pied Piper, Mei Li, Ermilio's, Chelsea's, Pizza Hut and Geraldi's. There were also many donations of baked goods from the good cooks of Eureka Springs.

Art is hot, galleries are cool for Saturday stroll

Galleries of the Eureka Springs Gallery Association invite browsers and buyers to celebrate sizzling art in the coolest galleries around town. Here's what's happening at:



ARTifacts Gallery of American Art - "Roomful of Roosters!" -Collectable cocks by gallery artists Denise Ryan, Bert Seabourn, Diana Smith, Jimmy Leach, Bill Garrison and Gloria Garrison. 37 Spring Street, upstairs, (479) 636-6660.

Studio 62 – "Cool Blues" – Hot weather brings cool skies and a special exhibit of clouds and weather paintings and photography by Jody Stephenson

(next to Bayarian Inn), 363–9209.

Fantasy & Stone - "Hot Art in a Cool Gallery" - Tracy Pesche creates colorful, whimsical wood/metal wall sculpture of suns, moons and birds. 253-5891. Customer parking. 229 N. Main, south of Barbara Kennedy Studio and the Train Station.

Iris at the Basin Park – America's finest glass artists produce work in furnaces above 1600 degrees Fahrenheit. One hot start to some very cool art. Showcased is the work of Ron Strong, Robert Held, Fay Miller, Bandhu Dunham, Michael Trimpol and Sylvie Belanger. While there, check out some Way Cool Pottery still being handcrafted in one of the oldest potteries in the world, Moorcroft Pottery.

Eureka Thyme - Charles Chappell grew up on our lovely county and had many opportunities to explore and translate nature into his special brand of photography. He turns the cool light of night into hot photography. Preview at www.cncimages.com and find out how he works his magic at Eureka Thyme during the 2nd

and Ron Lutz. Studio 62 on U.S. 62 Saturday Gallery Stroll August 11, 1 - 4 in the afternoon and during the regularly-scheduled stroll from 6 -9 p.m. The gallery will be serving a variety of cool treats to help beat the August heat.

> The Prospect Gallery - You can't get much hotter than a burning star! Works by Eureka's own incomparable Marvin Jonason reflect his theatrical

background in his mastery of light and color exhibited in abstract and impressionist landscapes. His shimmering, layered and textured spacescapes with their spinning nebulae and galaxies will amaze and delight. Come meet him and share a journey into space at this month's Gallery Stroll, August 11, from 6 – 9 p.m.



We all scream for ice cream

The First United Methodist Church on Hwy. 23 S will hold its Ice Cream Social on August 25, from 4 - 8 p.m. All are welcome. There will be ice cream w/toppings, home baked cookies, refreshments and live music provided by Al Anderson and Arkansas Red. Donations to benefit Adult and Youth missions will be gratefully accepted. For more information, phone (479) 253-5018 or 244-0379.

Prodigal taxi ordinance reappears

NICKY BOYETTE

Clerk City Ann Armstrong disseminated stacks of documents related to taxi franchises including the ordinance franchise owner David White said was the one he was given when he applied 23 years ago.

The city council workshop Monday, which included three aldermen and several citizens, agreed the resurfaced document, titled Chapter 4.24 Taxicab Franchise, contained most of what they wanted in a taxi ordinance.

Alderman James DeVito, who chaired the workshop, commented he wanted their ordinance to include the requirement of regular inspections for taxis.

Alderman Parker Raphael asked, "Why after all these years?" DeVito responded he wanted the requirement as part of council's responsibility for safety.

Raphael replied that council has



enough to allow it to improve its fleet over the years. "I'm sure Mr. White tries to keep his fleet safe," he said.

White said, "There hasn't been a letter to the editor, an accident, any trouble. For twenty-three years it hasn't been an issue. Now it's an issue. I'm not against safeguarding, just questioning the motivation."

DeVito responded he was just trying to craft a comprehensive ordinance so there would be less chance of issues falling through the cracks. He pointed out he and White would not always be around to protect the franchise.

Raphael asked what needed to be regulated besides inspections, and DeVito mentioned a posted rate schedule in the taxi. White replied it is a state law to have rates posted and he has them posted on his dashboards.

Raphael suggested the transportation providers in town, taxis, limos and trolleys, need to communicate with each other at least annually.

White pointed out that Fayetteville there seems to be a plan for communication among taxis. He also said that Eureka Springs has been having this conversation for at least 12 years but without enough follow through. He said he was not against any of the issues being talked about intelligently but he still wondered why the discussion had surfaced at this time.

Armstrong replied that issues arose when limousines were operating as taxis and council wanted to differentiate between taxis and limos, and she agreed with earlier comments that Chapter 4.24 gave council a good place to start.

Cody Steussy of Abundant Transportation said a taxi ordinance should have provisions defining the application and inspection processes as well as insurance requirements, and Raphael added that a taxi franchise does not need to be on call 24-7, that there should be downtime in the early morning hours.

White answered that the city needs to decide what it means to "meet the

not protected the taxi franchise well need." Is picking up 99 percent of the calls and missing one or two at 4 a.m. meeting the need? He said some weekends are busy and he tries to go 24-7, but said he doesn't think it is reasonable to expect that all the time. Steussy agreed saying that if you get only one or two calls at 4 a.m. once in a blue moon, then what's the point?

White said Eureka Springs is not like New York City, or even Rogers, with a large population base that might need taxis all night long. He advocated putting reasonable thought into this and maybe setting appointments for rides to the airport during the middle of the night.

DeVito said the ordinance they want to craft could set regular business hours, and beyond those hours rides would be by appointment only. There seemed to be agreement in the room for this idea.

Steussy also brought up White getting a call for eight passengers, which more than one of his taxis could accommodate. White said he gets those calls occasionally on busy weekends, and Steussy said the ordinance should allow White to use a limo instead of sending two taxis.

DeVito summarized, stating again the city needs to fix the taxi situation.

White said it is all about the tourists.

Alderman Lany Ballance interjected, "We need to service the people who live here. All I hear is 'It's about the tourists, it's about the tourists, it's about the tourists."

DeVito responded that it is because of the tourism-based economy the city gets the luxury of having a taxi service it wouldn't otherwise have.

White insisted if council intends to change the ordinance, it should have a public hearing.

DeVito ended by saying another workshop should finish the work they started. Time and date are to be determined.



Tuned up to tone out – Eureka Springs Fire Department was selected as the 2012 Fire/EMS Service of the Year. The award was presented to Fire Chief Rhys Williams during the Arkansas Emergency Medical Technicians Association's annual Emergency Medical ServicesCconference in Hot Springs. ESFD was selected from all Arkansas fire departments by AEMTA's Fire/EMS Society.

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CAPC wants no part of spam

NICKY BOYETTE

Sales Director Karen Pryor alerted the City Advertising and Promotion Commission to a new problem at Wednesday's workshop. She attends events all over the country promoting the city to tour groups and compiles a list of potential visitors. She has found that when she distributes these leads to local motels and lodges, for example, the recipients sometimes get much too much email. Pryor doesn't distribute all information to everyone, but tailors leads to where they are most effective.

Executive Director Mike Maloney said it is not industry practice to mass distribute lists of leads, and that the CAPC is obviously responsible and circumspect about how leads are disseminated, but there have been instances where a lodging that can't even accommodate a large group still solicits business from the leads, which causes confusion to groups.

Chair Charles Ragsdell added that Arkansas has stringent laws regarding spam and other states are even more stringent. However, the CAPC wants to represent all businesses in towns as best it can, so there is a necessary reason to connect businesses with leads. He suggested the CAPC be a clearinghouse.

Their strategy should contain a method involving an opt-in choice by

the lead, meaning the group chooses to get promotional materials and notices of events from local lodgings. Commissioner James DeVito said he liked not allowing any local business access to lists of potential customers unless the other end asks for it.

Executive Director Mike Maloney said it is their duty to be forthright and responsible about supplying the leads, but Pryor warned about being discriminatory.

Robert Schmid, nominated to be a commissioner but not vet seated. suggested they could set up criteria required by tour groups and gather information from local lodgings to see who matches the criteria. The CAPC could be the filter.

Ragsdell commented they could customize lodging lists to better identify who could handle larger groups - who has pools, who offers meals, who can accommodate tour bus parking. He added, though, they still want to market the whole city, not just the lodgings, to give prospective visitors the "flavor" of Eureka Springs. He said, "If we make it easier for the groups, we'll benefit even more from Karen's efforts."

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Maloney reiterated that the CAPC must promote tourism because tourism is what keeps people employed. He said people have **CAPC** continued on page 25

Kjelgaard named to school board

The Eureka Springs School Board voted Wednesday night to approve Peggy Kjelgaard to finish out Tom Winters' term. Winters resigned last week.

Kjelgaard is currently Executive Director of Eureka Springs School of the Arts.

The board also voted to accept the resignation of librarian Danielle Hardwicke.



PEGGY KJELGAARD

Eureka Springs Youth Sports Association NEWS!



Youth Football sign-ups

3rd through 6th grades

Saturday, Aug. 11

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Berryville Community Center (Soccer Field)

Saturday, Aug. 18

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Berryville Community Center (Soccer Field)

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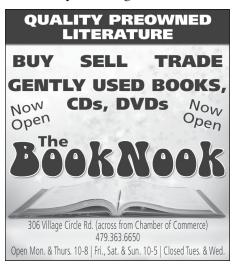
The case for Lake Leatherwood

Will LaPage, a provocative and imaginative thinker, has spent more than 50 years considering the nature of parks and protected areas, which he considers vital to human health. His assessment of Lake Leatherwood City Park and support of the Initiative Petition comes with the weight of knowledge and experience.

LaPage was a research program coordinator with the U.S. Forest Service for almost 20 years, then director of the New Hampshire state parks from 1984 to 1994. In 1980 he launched the first National Outdoor Recreation Trends Conference and was a member of President Reagan's Commission on Americans Outdoors. He has worked as a parks financial consultant with the Jamaican Biodiversity Team, El Salvador Protected Areas and Tourism Team, and the Bulgarian Biodiversity Team. He also served as an expert resource for projects in Croatia and South Africa.

The author of several books, LaPage also served as poet-in-residence at Rocky Mountain National Park, Acadia National Park and the Buffalo National River.

LaPage has noted that Lake Leatherwood City Park suffers from an advanced case of CCC Syndrome - the absence of any significant capital investment since the days of its construction by the Civilian Conservation Corps more than 70 years ago. There are lots of parks around the country suffering from the same





malady, he wrote in an email, looking much like relics from another era. He is convinced, however, Leatherwood has the potential to become self-funding in the not-too-distant future.

"The Lake Leatherwood master planning committee has chosen this as its theme, LaPage wrote. "In order to achieve self-sufficient status, Leatherwood's problems have to be addressed first by an infusion of capital investment to make it as much a part of the community as it once was." LaPage said Leatherwood needs to reflect today's community interests, not only in its recreational offerings, but also in its educational, volunteer and partnering opportunities. And, it is incredibly well positioned to do so.

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The Initiative Petition being proffered is asking for a 1/8 of a percent sales and use tax, for four years, to be used by the Eureka Springs Parks and Recreation Commission exclusively for Lake Leatherwood City Park, in accordance with an approved Master Plan, to be put on the November ballot.

In coming months before the election, the Lake Leatherwood City Park Committee will be asking to get the community solidly behind the plan. LaPage believes to avoid taking the plunge would be a huge disservice to the vision of not only the founders, the CCC developers and all of the park's community legacy, but would also be a tragic abdication of today's responsibilities to tomorrow's citizens.

At present, Leatherwood is vastly underused and failing to fulfill its potential in promoting pride in Eureka Springs. It's a true gem, just waiting to be polished.

Perhaps this is the perfect time to listen to an expert.



FAM Tour – The Eureka Springs CAPC sponsors familiarization tours for groups like this one from Branson. Iona Harris (I) operates Branson and Beyond tour guide service, Wanda Malmsbury (c) a Best Western sales manager and Joan Westfall (r) of Branson Professional Tour Guide Association are pictured here in the Conservatory of the Crescent Hotel. Many area businesses were on hand to promote our tourism industry.

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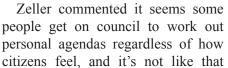
Zeller wants council seat back

NICKY BOYETTE

Joyce Zeller, former Eureka Springs alderman, announced her candidacy for city council by stating she wants to restore common sense

to city government. She is running for Seat 2, Ward 3, the seat currently held by Lany Ballance.

Zeller served on council for four years. "When I served on city council, I got things done," she said. "I look at the last two years and I'd like to pretend they didn't happen. It's been a circus."



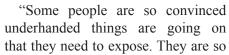
for her. She doesn't want to rescue anyone or get even with anyone. She wants to study whatever comes up, do her homework, have an intelligent discussion about the issues and move

things forward.

"Mayor Pate is a sincere man and he wants to do things for Eureka Springs and he needs a council to help him do it," she said, adding that she was able to work with all department heads when she was on council and she thinks city employees are wellmeaning people who want

to do their best.

JOYCE ZELLER



worried about the department heads," Zeller observed. She said department heads deserve the support of elected officials.

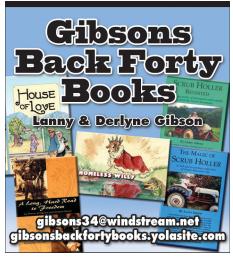
Zeller said she quickly got enough signatures to qualify for the ballot, and citizens were telling her that they city must get reasonable people on council. She has borrowed the slogan "The status quo has got to go" because she said it fits.

Four others have filed for council seats as of press time: James DeVito, Greg Moon and Dee Purkeypile in Ward 2, and Terry McClung in Ward 3. Parker Raphael, who replaced alderman Janet Alexander, is gathering signatures and said he plans to file shortly. Raphael's campaign slogan is, "I'll do it so you don't have to."



Opie's home! - Michelle Pool ignores the reins and rides Opie for the first time in nine years with a tight hug around the neck. Her fiancé, Jeff Wilson, and father, Andy Pool, made the trek to Texas with Michelle to pick Opie up and bring him back to Eureka Springs. (See ESIndependent, August 2) "I wasn't sure what I would face when picking him up," Michelle said. "We took my old trailer which had been in storage, and I had been told he didn't trailer well. I felt sick and happy and scared – everything you could think. We did a play by play [on Facebook] and hundreds were watching and waiting for each post of our trip; it was kinda cool. There were even people posting sightings of us. When I got home some of my neighbors were outside cheering. It was neat after such a long, hard, emotional trip. Opie is happy and is digging the feed and alfalfa and just resting up. Thank you to everyone who has helped me in all of this."

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We are what we eat

Editor,

The outrage over Chick-fil-A is silly. Of course the company has every right to take a stand opposing samesex marriage. Who cares anyway?

Here's the real reason to never darken the door of a Chick-fil-A: every sandwich is the product of monumental amounts of air and water pollution and more wretchedness than you can shake a fork at: genetically engineered chickens so breast-heavy they can't stand up at the end of their short, miserable lives.

Have you ever looked, really looked, at a truck carrying chickens to slaughter? In summer, chickens are packed so tight a number will already be dead before reaching the slaughterhouse. In winter, chickens in the outer cages are frozen solid in road ice. Take a good look at the creatures who make Chick-fil-A millions. Is that what you want to put inside you and your family? Meanwhile, take a whiff of our beautiful Ozark hills and their stinking air and water.

The greenest possible step we can take is to stop eating factory-farmed Animals – greener even than totally avoiding gas-powered transportation.

LGBT activists should have predicted a run on Chick-fil-A by the right-wingnuts, increasing company's bottom line by countless millions. Those who have borne the brunt of eons of mistreatment shouldn't even think about eating animals that never have had a chance to breathe fresh air, see the sky, or -

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WEEK'STopTweets

@HalzLW --- Taxing Olympic medals? That means the men's swim team currently owes \$63,000 to the government. That's one way to get NO ONE to follow dreams

@Zen Moments --- Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts.

@Demented_Jokes --- Ever thought how, in the '60s, people took acid to make the world weird? Now the world is weird, people take Prozac just to make it normal.

@MotherJones --- Cash is pouring into California in an effort to quash a popular ballot initiative that'd require labeling of GMO food

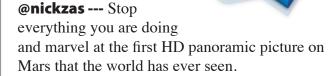
@CurryOgraphy --- Corporate America is air conditioned slavery

@GreenHedges1 --- Harvard study shows Fluoride not good for ingestion. Many municipalities **pay** to put in our water. Buhhh

@JWheezyK --- I love bluegrass. Can't wait to learn the banjo when I move to Arkansas.

@Change --- Girls in Louisana high school forced

to take pregnancy test or get kicked out of school



@kimodonnel --- Happy Farmers' Market Week, America! A hip hip hooray for their continued growth



INDEPENDENTE ditorial

We are what we dig up

ews is overwhelming these days, maybe because we have more access to it than ever and maybe because things are changing so fast we're not sure where to hang on so we don't get slung off the planet.

This week, though, there is some really fine news that caught us by surprise. Who knew this was National Farmers' Market Week? An actual national celebration in its 17th year?

We have been assaulted with chemicals in our dirt, air and water. They have all been altered for the benefit of profit to the detriment of health. There is no escaping the overall lingering effects of consuming impurities, although pharmaceutical companies have jumped with glee at the opportunity to sell us pills that will counteract asthma, rashes and sore stomachs that we shouldn't have in the first

This year's July is the hottest in the United States since record keeping began. Hot and dry do not make for happy crops. We are in the worst drought in 65 years, which is kind of like saying we are in the worst financial crisis since the 1930s. We have no choice but to nod and keep on going with what we must do – eat and drink and breathe, one bite, one sip, one breath at a time. In spite of crumbling finances, soaring prices, genetically modified food, unexplained illnesses and hairtrigger tempers, there are people who have bucked the system and become part of the solution.

Organic farmers, like our great-grandparents who lived on a few acres rather than in a few square feet, knew to plant one-third more than they needed, year after year. They knew there were misfortunes waiting to strike at any time – too much rain, too many pests and an occasional broken hip that knocked a farmer out for the season. So they made sure they planted enough to see them through adversity.

There was a national movement to cities where the jobs were. Farms suffered. They were inherited and sold and the land was plowed, sprayed and planted without rotation. It was named agri-biz. It provided inexpensive "food" for the masses in the cities who had the jobs that paid the farmers.

Seeds were hybridized and crossbred and modified so there would be bigger ears of corn and square tomatoes that were easier for shipping. Pectin was taken out of tomatoes so they would have longer shelf life. But our funny little bodies needed pectin. Who knew?

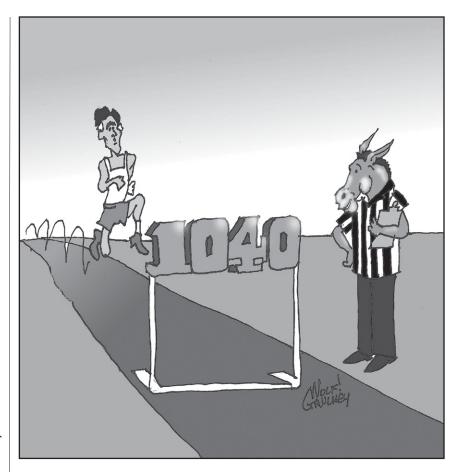
In the 1960s there was a movement to get back to the land, but it basically meant one man and one woman wanted to get away from crowds. They bought a piece of land and produced all the food they could pronounce. They raised pigs or goats or chickens and a few children, but not much more than they personally needed.

Then, one day, they turned into business people. They had fed enough people who smacked their lips and declared the chicken and dumplings as good as grandma's. They realized their kids didn't have runny noses and rheumy eyes. They knew that good food that had room to grow, happy food, was good for human health. They started markets where they sold what they raised to those who wanted quality.

It is more expensive to buy organic food. But organic food is a preventative. When we eat food filled with nutrients instead of chemicals, we have a chance of surviving and feeling good about it.

Our local farmers' market is one of 7,864 in our country. (That's ten percent more than last year). Our local market takes EBT, which helps make good food accessible to those who believe in it.

It's such good news to know healthy food is accessible that it's hard to find a dark cloud. Oh, wait. Seedless watermelons. Tell us those aren't genetically modified. For crying out loud, seeds are a part of the watermelon euphoria. They hold the heart in, make a better cracking sound when you cut the melon – and exactly how can one have a seedless watermelon seed spitting contest?



ThePursuitOfHAPPINESS

friend of mine has gone to work for the County. Now that we are both retired, I look forward to spending more time with him. Perhaps we'll go fishing, or garden a bit. In the meantime, I have books to read, a new camera to master, and a house to paint. I wonder if my friend will help me paint my house? I could take his picture with my new camera.

Fat chance.

My friend and I actually meet on Facebook more often than we do face-to-face, even though our houses are within sight of each other. I suppose that is a bit sad, but for all of the reasons we can list -we're more mobile, we work or volunter more hours, and we spend most of our leisure hours wired to some device, or to an application like Facebook - we don't have much left over time. And honestly, we're awfully tired.

Facebook isn't a fishing trip, but I know when my friend's having a bad day, and we're still connected. I love seeing the pictures he posts of his children, who we watched grow up and who have, of course, moved away. And folks I haven't seen in 20 years pop up – and I am so glad they did. How cool that an old pal lives on the beach in Naples, Florida.

The downside of Facebook is that it takes us out of our comfort zone. We belong to a group because we share or assume we share similar values, beliefs and ideas. Then, like a fly on the wall, we discover things about friends, and especially their friends, that scares the daylights out of us. Does SO and SO know that he's had a brain infarct? Should I call his wife?

Right now I'm assessing whether to stay on Facebook or not. I like how easy it makes staying in contact with folks I really like. And I like how it helps me market the stuff I write – like this column. But I'm not sure that it contributes to my happiness more than it causes me distress and frustration.

I don't like that.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

July 30

8:51 a.m. – Employer told ESPD an employee quit the previous night and refused to turn in his keys. Employer provided the ex-employee's address.

9:26 a.m. – Motel owner reported guests left in the middle of the night after damaging their room.

11:25 a.m. – A mother reported custody interference by her ex-husband.

11:56 a.m. – Observer saw a dog in a vehicle and was concerned even though the windows were down. He gave the animal some water. Animal control went to the scene but the vehicle had already departed.

12:39 p.m. – A van hit a road sign and then pulled into a motel parking lot according to an eyewitness. Constable on patrol found the vehicle and owner and issued citations.

2:04 p.m. – Driver reported a vehicle crossing the center line multiple times on its way into town. Constable found the vehicle parked safely in a neighborhood and took no further action.

3:46 p.m. – Resident asked for an officer to stand by while she collected her things. Officer responded and things were collected.

11:18 p.m. – Sheriff's office passed on a report of a horse near US 62 just west of town. Constable searched for but did not find the horse.

July 31

10:01 a.m. – A delivery truck stalled in a street blocking traffic.

10:38 a.m. – Ex-employee was removing school property from the administration offices. She called 911 to report she had been assaulted as persons were attempting to stop her. Statements were taken from everyone involved and property was returned.

1:43 p.m. – Building Inspector collected an illegal banner after trying to find whoever put it up.

6:54 p.m.— Constable assisted sheriff's department with an alleged mentally unstable male running through a neighborhood with a parrot. EMS transferred the individual to Berryville and the parrot was returned.

7 p.m. – Manager of a motel told ESPD one of her guests had stayed there for a month, had not paid her rent in two weeks, and had not been seen since Friday. Constable told the manager the

room had been abandoned so she could change the lock and hold the person's property until the bill is paid.

10:48 p.m. – Sheriff's office transferred a call regarding a vehicle moving very slowly, driving ditch to ditch, on Hwy. 23 North.

August 1

10:05 a.m. – Complainant reported a stolen vehicle, but responding officer determined that actually the situation was a civil matter involving a previous agreement between two parties and no report was necessary.

10:26 a.m. – A truck reportedly blocked parking spaces in a downtown parking lot, but was gone when a constable arrived.

1:13 p.m. – A guest departed without paying for his night at a motel.

9:05 p.m. — Residents in their apartments complained of a dog being allowed to bark and roam. Owner had collected the animal before officer arrived but the owner was warned that next time there would be citations.

5:22 p.m. – A motel clerk requested officer assistance because guests just evicted were in the parking lot screaming and causing a scene. The screamers, however, left soon after the call was made so no assistance was required.

10:45 p.m. – As a result of a routine traffic stop, the driver was arrested for driving on a suspended license.

11:55 p.m. – Two vehicles were parked in the lot of a business closed for the night and the caller thought they looked suspicious. Constable who responded spoke with those in the vehicles and they left.

August 2

7:26 a.m. — Parks Department discovered an artificial round juniper bush in Harmon Park. Constable collected the plant for safekeeping until its owner claims it.

7:48 a.m. – Local hotel reported finding a small marijuana plant growing on the premises. Constable verified it was marijuana and yanked it.

8:45 a.m. – Three small dogs, one of them a three-legged Pug, allegedly rambled with abandon through a neighborhood near downtown. Animal control was not able to find the drifters.

9:41 a.m. – Motel reported an individual

had been eating their continental breakfast for a few days but was not a guest. Responding officer discovered the individual had a felony warrant out of Texas and arrested him.

10:06 a.m. — A deer had become irreversibly stuck in a fence near a residence above downtown. Animal Control and an officer tried to free the animal but eventually had to put it down.

12:23 p.m. – Vehicle with a flat tire blocked traffic on U.S. 62. Officer responded.

3:48 p.m. – Shoppers had to be advised they could not park in a loading zone.

10:50 p.m. – Resident asked for officer assistance because her neighbor was on her front porch. Officer responded and gave the neighbor a ride to a motel.

11:24 p.m. – A mother asked for a constable to respond because her 15-year old daughter would not come out of her room. Constable arrived and found everything was okay.

11:47 p.m. – Motel clerk called ESPD because an individual wanted a room but would not identify himself, did not have enough money and would not leave. The individual was arrested for public intoxication.

August 3

8:12 a.m. – Small black dog menaced an area downtown and two officers tried but failed to capture it. Animal Control was put on alert.

9:40 a.m. – Two vehicles were parked in a red zone, and the responding constable had to find the drivers and ask them to relocate.

2 p.m. – A vehicle drove off the roadway and into the woods toward the eastern edge of town. There were minor injuries.

2:19 p.m. – Two vehicles collided on U.S. 62 in the commercial area. No injuries.

2:48 p.m. – Vehicle broke down at the intersection of U.S. 62 and Hwy. 23 North. Officer provided traffic assistance.

4:04 p.m. – Property owner had to deliver an eviction notice and asked for an officer to accompany her. Officer reported he would be in the vicinity but not available to walk to the door with her.

4:37 p.m. – A restaurant reported a person had applied for a job using a

fake name and social security number. Information delivered to ESPD.

5:04 p.m. – Constable intervened in a domestic dispute involving an exhusband threatening to crush the exwife's truck. Constable gave female a ride to another address. She will retrieve her belongings tomorrow.

5:10 p.m. – ESPD was alerted to a couple staying in a Eureka Springs motel, and the male had been drinking and was reportedly driving around town. He was also allegedly suicidal. Two officers searched all motels in town but did not find the couple.

5:49 p.m. – A male had a seizure driving on Planer Hill and there was an accident. His nose was bleeding but he refused EMS.

7:20 p.m. – A lodge advised ESPD it had kicked out several intoxicated males, and they were in the parking lot screaming and yelling. Officer stopped the truck they were in and found the driver to be sober. Officer spoke to the passengers about their behavior.

8:38 p.m. – A restaurant uptown reported a couple leaving without paying for their supper. As constables were en route, the restaurant called back to say the couple returned and paid their bill.

8:43 p.m. – Concerned eyewitness saw a couple walking along a road yelling at each other and the male grabbed the female. All available units searched the area but did not encounter the couple.

AUGUST 4

12 a.m. – Resident heard a dog howling loudly as though it had been injured. She asked a constable to check on the welfare of the animal. He found the animal was okay.

3:53 a.m. – Distressed resident told ESPD someone nearby was drumming and keeping her awake. Before a constable could respond, she called back to report the drumming had ceased.

4:15 a.m. – Responding officer discovered an employee of a gas station had accidentally triggered an alarm.

4:46 a.m. – Constable on patrol found two persons sleeping in a vehicle in a downtown parking lot. He gave them a ride to a motel.

1:44 p.m. – Officer fixed a malfunctioning change machine.

8: 18 p.m. – A guest at a motel asked to

speak with an officer to file a complaint. 9:20 p.m. – Motel guest told an officer the motel where he had stayed kept a copy of his driver's license and he was concerned about identity theft. Officer took the information.

9:48 p.m. – A truck was reportedly crossing the center line and proceeding very slowly as it headed into town from the south. Constable followed the vehicle while it was in town and found no reason to stop it.

10:55 p.m. – A vehicle was driving recklessly in the high school parking lot but was gone before an officer could get there.

AUGUST 5

2:06 a.m. – Officer responded to report of car seats found in a parking lot. He found a car seat, a booster seat and a baby bouncer.

2:54 a.m. – A car was parked suspiciously behind an assisted care facility. It was gone by the time the constable arrived.

10:24 a.m. – A motel alerted ESPD to a loaded weapon left behind by a guest. An officer took it to the station where the owner later claimed it.

10:53 a.m. – Two individuals broke into a cabin at Lake Leatherwood and were last seen leaving through a rear window and running into the woods. Officers searched for them and gathered information.

1:32 p.m. – Vandals damaged a tourist lodging overnight. Officer took the information.

4:33 p.m. – A husband told ESPD he was concerned by the harassing text messages his wife was receiving from family members who were on their way to visit. Officer responded and everything was okay when the relatives arrived.

8:35 p.m. – An individual was arrested for shoplifting in a liquor store.

9:29 p.m. – Clerk at a business thought the person hanging out in the parking lot looked suspicious but he was gone on arrival.

10:54 p.m. – Large tree fell and blocked part of Wall Street. Public Works and Fanning's Tree Service responded and removed the tree from the roadway.

AUGUST 6

6:56 a.m. – Officer followed an alleged reckless driver but found no reason to stop the vehicle.

INDEPENDENTNews



Clean-up crew – There's finally some action at the old Victoria Inn on U.S. 62 E. Shown above from left, Chris Rainbolt, Drew Gresham, Dale and Mike Bishop and Rick Bishop take a break from doing some very dirty work in a very hot space.

Рното ву С.D. White

Victoria Inn on US62E gets prepped for next chapter

After being ignored for nearly a decade, the Victoria Inn is finally getting some attention. The property went through a series of owners and managers, and was finally abandoned and left to rot in 2007. In time birds and small animals found their way in, due to damages done by weather and vandals, and created even more problems.

But now, in conjunction with Simmons First National Bank of Springfield, who assumed ownership of the property in May, a local crew is cleaning the place up to make it presentable for prospective buyers.

It won't be an easy task. Copper wiring has been stripped from the walls and air conditioning units; furniture has been broken and thrown into the pool, which is now a mucky puddle; water damage has ruined ceilings and floors and mold runs rampant. Carpets have been cut out and sinks stolen from some rooms. Due to the amount of bird and animal feces in the carpeting in some larger areas, dust masks are necessary for safety when sweeping or vacuuming.

Yet hopes are high Victoria can be restored to the grand lady she once was.

Most broken windows have been repaired and the grinding job of cleanup has begun in earnest.

Chamber President/CEO, Mike Bishop and his wife Dale with a small crew have been on the job. "It took us an entire day just to clean up all the broken glass, and we're still not done," said Bishop.

Realtor for the property, Gene Bland, was dumbfounded at the damage. "It boggles the mind that people could do this to such a wonderful building," he said. "I don't know if they're just crazy or what. My hat is off to Chief Earl Hyatt and all those guys for the fantastic job they've done to prevent more vandalism. Phil Jackson at Carroll County Solid Waste had that construction dumpster pulled in here — we're just getting a lot of help from the community."

Bland also said he has one tentative contract on the property from local doctor, Dan Bell, who gave him permission to disclose the agreement. Any future plans made for the building would be pending feasibility assessments and other factors. "It could be a potential money pit," Bell said.

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CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 13, 6 p.m. **AGENDA**

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: July 23

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED **TERMS:**

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

CAPC – Pos. 1 – vacant – expires 7/1/16. Vote on Robert Schmidt. Pos. 3 – Lynn Bridwell – expired 6/30/11. Pos. 4 – Bobbie Foster – expired 6/30/12

Hospital – Pos. 2 – vacant – expires 6/1/14. Pos. 5 – vacant – expires 6/1/17. **Vote on Jack Pritchard.** Pos. 6 – vacant – expires – 9/7/15

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

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

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

Yellow Bag Research Committee

Deer Hunt Committee

PUBLIC COMMENTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Non-conforming Off-Premise Signs postponed until the sign ordinance is approved – Planning Commission
- Ordinance No. 2155 Limousines second reading tabled until the second meeting in August – Mr. Raphael and Ms. Ballance
- 3. Discussion of water rate increase postponed until review is completed Mr. Raphael and Ms. Ballance
- 4. Action for non-participating commissioners Mr. Pownall and Ms. Ballance
- 5. Building permits, parking lots, demolition and construction ordinance Planning
- "Weekly" dwelling units list Planning
- Vine St. vacation/ordinances postponed until after the Public Hearing Mayor
- Discussion of Group Tour trams Ms. Ballance and Mr. Raphael
- Update from the City Attorney re: ordinances, resolutions, actions Mr. Pownall and Ms. Ballance
- 10. Appendix for Animal Drawn vehicle routes Ms. Ballance and Mr. DeVito **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 1. Yellow bags and enforcement Ms. Ballance and Mr. Raphael
 - 2. Update on the Taxi franchise workshops Mr. DeVito and Ms. Lindblad
 - 3. Discussion of the proposed ordinance for Water/Sewer committee Mr. Pownall and Ms. Ballance
 - 4. Discussion of the Auditorium agreement for 2013 Mr. Pownall and Mr.
 - 5. Discussion of voting changes for Alderman Mr. Pownall and Mr. Raphael
 - Discussion of the deer hunt schedule and regulations Mr. Berry and Mr.
 - Discussion of the marker proposed for Conway Spring Ms. Ballance and Ms. Lindblad
 - 8. Discussion of cemetery standards Mr. Berry and Mr. Pownall
 - 9. Discussion of financial procedures Mr. Pownall and Ms. Balance
 - 10. Discussion of asking the Planning Commission to research structures encroaching on public property – Ms. Ballance and Ms. Lindblad
 - 11. Definition of Bed and Breakfasts Mr. Berry and Mr. DeVito

COUNCIL COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Weekend event puts athletes to the test

Athletes will be returning to Eureka Springs from at least a dozen states to compete in the challenging Eureka Springs Multi-Sports event dubbed "The Eurekan." Participants are challenged to complete a swim, a 10K run, a triathlon and a100 mile bike ride. Those who do can lay claim to "The Eurekan" title.

The three-day event kicks off August 10 with the swim and sprintdistance races triathlon on Friday, road and tour bike races on Saturday and running on Sunday.

Athletes may participate in any events separately or sign up for "The Eurekan Challenge."

Friday's triathlon begins at 3 p.m. at the Holiday Island marina. After a 300-yard swim in Table Rock Lake, athletes hop on bikes and race a sevenmile loop around Holiday Island, then hop off the bikes and complete a 2-mile run ending at the Holiday Island Recreation Center.

Saturday morning bike races and tour rides of 20, 32, 58, 68 or 100 miles on varying routes take off through the surrounding countryside every five minutes beginning at 6:15. All biking events begin at the Victoria Inn on U.S. 62 East.

Sunday's one-mile Fun Run/Walk and the 5K and 10K will have runners hitting the pavement at 7:30 a.m. traversing the city's Historic Loop. A ceremony following the run will feature a video and a photo montage of the weekend's activities at 11 a.m. at the City Auditorium, followed by "The Eurekan" winners recognition and awards.

Details on packet pickup, registration, race routes and maps, sponsor and volunteer information can be found at www.eurekasportsfestival.com. For volunteer information, phone Diane Wilkerson (479) 253-9703.



Nicole Hoppel new Rotary president – The Eureka Springs Rotary Club recently installed Nicole Hoppel as President for 2012 –2013, replacing Marvin Peterson. The installation banquet held at the Crescent Hotel was attended by Assistant Governor Area 23 Larry Nelson, District Governor John Williams and Past District Governor Danny Mitchell. Additional board members installed were: President Elect, Dave Teigen; President nominee, Michael Law; Secretary-Treasurer, Michele Gann; Administration, Dave Cordonnier; Service Projects, Mickey Finefield; Public Relations, Joanie Kratzer; Membership, Ron Rupe; Director at Large, John Inglehart; Foundation, Jack Smith; Sergeant at Arms, Cathy Handley, and Past District Governor, Dave Baker. Mary Flood has since been elected Program Chair for the Eureka Springs Rotary. The Eureka Springs Rotary annual teachers appreciation luncheon will be held at the Eureka Springs Middle School on August 16. Shown above are, from left, Marvin Peterson, Past President; Larry Nelson, Assistant District Governor Area 23; District Governor John Williams; Past District Governor Danny Mitchell; and President Nicole Hoppel.

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No whine from local vineyard

NICKY BOYETTE

It's the first big harvest for Keels Creek vinevards just off Rockhouse Road south of Eureka Springs. Dr. Doug Hausler, coowner of the vineyard and Keels Creek Winery, said he expects to harvest two tons of Vidal grapes that should produce 300 gallons of wine by mid-2013.

Hausler and his wife, Edwige Denyszyn, planted an acre of grapes on their property in 2004. "It seemed like an exciting thing to do," Hausler said, and the first acre did so well the next year they planted 11 more acres. That's when they realized they needed to do something with all those grapes. They contemplated property, however the site is a bit remote for attracting

customers. They happened to drive by an available building on U.S. 62 the day it went on sale in 2006, and according to Hausler, they had a handshake deal by the next day to buy the site where they have built Keels Creek winery.

During the winter of 2007, "a freeze undid what we had accomplished in 2005, and we've been playing catch up ever since," Hausler said. They lost 300 merlot vines and 200 pinot noir vines, but have since replanted other varieties and currently have eight acres in production.

Grapevines take four to five years to reach maturity, so in 2006 Hausler began buying grapes from vineyards in Hindsville, Lowell and Purdy, Mo., all within 30 miles of his winery. In the wine business, growing regions are divided into American Viticultural Areas, or AVAs, and all Keels Creek grapes come from the Ozark Mountain AVA, 85-90 percent from Arkansas.

Hausler said his property off Rockhouse Road has similar geology to the better grape-growing regions in France. The soil here is fertile, but rocky. In fact, Hausler said, grapevines in excellent soil will produce mostly leaves and no grapes.

He said in some years conditions will cause vines to produce grapes and almost no leaves to the point of threatening their own health. In those years, a vintner sacrifices a few grapes to protect the investment. "Wellmaintained vines will last fifty years, so they are a big investment and worth the maintenance."

Each year is different, Hausler said. Last year there



building a winery on their First harvest – Owners Doug Hausler and wife Edwige Denyszyn check for bird damage in their vineyard off Rockhouse Rd. This Chambourcin grape is responsible for some of Keels Creeks' award-winning wines.

were so many Japanese beetles he could collect ten pounds of the shiny green beetles off his vines in one day. This year has been better as far as bugs and diseases.

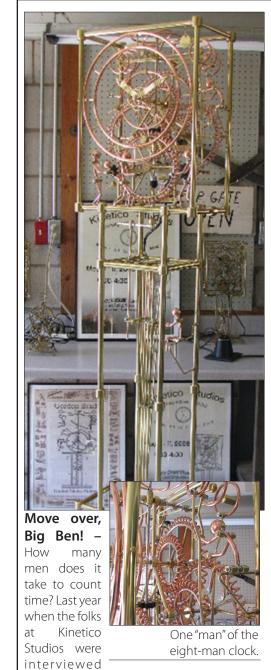
The drought this year probably held off the bugs and certainly cut back on mildew problems that humidity can create, but some of the shallow-rooted varieties suffered. Other varieties, Hausler described with a gleam in his eyes, performed well, producing long perfect clusters.

He started irrigating in April, and pushes 2000 gallons a day through the system. "If you get water there, you will get grapes." This season, even with irrigation, Hausler is harvesting three to five weeks earlier than expected because of the weather.

Hausler expects to bottle four varieties - Vidal, Frontenac, Chambourcin and Cayuga, as estate wines. In the future, we can look forward to Keels Creek's Chardonel, Vignoles, Seyval, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Franc and Noiret.

Hausler and Denyszyn also grow blackberries, but said they don't intend to grow enough to make wine for sale. He did make pear wine as an experiment, and it sold out very quickly. He also he got enough peaches from the Harrison area to produce 120 gallons of peach wine, still in process.

You can find Keels Creek Winery at 3185 E. Van Buren in Eureka Springs. They already have a diverse selection of wines to choose from, but it sounds like the best is yet to come. Learn more at keelscreek.com



on an eight-man kinetic grandfather clock fashioned from copper and brass. The clock was finally shipped last week and is now in Great Britain. The impressive construction sold for \$25,000 to laser refractive eye surgeon, Dr. Julian Stevens, a Kinetico Collector in London. Kinetico is now busy building four more of the clocks in a batch. The clocks are an invention of former Busch resident, Gordon Bradt, who began Kinetico Studios in the early '70s. Entirely handcrafted and run by small motors, the clocks have gears made of coiled brass wire. Little brass men appear to crank levers and gears, giving the appearance they are running the clock. Kinetico continues to thrive in Busch as a family-run business, with several members working onsite to produce clocks, figures and other kinetic sculptures sought by collectors around the globe. Watch

for a magazine article the crew was working

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a video and get more information at www.

gordonbradt.com/eight-man-clock.htm.

Percy's Pet Spa perfect for Eureka Springs – paws up on August 14!

Local pet owners who feel more like pet parents will discover a kindred soul in Rachel Brix. The Michigan native recently relocated to Eureka Springs via Illinois and Missouri with husband Ryan and ultimately left behind a career teaching high school English to speak the language of dogs – which will be fluently spoken at Percy's Pet Spa on N. Main beginning August 14.

"I taught high school English in northern Lower Michigan for four years before moving to Northern Illinois to be closer to my family, and continued to teach high school English there for another seven years," Brix noted. "I met my Ryan in Illinois and even before we got married we were making plans to move to a smaller community—we're definitely small town people at heart."

Brix wanted to change career paths as well. "The whimsical part of me dreamed of playing with dogs and the practical part of me knew I would need to start with solid work experience even though I'd been around dogs all my life. Giving up my teaching career was not easy, but I was inspired and my husband was supportive so I decided to take the risk. In 2009 we moved to Galena, Missouri, where my husband's cousin lived, to start preparing a dogrelated business. I secured a job at Petco in Branson where I completed grooming and dog training certification programs and proceeded to become Lead Dog Trainer, teaching several classes a week while also grooming all ages and breeds of dogs full time," Brix explained.

"I'd always been active with local shelters' fundraising efforts and volunteered at a vet clinic. And throughout my teaching career I facilitated programs for students to become involved in local animal welfare. However, I didn't feel as though I was doing all I could, especially for dogs and their caregivers, so I embarked on a mission of providing loving care to others' pets as if they were my own."

Here's where Brix's dog Percy

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comes in. "Because of my relationship with Percy I was aware over the years of the expansion of the role and position of dogs within the family unit. Most of us are concerned with the enrichment of our dogs' lives and our relationships with them. Immersing myself in this evolving culture became part of who I was; thus, the idea for Percy's began with the love of a dog.

"While living in Galena we'd made several trips here to Eureka Springs and, like many people, fell in love with it. My husband is an artist and I love to write – and with all the cultural opportunities and the obvious dog-friendliness it seemed like a great fit," Brix noted.

In addition to grooming and training services, Percy's offers doggie day care – a big plus for shoppers on vacation with their pets as well as for local working people.

A full list of services includes fun packages like Percy's Pick (\$20) – pampered bathing with calming lavender and chamomile shampoo and conditioner gently massaged into coat, and skin and paw crème applied to soften dry or cracked paw pads followed by a relaxing 10-minute massage combined with a snooze on an orthopedic mat to help soothe achy bones and joints.

There's an exfoliating treatment for dogs with allergies, dermatitis, or other skin issues; and even a shedless treatment for those bothersome shedding seasons. If your pup needs a supervised place to stay and relax



The paws that refreshes – Ryan and Rachel Brix with Emerson and Sadie take a break from painting Percy's Pet Spa at 188 N. Main for the opening on August 14.

PHOTO BY C.D. WHITE

because it can't go with you, Percy's four-legged clients are kept in temperature-controlled conditions with plenty of water, permitted treats, belly rubs and behind-the-ear-scratching. There's even gentle aromatherapy and pet-themed videos streaming for Fido's viewing and listening pleasure.

A full dozen or more services and treatments from primping to puppy's first grooming, along with hours and requirements for doggy day care and training services are posted on the easy-to-navigate business site, www. percyspetspa.com.

"We always envisioned ourselves in a place that would allow us to live where we work, not just work where we live. The support and encouragement of the small business community here is amazing. As newcomers we are humbled at how well we've been received, which only serves to solidify our decision to make a life here. We look forward to becoming part of this community," Brix said.

Percy's Pet Spa will open for business Tuesday, August 14 at 7:30 a.m. and senior dogs will receive a 20% discount on all services through September 15. Make an appointment now at (479) 253-9393 or email pets@percyspetspa. com. Percy's is located across from the Art Colony at 188 N. Main.

To read more about the inspiration behind Percy's Pet Spa (and a great dog story to boot), read "Percy's Page" on the website under the "About" tab.

TheNATURE of EUREKA

Trumpeting reproductive diversity

bloomers is in full glory now, a plant that is unaffected by high heat and drought. It is trumpet (Campsis radicans), also known by the names trumpet creeper (although it's more of a climber), devil's shoelaces, devil's shoestrings, and for those of you who consider it a nuisance in your yards – hell vine.

You are likely to think of it as a weed, rather than the native plant it is, because it's a disturbance-adapted species, which means it likes to grow in areas where weeds like to grow -yards, roadsides, clambering over other vegetation; it seems particularly well-adapted to telephone poles and tree stumps. Little seems to disturb trumpet vine as it displays a flourish this time of year.

The trumped-shaped red-orange flowers have a somewhat thickened, waxy texture. Hummingbirds love the nectar and are its chief pollinator. although bumblebees and honeybees also like to stop by for a lick of sweet nectar. Look closely at the flowers as well as the flower stalks, and the long, woody, beanpod-like fruits and you will also notice that they, too, look

ne of our late summer like someone poured honey on them. But no, this is not honey but exudates from nectar glands that attract ants. In fact, you will soon discover that this not a beautiful flower you would want to pick and bring in the house. You can be sure that the ants get to those sweet nectar-oozing glands long before you notice the flowers

> The trumpet vine-ant relationship is poorly understood. Usually when a plant produces a structure to actually invite an animal to visit, nature has evolved some grand God-approved plan for an obligate animal-plant relationship. Solving that mystery will require the focused attention of a future graduate student who doesn't really know what else to do with their time. In the last decade the details of the flowers "stigma closure" phenomena were revealed by Chinese students at Wuhan University in China. After exposure to a certain number of pollen grains (greater than 350), the flower stigmas (think of them as the collection receptacle of the plant's female organs), close up. They've had enough, and this may help to



by Steven Foster

PHOTO BY STEVEN FOSTER

enhance the plant's reproductive success.

Why would students in China be interested in our native trumpet vine and its reproductive behavior? Because there are only two species of trumpet vine. The other is Asian, Campsis grandiflora, which is found in Japan and China.

By studying our North American species they might learn something new about their native Chinese species of trumpet vine. Think of it as understanding biological diversity with cross-cultural fertilization. If each of us paid a little attention to understanding something on the other side of the planet, the other side of the street, or the other side of our own ways of looking at the world, then perhaps there would be less need for us to be classified as a disturbance-adapted species. And that's the nature of Eureka.

Reserve now for free CAPC Marketing Workshop

City Advertising and Promotion Director Mike Maloney will conduct a free marketing seminar on Monday, August 20 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the city auditorium.

Maloney has more than 30 years experience in business-to-business and business to consumer marketing. He also has an extensive broadcast media background in advertising and programming.

The CAPC workshop is designed to help business owners and managers refine current marketing concepts and enable them to develop core strategies they can employ immediately.

The focus on marketing will take the business principle through day-today steps that lead straight to bettering the bottom line. The seminar will also assist businesses in the development of longer-term strategies integral to a business plan and help business owners and managers develop two significant strategies that can be reviewed and exercised daily.

This unique workshop and opportunity to grow your business is free to attend, but reservations are required. Please contact the CAPC (479) 253-7333 or email director@eurekasprings.org.

Glass beads in the making Come create beautiful beads with Doug Powell and explore the art of

lampworking, where colored glass is heated in a torch until molten, then flows around a steel mandrel (stiff wire with a clay end) that creates the hole of the bead. This process can be used to create beads of all sizes for earrings, necklaces, pendants, bracelets,

A large color palette will be there for



students and design techniques will be taught. Tuition is \$275, materials are \$30. This studio workshop is open to all levels. Register for workshops online at www.ESSA-ART.org or call (479) 253-5384.

The Chamber art guide

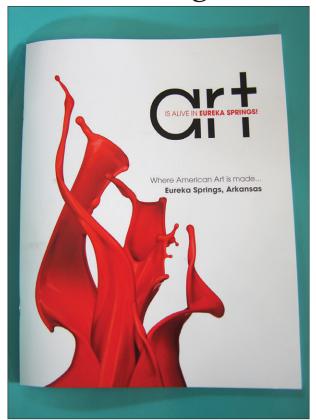
The much anticipated (at least by the artist community) Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce art guide was launched with some fanfare at Keels Creek Winery and Gallery a few weeks ago.

As someone who in the past has shot and edited hundreds of photographs and written countless pieces of schlock for a monthly Visitor Guide, I can say that the Chamber's glossy, 50 page, comprehensive art guide looks very good. While not likely to win any awards for innovation, the guide comes off as professional and, although somewhat generic, pleasing to the eve.

I like the cover with its clean, contemporary feel, the choice of colors (red, black and white) and the use of negative space that draws your eye in. It's something, as an art appreciative tourist, I would immediately pick up.

Of course, everyone has an opinion and I've heard quite a few, such as: "What does a red blob of paint have to do with Eureka?" and "Why did they not choose a piece of local art for the cover?" The same questions were raised when my "kid with balloons" photo, cut out against a white background, graced the cover of the Chamber's Visitor Guide in 2003.

As a visual artist, my biggest issue was why they rendered the visual arts to the back of the bus. As one artist friend who has a listing and substantial



ad in the guide put it, "I understand the "culinary arts" and restaurant ads, in large part, help pay for the guide, but the restaurants have a so many advertising options while the visual arts in this town

have almost zero. I wish we had better placement."

Unlike the CAPC, the Chamber of Commerce is a

privately funded organization whose sole purpose is to help promote their dues-paying members' businesses. In the past it seemed the Chamber was only concerned with its biggest advertising clients, lodging and weddings, with the simple math – the more you spent on advertising, the more editorial content you got.

So does the Chamber's new focus on the arts represent a shift in that policy, or is it that the art community is now more willing and/or able to cough up the cash? Probably a bit of both, especially now with a few art movers-and-shakers literally on (the) board.

But clearly the number one reason for the Chamber's newfound interest in the arts is the opening of the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville. The "Art is Alive in Eureka Springs" guide is on display for pick up in the museum; its goal – to target and lure Crystal Bridge's built-in, international, art loving, upscale, audience to our beautiful, quirky, artsy, historic little town, and ultimately put heads in beds.

And that's what a Chamber of Commerce in a tourist town is supposed to do.

Who can pay rent on a 40 hour work week at minimum wage? Nobody.

According to an infographic from the National Low Income Housing Coalition published in the Heifer Organization magazine's August 2012 edition, there's no state in the Union in which a minimum wage worker can afford rent for a market-rate, twobedroom apartment by working only 40 hours a week. In Arkansas, it takes 71 - 88 hours of work per week at minimum wage to afford rent. Other states range from 70 hours or less to more than 88 hours per week to afford an apartment. New York is the worst. Minimum wage earners there would have to work 136 hours a week.



Buy the numbers – Mark Hughes shows off the paint-by-number Last Supper he scored at Sweet Spring Antiques during the Yards and Yards of Yard Sales.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

CCCF deadline for grant applications August 15

The submission deadline for Carroll County Community Foundation's application process. This year's applications will be reviewed by a grantmaking (CCCF) annual Giving Tree Grants program is Wednesday, August 15. Any IRS 501 (c) (3) public charity, public school, government agency, or hospital that benefits the residents of Carroll County is encouraged to apply. Other applicants may be considered if the project has a clear charitable purpose for the public's benefit.

In years past, CCCF's Giving Tree Grants-supported projects fed the hungry, gave prescription assistance, provided a Christmas for foster children and school supplies for children in need and so much more.

Visit arcf.org to view Giving Tree Grant submission guidelines and begin the

committee from CCCF and the community. Awarded grants typically range from \$300 to \$3,000 per grant.

The Carroll County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Arkansas Community Foundation which makes grants to improve the quality of life in our state and collaborates with individuals, families and organizations to build local communities through philanthropy. At the close of fiscal year 2011, ARCF had more than \$150 million in assets; the Foundation has provided more than \$90 million in grants since it began operation in 1976. Contributions to ARCF, its funds and any of its 27 local affiliate offices are fully tax deductible.

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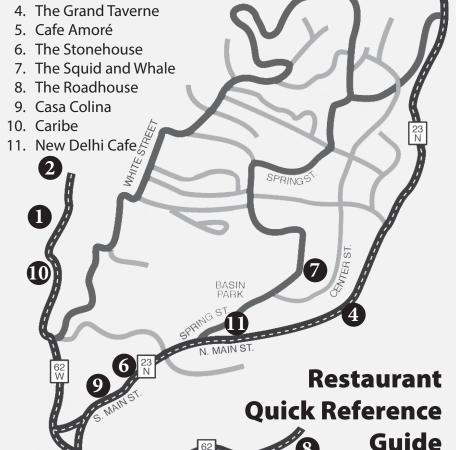




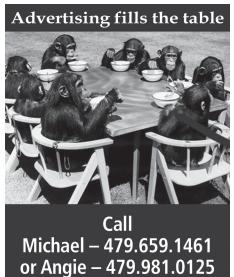












INDEPENDENTFlashbacks by Vernon Tucker

Walkin' the walk, talkin' the talk

Irst of the month. Time to pay the bills. For a lot of Eureka hippies in the early 1970s this meant putting your utility bills and crumpled, jingling Passion Play cash in a pocket without a hole and strolling down Spring St. while the rest of America licked stamps or, in other small towns, drove from one anonymous office building to another.

This was before corporate Amerika invented such water-torture-of-life devices as robotic pay-by-phone systems or self-service web sites. Instead, you'd talk with the same neighbors you visited with every month, face to face as you walked downhill distributing money.

After multiple cups of just plain caffeine at the Coffee Shop near Pendergrass Corner, the monthly utility ritual began a few steps down Spring at Miller's furniture and appliance store where Clio accepted money for Ma Bell.

The electric company's office was across the street, the gas company was down by Clark's Market and the water office was in the courthouse.

If Clio wasn't in, every person you'd give money to that day would be female and all the people driving by in their utility company trucks

A lot of hippies didn't pay utility bills because a lot of them didn't have gas, electricity, water or phones. A lot of them didn't even have an official address. Of those who did, few had phones. Of the few who did, even fewer had them registered Playin' for the money - For some 1970's Eureka musicians, over town. wielding counterculturalists presaged today's former best friend, the telephone directory white pages, has become functionally extinct.

Fading the heat

There were a number of reasons so few hippies appeared in the phone book under their "real" name. Most often, it had something to do with unpaid bills. Also, Eureka wasn't a last-name town, which made it easy to lie honestly when the FBI came looking for fugitive anti-Vietnam war activists or civil rights organizers, all of whom had "official" last names.

Most hippies were known only by their first name or their "Eureka" name ... Indian Joe, Haulin' James, Coyote, Love Rat, Smilin' Jim, Blue, Millie, Babe Bell, Poco, etc. It was common to know a person's spoken name, the name of their vehicle, the name of their dog and the name of their guitar, but rare to know their last name.

Number please?

Want to call that carpenter who worked on so-



in their own names. In this way, Eureka's phone- busking in Basin Park was a popular way to cover their monthly bills. Washboard Leo Thomas and Ray Lilly of Cornbread, and roused out of bed and dispatched to restore cell-phone era when the newspaper reporter's Bo Bohannan of Gaskins Switch, could raise some cash, pay their utilities and squander anything left over at the Hi-Hat ... all without leaving downtown.

PHOTO BY VERNON TUCKER

and-so's house? You had to know he was listed by his last girlfriend's last name. Want to call that girl you danced with last week? Look under her infant daughter's name. In was an informal, hand-tomouth community where most people would rather share a number than hog their own.

Freaky Eureky's rocky relationship with Ma Bell started off unconventionally and, like paying bills on Spring St., went downhill from there. The phone company was the first utility to pull up stakes and abandon downtown, not that you can blame them. There was that unfortunate incident which put every phone in town on hold for a few days.

It was Folk Festival weekend and sculptor Hank Kaminsky, newly arrived from New York, smelled an opportunity to cash in on the city's biggest tourist weekend of the year. Hank, and various members of his culinary commune, decided to sell massive quantities of ham and beans to the hungry masses of expected visitors.

Upon serious reflection, they noted that selling hundreds of pounds of ham and beans would require cooking them on a really big stove, although alternative methods were discussed ad nauseam.

The cooperative owners of The Greenery, a hippie-owned and operated Spring St. cafe near the New Orleans Hotel, volunteered use of its commercial kitchen. Unfortunately, The Greenery was located in one of those tall old buildings that stair-step down from Spring to Center Street and just happened to be located directly above the phone company's main switching station, a naked marvel of open-rack engineering.

After the cafe closed for the night, Kaminsky and crew loaded up the eatery's big stove with gigantic, bubbling vats of ham and beans.

After hours of prep, the sweaty cooks stepped out for refreshment and were soon swept away by late-night reveries of their excellent business prospects.

No wake-up call today

Refreshed, refueled and, eventually, laid back, the well-seasoned cooks were sleeping soundly when phones began conking out all

The phone company lineman who was service walked down the long staircase between buildings and opened the door to a darkened room filled with smoke and arcing sparks as gallons of boiled-over ham and beans dripped through gaps between The Greenery's

ancient wood floorboards, sliming and shorting out thousands of exposed electrical connections which once linked Eureka's phone owners to each other and the largely ignored outside world.

It wasn't long before the phone company moved to a legume-hog-and-hippie-proof building up on the highway and that started a corporate utility company stamped which stamped out the monthly Spring St. stroll by which neighbors visited with each other and transacted business without consuming a drop of gasoline.

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

BUSCH, Arkansas 72620 - PART 5

Walden's widow, Samantha, was new owner of the Busch Store. Their daughter, Flonie Walden Tobin wrote, "After the funeral, my mother felt she was not able to assume full responsibility of the operation of the store and raise us five kids, all under 13 years of age. She asked Adam if he would take the store back and this he consented to do. So, again finding himself the owner, he proceeded to make some building improvements."

Adam Wyrick was owner of the Busch Store for a second time. He added on a room and built a house out back. In his memoir he wrote, "When I owned the Busch store there was a two roomed house in back of the store and we used it to hold Kangaroo court in. Now I guess there are plenty of people that has been to one of these courts, but I want to tell about the one we had.

"We would elect our judge and prosecuting attorney as though it was a



regular court and their terms would be for one week at a time. We would hold court every Saturday night, and there was always a good crowd and you could call for a jury trial if and when you got arrested. And you would get it if you wasn't awfully careful. For it was a violation of the law to tell a lie or to talk after any who did lie.

"For instance, if there was a man in the country that you knew was a liar and you told something he said that didn't sound just right you could be called before a jury and tried and if you was found guilty the fine was anywhere from 5¢ to 15¢ and that money was saved until the end of our term of court which was usually in the spring of the year. Oh yes, we had our court clerk too and he was the one that kept the money so when court adjourned it was all bought in candy and everybody was invited."

Adam described the atmosphere in the store. "When I was running the Busch store, in the winter time there was not much to do and the store was quite a gathering place. And lots of days when it would be raining or bad until people couldn't work outside they would gather at the store. Some to do their trading and some just to have a place to go.

"Back in those days we didn't know

what a shoe shop was, everybody mended their own shoes. So I sold shoe leather in strips about eight inches wide and two feet long and thick enough for half soles, and I also handled hardware of all kind, nails by the 100-pound kegs. So when the fellows would gather around on those bad days to talk and swap varns some times someone would tell a big windy and then there would be two or three guys grab him and down him over a nail keg and lay on the leather, but it was all in fun, no one got mad."

Eventually Samantha Walden was ready to run the store by herself, and Adam was ready to get out. He described why in his memoir, A Book of Truth. "Now when the river would get up which was quite often, the people would have to take their groceries home on their backs and cross the river in a boat as there were no bridges so you can see why we wanted a highway. So I had just about given up hopes of a new road so I sold out to that man's widow."

Samantha Walden bought the store back again from Adam Wyrick in 1915, and became the fourth postmaster of the Busch Post Office on June 26, 1916. And she remarried, this time to a cousin of Dallas Walden, Webb Walden.



PASSAGES

Alma Mildred Groblebe Kappen

March 6, 1916 – Aug. 4, 2012

Alma Mildred Groblebe Kappen, 96, of Rogers, passed away August 4, 2012, in Bentonville. Alma was born in Eureka Springs on March 6, 1916 to William H. and Edna M. (Huffman) Groblebe.

She graduated from Eureka Springs High School in 1933. She worked for many years as an accountant and also a homemaker.

Alma was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Kappen; her parents; brother, William J. Groblebe; and sister, Dorothy Groblebe. She is survived by her son, Richard Kappen and wife, Roberta, of Rogers; daughter, Barbara Mercer and husband, Jim, of La Mirada, Calif.; brother, Eddie Groblebe of Gravette; sister, Doris O'Connor of Eureka Springs; six grandchildren, Steven Mercer, Michael Mercer, Jamee Williams, Eric Kappen, Kendra Bliss, Mary Ann Patton; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-

Services were August 8 at the Benton County Memorial Park Funeral Chapel of Rogers.

ESOTERICAstrology as news for week Aug. 9-16 by Risa

The Great Awakening Proceeds

from the heart of the universe are beginning to critically influence life on Earth (and on all the planets circling the Sun). These energies are accelerating all events, creating a trajectory of force and progress directed only toward creation of the new age.

A stream of Love (a golden light) from Sirius into the heart of the Sun and into all hearts is preparing humanity to meet these new impulses with inner strength and courage. As three great life cycles end (Dec. 21st), humanity is called to break free from old forms and break out into new forms of creative self-expression and communication.

This time on Earth, planned since the "night of time," is preparing humanity to take the First Initiation. Assisting in this is Wednesday's Mars/Saturn in Libra. Pushing (Mars) humanity forward into a new state of discipline (Saturn), informing humanity we are the "World Disciple." There will be a tug-of-war between the old and new realities. Notice this in all relationships. Mars and Saturn – destroying crystallizations in order to rebalance (Libra).

This evolutionary force is directing humanity to the Path of Return, providing humanity with a choice (Libra). All realities obstructing or denying the new energies will eventually cease to exist. There is no longer any life -force supporting them. With Leo and the Sirius force, we become sensitive to being free from the past. Knowledge of these things creates the Love that liberates us.

And so, as the Lords of Flame (Leo Hierarchy) lead humanity forward into the new world, Earth's electromagnetic field lessens (moving toward 0-point) and polarities increase. In the difficulty, stress and crisis, the great awakening proceeds. ARIES: There may be that tug of war in all interactions with intimates, close family and friends. A new cycle

begins in all relationships. Equality

ew energies and impulses will be demanded by everyone. needed to enter the Raincloud of praise, recognition, perhaps a You can help this to occur, offering them freedom that comes with unconditional love. With children this love is offered through loving structure and intelligent discipline. Always I write for you to ask, "How do I love more?"

> **TAURUS:** Your health primarily, your daily work and those you work with begin a new cycle of planning new structures and realizing a new and higher level of service. It's important to articulate and bring into consciousness that everyone is always in service so everyone understands. Also, new skills will need to be developed as new opportunities come forth. There is something about family resources that needs tending. You must lead in this endeavor.

> **GEMINI:** During this Mercury retro the subject has been creative self-expression and offering others important information for the future. Now this self-expression includes enjoyment, playfulness and pleasure. What would that be for you? In Mercury retrograde we assume the qualities of Virgo. What are you pondering upon so deeply? Is it about the past? Your family perhaps, how to lead or something in your relationship? CANCER: You think about your home and family, especially about one of your parents. You wonder what you are doing in the place where you live and if you are to move. You want a new foundation from which to live, work and garden in a true and sincere community. You need a Gate to walk through, a sense of leadership to lead with. Pray for these with dedication.

> LEO: It's good to look at your outer environment. Does it need tending? It's good also to walk through the rooms of where you live to see what care and upkeep they need. It is also good to be in touch with your siblings, creating a newer deeper level of communication. If it's your birthday this week, communication with your angelic protectors will help you navigate the new intelligent disciples

Knowable Things.

VIRGO: If you listen quietly to your heart and mind and observe carefully your daily life, if you ask yourself about your values, you will realize, if awake, that they have changed over the years. It is no longer viable to maintain previous values. In order to evolve, move more closely to the Path of Return, your values will need to expand into greater, more mature and responsible levels of harmony toward all.

LIBRA: Something new is occurring in your physical body. Perhaps it's a health-discipline that will change the shape of your body. Perhaps it's your self-image where you begin to value family more and understand your purpose within the family. Perhaps you're forced to adopt newer disciplines to maintain the quality of your life. Whatever is changing, it's good and purposeful. It's also to go back in time and forgive.

SCORPIO: Something in your life is being gathered into a harvest. Perhaps great sorrows or death experiences. perhaps realizing all you've done in the world and there is a gathering of gifts offered to those in need. A great compassion falls upon your heart. You realize life isn't a movie or a film. It's real and you play the leading role and this life determines your next. A ponderous thought.

SAGITTARIUS: You may soon find vourself going to and fro between old sets of friends, groups, hopes, wishes and dreams and new ones. The latter will be gathered slowly. But some have already appeared. You will also consider what new goals, ambitions and views of the world are changing your ways of thinking and relating. How is your heart lotus? How are your finances?

CAPRICORN: In the public eye you are a rareness of many gifts often not fully understood. You bring both force and stability to all you do in the world. A new cycle begins with your work, profession or who you are in the world. You can expect more responsibilities,

promotion. This will positively affect your family and loved ones.

AQUARIUS: There are many possibilities for Aquarian in the coming months based upon their states of awareness. Influenced will be new cycles of learning, possible teaching, long and adventuresome journeys and for the very few the building of the new era community and culture. For all Aquarians a wider view of reality emerges and this propels you into new areas of work and a different daily life. One you hoped for.

PISCES: It's good to begin to eliminate all that is unnecessary in your life, especially what in your environments has not been used in the past many months. This will allow newer, finer energies and resources, infinite and abundant, more appropriate to the coming times, to be available. Be prepared for unexpected losses. But this has been occurring for a while now and you have become somewhat adaptable. Take Ignatia amara (homeopath) for grief. Learn mudras.

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PASSAGES

Michael Lee Bonds, May 20, 1978 – Aug. 4, 2012

Springs, Ark., died Saturday, August 4, 2012 in Springdale, Ark. He was born May 20, 1978 in Huntsville, Ark. to Michael Lee Bonds, Sr. and Linda Mae Miller.

He graduated from Eureka Springs High School and returned after receiving his degree to become the shop teacher. He was a teacher in every sense of the word and never missed an opportunity to do so. He loved his shop students and was always proud of their accomplishments.

Mike was an avid outdoorsman and enjoying fishing, hunting, bow shooting, and bull riding; often taking his students, but everyone knew he valued his family more than anything else in the world.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Leland Bonds and Lillie Goldsmith Bonds; one aunt, Brenda Harris.

Mike is survived by his childhood sweetheart, and wife of 12 years, Jackie Lynn West Bonds;

Michael Lee Bonds, Jr., 34, of Eureka three cherished daughters, Lindsey Mae, Lilyan Renee, and Katy Lynn; father, Michael Lee Bonds, Sr. and wife, Colena, step-brother, Kody Lane of Eureka Springs; mother, Linda Mae Miller, of Huntsville; father and motherin-law, Jack R. and Shirley West, of Springdale, Ark.; two sisters, Penny Lynn Thompson, of Huntsville, Casey Lynn Reddick, and husband Jerry, of Huntsville; and many cousins, friends and students.

> A visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, August 9, at Faith Christian Family Church, 157 Huntsville Road in Eureka Springs.

> Celebration Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, August 10, at Faith Christian Family Church with the Rev. Marvin D. Peterson officiating. Burial will be at Beulah Union Cemetery in Eureka Springs.

> Arrangements have been entrusted to Services Stockdale-Moody Funeral Rogers. Online condolences may be made at stockdalefuneral.com

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would include carpentry, electrical, drywall and beyond, and because of Bonds he got to go out and actually build houses. Val said, "He was the best teacher I ever had. He was fun to work with and he always had a smile on. He wouldn't say 'Go figure it out yourself.' He would always help people out. I can't think of a single person who didn't like him."

Val remembered that Bonds would tell students, "It's okay to mess up because it tells me you're actually trying."

Lavender commented, "Mike more than engaged the students. He helped them see a purpose in life. It doesn't say enough to say he will be missed."

Lavender said a group of students gathered at 7:30 a.m. Monday in Bonds' shop at the school to talk about how to honor him. She said the students want to do something and they feel they can't do enough. Val was in that group, and he said they cleaned up the shop because Mr. Bonds always liked the shop to be clean.

Lavender commented, "I've never seen an outpouring of love and respect as I've seen for Mike." She had concerns for the students who stayed in school just because of Bonds, but some of those students were among the group that gathered Monday morning. They told her, "Don't worry, Ms. Lavender. We're going to stay in school for Mikey."

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The Victoria Inn was built in the early 1980s and originally opened as a Ramada Inn. The original sale price for the 77,000 sq. ft. (give or take) building was \$2,375,000. Today's sale price is \$549,000. "That's about seven dollars a square foot," commented Bland, "you couldn't build a storage shed for that."

Clean Sweep - Chamber president Mike Bishop gets promoted to broom pusher at Victoria Inn.

Out of tune – This once-grand piano demonstrates the effects of heat and humidity over a span of five years.

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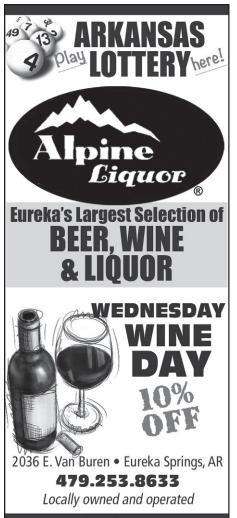
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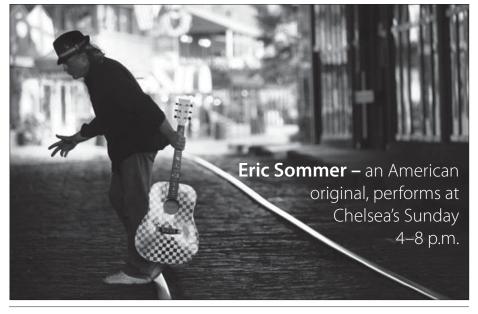
escribed as "a poet, songwriter and showman...and the master of all things Americana" Eric **Sommer** is a virtuoso guitar player. The folk, acoustic and bluesy style of music he's bringing to CHELSEA'S Sunday from 4–8 p.m. is uniquely his own. He is about beauty, truth, music and creative lives. His journey started in Boston during high school years, followed by time in Europe working the Amsterdam and German circuits. On his return to the U.S. he settled in Washington D.C. and launched the Georgetown Film Festival. This eventually led to Eric writing film scores and soundscapes.

With all this experience under his belt, Sommer still considers himself a live music player, describing it as "a transfer of energy and soul between the performer and the audience." Come out Sunday evening and experience this for yourself. You will be amazed at his genius fingerwork.

FRIDAY - AUGUST 10

- BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT Hogscalders, 12 p.m., 6 p.m.
- BASIN PARK Rick Quincy, 4 p.m.





- CHASERS BAR & GRILL House **Burners**
- CHELSEA'S Fossils of Ancient Robots, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! DJ & Dancing
- EUREKA STONEHOUSE **Yester**, 5–8 p.m.
- GRAND TAVERNE Arkansas Red Guitar, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- JACK'S CENTER STAGE Ozark Thunder
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & **SALOON** DJ & Karaoke
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ Magic Mule, 6:30 p.m.
- PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE AJ & The Fall Down Drunks, 8 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER HiFi Hippies
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN Jon Doolev Experience, 7 p.m.
- Dayton • SQUID & WHALE PUB Waters Intense 12-String Guitar

SATURDAY - AUGUST 11

 BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT Steve Houk, 12 p.m., Chris Diablo, 6

- p.m.
- BASIN PARK Steve Jones, 1 p.m., Brick Fields, 3 p.m.
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Brenda Miller Band
- ers, 9 p.m.
- Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30-9:30
- JACK'S CENTER STAGE Ozark **Thunder**
- SALOON DJ & Karaoke
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ Skillet Lickers, afternoon
- PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE AJ & The Fall Down Drunks, 8 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER Rockhouse, 8
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN Mike Gar*rett*, 7 p.m.
- SOUID & WHALE PUB Charley Cant Surf opening for Little Zero

- CHELSEA'S Dead String Broth-
- EUREKA LIVE! DJ & Dancing
- GRAND TAVERNE Jerry Yester
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT &

SUNDAY - AUGUST 12

Eric Sommer

- BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT Shawn Porter, 12 p.m., Stephen Emery, 5 p.m.
- BASIN PARK Skillet Lickers, 1 p.m.
- CHELSEA'S *Eric Sommer*, 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., *Live Music*, 3:30 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER Free Pool Sunday
- SOUID & WHALE PUB Kine" ContraBand Americana

MONDAY - AUGUST 13

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

TUESDAY - AUGUST 14

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Game Night
- CHELSEA'S Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & **SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- ROCKIN' PIG SALOON: Night with *Darren Ray*, 7–9 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE PUB Taco Tuesday

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 15

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL and Dance with Tinv
- CHELSEA'S Open Acoustic Jam w/ Steve Jones, 9 p.m. Drink & Draw
- JACK'S CENTER STAGE Free
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ Open Jam







Kyle Egan a.k.a. **DJ Havoc** spins his last set at Eureka Paradise last Saturday night. PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE

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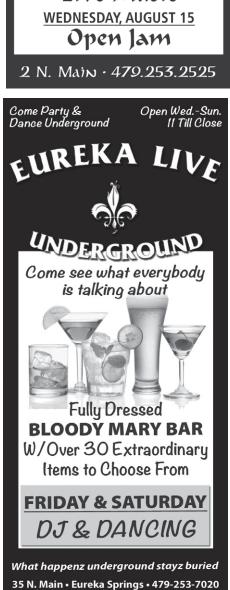
• SQUID & WHALE PUB Porpoise Revue **Open Jam**

THURSDAY - AUGUST 16

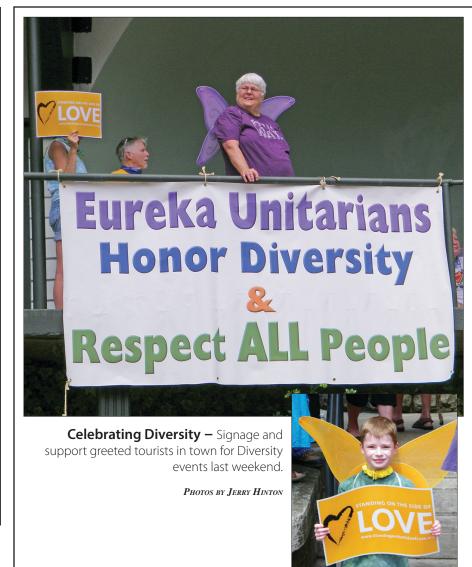
- BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT Maureen Alexander, 5 p.m.
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Taco & Tequila Night
- GRAND TAVERNE Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30
- JACK'S CENTER STAGE oke with **DJ Goose**
- ROWDY BEAVER Bike Night with the Big Dawg
- SQUID & WHALE PUB Open Mic Musical Smackdown feat.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







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The beat goes on – Angelo Yao drums up some excitement in Basin Park on Saturday nights. It's a tourist and local favorite.

PHOTO BY JERRY HINTON

you know – be as they were intended. Eating a Chick-fil-A sandwich is surely, in poet Alice Walker's words, "taking a bite of misery."

Susan Cockrell

We are what we think

Editor,

We stand aghast at injustice. It seems rampant everywhere we look. How have we allowed corruption to reign supreme? Why is our food poison, our water scarce, what we value meaningless? How has this happened while we stand by believing that everything is as it should be? Why do we allow it to happen?

The recognition of our unity is a major turning point in our evolution. With the knowledge that everything is connected, that what affects one affects all, we are prompted to stand up and make the change within ourselves that we would like to see in the world.

This interconnectedness of All That Is was first shown to me by my Beagle, Harry. He was so sensitive to feelings around him that the mildest irritation about anything on my part would send him to the farthest depths of the closet, where he would remain until I had "cleared my energy field."

And now I watch my moods and thoughts affecting the demeanor of customers in my business. If I am tense and irritable, that's what I draw to myself. Seeing that there are only two choices, Love or fear, helps lead me from the blindness which has held us all helpless for so long.

We have within our being the ability to change the world. True evolution is the evolution of consciousness. What a wonderful thing, to see through awakened thought! To wake up from the hypnosis we have allowed ourselves to fall under is a very exciting proposition, isn't it?

Reality, as we have accepted it, is falling away to reveal a way of life we have thought of as impossible. Love is the liberator. Embrace the change that is moving from human intellect back into the space of the heart. Open yourself to the divine and live as you were created. Accept your reality with only Love guiding your every action.

The time is now to live Love and all that implies!

Marsha Havens

We are what we teach

Editor.

Is this another bad dream? All right there is a positive, the students and teachers can safely breathe in their new building.

How is this new school "cutting edge?" Is it the TVs in the food court? How about video games in the classroom? That way we can cut the teachers' hours in half.

Why is reusable energy still an option instead of being a responsibility of every one who shares this planet? Money is not an acceptable answer because the last I checked, most of us struggle to make ends meet. To "lead by example" is much more than three words.

Harry Cook

We are what we like – or don't

Editor,

As current Chair of the Mayor's Arts Council, I read John Rankine's recent article about the art wall with obvious interest. We took on the project, at the request of several citizens and artists, who wanted to revitalize the art wall knowing full well we would get some flak

We can't, nor do we want to, explain, defend or go back to what a previous administration or individual(s) did or did not do, and we're not going to get into the parking meter issue. There are different players today who are more focused on bringing out the best in us and moving forward. At the same time, it is important to us to take a creative gift — as was Charlotte Buchanan's *Artery* project — and honor it.

Our goal is to fill the wall. There are a couple of reasons for the empty spaces: 1) We have several submissions that were accepted but artists have not completed their panel. 2) At the suggestion of artists, we decided to allow artists to do smaller panels (4'x4') or larger panels (4'x8'). We have a lot more area to fill than the previous art wall.

Here are a few things we considered and why we felt it was important to

proceed with the art wall: It's a great idea. The wall was an eyesore. If boards were removed it would cause more damage to the wall and be very expensive to repair.

We knew the art wall would be a work-in-progress and take time to fill. We wanted to expand the concept and promote art, artists and galleries – if someone likes the artist, but may not want a panel, they can go to the gallery and buy something else of that artist's work. We know that's happening.

Controversy is a way of life in Eureka Springs – but it's not a stop sign to a group of volunteers currently on the council who are trying to promote art and provide opportunities. No, Crystal Bridges is not a sponsor. Yes, we need more art on the art wall and want more artists and photographers displayed. We appreciated the artists who did the panels and stepped forward to help us with the project.

We welcome submissions (Diane at the Mayor's office has applications). The Mayor's Arts Council welcomes anyone with positive ideas and constructive criticism to get involved in the Arts Council.

Sandy Martin

We are what we drink

Editor

The issue of adding compounds containing fluoride to public drinking water in Carroll County has again been heavily in the news ever since the last-minute passage of Act 197 by the Arkansas State Legislature in its last session: "An act to provide for certain water systems to maintain a level of fluoride to prevent tooth decay, and for other purposes."

Act 197 was signed into law by Gov. Beebe March 4, 2011, and mandates any source water systems in Arkansas serving more than 5,000 people be treated. Among these is our Carroll-Boone Water District (CBWD), which serves Berryville, Eureka Springs, Harrison, Grassy Knob, Green Forest and SW Boone County.

The mandate is supposed to be funded by non-rate/tax dollars, and was passed on a pledge of funding by the non-profit Delta Dental Foundation, but this funding is falling short.

Even though the latest recommendations of "fluoridation" levels have been halved because of Centers for Disease Control-recognized evidence of dental fluorosis to 41% of children studied, this reduced level has not been ordered for the Arkansas mandate.

At the July meeting, CBWD Chair Yates said, "Contact your legislators. They wrote the fluoridation law."

A comprehensive packet about fluoridation is available at Eureka Springs, Berryville and Green Forest libraries. Major US cities have rejected fluoridation, as has Alaska.

Holly Winger, B.S., M.S.

We are what we read

Editor,

I requested information regarding the deer hunt from the Mayor's assistant this morning, and was given PDFs of two documents. One is the permission form issued to property owners, one is rules given to hunters. These documents clearly outline the committee's recommendations as set forth by Arkansas Game & Fish and have been available for some time now. If seen earlier, many of the public's concerns could have been addressed here.

Recommendations seem to address all concerns people have expressed on this board. The recommendations of this committee are more stringent than those used in any other urban hunt in any city in Arkansas.

Anyone can obtain these documents, including council members. Why weren't these documents brought forth long ago? Did alderman see them before the last meeting? There was no discussion of the committee report before the vote. Council was supposed to meet with the committee to review recommendations and address concerns before any vote was taken. It appears it is up to the Mayor to bring council back to the table to reconcile the issue. Perhaps a slightly reworded version can be voted on. Perhaps council will actually meet and talk to the people they asked to give them advice on this issue.

Steve Beacham

See Recommendations, page 26.

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commented favorably on his Vision 2015 concept, an attempt to identify ways to improve the ability of CAPC to effectively promote the town into the future.

DeVito said he's "tickled to death" to have a projection into the future, and Ragsdell observed that increasing advertising for the city was a crucial move. Maloney collected completed questionnaires from commissioners as part of developing the Vision 2015.

Festivals

Maloney distributed a list of festivals and said the town transitions out of July into a lull for awhile. In an attempt to fill empty spaces on the calendar, he said they have been looking at covering more genres. "We can't do everything," he said, "but we should look for new ideas that might fit." He said they need to DeVito said he's "tickled to death" to have a projection into the future, and Ragsdell observed that increasing advertising for the city was a crucial move.

plan ahead so they can create options in the budget for entertaining new ideas.

One idea is the renaissance of the Eureka Springs Film Festival. In the past, it was part of the May Festival of the Arts, but Maloney was still looking for where it would fit best. He has spoken with the Arkansas Film Production Alliance among others in the film business, and one idea is to have a festival season with a series

of film festivals around the state. Hot Springs and Ft. Smith already have festivals.

DeVito pointed out that Eureka Springs could have its own special niche in the film festival world just like Hot Springs has its Documentary Film Festival. Ragsdell suggested Eureka Springs, an art community, could have artsy films or short features.

In other festival news, Maloney

said Rotary wants to put on an Oktoberfest event as a fundraiser for the library, but probably not until next year. He also said there have been discussions of a major cook-off in Eureka Springs which would turn into an weekend event.

Squirreling money for winter

Maloney said they will save most of their promotion money for a big push at the end of the year because right now no one is vacationing. Finance director Rick Bright said he is getting mixed reviews from lodgings as some are getting more mid-week business than weekend business.

It was agreed that a big push at the end of the year was good because it served the city so well last winter, when there was only a dusting of snow and blink of cold temperatures.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 22, at 6 p.m.

INDEPENDENTCrossword by Chuck Levering

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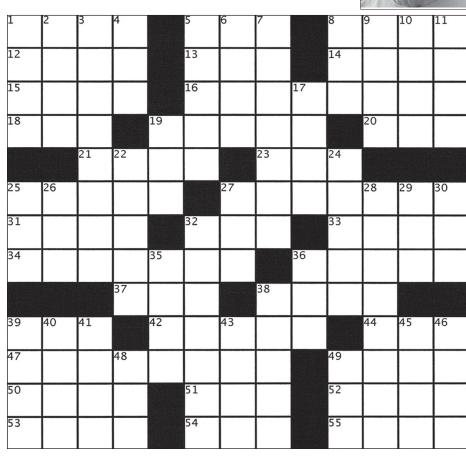
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- 5. Bottle
- 8. Brain storm
- 12. Promise
- 13. O'Hare info
- 14. DEA agent
- 15. Sound bounce
- 16. Feminine
- 18. Woman; girl
- 19. Himalayan nation
- 20. Observe
- 21. Stagger
- 23. Black bird
- 25. Wembley Stadium borough
- 27. Kosher food laws
- 31. Peruse
- 32. Cambodian money
- 33. Abate
- 34. Plethoric
- 36. Used the oven
- 37. Expire
- 38. Yard
- 39. Fruit pastry
- 42. Coniferous tree
- 44. Steamy
- 47. Scholarly arena
- 49. First name in jeans
- 50. Ramble
- 51. Pipe joint
- 52. Flair; style

- 53. Met before
- 54. Scarlet
- 55. Cohort
- - 43. Aggravate
- 39. Recreational area 40. Religious symbol
 - 41. Roof edge

- 45. Track shape
- 46. Wee
- 48. Dawn moisture
- 49. Pasture





Down

- 1. Acts
- 2. Per unit
- 3. Ghostly
- 4. 17th Greek letter
- 5. Gemstone
- 6. Upon
- 7. Muslim holy month
- 8. Quaint overnight place
- 9. Platform
- 10. Gaelic language
- 11. Throb
- 17. Alack and ____
- 19. Snare
- 22. Completed
- 24. Acute swelling
- 25. Ingenius supporter
- 26. Agt.
- 27. Opening tool
- 28. Rogue
- 29. Employ
- 30. Spread hay to dry
- 32. Clam
- 35. Cairo's river
- 36. Scrooge's pet word
- 38. Burn with hot liquid

Recommendations from the committee for deer hunt regulations: The proficiency test that hunters undergo before being

given a permit include: Three consecutive hunting arrows shot from a legal hunting bow held at full draw by only the archer's muscles. All three arrows must hit within or cut the line of the heart/lung area of a life-size deer target at a distance set by the test administrator (up to 60 feet away).

The City of Eureka Springs is accepting applications for hunters to participate in the urban deer hunt. First come, first serve basis. There will be a background check on each applicant. You will be notified if accepted.

Hunt Dates

- September 15 October 7, 2012
- November 10 February 28, 2013

Hunters Information

- Hunters need to register at City Hall, 44 S. Main St. (479) 253-9703.
- Hunters must be registered with the city to legally hunt within the city and obtain special doe permit(s).
- A list will be provided of private and public property that is available to hunt.
- Hunters must use archery tackle that complies with the AG&F rules for 2012-2013.
- City parks, trails and developed springs are not permitted property.
- Hunt 50 yards off designated trails or parks.
- Hunt at least 50 yards from any occupied dwelling without written permission.
- Possess written permission from the property owner when hunting on private property.
- Hunt from stands only that are at least 10 ft. above ground. No walking, stalking or grounds blinds.
- Hunt time is 30 minutes prior to dawn until 30 minutes
- Bag or cover harvested animals from sight before removing.
- Remove harvested animals during daylight hours if at all possible.
- Take harvested deer directly to vehicle
- If wounded deer crosses property lines, the hunter must get property owner's permission first to enter.
- Harvested deer must be removed before dressing.
- First deer taken must be a doe.
- Does taken within the city limits will not count against the hunter's state bag limit.
- Display vehicle permit in full view on the dashboard of hunter's vehicle and carry approved permit.
- Check deer online at www.agfc.com or toll-free at (866) 305-0808.
- Report harvest information on the Deer Harvest Summary at City Hall, 44 S. Main St.

I have read and agree to abide the rules set before me. Signature/Date

Arkansas Olympic update through Day 12 of the 2012 Olympics

Tyson Gay, former University of Arkansas track star, qualified for the finals in the 100 meter dash by finishing first in his preliminary heat and second in the semifinals. He lined up against an intimidating array of sprinters in the finals, including Usain Bolt of Jamaica who has clocked the fastest three times in history.

There is an awesome photo showing the first four finishers shoulder to shoulder at the finish line. First was Bolt beating his own world record with a time of 9.63 seconds. Second was Yohan Blake of Jamaica with a time of 9.73 seconds, and third was Justin Gatlin of USA at 9.79. Gay was right beside Gatlin with a time of 9.80. To put it in perspective, when Gatlin won the 100-meter race at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, his time was 9.85. No medal for Gay but a job well done.

Wallace Spearmon, Jr., of Fayetteville and another former Razorback, finished second in Round 1 of the 200-meter dash semifinals. It will be his turn to face off against Bolt and Blake in the 200-meter final Thursday evening.

Other former Razorback athletes at the 2012 Olympics:

Alistair Cragg (Ireland) 17th preliminary in 5000 meters Regina George (Nigeria) Won first heat of 400

meters; 5th in final with a time of 51.24 Marek Niit (Estonia) 6th in prelim of 200 meters; 7th in prelim of 100 meters

Jeremy Scott (USA) 9th qualifying round of pole vault with vault of 5.5 meters (18.04')

Tina Sutej (Slovenia) qualifying round of pole vault with height of 4.25 m (13.94')

Ivanique Kemp (Bahamas) 3rd in 1st heat of 100 m hurdles; 8th in final with a time of

Raymond Higgs (Bahamas) 9th qualifying round of the long jump; 7.76 m (25.46')

Becky Holiday of the University of Oregon moved to Jonesboro to train at Bell Athletics under the tutelage of former Olympic pole vaulter Earl Bell. She represented USA and finished 9th in the finals with a vault of 4.45 meters (14.6 feet).

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in Eureka Springs, which has twice voted against fluoridation. Recent meetings of the Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD) have drawn a number of opponents expressing concerns including impacts on people who have thyroid or kidney problems. Local opponent said there have been no studies done to determine if anyone in the CBWD service area is fluoride deficient, and that residents have a right to be free from being medicated without their consent.

The ADH is working to implement a state mandate that all water systems serving more than 5,000 customers add fluoride to the water. The state mandate requiring fluoride said grant funds - not taxpayer or ratepayer money should be used to implement fluoridation. However, grant funds available to CBWD have fallen short. Delta Dental Foundation has offered \$763,000 while the district's engineers estimate the cost at \$1.23 million.

Operators of the CBWD fluoridation, and have taken the position that fluoride won't be added until suppliers comply with proper American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and NFS60 certification that would list all contaminants by weight, and include information about toxicological

studies pertaining to those contaminants. No suppliers contacted have responded to requests for that information. Operators state that a recent analysis of a random sample of sodium fluorosilicate additive contained 17 trace elements of a toxic nature including lead, arsenic and thorium, a radionuclide.

Many dentists support fluoridation. But one who is also the mayor of Amity, which like Eureka Springs opposes fluoridation, is opposed to the practice.

"It accumulates in our bones and makes them more brittle and prone to fracture," said Dr. Chester V. Clark Jr., Amity Gentle Dental. "The weight of evidence from animal studies, clinical studies and epidemiological studies on this is overwhelming. Lifetime exposure to fluoride will contribute to higher rates of hip fracture in the elderly."

Clark said fluoride accumulates in the pineal gland, possibly lowering the production of melatonin, a very important regulatory hormone. It damages the enamel (dental fluorosis) of a high percentage of children, and human studies show fluoridating agents most commonly used in the U.S. not only increase the uptake of lead into children's blood, but also are associated with an increase in violent behavior.

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