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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Isn't it grand when someone from Scott's Prairie is considered an internationally known independent thinker? Scott's Prairie is the original name of Green Forest, Ark., where Helen Gurlley Brown was born on Feb. 18, 1922.



Like her or not, you probably knew her name. She was a woman who landed the editor's job at *Cosmopolitan* without ever having been an editor, and was totally capable and successful at it.

HGB knew she needed something she would never find in the Ozarks, so she went out looking for it. She told the truth as she saw it, achieved success as she saw it, and gave away a lot of money as she saw fit.

Good girl. Rest peacefully.



Bubbles, the macaw who greets diners on the deck at Casa Colina, took a walkabout Friday afternoon and perched herself atop the highest tree she could find. Dean Fanning of Fanning's Tree Service brought his 65 ft. bucket truck and Bubbles was retrieved by her human friend she's not afraid of, Joe Joy, while Fanning steered the bucket from below. Bubbles, 10, was hatched here and has never been in the wild. Until now. "She was terrified," Joe's wife, Dani, said. "She had no clue how to fly. Bubbles had a few cuddly minutes on Joe's arm, and then was back to her job at the front desk.

PHOTO BY DANI JOY

Council eliminates early hunt; approves later dates

NICKY BOYETTE

City council eliminated the September-October deer hunt at Monday night's meeting, and will also require hunters to be members of the Arkansas Bowhunters Association. Aldermen listened to public opinion and two speakers from Arkansas Game & Fish (AG&F) before tweaking guidelines for the hunt, which will be Nov. 10 – Feb. 28.

Six property owners spoke with divergent opinions, including Steve Beacham of the Deer Hunt Committee (DHC) who reiterated that voters wanted a controlled hunt to cull the deer population. He implored aldermen to abstain from voting if they were voting only on emotion and not the facts, pointing out

that the deer population doubles every two years, their habitat is being destroyed and pests, like deer ticks, are increasing.

Dianne Stull said the emergency apparently felt by voters was not shared by AG&F, who wanted nothing to do with the hunt. She questioned whether the present plan represented what voters thought they were getting and asked for the legal definition of a one-time hunt.

Melissa Greene commented that when she voted to have a deer hunt, she expected it to be a week on city property, but the plan has morphed. She said she is not against a hunt, but she asked council to reconsider possible dangers.

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Bugs and Bluegrass. What a weekend.

CUP approved on Armstrong

NICKY BOYETTE

The August 14 meeting of the Planning Commission focused primarily on a request for a change in the Conditional Use Permit for 7 Armstrong where Faryl Kaye owns a bed and breakfast. Her CUP is for three units and she applied to expand capacity to five units.

Chair Beverly Blankenship told commissioners all of Kaye's paperwork was in order and neighbors had been appropriately notified of her application. Four of Kaye's neighbors spoke up on her behalf. Ben Rodda said he lives across the street and has a good view of what goes on and thinks Kaye has plenty of parking spaces for two more units. He also commented favorably on her management of the B&B. Joe Ratliff said Kaye "runs a class place, no junkers in the parking lot." He said speaks with many of her

guests because he walks his dogs by there and "he hasn't heard anyone fuss about her yet."

Pat Matsukis spoke up for a more general observation, not specific to Kaye's application, that Eureka Springs doesn't need any more B&Bs or tourists lodgings. She challenged Planning not to grant the CUP just because Kaye is a nice person. Matsukis also had issues with the parking situation along Armstrong, especially on weekends, when she sees people parking in ways she thinks might impede emergency vehicles. She encouraged Planning to look at the parking issues before they got further out of hand.

Blankenship then read two letters supporting Kaye's application.

When commissioners discussed the application, Blankenship told them they had to consider that Code

stipulates parking must be off-road, there should be one space per unit plus two for the owner/manager, and the owner/manager must live on site. Planning had made a site visit to see the parking for themselves.

Commissioner Melissa Greene was concerned that parking was not all in one parking lot although there were enough spaces, and other requirements were satisfied. She referred to the issue they have been working on regarding the owner living on the premises and wanted that resolved by council before Planning moved ahead with this application.

Commissioner Ken Rundel reminded her that what council is considering is a different issue. Kaye lives on site and there are other items to consider regarding B&Bs they can clean up later, but they were there to consider just the one CUP application.

Blankenship also said City Code doesn't limit parking to being on the same site anyway.

Attorney Wade Williams, speaking on Kaye's behalf, pointed out the language of the law regarding a lot does not practically apply to a city like Eureka Springs where lots are so small and Kaye's property consists of several lots. To limit parking to just one original lot would impractically limit reasonable options.

Commissioner Mickey Schneider agreed, saying she got four lots by buying one piece of property.

Greene was not satisfied. "This is so murky," she said. She said she would be more comfortable after council votes on the ordinance defining on-site. She wanted to table the discussion.

Rundel responded it's murky because they were talking about several different issues. He said they should focus just on the merits of this CUP application. He also said he agreed with Williams about the practical definition of a lot, stating if the city considers what a single lot means, there would be problems for

tourist lodgings all over town. He said he had not seen a problem with Kaye's parking situation.

Commissioner Denys Flaherty said, based on that assessment, they approve Kaye's application.

Kaye asked to speak to earlier comments about parking problems on Armstrong. She told commissioners she is a retired firefighter and very aware of parking issues as they relate to emergency vehicles and fire safety. She said the comments about nose-in parking do not apply to her guests because of her vigilance, and she is known on her street for gently reminding everyone to park responsibly.

Commissioners appreciated her responses to parking because when Blankenship called for the vote, it was unanimous to approve her application.

Outdoor sales

During Public Comments, Dee Purkeypile asked commissioners to tighten up rules regarding yard sales in town. He mentioned one recently that lasted most of a month and stayed open till midnight. He said, "It's not exactly a great sight to see coming down the street." He asked Planning also to consider a closing time.

Purkeypile also mentioned that a group of friends could band together and trade off getting the permit and have basically a swap meet for the entire tourist season at the same location. He acknowledged that times are tough and folks need to make money, but he encouraged Planning to tighten up yard sale laws.

When outdoor sales came up on the agenda, Rundel said he had been turned around, and he now advocated an ordinance limiting sales to three per year per location as well as requiring an end time each day. He also advocated a limit to how soon items could be put out prior to the start of the sale and how long things could be left out afterwards. He acknowledged this ordinance might

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Hit-and-run vehicle rolls

A Moore, Okla., man identified a hit-and-run vehicle Saturday evening that was involved in a rollover on US 62 W a short time later. Kevin Correll, 55, was parked on Spring Street shortly after 9 p.m., when Patrolman Billy Floyd saw flashing lights on his red Jeep and stopped to assist.

Correll told Floyd his Jeep had just been hit by a black Honda Accord that did not stop, but Correll got the license plate number.

The Department of Motor Vehicles identified Kacie Goodson of Rogers as owner of the Honda. Floyd alerted other ESPD officers to be on the lookout for the car and 10 minutes later a report of a one-vehicle rollover on US 62, about 200 yards west of Razorback Gift Shop, came in. Floyd responded and noticed the license plate was the same number Correll had supplied.

Goodson, 30, who was driving the Accord, failed to negotiate a right hand turn, drove off the left side of the highway, hit a guardrail, overturned and slid about 30 ft. She was airlifted to St. John's - Springfield. Three passengers, Lashea Simrell, 23, and two children, ages one and three, were transported to Eureka Springs Hospital where they were treated and released.

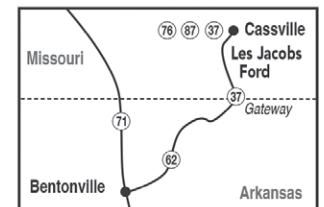


I do so swear – Peggy Kjeldgaard was sworn in by Chief Deputy County Clerk/Election Coordinator Bethe Hendley Tuesday morning to sit on the Eureka Springs School Board. She will be seated on the board August 16 and take the position vacated by Tom Winters. Kjeldgaard is also on the boards of Clear Spring School and the Eureka Springs School of the Arts.

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Vine Street vacation approved

NICKY BOYETTE

Discussion of a vacation of a piece of Vine Street, an undeveloped street encroached upon for many years, had its place on city council's agenda again Monday night. Alderman James DeVito said he had heard all the property owners involved had come to an agreement, and asked to hear from one of the attorneys involved with the case.

Kristi Kendrick, attorney for neighbor Brad Hill, told aldermen that all the property owners had arrived at an agreement which suited everyone.

Alderman Lany Ballance said she had heard from Mr. Holmes, one of the property owners, within the last two weeks and he had concerns the vacation might interfere with his ability to split his lots in the future. Ballance said someone in

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the future might have to undo all they were discussing, and insisted it is council's duty to help citizens and consider people who might someday own these properties.

Kendrick said she had met with Mr. Holmes and had agreed to grant him access to all his lots.

Bruce Levine, one of the property owners involved, said, "It's a rare opportunity where four landowners come together to work out something agreeable to everyone," but alderman Karen Lindblad said she was uncomfortable going forward without hearing from Mr. Holmes.

Levine responded that all four property owners talked together the previous day and were in agreement. The new owner of the building formerly known as Cafe Santa Fe, where Vine Street runs, was also in the discussion, and agreed as well.

Hill, one of the other property owners, said he was there to confirm that all the people involved met yesterday and agreed, and Ken Ketelsen, new owner of the former restaurant, said, "I'm a third that we all agreed yesterday."

Alderman Ken Pownall asked the attorneys if language in the two ordinances related to the vacation could be amended for their approval and vote, and Kendrick quickly

reworded the ordinances.

Ballance, however, asked what would be the impact of doing nothing, of not approving the ordinances.

Matt Bishop, attorney representing Cornerstone Bank, said there would be a title problem for the new owner and the city would have a bridge and street to maintain.

Pownall moved to assign the first ordinance a number and proceed. The vote to read it was 4-1-1, Lindblad voting No and Ballance Abstaining. Vote to approve the first reading was the same, as were the votes on the second and third readings, so the ordinance passed.

DeVito then moved to invoke the emergency clause so the ordinance would be in effect immediately rather than after the passage of 30 days.

Lindblad argued that emergency clauses are supposed to be used only to protect public health and safety, which was not threatened at this time.

DeVito maintained that time was of the essence, and this issue had been before council for three months. He said property owners have been patient with council, and he wanted to move the issue off their plates, but Lindblad held firm that vacation of the street did

not affect the health and safety of anyone. "The street has been sitting there all this time and it could wait for thirty days," she said.

DeVito countered that there was no downside to moving the issue along and it would create no problems for anyone.

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Vote on invoking the emergency clause was 3-3, Lindblad, Ballance and Pownall voting No, so the motion failed.

The second ordinance regarding the vacation followed a similar path. DeVito moved to assign it a number and place it on its first reading, and Ballance moved to table it until their next meeting. Berry disagreed with the attempt to defer action on the matter "for some unknown reason." Ballance answered again her crystal ball was broken and she could not predict whether a group of citizens might circulate a petition against their actions, so she moved to table it until the Sept. 24 meeting, six weeks away. The vote to table was 2-4, with Berry, DeVito, Pownall and Raphael voting No.

After city clerk Ann Armstrong read the ordinance, the vote to approve its first reading was 4-0-2, Lindblad and Ballance Abstaining.

Lindblad then pointed out the title seemed misleading because of their amending the previous ordinance, so Ballance moved to change the title. The vote to change the title failed.

Council voted to approve second and third readings of the ordinance, and the vote each time was 4-0-2, Lindblad and Ballance abstaining. The ordinances will be in effect 30 days after being posted publicly.

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INDEPENDENTNews

HDC turns around on gutters

NICKY BOYETTE

For the third time, Chris Crider represented the application for replacing dilapidated gutters at 14 Kingshighway at the August 15 Historic District Commission meeting. HDC had previously turned down the application stating the guidelines clearly say built-in gutters should be repaired if possible. Commissioner Richard Grinnell asked Crider to pull a section apart and see what he found underneath.

Crider did just that and he found that it appeared someone had tried three different fixes and they had all failed. He stated the owners were adamantly against paying for a gutter system that has continually failed.

The commissioners had conducted a site visit to the location before the meeting and Building Inspector Bobby Ray accompanied them. Grinnell reported that Ray had said there was no way to repair the existing gutter system. Grinnell also noted the existing gutters have no slope so there is poor drainage which exacerbates all the other leaky failed

gutter issues.

Commissioner Dan Hebert noted the house has already sustained significant damage, so the motion was made to approve Crider's repair plan, and this time the vote was unanimous in favor of it.

Original roofline must remain

Mary Romano told the commission her flat roof at 9 Emporia leaked and she was applying to replace it with a new pitched roof hopefully to alleviate the leaking problem forever.

Acting chair Greg Moon informed Romano her house is more than 100 years old. Therefore, Grinnell pointed out, the house is a contributing house and guidelines clearly state the original shape and pitch of the roof must be maintained. He told her there are new materials available for flat roofs, and she should do some research and reapply. Her application was denied.

Guidelines again

Mike Fitzpatrick is fixing up the house at 21 Linwood, and applied to replace and relocate a damaged door. Fitzpatrick said the door does not

keep wildlife out or in, and he wanted to make the portal usable again and more functional. He had chosen as its replacement an old-style French door.

Grinnell asked him if the door was visible from the street. Fitzpatrick replied from some sightlines but the view is obscured by trees.

Grinnell again pointed out that since the house was more than 50 years, guidelines apply and they state not to relocate doors visible from the street.

Fitzpatrick questioned how visible the door was, and Moon suggested they make a site visit. Commissioners voted to table the discussion until they visit the site.

In other business, HDC unanimously approved the following applications:

- 14 Elk – wood patio in rear yard
- 5 Paxos – new carport

Commissioners approved the following Consent Agenda applications:

- 34 East Mountain – new front door color

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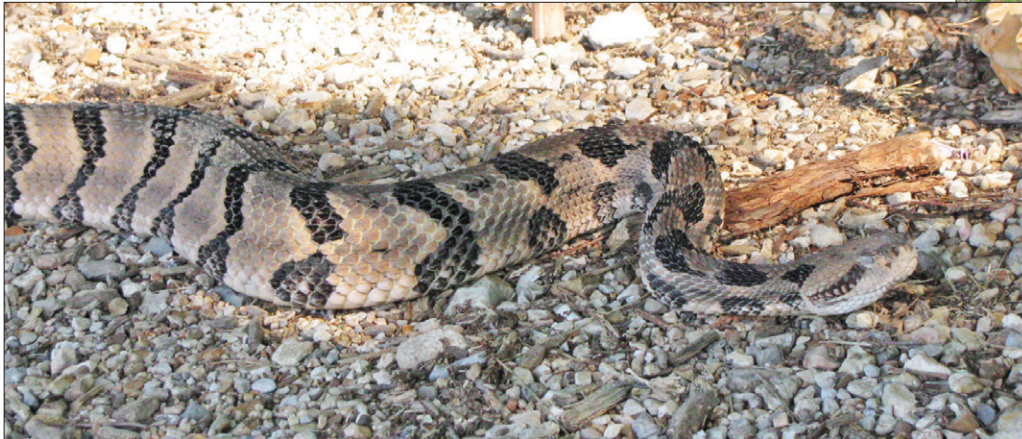
Tres Amigos –

Leonardo Tellez (l.) of Fayetteville, Josh Klein (c.) of Teyarkunn, Texas and Treyton Murphy (r.) of Noel, Mo., catch their breath at The Barn on Holiday Island after the triathlon competition of The Eureka Multisport Event. Murphy took 7th place in the men's competition.

PHOTO BY JERRY HINTON



The snake whisperer



NICKY BOYETTE

Sitting on the side of the road was Tony Alford with Shazam, his six-foot long timber rattlesnake, at his feet. Alford has had Shazam for three years now.

Alford counted 16 rattles on the snake's tail. "It's a myth that you can tell their age by counting the rattles," he said. The rattles are made of keratin, he explained, the same material as fingernails. When a snake sheds its skin, which Alford said might happen four times a year, a new rattle is added. Sometimes a snake might lose rattles through the trials of living in the wild.

Alford said his passion for reptiles began when he was five years old and opened a meter box and found himself face-to-face with a small snake. "Something clicked," he remarked, and he has since studied snakes from all over the world. He rattled off a long list of scary snakes he has encountered including cobras, fer-de-lances, several vipers and other exotic species. His focus now is snakes of Arkansas.

Facts about snakes of all kinds flowed naturally as he spoke. His eyes closed almost in reverence as he described the different kind of venom and bite a person would get from a coral snake as opposed to a pit viper. He said coral snakes would have to be almost squeezed before they would bite, and even then usually won't bite as venomously as they could. "Their bite is like a guy with a nine-shot pistol but with only one bullet," he said.

He said most snakes are tolerant, but he cautioned everyone to be respectful because snakebites can be fatal. Early on in his time with Shazam, the snake gently bit him. "It was my fault because I mishandled him," Alford claimed. "He had my life in his mouth. He had me, but he chose not to bite

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Hunters deserve respect

Editor,

I would like to address the cartoon in this week's paper. I don't really care for it at all. I'm a bit offended actually.

Do any of you know any of the hunters that will be taking care of the deer problem? Everyone is making them out to be an armed militia walking the streets of Eureka, bows drawn ready to fire at anything that moves. Not true at all.

The hunters have to be at least 10 ft. off the ground. Fifty feet away from any park, trail or occupied dwelling. Along with several other rules and a background check. To accidentally shoot a person or someone's pet is the very last thing they want to do.

Trust me when I say that hunting in Eureka Springs will happen if it's legal or not. I've walked the trails around town and you wouldn't believe how many arrows and dead deer I've found.

I am one of the lucky few that

got permitted to hunt in the city this fall and winter. I personally know a few of the other hunters and we want to be as far away from people as possible. Most of the public will never even see us while we're hunting. We won't be hunting anywhere without permission. We especially won't be drinking any alcohol while hunting. Quite the opposite, actually. We will probably be drinking lots of coffee to stay warm and alert.

We're not in it to shoot bucks.

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WEEK'S Top Tweets



@DreadClampitt --- You can still buy tickets for the Eureka Springs Bluegrass Fest in Arkansas Aug. 18th!!!!

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@BarackObama --- "I don't believe in an economy from the top down. I believe that the economy grows

from the middle class out,
and from the bottom up."

@active_neurons

--- "We live in a world
where we have to hide to make love, while violence is
practiced in broad daylight." ~ John Lennon

@mfaulkner65 --- 1939 Germany established gun
control. 1939-1945 Thirteen million people unable to
defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated...



@angieexox --- Oh baby deer, please stay off the
road

@cnnbrk --- Mutant butterflies found near Japan's
tsunami-damaged nuclear plant.

Thirsty?

Maybe not. After all, we humans have bottled water and all manner of liquid libations to slake our thirst. Pets have humans to make sure they get hydrated. Livestock have farmers who bring in a water supply. But wildlife? Well, wildlife has to depend on Mom Nature – and she hasn't been a very good provider of late.

Looking beyond what the drought has done to gardens and the trees in our own yards in town the picture can be a bit grim and even dangerous for humans who dwell here in wildlife's ancient habitat.

Lack of water in the natural environment means the food supply for those animals that depend on vegetation to thrive is drying up. Weaker and younger species get sick or die of thirst or hunger. Meat-eating predators that in turn depend on them for food also become weakened and/or sick. Even fish can suffer. The most frequently demonstrated effects being population declines, loss of habitat, negative effects from changes in water quality and crowding of fish in reduced microhabitats.

As we walk across crunchy grass and complain about the heat while picking up milk for the family at Hart's, it's not likely we're thinking about the fact that milk production in nursing female wildlife has been affected by drought. With less milk available more fawns and kits, for example, may starve or succumb to diseases, parasites, and predation. With less food, deer in particular will enter the winter months with less fat reserve which can result in higher starvation during the cold months. This may be good news to supporters of the deer hunt since Mom Nature may have accomplished a bit of herd-thinning for us this year. But sick animals of any species can be dangerous.

With less water there's less grass and brush to provide hiding cover for some bird species and young animals. Inevitably they crowd into smaller areas which again makes them more vulnerable to diseases, predators and competition from other members of their own species.

It may also result in more conflicts between humans and wildlife as some species move into neighborhoods searching for food – which might include food placed in the garbage, grease on barbecue grills, even sugar water in hummingbird feeders. More raccoons likely will be seeking sweet corn in gardens and pet food left outdoors, and there's always a danger sick animals will be less afraid to approach if they're also starving.

There's some danger to drivers as wildlife go for the greener grass along roadsides, causing more wildlife-vehicle collisions; and snake whisperer Tony Alford says he's seen more snakes this year than he has in the past 40 years. (See article, p. 7) Here in rattlesnake and copperhead country, that's something to be aware of when you're crunching through the woods or even working in the garden.

There are even dangers to the food our food eats. Stressed feed crops such as corn and sorghum produce higher levels of toxins and are more susceptible to mold fungi. An article posted this week in the *Wisconsin State Journal* says even though rains may come and save the crop, it may still be susceptible to dangerous toxins that have potential to kill livestock and further limit yields already expected to be among the lowest in years.

In the August 16 issue of the *Springfield News-Leader*, wildlife ecologist Brad Jacobs says to leave hummingbird feeders out until December. "The southern migration of hummingbirds has begun," wrote Jacobs, "with increasing reports of adult and young birds at nectar feeders. The ruby-throats will be mostly gone by October, but several other western hummingbird species pass through on up until early December."

Jacobs says the current weather has meant capacity crowds at well-stocked feeding stations. Putting out black-oil sunflower seeds, seed mixes and suet blocks almost guarantees that mobs of birds will visit your feeder.

While we wait for Mom Nature to take care of her own, we can at least be aware of the stresses around us in what grows and lives on the land we share. Take precautions and don't approach wildlife. Feed and water what and where you can. And pray for a long, soft, soaking rain and an end to ignorance about global warming.



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

John Kennedy's inaugural address is memorable for many reasons. My family gathered around our black and white TV and watched as the young President was sworn in. I can recall a brutally cold day lit with such brilliant, blinding sunshine that the poet Robert Frost was unable to read the manuscript of a poem he had written especially for the occasion. Instead, he fell back on the familiar – and perfect – "The Gift Outright," which he recited from memory.

And we can all recall, or have certainly heard about, Kennedy's stirring challenge: "And so, my fellow Americans: Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Although I was just a boy at the time, 1961, I remember feeling excited by the President's speech, and optimistic about the future. Some Americans answered the President's challenge by joining the newly formed Peace Corps. Others volunteered to win the hearts and minds of people living in a little country called Vietnam. Everything seemed new and possible. I doubt that we will feel the same way next January.

But we're all grownups. We know that some things work out. Some things don't. Optimism flows and ebbs. Through it all one thing remains true: Wherever you go, there you are. The quality of the place where we go, and who are when we get there, depends a lot on what we do and the grace we show as we go about that doing. It is hard to find much grace in our leaders today. None of them asks anything of us except to resent the same people they resent. We are on our own if it is grace we want. And that's okay, I guess, even if it is sad.

The last three lines of Frost's poem speak to that fluid, highly individualized national identity: "To the land vaguely realizing westward / But still unstoried, artless, unenhanced / Such as she was, such as she would become." Frost says that we are an unfinished people; the only constant is our place on a river of change. I hope we can all enjoy the ride, vaguely westward, a bit more in the future than we have of late.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

AUGUST 6

6:56 a.m. – Constable on patrol followed a reportedly reckless driver for awhile on U.S. 62 but saw no reason to stop the vehicle.

9:21 a.m. – A large black dog ran amok in the northwest corner of town. Animal Control scoured the area but did not encounter it.

9:35 a.m. – Resident in a neighborhood above downtown found an ill raccoon on his back deck. Animal Control disposed of the animal.

11:07 a.m. – Motel employee reported vandalism to a room.

11:17 a.m. – A supposed eyewitness reported a vehicle driving recklessly, going off the road, even driving other vehicles to the shoulder, and it reportedly drove through a flowerbed near a restaurant. Constable who responded found no damage to the flowerbed nor any witnesses who saw anything untoward.

11:59 a.m. – Two brothers had a fight in an apartment. Officer arrived to speak with them, and they convinced him everything was going to be okay and he should keep patrolling.

1:09 p.m. – Two vehicles bumped and there were no injuries.

3:38 p.m. – People involved in a foreclosure were reportedly making threats to the Realtor. Constable spoke with them.

AUGUST 7

12:22 a.m. – Alarm sounded at a closed business and the constable who checked it out found everything secure.

3:59 a.m. – A tree fell across a street completely blocking it. Public Works and the electric company responded to clear the way.

1:38 p.m. – Resident reported identity theft and ESPD took the report.

3 p.m. – Driver reported a traffic accident.

3:31 p.m. – Employee of an establishment reported the proceeds from a benefit were apparently given to the wrong party.

3:44 p.m. – A woman told ESPD she had received threatening texts and phone messages. Information was taken.

5:08 p.m. – Caller, while phoning ESPD, was yelling at a driver who was texting while driving as well as displaying hand signals at the caller. Constable on patrol unable to locate the vehicle.

7:49 p.m. – Officer on duty told a caller who reported a lost dog to bring it to the station. Dog never showed up.

9:32 p.m. – Constables were investigating an apparently abandoned vehicle on U.S. 62 at the western edge of town when the owner returned with a full gas can.

10:30 p.m. – Individual reported losing a satchel near downtown.

11:38 p.m. – EMS responded to an unresponsive male in an apartment building. They determined it was an unattended death. Officer filed a report.

AUGUST 8

8:08 a.m. – Witness told ESPD about a female just released from ESH hitchhiking toward town and screaming at vehicles who passed her by. Constable looked for but did not find her.

8:18 a.m. – A semi heading toward town from the west was reportedly crossing the centerline continually. Constable watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

8:45 a.m. – Parks staff reported damage to a park bench.

2:36 p.m. – Someone stole an iPhone from a parked vehicle.

2:45 p.m. – Passerby saw a Beagle puppy running in and out of traffic on U.S. 62 toward the eastern edge of town. Constables did not see it, and the information was passed along to Animal control.

AUGUST 9

12:43 a.m. – One vehicle backed into another in a parking lot.

12:45 a.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, a driver was arrested for outstanding warrant out of Berryville.

2:35 p.m. – As a result of another

traffic stop, another driver was arrested for outstanding warrants from multiple agencies.

2:49 p.m. – Employee at a business downtown reported he had been assaulted. He provided ESPD with all the information.

6:46 p.m. – Witness at an apartment complex reported people in a parked vehicle possibly smoking weed. Vehicle was way gone when a constable arrived.

6:56 p.m. – Passerby saw an elderly woman walking unsteadily on the Loop toward ESHS. She was wearing a hospital bracelet. Turns out she had just been discharged from the Emergency Room. Officer who responded gave her a ride back to ESH for further observation.

7:21 p.m. – Complaint came from downtown about a very loud pickup truck. Police got a description but the vehicle was gone before an officer could get there.

8:33 p.m. – ESPD got word of a man with a horse and carriage not controlling his vehicle and making U-turns at a location on farther up Spring Street. Constable spoke with the horse and carriage operator uptown and he said the location in the report is not part of his route and he would not go there. Constable went to the area to see if there were another horse and carriage on the streets but he did not encounter one.

8:54 p.m. – Witness reported a vehicle going very fast in the wrong lane on Hwy. 23 North. Officer who searched did not encounter the vehicle.

AUGUST 10

6:58 a.m. – Constable on patrol encountered an individual sleeping in his vehicle on a street near downtown. Individual was advised of city ordinances against sleeping in a vehicle.

9:32 a.m. – Officer arrested an individual on an outstanding felony warrant.

9:39 a.m. – Animal Control reported he was in pursuit of a

large dog which would not let him get too close. He intended to follow the animal to its home so he could speak with its owners about local leash laws.

9:47 a.m. – Concerned mother looking for her daughter flagged down a patrolling constable. The daughter was supposed to have spent the night at a friend's house but apparently went to her boyfriend's house instead. Constable began searching for the daughter. She got home around noon.

11:14 a.m. – Madison County alerted ESPD to a pickup truck stolen from the Huntsville area. The truck was later involved in a gas drive-off in Elm Springs, and the vehicle, not the passengers, was later discovered in Bella Vista.

10:01 p.m. – Officers were on the lookout for a vehicle being driven in a reckless manner, but they never saw it enter the city limits.

10:38 p.m. – A yard sale was still going on, and there were noise complaints. Constable responded. Operator had a permit.

AUGUST 11

1:20 a.m. – Witness informed ESPD a very intoxicated individual had entered the public restroom downtown and had not reemerged for at least 20 minutes. Constable performed his duty and checked, but he found the individual to be okay and continued his patrol.

9:41 a.m. – An individual told ESPD she wanted to file charges for an altercation the previous evening. Officer responded and took her report.

9:42 a.m. – A trolley reportedly sideswiped a parked vehicle. Officer responded.

11:05 a.m. – Employee at a motel reported property damage.

5:07 p.m. – Resident asked for an officer because she wondered if she had been drugged during the night. Responding officer told her she should speak with her doctor about her sleeping problems.

5:37 p.m. – Resident reported an electric guitar in the neighborhood

Council wrap-up; Aud, elections and abrupt end

NICKY BOYETTE

Aldermen bantered about a three-year management agreement regarding the City Advertising and Promotion Commission overseeing the Auditorium, with Ken Pownall saying he would move to authorize Mayor Morris Pate to enter into those discussions. Karen Lindblad insisted council discuss it first.

James DeVito said council would see the agreed-upon document and all its particulars before voting and that would be the time to discuss it, but he encouraged council to consider a multi-year agreement as the way to go.

"It seems like now we have no option but to extend with the CAPC, but I can't get behind three years," Parker Raphael responded.

Pownall amended his motion to allow the mayor to negotiate a multi-year agreement, and the vote was 3-2-1, with Lindblad and Raphael voting No and alderman Lany Ballance abstaining. Pate cast the deciding Yes vote so he could begin negotiations.

Voting change tabled

Pownall pointed out there was not enough time before the November

elections to put into effect changes council discussed for election of aldermen, voting by ward and staggering terms. He moved to take this off the table and DeVito said he agreed because of the time constraint.

Lindblad, however, said this deserved attention and she thought they "could shoulder the changes that should have been made a long time ago."

DeVito said it wasn't about the issues, but they would not be able to get the changes on the November ballot so he again suggested they table it until it could get its due attention.

Vote on tabling was 4-2, Ballance and Lindblad voting No.

Non-participating commissioners

Pownall said some commissions already have measures in place for dealing with non-participating commissioners, but he moved to get responses on this subject from all city commissions no later than Sept. 30. All aldermen agreed.

Approving nominees for commissions

When it was time for voting on approval for Robert Schmid for a seat on the CAPC and Dr. Jack Pritchard

for the Hospital Commission, Lindblad said she had not received any paperwork on Schmid nor had she been able to talk with Pritchard. Council moved to table their vote on these nominees.

Conway Spring marker, etc.

Council began discussing a proposed marker at Conway Spring to be erected by the Parks Commission. Alderman Butch Berry said council had no authority over this, that Parks can place the marker without council approval, and he read from a state statute supporting his point.

Alderman Lany Ballance answered by reading from another state statute that stated council should have authority over the property of the city, so she felt council should get a chance for input.

As Berry attempted to respond, he and Ballance briefly parried verbally as to who had the floor, and when Ballance demanded, "Get your boot off my neck," DeVito moved to adjourn. After four hours of contention, everyone agreed, and the meeting abruptly ended.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 27, at 6 p.m.

was just too loud for her evening walk. Constable spoke with the musician who turned down his amp.

6 p.m. – Resident told ESPD his brother had booked a room at a local motel and was supposed to meet someone for dinner but never showed. Officer discovered the missing brother's possessions were still in the motel room though otherwise it showed no signs of use. Authorities in northwest Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma were alerted.

7:02 p.m. – There was a parking conflict in the Auditorium parking lot between the Eureka event and an event in the Auditorium. Constable told caller the Eureka had gained access to the lot, so event-goers would have to find parking in other lots for the evening.

9:09 – Vehicle hit a parked Jeep and left the scene.

9:33 p.m. – A vehicle on U.S. 62 just west of town overturned. There were two adults and two children in the vehicle. EMS responded. Responding officers determined this was the vehicle involved in an earlier hit-and-run.

10:20 p.m. – The same yard sale that had stayed open late the previous night was open late again. Constable advised complainant the operator could stay open until midnight. Complainant replied the sale was not a garage sale but a business, and constable told complainant to file a complaint with city hall on Monday.

AUGUST 12

1:02 a.m. – Constable on patrol encountered a one-vehicle accident and arrested the driver for DWI and failure to control a vehicle.

1:02 p.m. – A Pit Bull ran loose and unchaperoned on a neighborhood street. Constable collected the wandering animal and put it in the pound.

7:49 p.m. – Constable provided traffic assistance for an event downtown.

At the recent annual Arkansas EMT Association EMS Conference held in Hot Springs, Holiday Island's First Responders won 2012 First Responder Service of the Year. This is an award to be very proud of since Holiday Island was recognized as the top service in the whole state of Arkansas.

Pictured: Bob Clave, Billie Summers, Connie Deaton, Bridget Vierson, and Ralph (Dub) Vierson representing Holiday Island

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Parks reward increased to \$1000

Eureka Springs Parks Department found that vandals had dropped or rolled a bowling ball onto the end of a memorial bench at Harding Spring from the hill above on July 28, shattering the end of the bench.

Parks Director Bruce Levine announced that Parks intended to “do a full court press on this thing,” and a \$500 reward was offered for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators. Levine announced Tuesday that an anonymous citizen has matched that offer, so anyone coming forward with information which leads to the arrest of whomever is responsible will receive \$1000.

If you have information regarding this incident, call the Parks Department at (479) 253-2866 or Eureka Springs Police at (479) 253-8666.

Here's to your health –

Associates at Kerusso, the leader in Christian-themed apparel, won first place in the Blue&You Fitness Competition for the second successive year. Gail Pharis, a member of the Governor's Council on Fitness and executive director of the Little Rock Marathon, announced Kerusso as the Group 13 – 2012 Challenge Winner. The three-month contest was sponsored by Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the Arkansas Department of Health and Arkansas Department of Human Services.

The Challenge was started in 2004 by Arkansas Blue Cross and the Arkansas Department of Health to encourage employees to work toward the public

health recommendation of adult physical activity for 30 minutes a day. Kerusso Associates won by exercising a minimum of 30 minutes a day and accessing the Blue&You site to log checkpoints.

The group earning the most cumulative points was declared overall winner for their group size category. Winners were judged on Goal participation: Percentage of participants meeting/exceeding 30 checkpoints; Exercise frequency: Average number of checkpoints per participant; Overall participation: Percent of eligible population participating; and Persistency rate.

Lamar Elementary School in Lamar, Ark., finished such a close second, and both groups were so far ahead of other participants in their category they were also awarded a 1st place plaque.

Fall Soccer Sign-up

Eureka Springs Middle School Cafeteria

Weds. August 22: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Sat. August 25: 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Weds. August 29: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 1: 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Teams available include from Under 6 through Under 18. Registration fee still \$50 for one year to including fall and spring seasons. Returning parents are encouraged to bring used cleats for exchange, trade or donation. Team practices will start after Labor Day on September 6 at Leatherwood fields after school or as decided by the team coach.

David Bell teaches to light, compose and emote

Noted area photographer and instructor David Bell will speak about key elements of a good photograph – lighting, composition and emotion – to the Holiday Island Photography Guild on Tuesday, August 28 at 3 p.m. in the HI Clubhouse Room A (lower level).

The public is invited, especially photographers of all levels of experience. For additional information, call (479) 253-7075.

A short business meeting will follow the presentation.

Celebrate Eureka Springs downtown on Thursday nights

Starting tonight, August 16, visitors and locals can pick up stickers that are a ticket to the fun at the Farmers' Market, Chamber of Commerce and participating lodging. Events start at Basin Park, for the next six weeks from 5 – 7 p.m. Each week a different aspect of shopping, playing and dining will be showcased in the park and participating stores downtown.

Local vendors will have booths and prizes in the park, live music and maps of where the deals for locals and “Locals for a Day” are that night.

Eating in Eureka Springs more your style? Diners can ask participating locations for a Ticket to Win each time they dine out during the six-week promotion. Diners bring tickets during festivities in Basin Park on Thursday nights to be entered to win the Eat Like a

Local Prize – gift certificates for all of the participating locations. The more you eat out, the more times you can enter. A winner will be chosen Sept. 20 at the last Let's Get Local event in Basin Park. Contest is open to everyone.

Let's Get Local Thursday Evening Events include:

August 16 – Circus Night – come see Eureka Springs put on an amazing show with local talent. DJ, hoopers, Ethan the Juggler, and more will delight you during the evening. School supplies will be collected for area children in need. Bring your pencils, crayons and paper!

August 23 – Health and Healing – an evening celebrating our Spa Town heritage. Local providers will be offering massage, consultations and a free boot camp exercise class.

Look for a continuation of the schedule next week.

Writing workshop full, extra date offered

The August 25 workshop on *Elements of Writing Craft* is full. An identical workshop will be offered on September 1, but only a few openings are left. The workshop is for anyone interested in writing fiction, creative nonfiction, or memoir

and will be held at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. Cost for the day is \$45. Register now by contacting Alison Taylor-Brown at alistontaylorbrown@me.com or (479) 292-3665.

Naturalist classes offered this fall

The next training course to become a Master Naturalist begins Saturday, Sept. 8 and continues on most Saturdays through Dec. 8. More than 100 hours of training are offered, but only 40 hours of class time is required for graduation, so this can easily be satisfied if a few of Saturdays are missed. The \$135 fee covers tuition and materials, including 13 Peterson Pocket Field Guides, a t-shirt and catered lunch on the first and final class.

More information, a schedule of classes, and an application for this course is available at home.ArkansasMasterNaturalists.org. Click on “Northwest Chapter.”

Mrs. Hawaii off to the Mrs. America competition

A 1994 Eureka Springs High School graduate who went on to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, is adding another line to her résumé next weekend. Stacey Bass Snee was selected Mrs. Hawaii on Tax Day and will represent the Aloha State in Tucson at the Mrs. America competition August 23-29. Judging will be on interview, swimsuit and evening gown.

“Each delegate will wear a state costume on stage,” Snee said. “I don’t want to give it away, but mine will be unmistakably ‘Mrs. Hawaii’.”

Snee earned a B.S. in Oceanography at Annapolis and spent five years as a Surface Warfare and Meteorology/Oceanography officer before leaving the Navy in 2003. After getting her Masters in Nutritional Science at the University of Hawaii-Manoa in 2006, she became a registered dietitian.

“Although delegates don’t need to have a ‘platform’ it helps to be passionate about something and have a deeper reason for entering the pageant than just the ‘beauty’ part,” Snee wrote to the *Indy*. “As you know from our previous conversation, I am a registered dietitian with a background in child nutrition. My platform is childhood obesity prevention and much of the work I do in Hawaii promotes healthy lifestyles for families.

“I volunteer with a number of organizations and am on the advisory board

for the Hawaii Initiative on Childhood Obesity Research and Education.”

There is a preliminary night of competition August 27 and that night’s winner will go on to compete in the finals August 29. Find more information at www.mrsamerica.com and click on the link to sign up for a live stream of the pageant.

“The winner of Mrs. America will certainly have a busy year,” Snee wrote. “There isn’t a set schedule to my knowledge but she will certainly be out supporting a number of charities.

“My husband, Dave, will be with me at the Mrs. America pageant along with my sponsor family from Annapolis, my mother-in-law, and siblings Steve, Dave and Mandy.

“On a side note, Mandy also graduated from ESHS (‘97) and my brother Dave lives in Fayetteville and will be bringing his fiancé, Brittany. I am excited that they will all be there to support me and share in this experience.” Stacey and Dave have two young children, Brooke and Jake.

Should Stacey win the Mrs. America title, she will spend a good part of the year making personal appearances throughout the country in what contest sponsors call, “Our country’s greatest natural resource and most important constituency, married women.” She would also represent the United States at the Mrs. World competition in December.



The Eureka – Above left is Sally Landham from Memphis, smiling after placing 4th in the Triathlon competition of The Eureka Multisport Event. Above right is Robbi Hudson of Fayetteville preparing her cycle for the race. Robbi placed 9th in the event which started with a swim from The Point at Holiday Island and ended at The Barn.

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Aug. 17-19



EUREKA SPRINGS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

It's time for the annual festival celebrating bluegrass music. This style is unique to our country and a blend of musical talents that immigrants from around the world brought here in the 1600s. There are Scottish, British, Irish and African influences. Dance music and ballads of each culture were intertwined to form the unique sound of bluegrass.

Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys, formed in 1938, was the first band to bring this genre to national attention. There was mandolin, banjo, fiddle, guitar and bass along with harmonizing vocals and the high lonesome solo of Bill

himself. Earl Scruggs and Lester Flatt were part of this band and eventually left and formed a group called the Foggy Mountain Boys. They added the resophonic guitar, or Dobro, to the mix and the rest is history.

Bluegrass music continues to evolve as artists create new sounds, merging influences from rock-n-roll to hip-hop. Called "New Grass" or progressive bluegrass, drums and electric instruments are included in the line-up.

The weather is looking promising, with highs in the 80s expected, it is finally time to enjoy the outdoors.

Friday, August 17

Basin Park 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Watermelon social served up by Eureka Springs Downtown Network and Cornerstone Bank.



Grass Crack – Punk Grass is how they describe themselves and their hordes of loyal fans are "Crack Heads." This band from Tulsa will have you happily spitting watermelon seeds between your toes.



The Hillbenders – This innovative quintet has just signed with Compass Records Group of Nashville and will release a new CD in September. Favorites on the festival circuit for a while now, these guys continue to collect fans and awards.

Saturday, August 18

Basin Park 1 – 7 p.m.



Deadman Flats – These four childhood friends from Kansas push the envelope by injecting their music with hard-edged acoustic deathpunk. Bet you will dance for a long time.



Spring Street – In 1990 Mike Williams and Steve Carroll came to hear Bill Monroe "The father of Bluegrass music" perform at The Auditorium. They thought the name of the street outside the venue fit pretty well for a band name. Twenty years later they are performing here in Basin Park and we are glad to have them.

Buffalo City Ramblers – For the past 15 years, the five members of the Buffalo City Ramblers have entertained



audiences at bluegrass festivals around our region. These five long-time friends live in north-central Arkansas, and play traditional bluegrass music plus old-time and classic country music. The group also performs Gospel music and some original songs.

Grass Crack – Cutting edge bluegrass. This group likes to push the limits of bluegrass and get you to dancing.

Saturday, August 18

The Auditorium

Doors open at 7 p.m.,

Show starts at 7:30 p.m.



Dread Clampitt – Opening act. Grayton Beach, Fla., is where these foot-stompers

hail from. The Red Bar is where they got their start and still have a weekly show, packing the dance floor every Sunday.



Folk Soul Revival – Folk Soul Revival is a harmony drenched, boot stomping, rowdy, rootsy Americana band from the Appalachian mountain region of Virginia/Tennessee. Headlining this year's Bluegrass Festival, they have just released a CD *Prompting the Dapperness* and isn't that a cool name?

Sunday, August 19

Basin Park 1 – 5 p.m.

Glory Mountain and The Bushwackers

– Closing out the weekend with a Gospel Bluegrass Show. Bring the family and enjoy a day outdoors.





What's in the name Leatherwood?

Can any one answer the question where does the name Leatherwood, as in Leatherwood Creek or Lake Leatherwood, originate? Was there an early settler with the surname Leatherwood? If so I cannot find reference to him (or her) and there's no descendant named John Doe Leatherwood in the phone book. Who named these entities Leatherwood and why?

My mind immediately turns to thing botanical specifically to a small, mostly nondescript shrub called Leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*). It's a plant you would not notice unless you were looking for it; a member of the mezerum family (*Thymelaeaceae*) found in rich moist woods, usually along creek bottoms from New Brunswick, west to eastern North Dakota, southward to Florida and central Louisiana. It is found in Arkansas in the northwest and southwest part of the state. It is not particularly common anywhere. *Dirca* is the only North American genus of the largely tropical plant family to which it belongs.

In 1987, Michael E. Murphy

completed a Master's Thesis at the University of Arkansas – "A Survey of the Vascular Plants of Carroll County, Arkansas." He found 756 species of vascular plants in Carroll County from 118 plant families. Only 570 plants had previously been documented for the county. He found 235 additional taxa. Undoubtedly there are many more species to be found. Interestingly, however, Murphy did not find Leatherwood growing in Carroll County, despite the fact that it had been collected here before. This makes the geographical Leatherwood name even more curious. Is Leatherwood in Carroll County or not?

Enter work by a Kansas State University research team of Aaron J. Floden, Mark H. Mayfield and Carolyn J. Ferguson in 2009. A new, single population of *Dirca palustris* was collected in Kansas in 1997. As the researchers looked more closely at the plant, they discovered it was quite distinct from *D. palustris*. In fact in 2009 they named a new previously undescribed species *Dirca decipiens* (meaning "deceptive"). Subsequently they



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conducted simultaneous surveys of flowering Leatherwood plants in Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas.

These field observations resulted in finding the newly named *Dirca decipiens* in both Benton and Carroll counties in Arkansas. It differs in producing larger fruits, without stalks, among other features. In 2009, this rare plant was only known from three populations. Another major caveat is that occurs on northeast

facing bluffs and slopes above the valley floor in rather dry limestone habitats, rather than along creeks in rich wooded bottomlands, where one finds *Dirca palustris*. *Dirca decipiens* blooms a week later, too.

Perhaps long ago someone unwittingly found the new species of Leatherwood, *Dirca decipiens*, on their way down to a creek from a limestone bluff that they then decided to call Leatherwood Creek.

This could be the start of something BIG –

A group of potential investors met last Saturday to take a look around the Victoria Inn and discuss possible ways the building could be used in service to the Eureka Springs community. Realtor Gene Bland, left, took the group on a tour of the 77,000 sq. ft. facility after a 2-hour meeting in which ideas were discussed. The building is currently under contract to Dr. Dan Bell, far right, pending several criteria being met. Anyone interested in investing in the future of the Victoria Inn may call (479) 244-5378. The group will meet again in September.



Three spicy women – Three spicy menus

I love food from south of the border and am thankful we have three distinct, wonderful places to eat, which all happen to be run by three distinct, wonderful women.

At least once a month we have to make the trek to Berryville and at least once a month we, my partner Billy and I get to eat at La Luna for lunch. La Luna is the traditional Guatemalan restaurant directly across the street from the bank on the Berryville Square.

Although they have a small dining area, we always sit at the counter where we watch owner **Lilian Ramirez** run her tight ship. There is no mistaking that this is her kitchen. We are the “weird guys,” (hombres loco) who come in and order the same thing every time. Two vegetarian Pupusas each sided with pinto beans and spicy salad.

Pupusas are sort of like the tamale without the husk – a blend of corn masa, cheese, spices, hot peppers and a choice of meat if desired, slammed on the griddle. Divine.

We rarely drink soft drinks but can’t resist the tall 16.4 ounce ice -cold bottle of Joya, the Fresca-ish grapefruit soda imported from Mexico and made with real sugar.

As for the pintos, we kind of had a “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy. We don’t ask if there is meat in the beans – you don’t tell. This week we finally asked and the news is good for vegetarians.

KJ Zumwalt had me with her Jalapeno Pie smothered in Mango Habanero salsa.

That was in 1995 on my first visit to Eureka Springs, where she and her late partner, Clary, had Center Street, the now legendary bar and restaurant where I bet more than a few stories end up in Vernon Tucker’s book.

KJ has continued the Center St. tradition at Caribe, open Thursday to Sunday only, on 62W. So many great tasting choices – her guacamole appetizer piled high in old-fashioned ice cream sundae glasses, the salsa platter where you can sample eight mild to very hot salsas, her veggie bean



burrito topped with grilled Portabella mushrooms, the vegetarian sopa, and of course her signature beef, chicken, seafood or veggie Chalupas served exclusively every Sunday evening. Include a nice selection of Mexican beers and I’m happy.

KJ always finds time to come out of the kitchen and greet her guests, her personality as lively and colorful as the framed molas adorning the restaurant walls and the number one reason we keep coming back.

Although **Deena Sunday** has been cooking at the Oasis for a number of years, she just recently took over the restaurant from founder and long-time owner, Jack Albert.

The popular breakfast and lunch hole in the wall has been feeding locals and visitors since 1988. (More fodder for Vernon’s book).

Deena has wisely kept most of Jack’s classics and further explores her own take on this unusually good “Ark/Mex” food.

I’m usually a sucker for one of her vegetarian specials listed on the board – the curried eggplant, cous-cous enchilada or the Portabella mushroom enchilada in Chipotle sauce.

Working out of the tiniest kitchen ever, you can often hear Dina cooking while harmonizing to Joni Mitchell or Aretha. It still amazes me the amount and quality of food that comes out of that little convection oven. I often send tourists there for lunch just so they can experience the bathroom.

So there you have it – three distinct flavors and three fiery women who all share at least three things in common – a passion for cooking, putting out quality food and no meat in the frijoles.

Kanes and wahines, kono!

Friends of the Historic Barn at Holiday Island are hosting a Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, August 25, with social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6, followed by music and dancing provided by “J Rock & the 3rd Street Band” at 7. There will be door prizes.

Advance tickets are requested and available for \$12 from the Holiday Recreation center or the HI Club house starting on August 1. Tickets purchased at the door, if available, are \$14.

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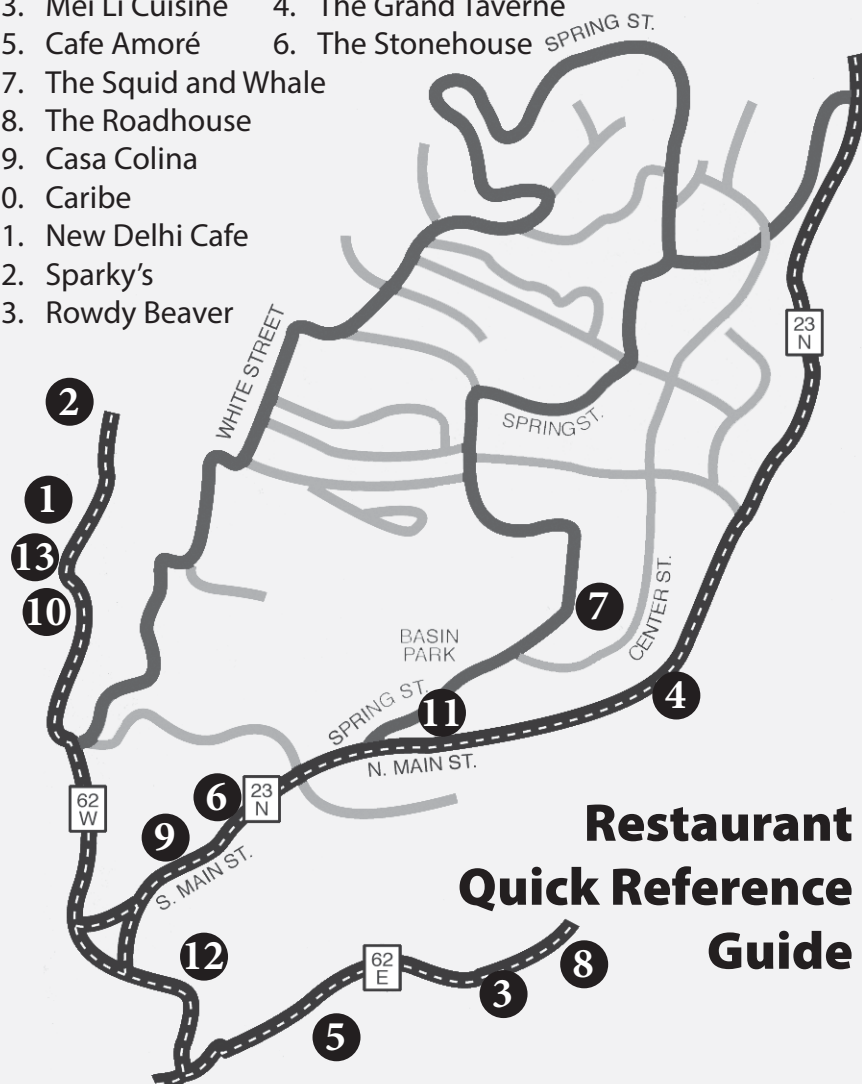
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Bread may be the staff of life, but for 1970’s hippies it might have served equally well as a boat anchor, foundation stone or one of those things Olympic shot-putters heave. Lead bread.

As some long-hairs (or “tick-hippies” as John Cross called them) went back-to-the-land, others, who had been-there-done-that and discovered that he who would live out of his garden must live in it, moved back-from-the-land to downtown Eureka and balanced their diets with pickled things floating in glass jars on the Hi-Hat bar and love offerings from their country cousins on the communes.

Lead bread begins with the healthy premise that making bread from organic material can only get better if you add even more organic material before you bake it. You name it, and more often you couldn’t, it was in lead bread, which looked mighty tasty if you’d been sitting by the woodstove all winter staring at that same gigantic, 50-lb. gunnysack of brown rice.

Some were vegetarians and some ate vegetarians. Some also ate ticks. In a nightly ritual (think “Ozark foreplay”) loved ones would scan other warm-blooded mammals for parasites and select a tender, young sucker as the active ingredient in a perverse form of primitive preventive medicine.

You are whom you eat

Rolling the bugger in a small leaf from one of those healthy wild plants they took monkish pride in knowing the names of, the wriggly offering would be tossed to the back of the throat and washed down quickly with a disgusting slug of awful-tasting brewer’s yeast and orange juice, or beer if you were lucky.

The esoteric theory, as many hippie versions of cosmology tended to be, was based on the shared assumption that the person who ate ticks would exude a potent aroma in their sweat that mind-tricked ticks into fearing their potential host was a tick-eating cannibal. Made sense at the time. Right up there with eating poison ivy shoots in the spring to avoid rashes in the summer. Sort of like the notion that cockroaches whispered tips about Vietnam policy into Lyndon Johnson’s elephant-like ears while he slept. Maybe not accurate but it



The “Mushroom Lady”—Maria VonSavage, a former Hollywood luminary, strolls past downtown Eureka’s leading restaurant in the early ’70s, the Basin Park Cafe. Biscuits and gravy, \$1.

PHOTO BY VERNON TUCKER

explained a lot of strange decisions.

On holidays, hippies often gathered to celebrate with tons of home-cooked, mostly organic, goodies at the old Legion Hut. Thanks to the American Legion, and Warren Keck in particular, the log building that now houses a bar on S. Main St. across from the bank, served for years as the town’s unofficial community center. The Boy Scouts met there, weddings were performed there, legendary yard sales were held there and for many years, hippies celebrated Thanksgiving there slicing their way through sculpted globs of tofu that more-or-less had been sculpted by talented artists to sort of resemble turkeys.

Whole milk, with blue John floating on top, was available from Mrs. Rhie’s cows, aptly pastured on the vertiginous hillsides of Eureka’s eponymous Dairy Hollow. Save money; bring your own jug.

Actual store-bought groceries were available at the foot of Spring St. and could be purchased with Blondie Bucks, a rare form of paper currency issued by Clark’s Market bearing the smiling visage of the store’s owner, Blondie Clark. Not the only grocery in town. Clark’s, Harts, Harps and Tharp’s were all open, and a fun mantra to mumble when stoned.

Until Harts opened, Clark’s was the biggest and it was an easy walk for downtown residents.

Apparently invisible

The day Harts opened up on the highway the place was packed with first-day shoppers. As I pushed my cart to the back of the store I scanned

over a tsunami of awe-struck shoppers and spied an old friend leaning in the corner by the water cooler ... smoking a joint. He winked when our eyes met and we both smiled conspiratorially at his apparent invisibility as throngs of shoppers passed by, their eyes glossy with wonder at the ocean of edible options afforded them.

On his second trip to the U.S., Russian President Boris Yeltsin was asked what stuck in his mind about life in America. “Grocery stores. They contain 30,000 items. It gives their people a great sense of security.”

Not all who wore Birkenstocks and shunned shaving their legs were totally enamored of the various dietary fads that could make dinner invitations iffy propositions. Sometimes it was

simple. Like Tex Belt giving me a ride up Planer Hill in his horse-drawn wagon. The response to my “yes” when he asked me if I was hungry was as simple as whacking off a chunk of ham with his pocketknife and handing it to me. Yum.

Pot luck

Not so tasty, but just as popular, was the last-minute treat whipped up by a friend of mine in Beaver. Tripping around the woods that passed for the “yard” in front of her two-room cabin, a cosmic consensus announced it was time to go to some friends’ wedding. Waiting for her to join us in a gleaming black, 1959 Cadillac that would rocket-ship us to the party, I went back to see what was holding her up.

Glancing through the kitchen window I couldn’t believe she’d chosen that moment to sweep the kitchen floor. Bending over, she swept a pile of woodstove fallout, dog hair and miscellaneous kitchen floor tidbits into a dustpan that she emptied into a store-bought, aluminum-clad, graham cracker piecrust. After smothering the contents beneath whipped cream from a spray can, she covered her creation with tin foil and joined us in the car. I didn’t ask.

I didn’t have to. At the end of a gloriously sloppy outdoor wedding party, she went to the long buffet table and retrieved her empty pie pan.

(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.*)

Flonie Walden Tobin, Samantha's daughter, remembers the store and post office during these years:

"The room Adam built onto the old store's original structure was of good size, though I'm not able even to guess the dimensions. To me as a small child, it looked big and roomy. I remember there were larger shelves on two sides, one side for groceries and the other for dry goods. Very limited, I'm sure, but I know we carried bolts of unblemished muslin, outing flannel, chambray and bed ticking. Possibly other things I don't recall.

"The post office was located on your left as you would enter the front door. It was real small. There was the one window and then an opening out into the store. There was not a door, only a heavy curtain hanging, which went down to within a foot of the floor. Feet that shown below the curtain was about all I ever saw in the post office. Only now and then I'd get a glimpse of the few boxes that hung on the wall directly in front of the opening. The case being when my mother would enter or leave the post office, and would pull the curtain aside to do so.

"We, the youngest ones in the family, were told the post office was Uncle Sam's and that we had no right to enter. We so strongly believed that, that we thought he was within those walls. We respected him and a little fear existed with us, too. We never entered it; in fact, when we walked past the opening, we did so in a hurry.

"In 1915 Mother bought the store from Adam. She soon was appointed the fourth postmaster. Shortly thereafter, the Busch post office was put on a rural route out of Seligman, and mail was delivered six days a week. I well remember the carrier. His name was Bill Osborne, and drove on the route what was called a 'mail hack.' It was all enclosed, so as to protect the driver from bad weather. There was a slot that the lines were inserted through, and visor glass for him to see the road. I remember he was real punctual in



his arrival, which was near noon. He always would unhitch and feed and water his big black horse. Then he would eat his lunch and start his trip back to Seligman.

"It was necessary to make a trip to Seligman in a wagon one day a week. This was to take the produce and other items that we'd bought from our customers in the area, such as live chickens, geese and ducks, bulk butter and eggs. We also bought wild roots at digging time, which included yellow root, senega and ginseng. We also bought cow and horse hides, and in trapping season, we bought pelts of wild animals, such as possums, coons and skunks. So the wagon was full going to Seligman, as well as full of merchandise on the return trip.

"We had two of what we called drummers, who called on the store once a month. They would come to Seligman by train, hire a fellow there by the name of Puckett Arnold to drive them down to call on the store. Puckett drove a T-Model Ford, the first car I ever saw, so it well could have been the first car that ever came there. The merchandise that was ordered from them had to

be shipped by train to Seligman, either the Frisco (St. Louis & San Francisco) or M.&N.A. (Missouri & North Arkansas) Railroad, and then be picked up at the depot on the weekly trip there. Some merchandise was bought there in Seligman, but once in awhile it was necessary to go into Eureka Springs for goods that couldn't be gotten elsewhere.

"I recall that when customers brought products to the store to sell, most often the amount was taken up in trade, but in case it wasn't they could be paid in part or all by due bills that looked like coins. Most customers did run a charge account there, though.

"There were a few things carried in the grocery line that are still fresh in my mind, such as 100-pound sacks of unground coffee, rice, both navy and pinto beans, white and brown sugar.

"Flour in both soft and hard wheat came in 25 and 50-pound sacks. Meal came in 12-pound heavy paper sacks. But we did not carry much meal, as Blue Spring Mill was in operation then and the men of that area took their turn of corn there to be ground. Salt came in 100-pound

wooden barrels, vinegar came in 50-gallon wooden barrels, but of a different type from the salt barrel. Kerosene (we called it coal oil) came in metal barrels. All the customers had their own little oilcans. Most all had the gallon size, though a few had two-gallon size. In some cases the lid to the spout had been lost and it was always a practice when this was the case to stick a big gumdrop on the spout to keep the oil from spilling enroute. To this day, I think if I had the chance to see some of those cans, I could identify them with the families to whom they belonged.

"I can remember quite vividly the tobacco lines we carried. There were the two twist, Granger and Picnic. They came in paper cartons somewhat like oatmeal comes in now. In the plug tobacco, we carried Star, Horseshoe, and Brown Mule. These three kinds came in wooden boxes and were cut in sizes the customers desired. There was a regular tobacco in Prince Albert and Velvet. There were the sacks of Bull Durham and Country Gentleman. There were two kinds of snuff, Honest and Garrett. Both came in five and 10-cent cans."

Venus in Cancer – Overshadowing

This is our last week of Leo. The Sun enters Virgo Wednesday. The month in the sign of Cancer is overshadowed by Venus. Venus is the Soul (star) of the Earth, where our God (Sanat Kumara) came from, and these mornings Venus is the Morning Star. Mars is always in the news these days. But Mars is humanity's past. Venus is our future. Returning to Mars is a retrograde action.

Most of us consider Venus in terms of sentimental love. Venus offers us a sense of unity, yes, and a magnetic quality of merging. But this unity and merging is the result of knowledge, the gaining of concrete and scientific knowledge (Ray 5). Venus's influence is not a mystical emotional passionate feeling (that's Mars). It's a highly organized scientific mental planet that helped bring forth the Internet and overshadows all scientists in their search for scientific truth.

Venus in Cancer until Sept. 7 brings to our awareness the subtleties of beauty, grace, culture and art in our home (personal). It also informs us we must create sustaining nourishment for all of humanity (Cancer), especially for our future, where foods, medicines and water sources will be compromised. Venus in Cancer develops great intelligence, nourishing and sustaining all forms of love and connectivity. Venus in Cancer creates the necessary values of giving and sharing forming the basis of the new world community. This nurturing then becomes universal, creating equal human rights for all of humanity. Very esoteric and meaningful, this has applications for our future and how we create that future.

Venus in Cancer with Chiron in Pisces seeks to save the world, and heal all wounds. Venus/Uranus calls us from the personality life to the transpersonal. We organize and recognize each other's gifts and talents. There is ease of communication and movement between people with different interests. An overshadowing of all things new is in the air. Over us, like a giant

spaceship but only seen in the etheric, is the Raincloud of Knowable Things, calling each of us to the new world forming. Who will (can) step into that "spaceship?" So we, together, can "build a lighted house" for humanity.

ARIES: You find it important for beauty, peace and harmony to be that which comforts you at home. Perhaps you will look around your environments realizing more quality, luxury and comfort are needed. You think about your childhood home, your parent's marriage, and the intelligence and love imparted there. You either imitate this way of living or revolutionize it.

TAURUS: You always choose to be kind, to do no harm, to be tactful and likeable. You learn during these weeks to provide others with more compliments and recognition. You're sensitive to diplomacy and sometimes, so that others do not hurt, you remain silent. You have very high intelligence, which you hide. You are also at times, mischievous & ornery.

GEMINI: It's important to hear during these times that you are cared for and loved. You may not say this to others much but you need to have it said to you. But do tell those you love and who love you that you feel safe and secure with them. And thank them. What you seek most right now are things simple, trustworthy and genuine. Be sure you have these Soul qualities, too.

CANCER: The planets are affecting you in such a way that you are more sensitive, vulnerable, more aware and perceptive. Give to yourself all that you need during this time. You also may need to tend to your health and well-being with more focus. Less acidic foods, more alkaline for balance. You will feel the difference.

LEO: Parts of your life becomes more and more hidden, just for a while. In terms of love it's like you've closed the door and gone into hiding. Secrets become interesting, you (or others acting out your transits) speak in whispers. There's also a feeling that some things – people, situations – have ended. It's not apparent at first

but then you begin to feel sadness and melancholy. This passes. But you learn what you are lonely for.

VIRGO: You seek someone to share your interests. You seek happiness and friendships and group interactions. You seek peacefulness, a bit of romance tinged with friendship. You teeter between depth and impersonality wanting to trust. You're here and there with your thinking about this. You want to feel empowered but sometimes daily life feels wounding. Relationships change.

LIBRA: In relationships you find yourself choosing to harmonize rather than to challenge. In groups of friends you may meet someone very intelligent, reminding you of someone. You remember your schooling and see friends from those times. Someone makes you very happy. You value them and bring to them more love and care. You don't talk about it. You protect them from harm.

SCORPIO: You are recognized for your work performance, seen as responsible, likeable and with appropriate authority, able to negotiate and be social at the same time, all in terms of your profession. There's some ambition for something new, something managerial mixed with art, creativity and your particular talent. Opportunities come your way. Keep a sensible heart throughout.

SAGITTARIUS: Several things keep coming to the surface or showing up in your life – things financial through a deep intimate connection, sharing power and finances, discussing emotional topics, seeking depth of union. Then there's the unusual, where routine simply become a grave dissatisfaction. The appeal is other people and places, attractive and charming and rather exotic. Synthesize all of it.

CAPRICORN: A most important task for Capricorns is paying special attention to partners, intimates, friends and those close to you. Personal, one-on-one interactions are needed for those who love you. Offer yourself,

with intention and heart dedication, to be more present, to love more. Observe carefully the needs of those in your life. One can radiate love yet still be unaware of the needs of others. Do you recognize the subtle difference?

AQUARIUS: Above all other things you do this month make sure the work environment is harmonious and peaceful, friendly and tidy, generous and a pleasure for everyone. Call for team spirit, ask everyone to be cooperative and share tasks. The outcome is everyone begins to recognize your gifts and appreciates you more and more. Wherever you are, home is.

PISCES: You find yourself more loving and appreciative. You see the gifts of those around you, recognizing and complimenting them. You realize the discomfort of your environments and seek to understand comfort. You never exhibit aggression. Instead a silent magnetism surrounds you. People are attracted to something quiet and silent within. It's important to have several creative outlets at this time – art, dance, drama, theater. For fun.

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PASSAGES

Nancy Jo McElhannon Foggo

Aug. 14, 2012

Nancy Jo McElhannon Foggo of Eureka Springs died Tuesday, August 14. Nancy was a huge supporter of the arts, and her Eureka Art Studio on N. Main is graced with many panels from the Artery, an open-air, not-for-profit art appreciation and beautification project. Nancy's own work, "Red Pepper" was displayed on the first Artery wall in 2005.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth L. Foggo; daughter, Sydney Elizabeth Foggo; son, Ian Zephyr Foggo; and many friends and family. Her energy, vision and support of the arts will be sorely missed.

Memorials should be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Ark., 72762



Friends gathered at Beaver Lake to watch Wednesday night's sunset.

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DEER continued from page 1

Mickey Schneider said that after reading the DHC's recommendations, "We have the most stringent, most unbelievably tight laws in the country."

Frank Green said he had served on city commissions for 20 years, and the deer hunt has him worried. He fears interlopers without licenses, credentials or proper training will intrude. He has also heard of folks planning to sit on their back porches, drink beer and shoot away at passing deer, and asked council to think it through again.

Council was ready with responses, with alderman Butch Berry disputing that the city should be afraid of people sitting on back porches shooting arrows because it is totally illegal under any circumstances. He said some reasoning against the hunt is based on misplaced fear.

Mayor Morris Pate introduced Cory Gray and Ralph Meeker of AG&F, and Gray, an elk biologist, said they have been coordinating urban deer hunts since 2002. "Eureka Springs falls into Deer Zone 1, which has its particular bag limits and other regulations, and in addition AG&F has urban deer zone protocol which cities must adhere to." He pointed out there are different plans under which a city may conduct an urban deer hunt, one of which recently drew as many as 200 hunters to an area.

"Eureka Springs chose a more controlled option under the deer management assistance program under which the town is considered a deer club," Gray said. "Rules of the deer zone still apply, and Eureka Springs has chosen to allow only fifteen hunters to participate." He said the city is free to make its rules for controlling hunters as long as it stays within AG&F guidelines.

Alderman Karen Lindblad asked if other cities

"If a dog gets shot or a person, who is responsible?"

— Alderman Karen Lindblad

conducting urban deer hunts were as densely populated as Eureka Springs. Meeker, assistant deer program coordinator, answered that some areas are very densely populated but have still managed to handle 200 hunters. Lindblad insisted that citizens are concerned because of the close proximity of houses in town and are concerned they will have to stay home and watch for injured deer crossing onto their properties.

Gray responded that something like that could possibly happen, but in all the time AG&F has conducted hunts, it hasn't been an issue. "It hasn't happened in our history," Gray said.

Meeker said when deer populations get out of balance, deer will die from other reasons, such as starvation and disease. He acknowledged her concerns, but said the hunt is a management tool, and cities where deer hunting has been outlawed will see overpopulation.

"If a dog gets shot or a person, who is responsible?" Lindblad asked.

"The person who releases the arrow is responsible," Meeker responded, adding that proficiency tests bow hunters undergo should help mitigate that.

Gray said Eureka Springs could require proficiency tests if it chooses by setting a date and having the hunters show up. He added that he has found bow hunters to be ethical and conscientious.

Gray also said AG&F encourages hunters to leave their bow in the case until they get onto the

stand, which is ten feet off the ground.

Meeker reminded council the purpose of the hunt is to manage the deer population, and 15 hunters can do only so much.

Alderman Ken Pownall asked when the optimum time for the hunt would be, and Gray said hunters disagree, but he recommends the latter part of the hunting season as opposed to September and October because deer are rutting then and more active.

"Will AG&F be involved during the hunt?" Pownall asked.

"Our role is to offer assistance," Gray said, "and we will provide tags and check sheets."

Pownall moved to limit the deer hunt to Nov. 10 – Feb. 28 and Berry seconded.

Alderman Lany Ballance brought up the holidays during that period and her concern for the tourists in town. She said maybe during the first two weeks of January she could agree to because at that time "it would be like shooting fish in a barrel." She opined that a week or two should be plenty.

Berry said there is a deer hunt in Branson and Branson is a tourist destination even more than Eureka Springs. "Washington, D.C. had a deer hunt and Arlington, Virginia, has a deer hunt, so hunts can happen in populated areas," and he said the city can make the regulations more stringent but council needs to decide so hunters can plan. "Either let's do it or not."

And then they voted, first on the dates Pownall had suggested, and the vote was 4-2, with Lindblad and Ballance voting No.

Berry then moved to require the hunters be members of the Arkansas Bowhunters Association, which means they will have passed a proficiency test, and the vote was 4-0-2, with Lindblad and Ballance abstaining.

JACK'S CENTER STAGE is celebrating its 7th anniversary this weekend with a Tiki Party that includes Friday and Saturday performances by **Swytch** with special guest **Chad Emmert**. Swytch is a classic rock band from Joplin that performs frequently at Jack's. With Steve Gillen on bass, Terry Hansen on lead guitar and Buddy as the drummer, their southern style of rock will be enhanced by Chad Emmert's high octane blues guitar.

Chad is an accomplished musician who has shared the stage with Blue Oyster Cult and Head East. He has opened for David Allen Coe, Quiet Riot and The Texas Hippie Coalition. Life has been about music since age nine when he got his first guitar. After years of performing solo or with his **Chad Emmert Band**, he has branched out, opening a music store here in Eureka Springs called G-Strings and F-Holes. In charge

of sound mixing and talent booking for the bar, it is fitting for him to perform at this anniversary party. Let's help the great folks at Jack's celebrate this weekend and while you are there, wish Mary a Happy Birthday.

FRIDAY – AUGUST 17

- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Hogscalders*, 12 p.m., 6 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK Bluegrass Festival** Live music and watermelon social 5:30–8:30 p.m. see page 14 for schedule
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Ride Shy*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Mountain Sprout and HonkySuckle*, 8 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA STONEHOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 5–8 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red Guitar*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** *Swytch featuring Chad Emmert*
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- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ & Karaoke
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Skillset Lickers*, afternoon, *Jason Gordon*, 6 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *John Stoll and Westbound*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Michael Tisdale & the Union*
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SATURDAY – AUGUST 18

- **THE AUD** *Dread Clampitt* opening for *Folk Soul Revival*, 7:30 p.m.
- **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Smith & Reed*,

12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.

- **BASIN PARK Bluegrass Festival** Live music 1–7 p.m. see page __ for schedule
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Ozark Thunder*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Mountain Sprout and HonkySuckle*, 8 p.m.
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• **ROWDY BEAVER** *Borderline*
• **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Skillet Lickers*
• **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Brandi & Chuck* opening for *Black Water* face melting rock

SUNDAY – AUGUST 19

• **BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT** *Steve Houk*, 12 p.m., *Jeff Lee*, 5 p.m.
• **BASIN PARK** *Bluegrass Festival* Live Music 1–5 p.m., see page 14 for schedule
• **CHELSEA'S** *Grass Crack*, 4–8 p.m. *Bluegrass Happy Hour*
• **EUREKA LIVE!** Customer Appreciation Night, 5 p.m.–close
• **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, 6 p.m.

• **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Ky-Ote*, 4 p.m.
• **ROWDY BEAVER** Free Pool Sunday
• **SQUID & WHALE PUB** "Local Kine" Local Musician Showcase

MONDAY – AUGUST 20

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

TUESDAY – AUGUST 21

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

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 22

• **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Sing and Dance with *Tiny*
• **CHELSEA'S** Drink & Draw
• **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** Free Pool
• **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
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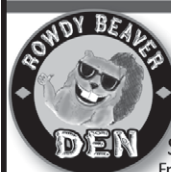
THURSDAY – AUGUST 23

• **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 p.m.
• **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** Karaoke with *DJ Goose*, 8 p.m.
• **ROWDY BEAVER** Bike Night
• **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Open Mic Musical Smackdown feat. *Blood Buddy & Friends*

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Carol Dickie displays at Eureka Thyme; shows at Crystal Bridges

Eureka Springs artist Carol Dickie was named Best in Water Media/Mixed Media at the Artists of Northwest Arkansas 18th Annual Regional Art Exhibition 2012 for her painting “Last Stand.” Carol is a signature member of the prestigious National Watercolor Society.

In addition to these honors, Carol’s book, *Persimmon Seed Notebook*, which features 46 paintings of the Ozarks with descriptions of scenes and technique, will be featured in a book signing and show of recent work in the Museum Store at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art on October 13, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Carol’s work can be found at Eureka Thyme Gallery or viewed on her website, www.CarolDickieFineArt.com.

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We’re in it to thin the heard and fill the freezer. Please don’t hate us or call us murderers. We’re just helping out. I would like to donate some of the meat I get from the hunt to the Flint Street food bank. The meat is perfectly safe to eat. The herd in town is very healthy. That’s why there’s so many.

If you think there’s not that many you’re wrong. I’ve seen them in the middle of the night wandering the streets of Eureka in herds anywhere from five or six to twenty or thirty strong. Driving a snowplow in the winter, you see all the deer in town that no one else gets to see. Not to mention all the ones that get hit by cars and have to suffer a much worse death then getting shot with an arrow. Thanks for your time and please treat us hunters with the respect we deserve.

Mike Armstrong

Run, Bambi, run

Editor,

The proposed deer hunt is based on the concept that the deer in Eureka are overpopulated and therefore starving. I have photos from my game camera that will prove that is not the case. In fact, the does in my yard have two fawns each and fawns and mothers are plump and healthy. The young bucks are looking good, also. A couple of years ago it was possible to see as many as 20 deer standing near Nelson’s Funeral Home at night, now I sometimes see two or three.

Three years ago my neighbor told me he saw 20 deer leave my yard one morning, now I count four to six regularly. Not nearly as many deer/car crashes as in the past, either. Several

years ago a full grown doe was run over in front of my house (which is on top of the hill near the Crescent) the speed limit there is supposed to be 15 mph. How do you hit a deer when you’re going 15 mph? Musta been texting.

Heard a *big* cat right behind my house about a month ago, maybe that is what’s thinning the herds. I don’t see as many dead deer on the side of the road nowadays.

With the continuing drought, food is getting scarce and more expensive. Last year Game & Fish decided that all hunters must shoot any hogs they see in the woods. (Free ranging used to be how folks raised hogs in the Ozarks). Now we’re going to kill off the deer... we may regret that decision if the drought continues for a couple of years. When I was growing up here, seeing a deer or a turkey was a rare thing, even squirrels were few and far between. Is that what we want for the area? I’ll admit there weren’t any collisions or flower damage and deer hunting was an exercise in futility.

We all suffer the loss of trees, flowers and grass to the deer (I think it’s worth it but maybe others don’t) and now someone else is going to harvest that resource. Is that fair?

If we go ahead with this hunt how about seeing to it that all the meat is donated to a worthy charity?

Mike Sutton

Underutilized not a dirty word

Editor,

Just when I thought we might see some professional reporting, we’re served a huge helping of sugar-coated bimbo journalism. Your article, “The Case for Lake Leatherwood” is

nothing more than a political ad thinly disguised as “news,” and a transparent attempt to influence a tax vote.

Thanks for the cheerleading, but some of us like to know what we’re voting for. For those who question the wisdom of casting a vote based on your trifling fluff, here are a few omitted facts:

We don’t know the content of the “Master Plan” for Leatherwood. Is it a Master Plan, a plan for a Master Plan, or simply a “Mystery Plan?” We don’t even know if it exists.

Eureka Springs taxpayers already pay a tax for Leatherwood ballfields. That tax, like this proposed tax hike, was designed with an ending date. When the time came for the “sun to set” on taxing us, however, the Parks Commission and its employee, Mr. Levine, were so unprepared for the promised “self-sustainment” that the community had no choice but to bail them out with a permanent tax. Why should we believe that the same staff that was unable to attain “self-sufficiency” then, is capable of achieving it now?

If we’re determined to raise our taxes, let’s consider the best use of the revenue. It should benefit the most people of all ages in our community. Why should “utilizing” Leatherwood take priority over other possibilities, for example, a community center?

We don’t know what methods LaPage recommends for “utilizing” Leatherwood. His New Hampshire “success” hinged on his levying a “fee for (every) use” in all NH state parks. That same tactic in Eureka Springs could render our own park financially inaccessible to the very people whose taxes support it. Remember The Bluffs?

We don’t know LaPage’s definition of “underutilized,” but judging by his past history, it seems to mean that Leatherwood Park doesn’t make money. He seems to see no value in unsullied Nature, no worth in undeveloped shores without a mass of paying visitors, no importance to a place that merely feeds the spirit, and no charm in structures that look “like relics from another era.” He seems to believe that value can only be counted in dollars, fee-paying hoards, “an infusion of capital” and looking “new.” Has our “gem” no value unless it’s “polished” by LaPage? What exactly is the pressing need to reform Leatherwood? What impact would “utilization” have on wildlife? I, personally, have enjoyed swimming, boating, hiking, picnicking and even blessing the seeds at Leatherwood Park. Remind me again why “underutilized” is a dirty word.

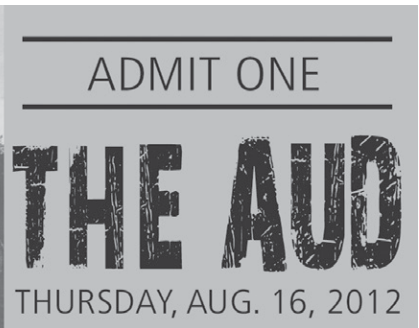
If you’re looking only at a bottom line, here it is: higher taxes. Is this really a “benefit” you’re willing to pay for, maybe forever? My guess is that a certain Mr. Trump would enthusiastically endorse spending someone else’s money (our taxes) to leverage someone else’s priceless asset (our park) and “utilize” (profit from) someone else’s “gem” to its “full potential” (earnings). The Donald would probably see it as a very good sign that local newspapers blindly endorse a project with potentially drastic impact on the nation’s second largest city park without even bothering to ask investigative questions and print hard information to educate the voters. I’m disappointed.

Elaine Van Natta



There's something exhilarating about the final days winding down to a big show or festival. Months of work and preparation funnel down to the final details and – hopefully few, if any – loose ends. Bands were contracted and deposits paid months ago.* Show times and set lengths are all negotiated. Everybody's been notified of load-in and sound check times. Hotels, catering and hospitality have all been taken care of. Everybody's technical needs have been accounted for. We're ready.

Oh, wait...
Two of the guys with the first band wanted smoking rooms. Have to call the hotel and see what we can do.
The third band's bass player is a Kosher, vegan, lactose-intolerant



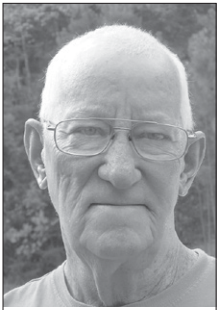
diabetic and needs special meals.
There's a glitch in the box office software. Need to figure a work-around to reprint Will Call tickets for several customers.
“No, I'm sorry sir, the Branson website you saw is incorrect. I'm afraid we don't have Marty Stuart here Friday night.”
They want their check made out to who? Do we have a W-9 for them?

The headliner requested a sampling of local craft beers in the dressing room. Does Fat Tire qualify?
All these kinds of things and a brazillion other little details all get taken care of somehow. As the hours wind down the production eventually takes on a life of its own and, like some sort of carnival parade run amok, proceeds on its course regardless of any further outside influence. If

you've managed to not leave too many loose ends hanging, everything goes off smoothly with no one the wiser as to what it took to pull it off behind the scenes.
* – Oh, and about having the bands booked months ago – while I appreciate that your friend who works at the feed store may well be extremely talented and have a band that goes over well at the church social, I can't really do anything for him when you call me four days before the show and suggest I add him to the bill. But thanks for the suggestion.
So get out there and buy some tickets. Don't miss the carnival. Not all of the entertainment is on the stage.

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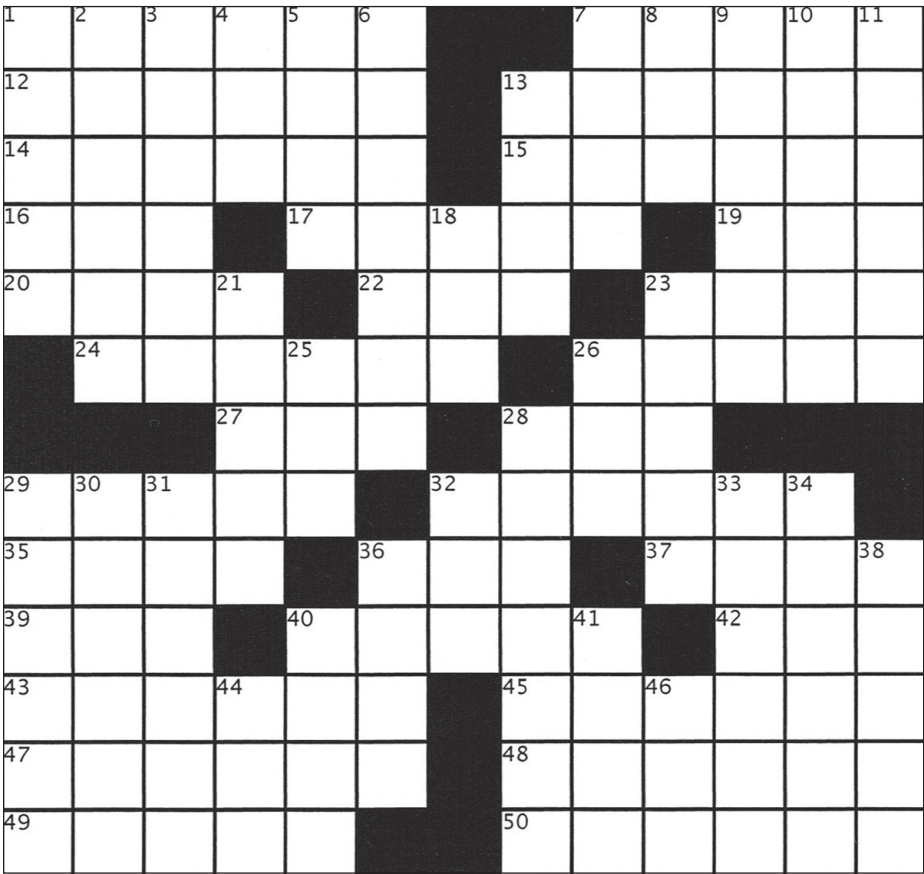
Solution on page 27



- ACROSS
- 1. I found it!
 - 7. Genie containers
 - 12. Radio interference
 - 13. Hungarian coin
 - 14. Plant science
 - 15. Pile of puppies
 - 16. Likely
 - 17. Son of Xenon
 - 19. Regret
 - 20. Ascots, cravats, bows
 - 22. Pipe cleaner
 - 23. Sweet potatoes
 - 24. Evergreen tree genus
 - 26. Pale rose gem
 - 27. Fond du ___, Wis.
 - 28. Golfer's aim
 - 29. Acquired family member
 - 32. Shade tree
 - 35. Way to go
 - 36. Female lobster
 - 37. Tizzy
 - 39. Purloin
 - 40. Edible organ
 - 42. August baby sign
 - 43. Emended
 - 45. Percussion instrument
 - 47. Assert without proof
 - 48. Tinges

- DOWN
- 1. Witches meeting
 - 2. Paradise
 - 3. Stool pigeon
 - 4. LAX announcement
 - 5. Sea urchin
 - 6. Flowers whose parts are arranged in spirals
 - 7. Backstrap
 - 8. Oil paintings, e.g.
 - 9. Heart valve
 - 10. Soul or vital spirit
 - 11. Pressure
 - 13. Seal haven
 - 18. Scandinavian rug
 - 21. Kind of bar
 - 23. Front and back lawn areas
 - 25. Statute
 - 26. Prohibit
 - 28. Local jamboree (abbr.)
 - 29. Illusory
 - 30. Pasta
 - 31. Adaptable
 - 32. Conflicted artist, Asher ___

- 33. Tie up
- 34. Nephews' sisters
- 36. Stash
- 38. Skoal or Cheers
- 40. Body supports
- 41. Steak order
- 44. Spread hay to dry
- 46. Uncooked



apply to residences only.

Greene asked about residences on a commercial property and Blankenship mentioned some people might want to have garage sales during the week.

They eventually decided on limiting outdoor sales to three consecutive days and only three times per year at a location. They considered noon of the day before as the start of setting up and noon of the day afterward as end time for putting away.

They suggested for now that 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. could be the hours of the sale during a day. They also thought about excluding special events and the citywide yard sale as not counting against the total per year.

Blankenship said all they can do is make suggestions because council will hash it out. She said she would bring their ideas back to the next meeting for review.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 28, at 6 p.m.

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- 124 E. Van Buren – new signage
- East Van Buren – new face on existing billboard
- 0-2 N. Main – add fabric awning to deck
- 35 ½ N. Main – change wording on existing sign
- 82 Armstrong – replace existing sign.

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

Moon presented the following Administrative Approvals that are applications for repair or for work involving no changes in materials/color but including applications for changes in roofing color.

- 15 Benton St. – tear off damaged porches; rebuild as existing
- 1 Angle St. – re-roof
- 14 Kingshighway – repair gutters

Commissioners also approved these additions to the Rules of Procedure in

an attempt to clarify follow-up to their actions on an application.

1. If an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness is not approved, the HDC Chairman or designated staff person shall send a letter to the applicant and/or property owner within 10 days after the meeting at which the application was denied. A copy of this letter and the application will also be submitted to the Building Official and placed in the property file.

2. If an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness is Approved With Conditions, the HDC Chairman or designated staff person shall send a letter to the applicant and/or property owner immediately after the meeting at which the application was considered stating the conditions of the approval. A copy of this letter and the application will also be submitted to the Building Official and placed in the property file.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 5, at 6 p.m.

SNAKE WHISPERER continued from page 7

hard. I owe him my life. How can you forget something like that?”

Alford said he spent some time in a Springfield hospital as a result. In fact, he has been bitten seven times in his life, four near fatal, and he said they were all his fault.

He also noted the drought has created unusual patterns for animals. He said he has seen more snakes this year than in 40 previous years of watching snakes. “Their prey have to go farther for water, so snakes are winding up in places you wouldn’t expect them, bless their hearts.”

His mission is environmental education and

he said he taught snakebite safety throughout the South. “We’re offering it to anyone willing to receive it,” he said.

So far, he has spoken with schools and Scouts and the Army Corps of Engineers. He has educated visitors at state parks and the Museum of Natural History in MacArthur Park in Little Rock.

“I will also provide no-kill venomous snake removal,” Alford said. “I take the reptiles to the Northwest Arkansas Serpentarium where they gently, humanely extract raw venom which they make available to labs across the country and the venom is used to manufacture antivenin.”

Alford carefully picked up Shazam,

murmuring softly to it the whole time. “Snakes are deaf so he can’t hear anything I’m saying. I talk to him anyway.” The timber rattler allowed Alford to gently hold it for a few moments, Alford keeping a close watch on its head the whole time.

After he respectfully returned Shazam to the ground, Alford commented, “Everyone needs to know that unless you have received a year of professional training, never attempt to do what I just did because you might die.”

Anyone who would like Alford to share his passion and knowledge about snakes should contact David Westbrook of the Central Arkansas Herpetological Society at (501) 664-8177.

Museum board seeks to add directors

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on Monday August 20, 7 p.m. at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center.

On the evening’s agenda, board President Phyllis McGuire will report on the past year’s projects, events and finances.

The membership will also be asked to vote on a proposal to increase the Board from nine to twelve members. By-laws would change as follows:

Old: Article IV “Board of Directors”

The direction and management of the affairs of the Museum and the control and disposition of its properties and funds shall be vested in a Board of Directors, which shall consist of nine persons.

New: *The underlined phrase shall be changed to: which shall consist of twelve persons.*

Nominations will then be submitted and elections held to fill the Board of Directors.

After a brief social reception following the membership meeting, the new Board will convene to elect officers for the coming year.

Current as well as potential members are encouraged to attend and participate by sharing ideas and asking questions. Guests are welcome to bring a friend and help the museum grow and better serve the public by renewing a membership in the Museum Association and encouraging others to do so.

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum at 95 S. Main Street is open daily 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sundays. All are invited to come by and view the history of Eureka Springs.: “Your Legacy Lives Here.”

For information on membership call (479) 253-9417 or visit the museum’s website: www.eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org.

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What's for lunch?
Eureka Springs School District lunch menu for Aug. 20-24
Monday, Aug. 20 – Pepperoni pizza, tossed green salad with ranch, fresh fruit cake, milk
Tuesday, Aug. 21 – Chicken strips, quick baked potatoes, carrot/raisin salad, grapes, milk
Wednesday, Aug. 22 – Beef taco, refried beans, lettuce & tomato cup, apple, oatmeal raisin cookie, milk
Thursday, Aug. 23 – BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, peaches, milk
Friday, Aug. 24 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned green beans, tossed green salad with ranch, pineapple, milk

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320 ft. of Main St. frontage. These 8 beautiful lots are located right on Main St. in downtown Eureka Springs. Partially landscaped and maintained. 2 wet weather springs are located on lot 46 & lot 44. Concrete structure on lot 47. **\$84,900.**

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PRIVATE IN TOWN COTTAGE



Nestled in the heart of historic downtown. Beautiful wrap-around porch and luscious gardens hidden behind stone walls. Recently renovated with attention to details. 2 oversized bedrooms, hardwood floors, bright and airy. Off-street parking and much more. **\$194,900.**

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WHITE RIVER VIEW!



Amazing views of White River. Open concept LR and Kitchen downstairs with half bath. Kitchenette in family room upstairs with bedroom, full bath. Large decks on both levels overlooking White River. Short drive to Eureka Springs and Holiday Island. **\$145,000.**

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AN ARTISTS' HAVEN



10 Individual Studios/Shops - Uniquely designed in open air venue. Amenities galore. Established as The Art Colony in 2006. Potential use limited only by your imagination. **\$275,000.**

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END OF ROAD & PRIVATE

1800's shotgun-style farmhouse nestled on private wooded acreage offers end of road privacy and endless possibilities. Double parlor, front and back covered porches, upper balcony, garden space and old barn. Hidden gem waiting to be uncovered. **\$160,000.**

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NUTTIN FANCI



Nice motel (18 units) in excellent location, grandfathered in. 2 BR living quarters. Across the street from visitor's information center & trolley depot. 1.47 acres of prime commercial, 210 ft. of frontage on Van Buren/ Historic Hwy. 62 w/trolley stop, minutes to downtown. **\$269,000.**

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EUREKA'S BEST



One of Eureka's best business locations, offering a rare opportunity of living quarters and business. The building offers all the charm of Eureka. Successfully being run as a unique retail shop, but has endless possibilities. Call Al for a private viewing and details. **\$272,000.**

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HEART OF EUREKA SPRINGS



Prime location, meticulously maintained compound of main home, guest house, studio, garage on 4 lots, great privacy, updated, electronic gates, wrought iron fencing, award winning gardens, concrete stamped patio, wrap around porches, much more. Just off Spring and historic loop. Priced below January 2012 appraisal,

owner broker. A MUST SEE. **\$399,900**
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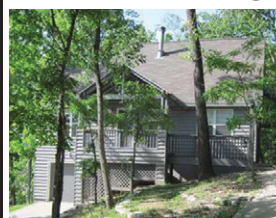
FABULOUS MULTI USE PROPERTY



Spacious rooms. Master bedroom has oversized shower & large closet. Master & den feature sliding glass door onto deck. Remote control gas fireplace. Home also has a 2-car attached & a 2-car oversized detached garage that could double as a workshop, retail space, storage space or possibly converted to a separate living quarters. Beautifully landscaped & chain link fenced back yard. **\$239,000.**

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LAKEVIEW FOR MILES



Hardwood floors glisten in the natural sunlight that bathes this contemporary home from the floor to ceiling windows that

overlook Table Rock Lake. Upper level master suite has balcony sitting area gazing upon open living/dining area below all with lake view. Enjoy the bluff rock out cropping from the balcony of the master suite. basement level has plethora of storage, laundry facilities, exercise room & bonus room to make your own. **\$250,000.**

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FANTASTIC EUREKAN HIDEAWAY

Converted school house w/guest cottage nestled on 10 unrestricted acres. This perfect marriage of land & homes has unlimited usage. Your dream hideaway offers multiple possibilities, lovely home, commercial development or whatever you can imagine. Amenities galore! **\$295,000**

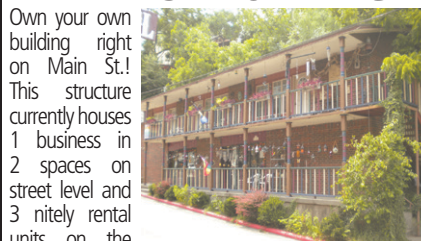
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MAIN ST. BUILDING



Own your own building right on Main St.! This structure currently houses 1 business in 2 spaces on street level and 3 nightly rental units on the 2nd floor. With the pedestrian foot traffic and Main St. location, this building boasts unlimited potential for those looking for that unique building that can make dreams come true! Live and work is one possibility. Call today for a showing of this rare opportunity. **Now only \$399,900.**

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