

CAPC ups the ante for Auditorium

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs City Advertising and Promotion Commission met for a budget workshop an hour before the Oct. 12 meeting, and vigorous discussion ensued about future support for the Auditorium.

At the Oct. 10 city council meeting, alderman James DeVito presented a proposal from the CAPC as requested by alderman David Mitchell. DeVito reported that if the one percent tax passes, the CAPC intended to budget \$110,000 for promoting shows at the Auditorium for the first three years and \$55,000 for the following three years. It would also pick up some of the salary of the technical director.

Commissioner Terry McClung stated he wanted to allocate more for the Auditorium. He suggested at least \$20,000 more per year for the entire 10 years of the tax if the CAPC can afford it. He said he would expect the new Auditorium to meet certain benchmarks at some point to continue getting the money, but, in his opinion, “This is our opportunity to do something. It might never happen if we don’t do it now.”

He asserted the new commission would need \$50,000 a year just for repairing and renovating the facility. Commissioner Susan Harman was not comfortable with a ten-year allowance, although she was okay with adding to the \$110,00 to start with.

“\$130,000 is not asking the world,” commissioner Damon Henke commented, and sentiment moved toward raising the annual commitment to \$130,000 for three years and then reassessing. However, Executive Director Mike Maloney stated it is the task of the CAPC to promote. “It is not our job to fix the Auditorium.

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Hedgehoppers – low to the ground and high as the sky – The Eureka Springs Elementary third grade class brought the 2016 Hedgehopper show to the Auditorium on Friday. The crowd got to listen to two of the official Arkansas state songs and an altered “Buffalo Gals” titled “Arkansas Gals.” The Hedgehoppers were a part of the 69th annual Original Ozark Folk Festival.

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Mayor's Task Force takes global view

NICKY BOYETTE

Eleven business leaders and interested others gathered at the Auditorium for the Oct. 12 meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development, where Chair Sandy Martin announced that Eureka Springs Mayor Butch Berry and Berryville Mayor Tim McKinney had made a presentation to the recent Arkansas Economic Development Commission meeting and opened the eyes of the state to the potential of Eureka Springs and Carroll County.

Martin said the AEDC announced it will be opening offices in England, Germany and Asia "getting word to the world about Arkansas" with the intent of establishing trade relations. "What does Eureka Springs have it can put in the export basket?" she asked.

She mentioned local art might find a market somewhere and pointed out Asia has manufacturers but it might need designers. "If they need fashion, we can do that," she said.

Tammy Thurow, President of the Chamber of Commerce, announced the Chamber would be launching Export Eureka, an online opportunity for viewers to purchase Eureka Springs products and another way for locals to get exposure online.

Ideas for locally-produced items included coffee, wine, salsa, clothing, bath and herbal products. It was mentioned that if the Arkansas Medical Cannabis Act passes, somebody would need to grow all that cannabis.

It also came to light that Kent Butler, director of marketing and public relations for the Great Passion Play and Chamber board member, makes slingshots and sells them online and at

the Great Passion Play. "Handmade is the way of the past, but it might also be the way of the future," Butler stated. He said he sells more on Amazon than at the GPP, and advised the group the optimum market opportunity is wholesale and overseas because you are selling to people who want to resell your product.

Other export ideas were canoes, furniture, jewelry, drums and music. "Uniquely Eureka," Jacqueline Wolven, director of the Downtown Network, called them.

Martin stated their next task would be to identify the individuals with the products and see what happens next.

Discussion of brew pubs also circulated around the room. Wolven asked, "Why aren't we attracting that kind of investor? They [brew pubs] are all over." Martin replied investors balk because of the small population.

Commissioner Damon Henke of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission observed Oktoberfest does well here, so he contended a microbrewery festival would succeed here also. CAPC Director Mike Maloney added that brew pubs are part of the experience of mountain bikers who are discovering local trails.

Maloney said a *Bike Magazine* crew would be in town later in the week to shoot video and photos at Lake Leatherwood City Park and other locations. Their visit here will be a feature in their magazine early next year, and it will go on their website with the riders commenting on their rides here. "It's a big deal," he stated.

And in November, Maloney added, the mountain biking world will gather in Bentonville for the International Mountain Biking Association world summit, and Eureka Springs, through

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We promote." He said the CAPC can give \$110,000 for putting on shows and back it up with promotional support. The CAPC will bring people to town and put them in those seats, but the Auditorium Commission will need to figure out how to fix things.

Harman added, "If you put the right show in there and sell enough popcorn, you can make repairs."

DeVito had also mentioned to council that the CAPC was proposing to explore putting a parking garage downtown as part of its effort to support the Auditorium and address the most frequent complaint about downtown by visitors. Commissioners briefly discussed seeking advice from bond attorneys as they develop their plan.

Commissioners again scrutinized the festivals and how best to spend the money allocated to them. Some were not convinced major acts in the Auditorium were cost effective. There will be more discussion of budgeting for festivals as they sharpen the 2017 budget.

Group sales report

Sales Director Karen Pryor announced as a result of her attendance at the Travel South conference she will be hosting 20 travel writers for a familiarization

tour prior to the Branson Travel South conference in March 2017, and 20 tour leaders following the conference. She also expects groups from All American Tours, which has built a Eureka Spring program, to be staying in town for four days and three nights. AAT doesn't conduct tours of fewer than 38 people.

She also mentioned there will be at least 60 non-English-speaking visitors in town in the spring, and she is helping make arrangements for them.

In addition, the Great Passion Play had more than 400 bikers attend a faith-based event during Bikes, Bibles and BBQ.

Marketing support requests

Commissioners voted to approve giving \$2,000 for radio ads, posters and brochures for the 34th Tour of Homes. Dee Bright told the commission the event brings regulars to town from as far away as California, Arizona, Illinois and Texas, and proceeds go toward a variety of restoration and repair projects around town.

Commissioners also approved the \$2,500 request from the Great Ozark Beard Off, a fundraiser benefitting men's health programs. This year the beneficiary will be People Helping People. Discussion

about this prompted comments about how beneficiaries of marketing support should be held to certain standards in promoting their events, in particular, actively promoting their event online.

Henke suggested event promoters should get advice from Maloney early in their planning. "We're giving them money, so they should meet a standard," he said.

Commissioners agreed to revise their rules for marketing support requests.

Director's report

- Maloney said about 250 people enjoyed Brewer & Shipley in Basin Park on the final Second Saturday concert of 2016.

- Seven artists will be opening their studios during the Nov. 4-6 Studio Tour. Maloney said this event brought several hundred visitors to town last year.

- He mentioned there are new television advertising strategies he plans to try next year.

- Arkansas Parks and Tourism announced its theme for 2017 is "Made in Arkansas."

Next workshop will be Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC office. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m.

Planning approves Dairy Hollow vacation; gets into family matters

NICKY BOYETTE

At the Oct. 11 meeting, Planning commissioners approved a vacation request by Barbara Dicks for property adjacent to her land at the junction of Grand Avenue and Dairy Hollow Road. She will now have to take her request to city council.

Chair Pat Lujan stated Dicks's request had already been approved by the Parks Commission, and she had complied with all the guidelines for a vacation. The property in question is 30-ft. wide in the front and 60-ft. wide toward the back. There was a brief discussion of legalities related to vacations in general, and this application in particular, before commissioner Melissa Greene moved to send the request on to council. Commissioners agreed.

Defining family

Commissioner Susan Harman remarked she had discovered antiquated language in City Code regarding the definition of a family as it relates to zoning definitions. Code presently defines family

as "One (1) or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit, and living as a single, non-profit housekeeping unit, provided that unless all members are related by blood, adoption, or marriage, no such family shall contain over four (4) persons..." It goes on to exclude servants as counting as family.

Harman's question was, "What should we consider a family?" Greene's question was, "Why do we even have this in here?" The group agreed to review the zoning definitions and identify ones needing an update.

"There are lots of them needing updating," Lujan noticed with a hint of foreboding.

Enforce the law

Commissioner Ann Tandy-Sallee recommended that Planning officially ask council to get with the Police Department and remind them of the penalties written into the noise ordinance. She maintained there are too many complaints from citizens without follow-up citations.

"It [a problem with lack of enforcement]

comes to us when no one says anything about a situation," Lujan added. "We can help our citizens... our public is tired of no enforcement."

Commissioners agreed to formalize a recommendation for council.

Public hearing

Lujan announced there would be a Public Hearing regarding a Conditional Use Permit for a 5-unit Bed & Breakfast at 28 Ridgeway. He emphasized this is not a new CUP, but a transfer of ownership.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m.

Hot dogs will be served

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Former county judge opposes ambulance millage increase

MIKE ELLIS

Carroll County Quorum Court had another short meeting Monday evening, with two agenda items passing almost without comment, and public input on the proposed ambulance tax for eastern Carroll County providing the only discussion.

Former County Judge Richard Williams said he opposes the millage increase, which appears on the Nov. 8 ballot. That proposed increase would generate approximately \$500,000 per year to fund ambulance service east of the Kings River.

The county owns the building and property at Mercy Hospital, and leases it to Mercy for a nominal \$25 per year. Williams said that lease requires Mercy to deliver quality health care service. He said the lease also requires an annual report to the quorum court, although the county has not received any reports since 2007.

Williams said the hospital cleared more than \$800,000 in profits in one recent year, and said the Mercy system makes even more from the local hospital

because many patients are transferred from there to Mercy in Springfield, Mo.

Justice of the Peace Larry Swofford pointed out that the quorum court had not initiated the millage request. JPs passed the ordinance so voters could decide on a new tax. He also provided some history on the lease arrangement, pointing out that when the lease was signed, the county could have sold the building and property outright, and the county would have received an amount equal to \$155 for each person in the county. "We felt like we needed a hospital more," he said.

Leon Cheatham owns Ozark EMS, which has provided ambulance service in eastern Carroll County for a year and a half, since Mercy announced that heavy losses would require them to close their own ambulance service. He said his company would make a profit providing ambulance service whether the tax passes or not.

The two agenda items were approved unanimously. The county received \$14,700 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for providing law enforcement

at Beaver Lake. That money was transferred to the budget of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. Also, Craig Froman was appointed to a five-year term on the Carroll County Library Board.

During JP comments, Lamont Richie advised other JPs that he would propose a change in procedures at the November meeting. Richie said other counties in Arkansas do not require reading

ordinances in their entirety. He said state law only requires reading ordinances by title, although copies of those ordinances would have to be available for the public. The quorum court would still have the option of reading any ordinance in its entirety, but Richie reminded the other JPs that a budget ordinance will come to the table soon, and reading that ordinance aloud has been an annual challenge.

Robbery suspect caught within hours

The First National Bank of Berryville branch in Eureka Springs was held up last Friday afternoon by a male suspect who was arrested in Bentonville a short time later, according to Eureka Springs Police Chief Thomas Achord.

Hunter Cory Chafin, 19, of Berryville, was dropped off at the bank shortly before 2 p.m., and after the robbery exited in a white taxi heading south on Hwy. 23. A total of \$3350 was taken, according to Achord. "A teller saw a black car drop him off, and he walked in and asked about his checking account, which had been closed. He handed the teller a note saying '50's and 100's only no troubles I have a gun.'"

Achord said ESPD located the taxi, owned by Abundant Taxi, using GPS tracking. Taxi driver Joanna Buck said the suspect told her he had gotten a loan and wanted to buy a motorcycle, which he did on arrival in Bentonville. Chafin paid his taxi bill with a \$100 and a \$50 bill, which was later confiscated by police.

Achord said Chafin bought a black

Honda Sports Bike that had been listed on craigslist, and paid cash. A uniformed officer at the Bentonville address sold the motorcycle to Chafin, who paid him \$2900, for which the officer wrote out a bill of sale and signed the title.

ESPD had contacted Bentonville Police, so when Chafin left on the motorcycle, the officer who had sold the bike drove up beside him, pulled him over and arrested him.

Chafin confessed to the crime shortly after 6 p.m.,

according to Achord, who added that the person who drove the black car that let Chafin out at the bank was not considered an accomplice, he had simply been asked by Chafin to give him a ride to the bank.

Chafin, who had the note shown the bank teller in his pocket when arrested, told police he had planned the robbery for a week or so, researched ways to not get caught and the penalties if he did.

On Monday, Circuit Court Judge Scott Jackson set Chafin's Aggravated Robbery bond at \$250,000.



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City council workshop ponders unused spaces

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs City Council convened a workshop Monday evening, Oct. 17, to discuss alderman Kristi Kendrick's suggestion that council rescind Ordinance 1628, amended, and craft a new ordinance in which green space would be returned to the city, and the Parks Commission would have jurisdiction over existing and planned trails. She also intends to streamline the vacation process without losing checks and balances and make sure the city gets repaid for its time and fair market value for property it vacates.

Kendrick told council at its Sept. 12 meeting she had been concerned with the process related to vacations, calling them time-consuming and a money drain for the city. According to her presentation, "The area within which the streets and alleys are owned by the city is less than one-half of the city." Her presentation included a map of the area owned by the city.

Regarding platted streets not owned by the city but within city limits, Kendrick

contends the city has only an easement over those streets for street purposes. "Trails or pedestrian traffic would be a legitimate 'street purpose,'" she said.

Alderman Terry McClung agreed green space should be returned to the city, but saw several issues involved and advised council take on one issue at a time. He said he had advocated for a similar plan ten years ago, and wanted the city to take back the green space and determine what each area would be suitable for, identifying spots for building or possible trails. McClung said if a right-of-way "was not good for anything," the city should divest itself of it. "If they are not suitable for our use, we can collect taxes on them," he said.

Justin Huss, director of Parks, agreed the vacation process needs attention, but after a point his view differs from Kendrick's in that "Parks is in the forever business." He urged the group to think long-term. "We are dealing with things in the city now because we did not think long-term in the past." He urged the city to make clear its green space policy.

He added that if the city intends to take back green space, it should budget \$8000 for tree work in some of those areas.

Mayor Butch Berry commented the Land Bank had looked at properties to determine their values, but he admitted, "It scares me to death to vacate property." He pointed to a property in town being developed now that was undervalued in the past and never considered useful.

Huss mentioned there is more to green space than whether or not a building can go there. There are also drainage and land use considerations.

Citizen Rachel Brix pointed out

green space needs to be more clearly defined by the city, but properties under discussion were streets and alleys, which precipitated a discussion of distinguishing between the two.

Kendrick returned to her original topic, and pointed out it takes 60 days for a vacation request to reach council table. She suggested eliminating two of the three public meetings that recent applicants have been held to. "I'm just trying to change the process, to make it clearer and simpler," she said.

Brix pointed out individual vacation proceedings have been handled differently. She gave examples from recent vacations of how they have gone through the city differently, and asserted the city should be consistent.

City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong stated there is a consistent procedure at city hall, but she agreed to look through City Code to see what it says. She remarked she wanted to serve the people in a legal manner.

Brix pointed out even though there is no requirement in City Code for Parks to hold a public hearing for a vacation, Parks holds one. Kendrick reiterated it appeared there was a need for a better, clearer process.

"All I'm asking for is a streamlined process," Brix commented.

Kendrick committed to preparing a draft rescinding Ordinance 1628, Amended, which would dedicate trails to the jurisdiction of Parks. She mentioned a second ordinance to follow would be one redrafting the ordinance on vacation so the city could use either of two methods described in state law.

Berry said his office would organize another workshop on this.

Pinking out

Pack the Highlander Basketball stands in pink on Oct. 25 for the two home games versus Jasper High School at 5:30 p.m. in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness. Wear pink and receive free popcorn, free entry into drawing for prizes and a pink ribbon face painting. Support your local high school student athletes while supporting those battling breast cancer, survivors and those who have lost their lives.

Writers-in-residence at Poetluck

Join on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring Street for Poetluck. Janet Thornburg, Pat Laster,

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Competing marijuana perspectives could cause confusion

BECKY GILLETTE

The 2012 voter referendum on medical marijuana/cannabis in Arkansas failed by only a couple of percentage points, a vote found surprising in a red state. Four years later with medical marijuana approved in half of the states in the U.S., many thought it would be a slam-dunk to get it approved in Arkansas in 2016. But now there is more doubt in the picture due to the likelihood to two voter referendums on the issue on the ballot Nov. 8, which could be confusing for voters and split support for medicinal marijuana.

Having two referendums, Issue Six and Issue Seven on the ballot, could mean that neither will get the 50 percent vote needed to pass. If both pass, the one with the most votes will become law.

Two leaders of the efforts to put medicinal marijuana/cannabis on the ballot this year split primarily on the issue of whether patients will be allowed to grow their own marijuana. Arkansas for Compassionate Care campaign director Melissa Fults said the “grow your own” provisions in the 2016 Arkansas Medical Cannabis Act are necessary to make sure that patients don’t get fleeced by companies more interested in profits than in providing “Natural Medicine for the Natural State.” She said the grow-your-own provision is designed to provide access to patients too far away from a care center to get their medicine without undue burden. The Medical Cannabis Act, Issue Seven on the ballot, would allow patients who live at least 20 miles from a dispensary to grow up to five plants.

David Couch, an attorney in Little Rock who has headed up efforts by the group Arkansans United for Medical

Marijuana to get the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution on the ballot, said Arkansas is too conservative a state to approve the grow-your-own provision. The battle between the two versions has been nasty with Couch's campaign spending \$30,000 to review the signature collection efforts for the Medical Cannabis Act.

“He paid \$700,000 to get his signatures,” Fults said. “Where did he get all the money? He got it from the Bevans Family Trust, which owns a liquor store in Maumelle and from a payday loan company that found a loophole to be in business in Arkansas. The way their amendment is designed, only a few people will be licensed to grow it, they will set the price, and the patients will not be protected. There is no maximum for what patients would have to pay for their medicine.”

Fults said the Arkansas Medical Cannabis Act requires the marijuana/cannabis care centers to put one percent of their gross sales into a pool to allow low-income people to get medicine.

“His has no provisions to protect the patients like that,” Fults said. “He made a maximum for what can be charged for a license for a dispensary or cultivation center, but does not have provisions on the maximum that can be charged patients. This is supposed to be about patients, about medicine and about sick and dying people, not about how much money you can make. Ours is designed for care center owners to make a decent living and the way it is set up they will have to keep their prices reasonable or their patients could sign to be with another dispensary. With his, there would be no limit as to how much profit a cultivation center or

dispensary could make. There would be no protections for the patients on cost.”

Couch said allegations of excess profit-making with the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment don't hold water because it doesn't allow a monopoly on dispensaries or growing facilities and there would be competition in the marketplace.

“The proposed amendment sets up between twenty and forty dispensaries,” Couch said. “No person can own more than one dispensary. The applicant for the license has to be from Arkansas and sixty percent of the ownership interests of that dispensary have to be from Arkansas. There are up to eight cultivation facilities and you can’t own more than one.”

Couch said that while the Arkansas Medical Cannabis Act provides that dispensaries be non-profit, that is no assurance.


“My real job in Arkansas is representing people harmed in nursing homes,” Couch said. “Many are set up as non-profits. Then they set up management

corporations that take all the profits. So just because it is non-profit doesn't mean for-profit companies won't come in and take profits. She says my measure would create a monopoly, but hers could easily be a monopoly. Our measure gives people a medical marijuana card and they can purchase at any dispensary in the state. With hers, patients can only buy at one dispensary. There is no competitive environment that encourages anything to keep prices down. This is ripe for exploiting patients."

Couch said the national funders that backed Fufts's group, primarily because of the "grow-your-own" provision, contacted his group in late March and early April and asked them to stand down and not turn in their petition signatures. Couch said he witnessed irregularities in the competing group's collection of signatures such as leaving petitions unattended on counters at businesses for people to sign, not having proper training and criminal background

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An advertisement for PEG Adamson, a member of the City Council. The top half features the text "PEG Adamson CITY COUNCIL" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a cluster of stylized, five-pointed stars of varying sizes. Further right is a black and white portrait of PEG Adamson, an older woman with short, light-colored hair, wearing glasses and a light-colored jacket, smiling. Below the main text and stars is a horizontal line. Underneath the line, the text "Early Voting begins Oct. 24" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the advertisement, in a smaller font, it says "AD PAID FOR BY PEG ADAMSON FOR CITY COUNCIL".



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Need for the tax

Editor,

Once upon a time in a small town, lost in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas, there was a sewer plant that was in constant violation of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Equality Standards. In 2006, the good people of that town, Eureka Springs, voted to pass bonds to build a new sewer plant. The new sewer plant came online in 2007 and the complaints from ADEQ ended.

Shortly thereafter in 2008, the worst recession in America began. Eureka Springs, which exists almost entirely on tourism, was greatly affected. In addition to a drop in tourism, the town lost almost 400 residents during this period, a blow from which we are still recovering.

During this time, the bills continued to come in to City Hall. In order to keep the city running, the city administration found it necessary to dip into its reserves. In my opinion, these types of situations are what the reserves are for.

Finally, in 2012, city revenue began to climb and the city managed to gain 4 years of steady growth. Unfortunately, during this economic downtime and the half dozen years before, revenues had not been sufficient to address the many infrastructure demands of an aged city.

The proposed 1% sales tax, which would be disproportionately paid for by our visitors, would go a long way in solving our many water and sewer issues. Of that 1%, ¼ of the collected tax would go to the auditorium and provide a revenue stream for both repairs to the auditorium as well as the formation of an auditorium commission, which would be composed of qualified citizens who would run the facility.

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission would receive none of the tax going to the auditorium. Instead, the CAPC would use the \$120,000 they currently spend on upkeep and operations to book more performances at the venue.

By year 3 of the proposed plan, the CAPC would begin the process of building a parking facility near the auditorium to benefit both the venue and the community in general. The CAPC revenue stream would guarantee the parking facility bonds. There would be no other demands on city revenues making way financially for the construction of the much needed parking facility.

So, the choice is yours. Have our water bills go up by

25%, which will only cover the bond indebtedness, and be a permanent increase, or vote for the 1% tax of which almost 80% would be paid by our visitors and is retired after 10 years. We have the opportunity to once and for all deal with issues that we have been talking about since 1972.

James DeVito

Vote No on increase

Editor,

I own a large retail business in Eureka Springs. Customers complain daily about the high sales tax we have in town now. Raising the sales tax will hurt my business and businesses here.

Tourists are shocked with the tax rate we have now for lodging, food and merchandise. One customer told me they will have to go to Branson if our rate goes up, as Missouri's tax rates are much lower. I have heard from many locals that they do not eat and shop in town now because of the high sales tax we have.

Why are we making the tourists pay for our problems as we depend on the tourists in this town? It will hurt us dramatically!

Raising the tax rate here will cause less in collections, so where will we be? Less collections, less business, less tourists. I can guarantee that at my business!

We already have one of the highest rates in the state. We cannot afford to raise it.

So if you don't want to kill this town, vote No and let the city find the funds elsewhere.

Cathy Jenke

ESPD took good care of volatile situation

Editor,

My name is Addison Everett and I am a pastor with the Church of God. I write to offer our praises for the Eureka Springs Police Department.

Our congregation visited the beautiful city of Eureka

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@thealexnevil: There's nothing I've learned from being a father that I couldn't just as easily have figured out from setting all my money on fire.

@lulpug: I love how Prince Charming is so dumb he doesn't recognize Cinderella without her shoe.

@housewifeofhell: So we're on for next Friday? Perfect. I'll call you Thursday to reschedule.

@mactx85: Do you think clouds look down on us and think that one's shaped like an idiot?

@sanbel11: Do I just call you or should we resolve this quickly with 200 text messages?

@amnesiarose: According to Web MD this hairy thing on my chest is a cat.

@wheeltod: Last night playing poker with a buddy he said, "Care to make this interesting?" And I said, "Sure. For years I've been secretly in love with you."

@KenJennings: My trademark fight move is to ask someone very nicely not to hit me or be mean to me.

@mattgallo123: When I walk into a spider web I demolish his home and misplace his dinner yet I feel like the victim.

@pattymo: A pelican just flew away with my sandwich. Rigged! The media!

A taxing dilemma...

Our water and sewer infrastructure continues to deteriorate. Utilities and operating expenses at the treatment plant are skyrocketing. Since 2013, over \$800,000 from the General Fund has been needed to shore up the water and sewer departments.

The city contends that an additional 1% sales tax is the answer. I disagree and believe that other steps must be taken first.

The water and sewer departments are enterprise funds and are supposed to be self-sufficient. Like gas and electricity, water and sewer services are consumption driven. The more you use, the more you pay. If over \$800,000 had to be transferred in over just 3-1/2 years, something is wrong.

After studying the water and sewer budgets from 2009 to today, my suspicions were confirmed: While we are in dire straits, it's a condition that could have been, **and should have been**, addressed long before now.

State law (ACA 14-235-223) provides that the council shall establish and maintain rates, sufficient in each year, for the payment of the expenses of operation, repair, replacements, and maintenance of the sewer system. Likewise, water rates (ACA 14-234-214) must be adequate for operating expenses. Debt service and a depreciation fund are included, as well.

In addition to state law, we agreed, when issuing water and sewer bonds, to maintain rates to accomplish the same purposes.

I do not believe that has been done and offer these observations from the financials:

1. Water rates consistently have been higher than needed to cover water department operating expenses. That excess revenue, until 2013, was what kept the combined water/sewer departments in the black. In 2013, transfers from the General Fund started.

2. Procedurally, council can raise water rates without holding a public hearing. Since 2002, our water rates have gone up six times.

3. Revenue from sewer fees in 2015 was 3% lower than in 2009. In fact, sewer fees in every year since 2009 were lower than in 2009. On the other hand, operating expenses for the

sewer department rose 38%. Factor in the annual debt service payments and the disparity between revenue, and expenses is even larger.

4. To raise sewer rates, council must first hold a public hearing. Though expenses have risen and revenue has remained relatively flat, there has been only one sewer rate adjustment since 2002, and that was in 2008.

5. For a long time the city has paid for more water than it was able to bill. In 2015, for example, for every 100 gallons the city bought from Carroll Boone, the city billed only 47%. Presumably, the rest was lost to leaky pipes and defective meters.

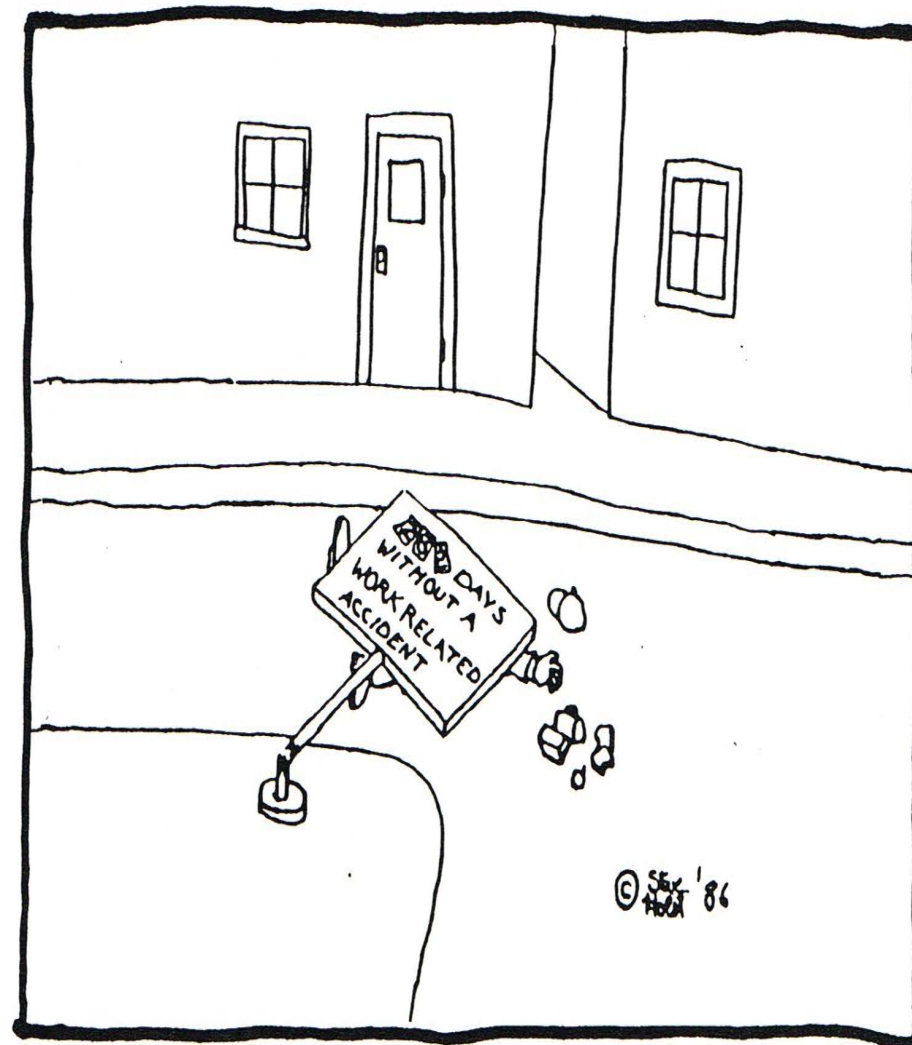
6. In June 2014, council appropriated \$477,000 to replace all water meters believing that the city would experience a revenue boost. As of today, most meters have been replaced.

7. For the first 8 months of 2016, the city billed for over 5% more water than during same period in 2015; but the number of gallons we bought also increased, by nearly 17%.

Before we consider a tax increase, water and sewer rates must be addressed and brought into line with operating and maintenance expenses. This has been ignored for so long that it will be a challenge. But an increase in sewer rates to properly reflect the costs of treating it would place the burden on the users, as it should be. The more you use, the more you pay. A tax on things like groceries, building materials, dining out, utility bills, gifts and souvenirs unfairly shifts the costs of our water and sewer systems.

I agree with the primary objective of this tax but I reject the City's approach and I will vote NO on November 8.

Lamont Richie



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

It looks like Donald Trump will lose the upcoming election, but in losing it's possible that 57,000,000 or more Americans will vote for him. That's a lot of unhappy losers and it makes you wonder where all that unhappiness will go after the election.

Can Clinton effectively govern a nation filled with so many disgruntled and querulous souls? Maybe not. Or, maybe. The always prescient and thoughtful George Will says that Trump is chemotherapy for a critically ill GOP. If it recovers from chemo-Trump, Will says, Congressional Republicans could seek out ways to find common ground with a Clinton administration. That would be good news for Clinton, and for all of us generally; God knows everyone is sick of their sour, brain infarct inertia.

God also knows the transition from Election Day to inauguration day will be a rough one. Trump is already whining about the rigged RNC, the rigged media, the rigged solar system, and of how the moon and the stars – “viciously, crookedly, bigley” – have aligned behind Clinton because NASA has rigged the Carl. G. Jansky Very Large Array in New Mexico to make him look bad – “very very bad” – to visiting space aliens. It's doubtful he'll stop spoon-feeding self-pitying slop to his base after the election, or quit whining, ever. The bigger question is how long Trump's supporters will keep the *wah wah* going.

I suppose the answer depends on how many of these voters habitually confuse good manners with political correctness, feel endlessly and personally persecuted, avoid facts like the plague, hate Libtards, and believe that a high wall solves all problems. For them, *wah wahing* is a way of life: they will cry and whine forever no matter who becomes President, whether it's Trump, Clinton, Santa Claus, or Jesus.

Still, among the 57+ are those who were born Red and will die Red, who are single issue true-believers, and those who have a well-founded loathing for Bill Clinton that transcends fears Trump will name Bill Cosby Secretary of Homeland Security. We can hope – but don't really expect – that they'll hold back the tears for at least a little while and give President Hillary Clinton a fair shake.

A little help from our friends:

- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 103 West Church St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676. The Purple Flower will also have free and confidential Domestic Violence Empowerment Support Group on every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Berryville Community Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
- **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (479) 363-4529
- **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.
- **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Kathy Remenar (417) 342-8498, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
- **Grief Share**, A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495. • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org
- **St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store** – First Tuesdays – provide assistance with medical help, utilities, clothing, emergency shelter, shoes, etc. Annual charity Christmas Gift & Food Program. Mon-Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1844 Hwy. 62W Berryville.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

OCTOBER 10

1:50 p.m. – A SMALL DOG RAN AMOK along US 62 toward the east end of town. Constable on patrol searched for but did not find it.
2:55 p.m. – Individual turned himself in on a Carroll County warrant.
6:41 p.m. – Constable explained the noise ordinance to noisy construction folks in a neighborhood above downtown.
7:43 p.m. – Constable picked up a wandering dog and took it to the kennel. Its owner later claimed it.

OCTOBER 11

1:06 a.m. – Constable was checking a suspiciously parked vehicle and arrested a person for public intoxication.
1:34 a.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a van possibly involved in suspicious activity. Constable responded to a location, but the van was not there.
4:32 a.m. – Constable went downtown to provide assistance for a citizen, but he was nowhere to be found.
8:12 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of an individual on a warrant out of Berryville.
3:26 p.m. – An ex-boyfriend claimed the ex-girlfriend’s new boyfriend assaulted him. Constable responded to the scene, but the ex-boyfriend decided not to press charges.
7:29 p.m. – Concerned witness thought a person parked behind a business was suspicious. Constable went to the location, but the vehicle was gone and nothing looked amiss.

OCTOBER 12

8:27 p.m. – Two people were allegedly yelling at each other in front of a business on North Main. Constable patrolled the area but did not find anyone yelling.

OCTOBER 13

9:38 a.m. – Constable filed a report regarding a stolen license plate.
12:50 p.m. – Resident had corralled a wandering unattended dog. Constable took the animal to the kennel.

OCTOBER 14

8:11 a.m. – A sister called ESPD to report her brother missing. She had not seen him for two years. Constable took the report.
9:47 a.m. – ESH reported a break-in in their administrative offices.
11:56 a.m. – A vagabond cur was running in traffic at a busy intersection on US 62. It was given safe harbor at the kennel pending arrival of its owner.
12:05 p.m. – A male hit his head when he fell into a creek. He was transported to ESH. Constable determined there had been no foul play.
1:37 p.m. – Merchant downtown found a phone left by a customer. Constable picked up the phone and tried to make contact with its owner.

1:57 p.m. – Bank teller called 911 to report a robbery. The suspect was picked up later in Bentonville and held for transport.
2:45 p.m. – Delivery truck bumped a vehicle in a parking lot and left the scene.
3:07 p.m. – A male was screaming in the restroom of a local restaurant. The constable who responded arrested the person for disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia.
4:27 p.m. – There was a two-car accident in a parking lot. No injuries.
5:45 p.m. – Individual told ESPD of a conversation with four inebriated females downtown who claimed they were not aware they were in Eureka Springs. Constables watched for but did not encounter their vehicle.

OCTOBER 15

12:01 a.m. – Individual was arrested for obstructing governmental operations.
12:52 a.m. – Constable arrested a person for public intoxication.
8:01 a.m. – Resident who had been gone for two years returned to find items had been stolen from his house.
12:52 p.m. – Individual claimed someone took her wallet.
5:19 p.m. – Constable on patrol came upon a female lying on the ground near a roadway. He arrested her for public intoxication.
7:59 p.m. – Motel manager called in a domestic difficulty in progress. Constable responded and arrested one person for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

OCTOBER 16

12:52 a.m. – Male subject was stumbling down a street. He was unable to respond to constable’s questions, and was arrested for public intoxication.
1:09 a.m. – Constable confirmed a water main break north of downtown.
2:05 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for speeding, DWI, refusal to submit, driving on a suspended license and no proof of insurance.
4 a.m. – Constables were alerted to possible domestic upheaval, but it was a false alarm.
8:51 a.m. – Alarm company reported a burglary alarm had been triggered. Building was secure.
12:24 p.m. – Downtown merchant reported a female just stole a ring and fled the scene. Constables searched all over town, but did not encounter her vehicle.
1:57 p.m. – Motorcycle in a parking lot fell over and damaged the car next to it. Vehicle owner decided not to file a report.
7:52 p.m. – Person told ESPD his friend had just told him over the phone she was going to kill herself. Constables rushed to her residence, but did not find her. Her family found her in the woods below her apartment. She was transported to ESH.

Calling the hogs has new meaning

NICKY BOYETTE

About 20 locals gathered at the Community Center Thursday afternoon to discuss ways to work together on the town's feral hog problem. Parks Director Justin Huss told the audience he hoped to develop an email list of property owners who have a problem with feral hogs because it will take cooperation and communication among neighbors to solve the problem. He foresaw the project lasting a few years, but it was time to organize.

Huss introduced J.P. Fairhead, feral hog biologist with the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, who said feral hogs are a challenge in much of the state. They are not native to North America, but they are expanding their range as far west as California and into some parts of Canada. "And they are not getting there on their own," Fairhead stated. He was referring to an age-old strategy of releasing hogs into the wild to fend for themselves only to harvest them later.

Fairhead stated they are not considered livestock, and they can be harvested on private property at any time with the permission of the property owner. No hunting license is required. A person can hunt or trap them but it is illegal to use explosives or leg snares.

He also commented it is illegal to transport feral hogs, though it continues to happen and contributes heavily to the increase in their range. Fairhead commented there are people who just want to start new populations. He said Arkansas law states a trapped hog must be killed immediately or tagged and transported to a terminal facility. Hogs do not leave the terminal facility.

Doug Stowe, resident with feral hog experience, asked how citizens of Carroll County get help from AG&F. Fairhead said his resources are limited because of a pilot program he is invested in for another 18 months, but he is willing to do what he

can. His office does not have the time or staff to handle the entire state. He acknowledged another problem on the local level is the \$6,000 price of the traps.

Huss said there is talk of expanding the program Fairhead mentioned, "and we'll try to get involved; we're pushing as best we can."

Fairhead mentioned he uses corral traps in which a successful capture might catch more than a dozen hogs at once. He said, "If I get more than 90 percent of a group of 13-15, I'm glad. What you strive for is the entire sounder."

A question from the audience was what to do when hiking in Lake Leatherwood City Park and you encounter a couple of piglets. "Go the other way," Huss recommended. "They should run away from you, and you should do the same."

He said he would begin to assemble information as best he can so they can determine where to bait a trap. Huss said communication among adjacent landowners is important.

Cameron Curry, a sales representative for the Thomas, Okla., company that makes BoarBusters corral traps, led the group to the parking lot for a demonstration of an 18-foot corral trap. He said the trap can be set up in less than an hour, has a camera installed for remote viewing, and is triggered by a cell phone or a key fob. Members of the audience noticed it would be vital to have good cell phone access in the target area.

Curry said that pigs are very cagy, so the location must be baited for awhile until you can see on the remote monitor you have the number of animals you want to catch in the cage area, then drop it.

Huss said he would begin a mailing list to gather information about active spots of the hogs so people affected can develop a long-range plan. Huss said in a follow-up email the need for a trap is now. He stated, "We will also work within our budget to meet this immediate need to the best of our ability."



Money management matters – Lion's Club members recently sponsored a talk by State Treasurer Dennis Milligan who spoke on money management, disaster relief, and College Bound 529, a college investing plan. Pictured (l-r) are Milligan, Lion's President Juanita Ehret, Vice President Debbie Coleman, and Wayne Ehret. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*



Good Shepherd volunteer Dave Spencer attaches his new handcrafted sign to underscore need for more volunteers at GSHS thrift stores in Eureka and Berryville. Interested folks can call Janet at (479) 244-7156. The shelter also welcomes volunteers. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

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PETITION OF THE PEOPLE
Issue No. 6
Popular Name
The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016
Ballot Title

An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution making the medical use of marijuana legal under state law, but acknowledging that marijuana use, possession, and distribution for any purpose remain illegal under federal law; establishing a system for the cultivation, acquisition, and distribution of marijuana for qualifying patients through licensed medical marijuana dispensaries and cultivation facilities and granting those dispensaries and facilities limited immunity; providing that qualifying patients, as well as dispensary and cultivation facility agents, shall not be subject to criminal or civil penalties or other forms of discrimination for engaging in or assisting with the patients’ medical use of marijuana; requiring that in order to become a qualifying patient, a person submit to the state a written certification from a physician licensed in the state that he or she is suffering from a qualifying medical condition; establishing an initial list of qualifying medical conditions; directing the Department of Health to establish rules related to the processing of applications for registry identification cards and the addition of qualifying medical conditions if such additions will enable patients to derive therapeutic benefit from the medical use of marijuana; directing the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division to establish rules related to the operations of dispensaries and cultivation facilities; establishing a Medical Marijuana Commission of five members, two appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one appointed by the Governor; providing that the Medical Marijuana Commission shall administer and regulate the licensing of dispensaries and cultivation facilities; providing that there shall be at least 20 but not more than 40 dispensary licenses issued and that there shall be at least four but not more than eight cultivation facility licenses issued; setting initial maximum application fees for dispensaries and cultivation facilities; establishing qualifications for registry identification cards; establishing standards to ensure that qualifying patient registration information is treated as confidential; directing the Department of Health to provide the General Assembly annual quantitative reports about the medical marijuana program; setting certain limitations on the use of medical marijuana by qualifying patients; establishing an affirmative defense for the medical use of marijuana; establishing registration and operation requirements for dispensaries and cultivation facilities; setting limits on the amount of marijuana a dispensary may cultivate and the amount of marijuana a dispensary may dispense to a qualifying patient; providing that the Medical Marijuana Commission shall determine the amount of marijuana a cultivation facility may cultivate; prohibiting certain conduct by and imposing certain conditions and requirements on physicians, dispensaries, dispensary and cultivation facility agents, and qualifying patients; establishing a list of felony offenses which preclude certain types of participation in the medical marijuana program; providing that the sale of usable marijuana is subject to all state and local sales taxes; providing that the state sales tax revenue shall be distributed 5% to the Department of Health, 2% to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration Division, 2% to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division, 1% to the Medical Marijuana Commission, 10% to the Skills Development Fund, 50% to the Vocational and Technical Training Special Revenue Fund, and 30% to the General Revenue Fund; and permitting the General Assembly by two-thirds vote to amend sections of the amendment, except that the General Assembly may not amend the sections legalizing the medical use of marijuana and setting the number of dispensaries or cultivation facilities allowed.

ACT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE
Issue No. 7
Popular Name
THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT
Ballot Title

An act making the medical use of cannabis, commonly called marijuana, legal under Arkansas state law, but acknowledging that cannabis use, possession, and distribution for any purpose remain illegal under federal law; establishing a system for the cultivation and distribution of cannabis for qualifying patients through nonprofit cannabis care centers and for the testing for quality, safety, and potency of cannabis through cannabis testing labs; granting nonprofit cannabis care centers and cannabis testing labs limited immunity; allowing localities to limit the number of nonprofit cannabis care centers and to enact zoning regulations governing their operations; providing that qualifying patients, their designated caregivers, cannabis testing lab agents, and nonprofit cannabis care center agents shall not be subject to criminal or civil penalties or other forms of discrimination for engaging in or assisting with qualifying patients’ medical use of cannabis or for testing and labeling cannabis; allowing limited cultivation of cannabis by qualifying patients and designated caregivers if the qualifying patient lives more than twenty (20) miles from a nonprofit cannabis care center and obtains a hardship cultivation certificate from the Department of Health; allowing compensation for designated caregivers; requiring that in order to become a qualifying patient, a person submit to the state a written certification from a physician that he or she is suffering from a qualifying medical condition; establishing an initial list of qualifying medical conditions; directing the Department of Health to establish rules related to the processing of applications for registry identification cards and hardship cultivation certificates, the operations of nonprofit cannabis care centers and cannabis testing labs, and the addition of qualifying medical conditions if such additions will enable patients to derive therapeutic benefit from the medical use of cannabis; setting maximum application and renewal fees for nonprofit cannabis care centers and cannabis testing labs; directing the Department of Health to establish a system to provide affordable cannabis from nonprofit cannabis care centers to low income patients; establishing qualifications for registry identification cards; establishing qualifications for hardship cultivation certificates; establishing standards to ensure that qualifying patient and designated caregiver registration information is treated as confidential; directing the Department of Health to provide the legislature annual quantitative reports about the medical cannabis program; setting certain limitations on the use of medical cannabis by qualifying patients; establishing an affirmative defense for the medical use of cannabis; establishing registration and operation requirements for nonprofit cannabis care centers and cannabis testing labs; setting limits on the number of nonprofit cannabis care centers; setting limits on the amount of cannabis a nonprofit cannabis care center may cultivate and the amount of usable cannabis a nonprofit cannabis care center may dispense to a qualifying patient; prohibiting certain conduct by and imposing certain conditions and requirements on physicians, nonprofit cannabis care centers, nonprofit cannabis care center agents, cannabis testing labs, cannabis testing lab agents, qualifying patients, and designated caregivers; prohibiting felons from serving as designated caregivers, owners, board members, or officers of nonprofit cannabis care centers or cannabis testing labs, nonprofit cannabis care center agents, or cannabis testing lab agents; allowing visiting qualifying patients suffering from qualifying medical conditions to utilize the medical cannabis program; and prohibiting special taxes on the sale of medical cannabis and directing the state sales tax revenues received from the sale of cannabis to cover the costs to the Department of Health for administering the medical cannabis program and the remainder to aid low income qualifying patients through the affordability clause.

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checks for paid canvassers, and not having paid canvassers registered with the Secretary of State prior to collecting signatures.

“I tried to tell Melissa’s funders and Melissa there were significant problems with signature collection, offered to look at her files and try to get them in order,” Couch said. “They didn’t listen to me and instead started spreading rumors that our effort is all about money and other activities to thwart collection efforts.”

Couch said two issues on the ballot would confuse people, and he didn’t want both of them to fail. He said that is particularly important because there is more organized and well-funded opposition to medical marijuana/cannabis this time around.

Couch said their investigation

showed 15,000 signatures for the medicinal cannabis petition had been collected in violation of statute.

“If a challenge had been filed to her measure, it was clear to me that it would be taken off the ballot,” he said. “They wanted us to stand down. We said we aren’t going to stand down because if this challenge is filed, you will be taken off the ballot. I thought at the time if we showed her, in black and white, these signatures are incorrect that she would help support us. But apparently I was wrong. I still think Medical Cannabis Act will come off the ballot. If that happens, you wouldn’t be able to vote on medical Arkansas at all.”

Retired Judge John Robbins, appointed by the Arkansas Supreme Court as a Special Master to evaluate the challenge to the Medical Cannabis Act, found that sufficient signatures were gathered to put the issue on the ballot.

“We still have to wait for the Supreme Court’s decision, but it is very rare for the Supreme Court to rule against the Special Master’s decision,” Fults said. “Interestingly enough, the other two initiatives that had signatures gathered by the same group as Mr. Couch’s are in serious trouble and very possibly going to be off the ballot because of serious mistakes on their part to gather signatures properly.”

Couch also said that Arkansas for Compassionate Care has been financially supported by national groups that have an agenda of legalizing marijuana. And he said while many Arkansans support medical marijuana, they don’t want it legalized.

Fults recommends that voters read both competing versions and make their own decisions. She feels there is high probability that voters will approve medical cannabis this go-around.

“In 2012, it almost passed,” Fults said. “The difference in the two times is unbelievable because now so many more people are more educated. They realize it truly is a medicine that is tremendously helpful for some types of illnesses. I think it will be a completely different result than it was in 2012.”

Fults said it also helps that half the states have medical cannabis now, “and the world hasn’t fallen off its axis. The world hasn’t caved in. No horrible things that have happened. It is medical cannabis. It is medicine.”

Fults said many of the supporters of the Arkansas Medical Cannabis Act are older people.

“We’re not spring chickens,” Fults said. “We have too many people we know in our age group who absolutely have qualifying conditions for which the use of cannabis could improve the quality of their lives drastically.”

Locals get first-hand look at refugees' plight

BECKY GILLETTE

Many people going on vacation want to avoid anything unpleasant and just have a good time. But for Holiday Island attorney Dorothy Crookshank, her recent trip to Greece with partner, John Alexander, was an opportunity to use tourism dollars to help people in a Greek village who have reached out to help refugees fleeing ISIS and the civil war in Syria.

Crookshank said she was inspired to visit Skala Sikaminias on the Greek island Lesbos (also called Lesvos or Mitilini) in the Aegean Sea, four miles from Turkey, after reading a story in *The New York Times*. The article chronicled the remarkable efforts of the villagers in this town of only 152 to take care of wave after wave of refugees who have been, and are still, landing on the their shore.

"They gave it everything they had before non-government organizations came in to help with the refugees," Crookshank said. "Greece was already in a financial crisis and people who were living on limited incomes were already stretched. But people in this village just went out and did what needed to be done –giving out blankets, bread or whatever they had, and keeping the newcomers warm or washing and drying their clothes. The one hotel and two restaurants put business aside and gave what they could. So many people were saved and it was so clearly from an open heart and seeing what had to be done. No one was concerned about business interests or giving away the last loaf of bread from the shelf. That is just what they did."

Crookshank was particularly impressed with their efforts because of the strong anti-immigrant sentiment in many areas of the world, including in the United States where in some circles refugees are considered as potential terrorists or a drag on the economy. But Crookshank said the refugees are primarily families and individuals fleeing unimaginable circumstances in war torn areas with constant shelling and inadequate food, water and medical care.

Many people died on the voyage from Turkey to Lesbos. Unscrupulous individuals were selling refugees life rafts that were of poor quality and in some cases they sold them life vests that sank when they filled up with water. Why would people make such a dangerous crossing in unseaworthy boats and life rafts that were overcrowded?

"The volunteers told me that it was absolutely treacherous to cross the four-mile stretch, but they realized how desperate



people were when parents put their children in these rafts. It was so horrible where they were coming from, one of them said, that it was their only choice if they wanted to survive.

"I wanted some sense of the energy of the people of this village who had given so much when they had so little themselves," Crookshank said. "It was an amazing experience. During the worst of it in 2015, 600,000 people came across to the island. There were 1,700 crossing every day, and the majority ended up at this fishing village in part because they knew people there were looking out for them. With so much negativity and self-interest these days, this really did renew my faith in the human heart."

In February 2016, about 30,000 come across the sea. Now it is down to 1200-1500 per month because of an agreement among Turkey, Greece and the EU. Turkey has agreed to monitor its coast to keep people from leaving and the EU was to give aid to Greece to help process immigrants. It has been slow going, and they are behind. "They are going through a tremendous process vetting these people," Crookshank said. "These refugees are victims just intent on finding safe harbor."

Three people from the town were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize to represent the Island of Lesbos for the work with refugees. Crookshank met one of them, a fisherman supplementing income by working at one of the two restaurants.

"He was wonderful," Crookshank said. "He said he was not a hero, that anyone

would have done what he did. He talked about how there were so many people out there during the worst of it, you didn't know who to save first. Fishermen picked up so many people in danger of drowning that one said, 'We are fishing for people now instead of fish.'"

Crookshank saw some of the refugees as they came to shore off a crowded life raft. "John and I both had tears well up seeing the refugees coming in," she said. "Families were in a desperate situation. It was still more than I could imagine how they went through this."

Not everyone has been as welcoming to immigrants during this crisis. "Tourism has been down because so many people are

freaked out about the refugees," Crookshank said. "That has been hard on the people who live there."

Outside of Greece, Hungary has refused to allow any immigrants in, risking membership in the EU.

Even on the Island of Lesbos, Crookshank met a couple in a larger nearby town who had a gift shop selling items made from natural materials from the island.

"They had been fined ten thousand Euros by that town for 'operating a hotel without a license' when what they were doing was providing emergency housing to refugees," she said. "They have faced continued harassment from that town's governing body making it very difficult for them to continue with rescue operations. It is beyond comprehension that there were people in that town who would want to turn their backs on people. It was such a contrast to the way the other village was. I gave money to couple for their legal battle fighting the fine. They don't have a big operation."

Crookshank was also inspired by volunteers from around the world who have come to the island to help the refugees.

"All the volunteers I talked to were exceptional people giving all they could," she said. "Many left their jobs to come and volunteer. If I were not working, but retired, I would have stayed. In a heartbeat."

"It's really a beautiful island, a paradise. I'm glad that even if I couldn't do anything else, I could come back and spread the word about the plight of the refugees there and the incredible people of this village. There is hope."

Keeping the roads clean

The Holiday Island Hospitality Association will sponsor the semi-annual roadside cleanup on Saturday, Oct. 22. The roadside cleanup volunteers will meet at the Holiday Island Clubhouse north parking lot at 9 a.m. where volunteers will receive their

road assignments and supplies.

A picnic lunch will be provided for all volunteers at approximately 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center Pavilion. Orange safety vests and trash bags will be provided and there will be no rain date.

Meditation, reading, and discussion

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Dr. Susanne Long at Metafizzies

The Oct. 24 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a presentation on vibrational energy balancing for health and well being via Genius Biofeedback technology presented by Dr. Susanne Long. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.



Center Street closes for festival – Sponsored by Rotary and several community businesses, Oktoberfest brought a large crowd to Center Street. Folks got to enjoy seasonal and craft beers, brats and turkey legs while Magic Mule entertained. *PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK*

OTHER DAYS at Eureka Springs[©] – by Nellie Alice Mills, 1949

Nellie Mills wrote *Early Days at Eureka Springs 1880-1892* as a memoir of growing up in Eureka Springs. She received so much information from those who shared those times that she published her second book based on correspondence and newspaper research. *Other Days* was published in 1950 by Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Mo.

Chapter Three: Who's Who in School Then

In looking through my clippings and scrapbook, I see so many familiar names that I feel impelled to make notes of some of them. A few of the names are unfamiliar.

In his school column each week, Mr. Barnett had printed the report of each teacher in the school system. Some of the paragraphs are his own reports of what he saw as he visited schoolrooms.

This first one is from the column in the spring of 1890: "The Red, White and Blue and the Seven Days of the Week were prettiest Friday afternoon exercises in the public schools this week. These exercises were given by Prof. Greenwalt's pupils. The pupils taking part were Lillie Rowe, Katie Rippetoe, Birdie Dilzer, Corda Carter, Ettie Dry, Ada Holleman, Cora Roland, Katie Smith, Della Henson and Nellie Smith."

Jack True won the Demerest W.C.T.U. Declamatory Medal Contest, and gave the flowers presented to him to "Miss Mamie Crawford, who deserved them for the excellence shown in the part intrusted for her."

The contest was held at the Opera House. A vocal duet, "Under the Beautiful Flowers," by Prof. Christian and Miss Fraker was the first number on the program, "and elicited a storm of applause from the audience." The Rev. W. Irelan made the prayer after which Miss Annie Guilford "delighted every one in the audience by a classic solo rendered in the finished manner for which she is famous among our music loving friends." Mrs. T. F. Spear, the president of the W.C.T.U. made a five

minute talk.

The trio by Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Bacon, and Dr. Ellis was "one of the best things of the evening."

In a number of places in my scrapbook, Annie Guilford's name is so spelled and I have heard her say her name was Annie, not Anna, but I notice in the Interstate Normal reports it is always spelled Anna. I suppose they had not consulted her.

Here is a note about the East Mountain School. A Maypole celebration was held in which Katie Hinkle was crowned the Third Grade Queen by Walter Gottlich, and Dollie Amos was the First Grade Queen crowned by Roy Grabach.

Beginning with the fall of that year, the best written work each week was put on exhibition in the High School Building. The following pupils had work in the exhibit the first week: May Willis, Carrie Hawley, Sidney Brumfield, Len Stevens, Daisy Lines, Nannie Morehouse, James Brumfield, Katie Bellchamber and Laura Norris.

If I mix up my tenses it is because I am writing in the past tense from Mr. Barnett's notes that were written in the present tense.

Honorable mention: High School: Florence Marsh for field work in geology (she was the first to find a fossil); May Willis, Carrie Hawley, Myron Jordon, Larkin Jordon, Sidney Brumfield in arithmetic; Daisy Lines in physiology.

Just a word about that arithmetic: it was High School



Arithmetic. I took it the last year I was in school there. It was a good course. Those taking it had studied algebra; often a problem was quite easy by algebra, but we were not permitted to use an algebraic solution. It took hard thinking.

The roll of honor for Miss Holden's department was Lee Roberts, Ida Mills, Frank Reynolds, Ida Risley, Etta Hill, Bessie Spring, Willie Gadd, Nora Stockton, Paul Fellows, Ada Lawson, Nettie and John Parks.

In an old fashioned spelling match Marcia Johnston, Loren Savage, Lizzie Gibson and Ernest Glennly got the headmasks. Carrie Hawley was the only pupil who made 100 in an exercise on pronouns. Maud Temple and Alice Woodruff found two new fossils. Alice Martin, Marcia Johnston, Ella Wright, Fannie Hyde, Florence Marsh, Mary Gyde, Alta Riley, Bell McFarlane, Maud Obenshain and May Obenshain were on the Honor Roll for five weeks.

Alta Dickens and Romy Jennings were captains of the line in Miss Cornthwaite's room. One week Ella Ferguson, Nellie Norris, Ida and Susie Barfield, Lillie Brown, and Nannie Taylor were best in lessons.

In a contest Frank Pickard won the highest number of votes for excellence in his essay on the Boyhood of Washington. Theodore Hawley and Phineas Swett excelled in arithmetic.

Keels Creek Winery turns ten

NICKY BOYETTE

It is mid-October, and Keels Creek Winery is still finishing its 10th harvest of grapes grown fewer than four miles from Eureka Springs. Dr. Doug Hausler and Edwige Denyszyn, owners, noted the moderate summer weather has allowed their harvest to extend into early October. Just now off the vine are the late harvest Vidal grapes.

Hausler said that last year Keels Creek produced almost 5000 gallons of wine. They have eight acres of grape and blackberry vines in production off Rockhouse Road where they grow eight primary grape varieties and assorted others. Their blackberry vines produced 1000 pounds of berries this year from which they expect 100 gallons of wine. He also buys grapes of three additional varieties from a vineyard in Hindsville. In his ten years of winemaking, Hausler has produced wine from pears, peaches and apples.

Hausler and Denyszyn bought their property in 2003 and immediately planted 200 vines, followed by 600 more the following year. They purchased more property in 2005, and this time planted 5000 vines. "And then the work began," Hausler commented.

Only then did they seriously consider what they would do with so many grapes. Hausler calculated that since a typical vineyard has 550 vines per acre, and an acre of vines can produce four to six tons of grapes, and one ton of grapes will produce 150 gallons of wine, Hausler figured their 12 acres could produce a tad more than 7000 gallons.

The idea of building a winery on the property was one possibility, but things fell into place for them to acquire property on US 62 only four miles from home. There was a spacious building near the front of the property and the foundation and three walls for what was



to have been a motel toward the back. The motel space became the site for processing the harvest into wine, and the building in front became their wine-tasting room and art gallery. Hausler and Denyszyn cooperate in making wines and managing the gallery. Around 20 area artists have work displayed there.

"We wanted to have a facility that would be run in the manner of small wineries in Europe by making wines that were exclusively sourced using locally-grown grapes, and as much as possible, using regionally-sourced materials," Hausler said.

Keels Creek Winery produces around 15 different wines, depending on the availability of quality grapes,

fruit and tanks. Hausler said most of them are single varietals, but a few are blends. Signature Red, for example, is a blend of Cynthiana and Chambourcin grapes. He said the most popular dry white wines are Vivant and Vidal. Traminette is the favorite sweet white and Embarrassed is the favorite sweet red. Cynthiana, which is the state grape of Arkansas, is their most popular dry red wine.

The red wines are aged a minimum of two years in oak barrels and whites age for about one year in stainless steel tanks. Keels Creek port-style wine, Big C, is aged for at least six years in French oak barrels. He said they have tried many grape varieties in the past ten years. Since it takes three or four years for a vine to begin producing and eight to ten years for it to reach peak production, Hausler noted there is quite a lag time in seeing if particular vines were a good investment.

Primary adversaries in the vineyard are deer, raccoons, Japanese beetles, diseases and mildews. His solution to the deer and raccoons are two Great Pyrenees named Bacchus and Vincent. Japanese beetles are more of a challenge. Hausler said one summer they picked an average of ten pounds per day from the vines. Hard winters help with the beetle problem.

The perfect weather for grapes in our area would be a cold winter with no late frost followed by a moderate summer "with rain at the right times, and not during harvest," Hausler said. Harvest is usually from the very end of July through September, depending on weather. Cynthiana is usually the last grape harvested, but this year it's Vidal.

Keels Creek wines have won more than 80 Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in competitions including the Finger Lakes International Wine Competition in New York, the Indy International Wine Competition in Indianapolis, and the Arkansas State Fair.



It's still a national river – Still on the Hill played to an attentive crowd at the Auditorium on Thursday. They introduced listeners to stories about the Buffalo River's history and gave out free CDs of *Still a River*. The Still a River Project is a community collaboration to raise awareness of the Buffalo River. **PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO**

Underground Eureka – Public

Works repaired Sunday's water pipe break at Hillside and King Sts. on Monday morning, saying the city did not anticipate a boil order because the pipe did not lose pressure. Water was turned off for a short time to finish repairs so drivers could continue going 40 in a 25 mph zone. Shown above are Ken Bernet (working in the hole), Daniel Conley (holding sign) and Kris Yandell.

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The Candidates & the Election – Our Test

As we come to the end of Libra and enter Scorpio, we move close to the time when, this election year, we are asked to make a final choice. Libra is the sign of observing (with poise, intelligence & a kind heart) two sides of one reality (the candidates), in order that we may discern the truth. In less than three weeks, in Scorpio (always offering us a mystery to solve) we will cast a final vote for the President of the United States. The entire world is watching. The two candidates offer us a deep challenge in terms of perception of the truth.

The election isn't really about the two candidates (Trump & Hillary). They represent something far greater. They represent, very subtly, a major test for the people of the United States. The test is this. Can we develop enough discernment and discrimination that we are able to see which candidate would be best for the people of the United States, the world, and which candidate will further the spiritual tasks of the U.S.? We are challenged to discern which one speaks the truth, and comes from the heart of the matter. This election is our test. The

candidates are simply "on the world stage, playing their part," very well indeed.

Mercury is in Libra and Uranus is in Aries. Libra says, **"Let choice be made."** Our Soul says, **"I stand (poised & observing) between two great lines of force."** Uranus says, **"Bring forth all things new."** Our tests.

Let us stand poised, non-reactive, with non-judgment. Let us align with the Will-to-Good. Libra tells us that aligning with the Will-to-Good gives us Right Balance & Right Choice. (continued next week)

ARIES: A potent time of change is occurring. Strong desires & powerful emotions can act like ocean swells almost overcoming your ability to think. Alternately, they offer you courage to go where others, even angels, can't. Tend to finances and resources held with another. Something's expanding, hopefully your relationships. Don't be ruthless and don't seek to conquer. Work with.

TAURUS: You ponder upon your relationship in terms of love, sacrifice and usefulness. You encourage others to work and cooperate with you. Careful with your energy in relationships. You could create a separation through unaware tendencies, anger and harsh communication. On the other hand, there is great ability to compromise if you begin a deep listening of others' needs. Learn the art of negotiation and cooperation.

GEMINI: You become a creative and strong worker with desires and emotions pushing you towards a goal. It's important to practice extreme care and safety especially while doing any physical labor lest accidents, burns, cuts, things red and scratchy occur. Be kind to co-workers. A lot of fire trucks, police and emergency vehicles pass you by. Things filled with love, too. A bit like you've become. Interesting.

CANCER: You need some pleasure, love and romance, or on the other hand, sports – competitive and disciplined. However, most likely you focus on thinking about home and children, showering them with nurturing gifts. In turn they may not act as you would expect. Their energies are high, almost uncontrollable. This will pass. However, you must watch over them carefully. Allow yourself to be foolhardy at times.

LEO: The themes seem to continue – communication with family, parents, tending to home, property, traditions. Something seeks balancing concerning your perception of family and/or parents and making peace with daily life. The old anger doesn't hold us anymore. It actually weakens the body. The starry energies are helping to beautify, repair and organize the environments you live and work in. Prepare your home for an unusual future.

VIRGO: You're contemplating events in the past. Considering previous partnerships, lovers, friends. Careful not to intimidate yourself with critical thoughts. Gathering information should be very easy now. Allow a natural rhythm to occur with daily life, work, arrangements and plans. Write Halloween (then Thanksgiving) cards by hand, using use pen, ink, envelopes, stamps and a secret seal. This is a meditation.

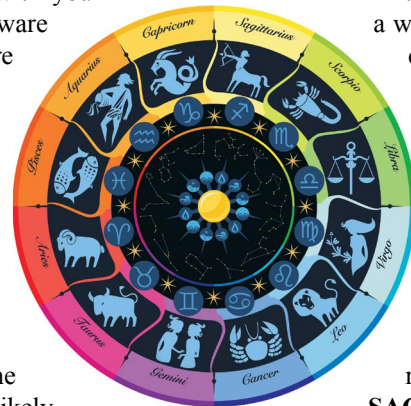
LIBRA: You enjoy making, having and using money. Money is a resource, a way to help others. It provides freedom and choice. It can be used to create more wealth. We are given the gift of money and resources so we can help others. Money helps rebuild the lives of humanity in need. Tithe ten percent of your income to charity. Tithing insures a constant flow of return. In between it's good to be frivolous (a bit). **SCORPIO:** You find that stamina and endurance grow stronger each day. Encountering and meeting unusual challenges along your path. As you pursue more independence, seeking liberty and freedom, your self-identity expands. Careful not to bump your head. Careful of fire. For fun, natural dye your hair red, orange or violet. Complete all projects. Plan your next ones. Your intuition reaches out to others.

SAGITTARIUS: Your strength is hidden and veiled for a while. Only you are aware of it. Next to your strength are desires. They're secret, too. Sometimes you don't know your motivation for choosing something. Sometimes you feel you're in a conspiracy. Your past comes to brood over you. You wonder do you have enemies? To overcome this seeming strangeness, enter into a new creative endeavor. Know that you're just in a state of completing karma.

CAPRICORN: You have hopes, wishes and dreams and want to express yourself socially with friends and associates. You want to be part of a group that recognizes your gifts and doesn't think you're scandalous when you make some outrageous artistic move. You're strong, at times revolutionary. Don't change. Review goals. Create a manifestation journal. Write daily wants and needs, creative plans & how you see yourself in the future. I see a book.

AQUARIUS: You're to become an adventurer, traveler, and philosopher. Justice becomes a focus. You see where humanity is caught in duality, judgment and despair. Aquarius is the sign of humanity. You worry, sensitive to humanity's needs. You wonder where you stand. An excellent question. You benefit by traveling, undergoing change, moving about here and there. Gradually, you become a world server.

PISCES: A regeneration needs to occur, allowing a new sense of self-confidence to come forth. You sometimes question being on your own. Wondering if you have real needs, hopes, wishes, desires, dreams. Your needs are very important. Pisces often serves others before serving themselves. You must now turn your energies inward and seek your own counsel, reliability, safety and trust. Entrusting yourself to your own self. The past presents itself. Then disappears.



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Joyful meditations Oct. 21

Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St. at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21. The Dances are simple moving meditations that involve the singing of sacred phrases with movements from the world's many spiritual traditions. Participation is free of charge. Contact Rebecca Babbs at (479) 253-8303 or email babbsrebecca@gmail.com for more information.

Listen to the voices from a silent city

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum will host its 8th Voices from Eureka's Silent City cemetery walking tours from Oct. 20 – 22 and Oct. 28 and 29. The living history tours feature live actors in period costumes portraying early citizens of Eureka Springs who helped shape the myths and history of the town.

Guided walking tours will begin at 5:30 p.m.

and leave every 20 minutes until 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. There is no parking at the cemetery and free parking and shuttle service will be provided at the former Victoria Inn parking lot located on Hwy. 62 East.

The event is a fundraising project of the Eureka Springs historical museum. For more information call the museum at (479) 253-9417

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the Parks Department, is making a big push to direct those visitors here.

He commented that in time there would be a connecting trail from the LLCP trails to those around Black

Bass Lake, which would amount to 35 miles of fairly challenging rides. As for attracting visitors to town, he said, "It could be pretty spectacular." In preparation for the visitors, Parks has invested in creating a bike camp at

LLCP and it is rehabbing the cabins for use through the winter.

"We're cutting edge for Arkansas," Maloney remarked.

Thurrow added a town in Vermont received a phenomenal boost from a

similar article in *Bike Magazine*, and she expects the same for Eureka Springs.

"We need someone in town to make these bikes," Martin said.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m., at the Auditorium.

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Randall Shreve serenades at Cathouse, Aaron Kamm and the One Drops bring river town reggae and blues to Chelsea's

Eureka is bursting at the seams with live music – leaves are changing and so are musical vibrations. Farmers' Market puts Los Roscoes under the tent Thursday morning for vegetable shopping accompaniment, Bottlerocket returns to

town to elevate the Rowdy Beaver Den Friday. Saturday, Randall Shreve plays gypsy rock at the Cathouse, and Chelsea's hosts a new band from St. Louis on Saturday, Aaron Kamm and the One Drops. They rock as well as roll.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 9 p.m.

FARMERS' MARKET – *Los Roscoes*, Blues, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Another Turn*, Rock, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

ANGLER'S – *Adam Moraga*, Blues, 7 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 12 and 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter,

6 – 9 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Michael Tisdale*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Ocie Fisher and Matt Smith*, R and B, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ Karaoke with Dan*, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Brick Fields*, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Karaoke with Brock Entertainment*, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Bottlerocket*, Rock, 9 p.m.

STONEHOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

ANGLER'S – *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.

BREWS – *The Lark and the Loon*, Americana, 6 – 9 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Randall Shreve*, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 2 – 5 p.m., *Aaron Kamm and the One Drops*, Blues/Soul/Reggae, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Blew Reed and the Flatheads*, Blues, 9 p.m.

LE STICK – *Pete Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Cory Jay*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 10 p.m.

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Aaron Kamm and the One Drops play Chelsea's Saturday, Oct. 22.

Put on your red dancing shoes

Diversity Weekend is Nov. 4, 5 and 6. Be sure to mark your calendar for the Women's Dance on Saturday, Nov. 5 at K.J.'s Caribé, 309 W. Van Buren (US 62W) from 6 – 10 p.m. \$5 to get in, Jori Costello is DJ. Supper, snacks, drinks available.

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Immortal food fools mortals



It is all around you and quite visible, yet you don't know it's there. It is ubiquitous in the air that you breathe. In classical mythology it is the gods' food and drink, and if consumed by mortals, one becomes immortal. It is also the name given to a festival celebrating Bacchus (Dionysus), god of the grape harvest, wine, and fertility.

It is also the name given to a classical libation used in Greek celebrations consisting of water, honey and all sorts of fruits. Homer often speaks of it. The same name is given to the mixture of pollen and nectar that worker bees use to feed the hive's larvae. A fruit dessert made from bananas, oranges and coconut is bestowed with the name.

What name do all of these food-related share in common? Ambrosia. If of exquisite smell or taste, a substance may be called "ambrosial." The fragrance and flavor of pineapple, for example, is historically described as ambrosial. Vanilla was once described as an "ambrosiac." Ambrosia and its variations all originate from a Greek word root Latinized as *ambrosios* meaning "divine, lovely, pleasant, excellent."

How do we connect the fabled food of immortals to something that is "all around you and quite visible, yet we don't know it's there, and it is ubiquitous in the air that you breathe?" As best I can tell, it was a cruel joke of the celebrated Linnaeus who in 1753 formally named a genus in the sunflower family mostly found in North America (with 22 species) as the genus *Ambrosia*.

Here in Carroll County we have three species of *Ambrosia* including *A. artemisiifolia*, *A. bidentata*, and *A. trifida*. You may know all of these by their collective common name – RAGWEED! Our three species are respectively known as common ragweed, lance-leaf ragweed and giant ragweed. What was Linnaeus thinking when he called ragweed *Ambrosia*?

Yes, for the last few weeks all three species have been blooming, and they have small, upside-down, inconspicuous tiny green flowers. Ragweeds are very common here. They are all around you. They are visible, you just don't notice them. Their pollen is ubiquitous in the air with every breath and responsible for the majority of late summer and fall allergies.



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ROWDY BEAVER – *Aaron Mullins Band*, Rock, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

ANGLER'S – *Steve Pruitt*, Open Jam, 7 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Trivia*, 6 – 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 7 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Dewey Rush*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Jimmy Garrett*, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Steve Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Dusty Santamaria*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 9 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass, 9 p.m.

OSCAR'S – *Buffalo Gals*, Americana, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

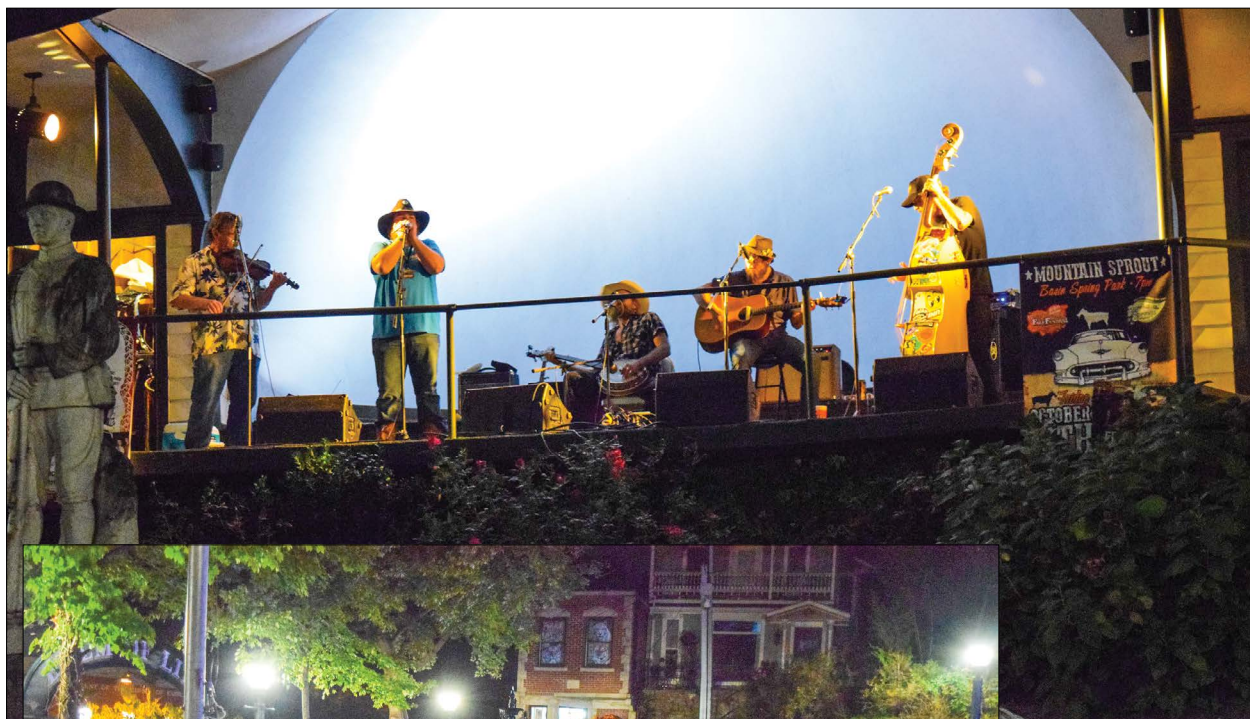
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Los Roscoes*, Blues, 6 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.

FARMERS MARKET – *Brian Martin*, Singer/Songwriter, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.



Rockin' the park – After the Hedgehoppers on Friday, folks headed to Basin Park to listen to Mountain Sprout for the Barefoot Basin Bash. Mountain Sprout quickly got some of the crowd gathered below them dancing to the music.

PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO

Benefit and silent auction at The Cookery

There will be a benefit for Christy Davis at The Cookery at Caribé from 3 – 8 pm. on Nov. 6. The benefit is to help Christy pay for added expenses and incidentals beyond what her insurance is covering. Doors open and silent auction begins at 3 p.m. with live auction at 5 p.m. There is a \$10 per person donation at the door and a cash bar.

Donations for the live/silent auction can be dropped off at Chelsea's every day from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Cookery on Tuesday – Saturday from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Caribé on Thursday – Sunday from 5 – 9 p.m.

Sunday at EUUF

Rabbi Rob Lennick returns to Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street on Oct. 23 to talk about separation church and state. Join at 11 a.m. for a program followed by refreshments. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.v

Introduction to fly tying

Beaver Fly Fishers will hold a hands-on introduction to the art of tying flies on Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Cornerstone Bank, 152 E. Van Buren. Participants will tie a couple of flies in class.

All tools and materials will be provided.

Class size is limited and registration is required. To register or for more information contact Doug Miller at (319) 929-2600 or drdoug44@cox.net.

Polling starts soon

Early voting will begin on Oct. 24 and last until Nov. 6 with early voting taking place at your county courthouse in the county clerk's office. Office hours for this period will be Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., and on Monday, Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Election Day hours are from 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. at your specific polling place. To verify your polling place call the county clerk at (870) 423-2022 or go to www.voterview.ar-nova.org.

DEPARTURES

Ralph Dever Stuck March 16, 1935 – Oct. 11, 2016

Ralph Dever Stuck of Holiday Island, Ark., was born March 16, 1935 in Auburn, Neb., son of Robert and Zelda (Keedy) Stuck. He passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016 with family by his side at age 81.

After graduating from Auburn High School, he proudly served his country in the Army Artillery Unit in Korea. After attending Peru College he started his career in finance. He was involved in the Nebraska Collection Board; President of the Nebraska Collection Association from 1978-1979, working with Nebraska Secretary of State, Allen Beerman, and the International Credit Association for distinguished service. He was also a long time member of the Rotary Club and Jaycees.

As an entrepreneur, he purchased National Account Systems of Omaha and later created Mortgage Credit Reporting Company. After 26 years he sold the companies, at which time he and his wife, Wanda, moved from Bellevue, Neb. to Holiday Island, Ark., to enjoy retirement.

He was an avid golfer and very proud of having achieved three holes in one. His golf cart probably has more miles on it than Wanda's

convertible! He was a passionate Nebraska football fan, an expert at crossword puzzles and trivia. Most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends.

On March 3, 1984 he was united in marriage with Wanda (Eikenbary) Stuck who survives him. He is also survived by his children, son, Mike Stuck of Olympia, Wash.; son, Mark Stuck (Debbie Turner) of St. Louis, Mo.; daughter, Shelly Scoggins (Steven) of LaVista, Neb.; stepson, Bret Anderson (Ingra) of Papillion, Neb.; stepson, Kerry Anderson (Janet) of Papillion, Neb.; grandchildren, Bryan Stuck, Mary Eibes (Jake), Max Anderson and Ethan Anderson; many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Dennis Stuck, and sister Nadine Hall.

Funeral service was Oct. 16, at the Holiday Island Community Church with Pastor Jeffrey Timm officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society Foundation, 250 Williams Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016



Shirley Mae Kilgore Jan. 18, 1935 – Oct. 17, 2016

Shirley Mae Kilgore of Holiday, Ark., was born January 18, 1935 in Ada, Minn., daughter of John and Edith Lucille (Mosteller) Christensen. She departed this life Monday, October 17, 2016 in Eureka Springs, Ark. at age 81.

Shirley was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockford, Ill., for 65 years. She was also a member of the Holiday Island Community Church and a Mercy Hospital Auxiliary volunteer in Berryville, Ark.

On August 12, 1995 she was united in marriage with Myron Adelbert Kilgore, who survives her of their home. She is also survived by her four children, daughters Sheri Hirth and Bonnie Schindler of Rockford, Ill.; son Richard Hirth of Rockford, Ill.; daughter, Pennie McKiski; sister, Joyce Forbes of Holiday Island, Ark.; six

grandchildren, Vanessa O'Keefe, Ashley Hirth, Bradley Hirth, Patrick, Trevor and Nathan McKiski; seven great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, a host of friends and loved ones.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her first husband, Donald Hirth.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 at the Holiday Island Community Church, Holiday Island, Ark., with Pastor Jeffrey Timm officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Holiday Island Community Church, PO Box 3055, Holiday Island, Arkansas 72631.

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Dr. Thomas Michael "Miko" Hayde

July 9, 1950 – Oct. 16, 2016

Dr. Thomas Michael "Miko" Hayde of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born July 9, 1950 in Santa Monica, Calif., son of Thomas Joseph and June Iris (Donnelley) Hayde. He departed this life Sunday, October 16, 2016 in Eureka Springs, Ark., at age 66.

He is survived by his daughter, Donnelley Hayde and her husband, Shaun Williams, of Columbus, Ohio; sister, Magi Hayde of Eureka Springs, Ark.; sister, Lisa Hahn and husband, Larry, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Clem Moncravie; and long-time partner Sandra Trawick.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016





Water is now about 72° on our end of Beaver and Table Rock Lake here at Holiday Island. The fishing is getting hot, but the trips were a little slow this last week so the pic this week is a net full of shad ready for the next outing.

Stripers are still doing well at the dam on Beaver Lake, with some reports of limits being caught fishing at night. Still most being caught down around 30 feet when the sun is up high, then moving close to the surface in low light. Look in the mouths of the bigger coves and creeks from the Dam to Point 5.

Here at Holiday Island, that cold northeast wind made it rough for catching for most, but now it's back from the south so we're back out here again this week, then back on Beaver Lake for the weekend.

Most talk here is about the walleye and the spotted bass coming to the top in big schools off the flats between the Island and the town of Beaver.

Well, I better go for this week. Going after a big fish for next week's report and enjoy this 80° day. Keep it safe. Robert Johnson, fishofexcellence.com, (479) 253-2258

October Ladies of Faith meeting

The Ladies of Faith will meet on Oct. 25 at the Gazebo Restaurant at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Dormalee Wood of Branson. She was kidnapped and held captive for a year.

The cost is \$10.50 for brunch. For more information call Margo Pryor at (870) 4243-9399.

Free class for ham radio technician class license

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will sponsor an FCC ham radio technician class on Nov. 5 and 12 from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. The classes will be held in the Mercy Hospital, 214 Carter Street in Berryville. Tests for technician, general and extra class licenses will be given Nov. 12 at 4 p.m.

Walk-ins for all tests are invited and there is a charge of \$15 for each individual taking the tests. You must attend both days to receive all the material and the Club will furnish a light lunch. For class reservations or information on classes contact Drew Wood at dwood@eurekaspringshospital.com, Terry Dean at terryjdean@cox.net, or call (870) 350-0385

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Springs recently on the weekend
of October 1-2. We were very well
accommodated by the great meeting
facilities at the Basin Park Hotel and
enjoyed excellent lodging at the Tall
Pines Inn and The Lodge.
On the evening of Saturday, October
1 we gathered downtown to meet people
and sing songs to the community, when
we were accosted by an angry man who
had been drinking. We made several
peaceful attempts to avoid him once we
saw that he was hostile. The man ended
up physically striking one of our people
in the face and we were forced to call
the police.
Several kind officers came as
soon as possible and handled the
situation with wisdom and great
professionalism. We regret that they
had to be troubled with a matter like
this, but that is why we are glad to have
such upstanding officers of law to serve
and protect our communities.
I know some people are quick to
criticize our government officials and
police officers, but we just wanted
offer a little praise for a job well done.
To the city of Eureka Springs and the
Police Department we say, Thank you.
Addison J. Everett, Pastor
The Church of God

Obama's
retirement plans?

Editor,
If Obama attempts to step into the
position as head of the United Nations
next year, an oil company, a chicken
processor and a circus need to form a
partnership -
He and anyone promoting such a
disastrous quest should be tarred and
feathered and shot out of a cannon
across our southern border.
Richard Waxenfelter
Berryville

Do as I say,
not as I do

Editor,
The Democrats' latest version of the
Evil Red Scare is rolling on unabated
by facts and truth. I had to laugh when
one official, declaring that Russia was
trying to cyber-influence our election,
railed about it being wrong for one
country to do that to another.
Jeez, don't the Russians know
that the best way to influence another
country's elections is to impose

sanctions, create, arm, and finance
rebel factions, then bomb the heck out
of everyone, then have the presstitutes
convince everyone it was done in the
name of "democracy" and that the threat
to "murican freedoms" was defeated?
Rand W. Ozier
Create a nice day!

Justice
for Catlin

Editor,
On Feb. 19, 2016, under the cover
of darkness while hiding in the brush,
Chris Butler took the life of Catlin Keck
and was charged with First Degree
murder. We lost our son, brother and
friend simply because he drove up the
wrong road, and Eureka Springs is
lesser for it. Catlin was 30 years, four
months and 17 days old.
Catlin moved to Eureka Springs
when he was eight. He was rather
awkward and goofy. We often compared
him to the iconic Howdy Doody. The
physical resemblance was indubitable!

By the time Catlin was seven, he
had been mauled by a dog, snakebit,
and had a hunk taken out of his hiney
by the family house cat, all without
provocation. As he grew older he made
peace with the animal kingdom and
developed a close friendship with the
Smith family and spent a great deal of
time at the Turpentine Creek Wildlife
Refuge.
By high school, Catlin had grown
tall and quite popular. He played
basketball for the Highlanders and
graduated with the class of 2004. After
high school he took a job at the Basin
Park Hotel and then the Crescent.
He became lifelong friends with co-
workers and guests.

During the spring and summer he
could easily be picked out on the Kings
River - he was the guy in the canoe with
Gunthor, his 200-lb. English Mastiff.
Catlin had no bigotry or malice in
his heart, he didn't care what your race,
religion, sexual preference or politics
were. If you were benevolent and true,
he accepted you.
Catlin did not deserve to die on that
road, but now he deserves justice.
Chris Butler's attorney has asked
for a "suppression of evidence"
hearing, Oct. 27 at the Eureka Springs
Courthouse, 9 a.m. Our community has
lost a young man whose roots were
firmly planted here. He had so much to
offer.
Brian Elliott and Mary Banks

Buffalo 3 thankful
for supporters

Editor,
The Ozark River Stewards were
overwhelmed by the generous support at
their recent fundraiser to help with legal
fees for the three grandmothers who
stepped up to appeal ADEQ's decision to
allow more acres of the Buffalo watershed
to be sprayed with hog manure.
Folks from Newton County and
Fayetteville expressed appreciation for
the passion and enthusiasm this event
elicited. Many thanks to KJ at Caribé,
Catherine Reed and Beau Satori, and
all the wonderful artists, artisans,
restaurants and other businesses that
contributed items for the auction.
The Buffalo 3 are well on their way
to covering the attorney fees for the
appeal. Sincerest thanks to everyone
who attended or sent checks.
Lin Wellford

Parkinson's support
group forming

Editor,
A support group for people with
Parkinson's disease and their caregivers
is in the planning stage. Our first
meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov.
2 at 10 a.m. in the Community Room
of ECHO. If you or anyone you know
might be interested in such a group,
please share this information with them.
This group would be set up by and
run by social workers for the mutual
psychosocial needs of the participants. It
would not be to dispense medical advise,
but a doctor or a nurse could be invited
for a question and answer session if
requested. As the disease progresses, and
physical energy becomes more limited,
social isolation often becomes a major
problem for people with Parkinson's.

There will be no charge, but
contributions would be welcome. At
the first meeting we will discuss what
participants would like included in
their group and what time of day they
want to meet.
Most support groups last about one
hour perhaps 1 1/2 hours. The expressed
wishes and needs of the participants
will be foremost in our planning.
Please email or call if you or someone
you know is interested in participating.
Sally Williams Gorrell, LCSW,
sarahg@arkansas.net, (479) 981-1587
PS: Drive to the back of the ECHO
parking lot to enter the Community
Room.

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