

# Council comments clarify tax hike

NICKY BOYETTE

During Public Comments on Monday, candidate Peg Adamson told city council she was concerned about what people are saying regarding the one percent tax. “The portion for the Auditorium is getting muddy,” she said. Citizens are mixing rumors with facts, and she urged council “to get the straight word out if you want it passed.”

Ken Foggo said the city has spread misinformation about the financial history of the situation related to the sewer plant, and does not believe the Auditorium has been operated as the enabling legislation intended. He called idea of building a parking garage downtown “a ludicrous boondoggle” which will double the city’s indebtedness, and said he will vote No on the tax.

Betsy Rodier also had concerns about the tax, saying she saw a possibility of tax revenue being spent contrary to intention.

When council took its turn for comments, alderman Terry McClung admitted the city has neglected its infrastructure for years but is at a crossroads with what it needs to do, and the one percent tax is critical for getting the city back on sure footing. He asserted he has seen as many shows at the Auditorium as anyone, and the tax can make the difference for taking care of the facility. “The tax might sound like a lot, but it’s not,” he said, and added now is the time to make a difference for the Auditorium and the city’s infrastructure.

Alderman James DeVito stated the tax was very important for the city. A declining population is put in the position of maintaining the streets and the sewer and water system used by all visitors. If the tax does not pass, the city will be forced to raise water and sewer rates dramatically in perpetuity, but the tax will sunset in ten years. “It’s a penny on a dollar,” he said.

He added that 80 percent of the tax

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**Passing the hat** – The Crystal Dining Room was packed on Friday with revelers for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Mad Hatter Ball. Live music, crazy hats and costumes, and a silent auction of artwork kept the sold-out crowd entertained late into the night, and as of Tuesday afternoon Eureka Springs School of the Arts was still counting how much money was raised.

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## This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

Paul Beatty wrote a book. Who hasn’t? But Beatty’s book, *The Sellout*, set judges of the Man Booker Prize, Britain’s loftiest literary accolade, into their own contest of describing how truly great Beatty’s work is.

*The Sellout* is a giant LOL and wince-like-nobody’s-watching book, said to nail us to a cross while tickling us, like dropping a sacred flying cow out of an airplane over Yellville.

It’s about bringing back slavery and segregation, written from the soul of a man who does and doesn’t take himself very seriously. “Being offended is not an emotion,” Beatty said.

The judges – a writer, two publishers, a literary agent, a bookseller and a librarian – read 155 books in 10 months and awarded the MBP to this American – first ever!

Guess what else? He was bestowed his award by the Duchess of Cornwall, aka Prince Charles’ wife.

And since it was in Britain, he got 50,000 pounds of money.



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If you see a vampire just say, “Hi, sucker.”

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revenue would come from tourists, and “will solve all sorts of issues for Public Works” by enabling it to address long-deferred maintenance. Also, the trend of increased CAPC tax revenue every year presents the opportunity to build a parking garage downtown which will be a huge benefit for the Auditorium. It would make a visit to Eureka Springs more accommodating for tourists and at no cost to the city because the bond payments would be guaranteed by the CAPC.

Alderman David Mitchell commented, “The tax will not be the kiss of death to tourism.” He said folks talk about past mistakes. “Fine, but it’s past,” Mitchell answered. He does not want to go forward with an impaired water and sewer system when there is a chance to repair it. He urged citizens to take the time to look at the data available. He admitted he has disparaged how the CAPC has handled the Auditorium in the past, but they met his challenge and came through with a plan for promoting the Auditorium. He asked voters to vote for the tax. “Do not less it pass us by,” he implored.

Alderman Mickey Schneider agreed it is only fair to get the tourists to help pay for repairing the infrastructure, and contended that one penny on a dollar would not keep tourists from shopping downtown.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick said she also supported the tax. “If there were ever a chance

to fix the Auditorium, this is it,” she said, adding that contrary to rumors, none of the tax revenue would go to the CAPC. She invited voters to go to her website [kristi4council.com](http://kristi4council.com) for more information.

Mayor Butch Berry said a person came to him after hearing that some of the one percent tax would go to the CAPC. “Wrong,” he clarified. The one percent tax would create an Auditorium Commission independent of the CAPC. “If you ever want to get the Auditorium out of the hands of the CAPC, this is it.”

He stated the predicament the city faces with aging infrastructure is nothing new, and repairing the water and sewer system has never been adequately funded. “We didn’t get here overnight, and we won’t fix it overnight,” Berry commented. He said the idea for the tax came from a major local retailer who claimed the last sales tax increase did not affect his business.

Berry added that the city might still need a rate adjustment for water and sewer to maintain compliance with bond requirements. He opined that a tax of one cent on a dollar is not much, the city will not be able to make repairs without it, and the city will dedicate a line item in the budget to tracking transactions related to the tax so citizens can see how the money is spent.

“Do you want our visitors to help pay for it or do we want to pay for it by ourselves?” he asked.

## INDEPENDENTNews



**Look out below** – Scouts Troop 67 of Eureka Springs spent a weekend down on the Buffalo River rock climbing and rappelling. The boys could pick from 35-foot tower to a 260-foot rappel off Gar Hole. Pictured is Cole Price going over the edge of Ranger Bluff, a 45-foot drop to the bottom, being assisted by climbing instructor Andy Bieschke.

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## Food truck talk runs hot

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs city council held a workshop Monday to discuss a proposed ordinance regarding how to fit food trucks into City Code. Discussion began with consternation and 75 minutes later ended with discontented muttering. Nevertheless, an amended ordinance will be tossed around at the Nov. 14 meeting.

To begin, Mayor Butch Berry suggested aldermen go through the ordinance paragraph by paragraph and discuss points as they go.

"This is the biggest pile of legal crap I've ever seen," alderman Mickey Schneider insisted. She said with heightened agitation she had told council more than a year ago all that was needed were two franchises for a couple of food trucks to operate downtown on Friday and Saturday nights. "I'm the one who brought this forward," she claimed, and in dismissive flourishes demeaned several sections of the document.

"Do you have any constructive criticism?" Berry asked Schneider.

She continued to find flaws with section after section. She asked what would happen

if a merchant who by lottery is chosen to host a food truck but then decides not to have the food truck. What would happen to the food vendor? And why was the CAPC even mentioned in this document?

"You're going to get your butts sued off and you'll lose big time," she proclaimed. She protested the section that imposed a 100-ft. distance between mobile vendors and established restaurants. "It's discrimination and you'll lose," she asserted.

Alderman David Mitchell, in a calmer tone, stated the proposed ordinance came from a qualified group of individuals who listened to public input before compiling it, followed by additions by the mayor and the city attorney before presentation to council.

Mobile food truck vendor Victor Smith said all he had ever wanted was the ability to operate two nights a week. He said he was okay with most of the ordinance, and as he made his objections, aldermen were able to point out how the ordinance addressed his concerns.

Smith stated right now he is the only mobile food vendor although the ordinance is written to allow as many as nine. Berry

pointed out more would show up if he is successful, and alderman James DeVito added the ordinance is written so food trucks can fit in City Code, not to accommodate any particular vendor.

DeVito also posited that by allowing nine mobile food vendors, the city increases the competition among restaurants by 10 percent. He suggested starting with a smaller number.

Alderman Bob Thomas, who was part of the committee that worked to create the ordinance, said he was supportive of the idea of creating a food truck court with as many as four trucks, but was also okay removing the food court from the ordinance. That would put the number of permits for hosting food trucks at five.

City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong, who was on the food truck committee, commented she has a list of property owners who want to host a food court, but agreed that she would not want to "kill the deal" by insisting on it.

Schneider restated that all the city ever needed was a franchise agreement with two

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### Council finds a way to support trail grant

NICKY BOYETTE

Chair Bill Featherstone of the Parks Commission addressed Eureka Springs City Council at its Monday meeting regarding a \$35,000 no-match grant through Arkansas Parks & Tourism (APT) for a lighted and paved six-ft. wide exercise trail along the one-third mile perimeter of the Community Center Property.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick said she had been the attorney for the Eureka Springs School District during negotiations with the Community Center Foundation, and had written the lease. Her concern with the grant was a stipulation that if it were awarded to the Parks Department and the trail installed around the Community Center property, but it became unused or taken out of use within the first 15 years of receiving the grant which could occur if the Foundation were to default on its lease, the City of Eureka Springs would be responsible for repaying the \$35,000.

She recommended the Foundation get a performance bond, which she described as an insurance contract guaranteeing the Foundation would fulfill its obligations.

Featherstone suggested a simpler alternative would be an agreement with the school district for getting the city off the hook. He intended to propose his idea to the school board at its Tuesday evening meeting. He acknowledged \$35,000 dollars would be at risk, and did not want to put the city or Parks in jeopardy. He suggested if there were a default, the school district could absorb repayment of the grant and recoup its losses upon selling the property.

Kendrick said she wanted to know what the district wanted to do before she voted on the grant.

Featherstone interjected that deadline for the grant application to be received at the APT office was Friday at 5 p.m., so he planned to express mail it Wednesday afternoon. He explained the reason for the late request was the

Foundation got the property Sept. 1, and this grant required a site visit from APT.

Alderman Terry McClung said he was unsure why the school district would indemnify the city, and wanted to be careful about putting the city at risk. Alderman David Mitchell commented he was totally behind the concept of an exercise trail, but the timing and obligation facing the city made him uneasy.

Kendrick said she would even come to a special council meeting to approve the resolution, but only after the school board approved Featherstone's idea.

Alderman Mickey Schneider asked why council would not approve the resolution contingent upon district approval.

Featherstone again stated he would not jeopardize the city. "I'm the one going to Little Rock to represent the grant, and I'm not going if the city is at risk."

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## Mayor amends employee vacation policy

BECKY GILLETTE

Mayor Butch Berry said policies have been revised to clarify that city employees cannot choose between taking vacation time or getting a cash payout. The city paid out \$53,494 to two former department heads who retired in late 2014 and 2015. Berry said he has taken the steps to make sure employees don't use vacation time as a way to earn extra income.

"No one ever thought people were going to accumulate these and then charge for them," Berry said. "When I became aware of this issue early in my term as mayor, I changed the policy so vacation time could not be carried over 200 hours and that all vacation time had to be taken or they would lose it. There is no choice to get paid extra. Vacation time is not to be treated as bonuses. It is not to be treated as extra income. It is not to be used as a savings account. The hours are to be taken as vacation for the employees."

Finance Director Lonnie Clark said the only two retiring employees who drew substantial amounts were former Police Chief Earl Hyatt, who received a check for

\$39,461.61 in January 2015, and former Fire Chief Rhys Williams, who received a check for \$14,032 in December 2014. The two retired within a couple of months of each other. Both had been supervised by former Mayor Morris Pate.

Berry said it wasn't written in the city employee policy handbook that employees could receive a cash payment in lieu of vacation time.

"I think it was an assumption that previous mayors had been doing," Berry said. "As the administrator of the city, I was able to make changes to make sure this doesn't happen again. To prevent this from happening, we don't allow 600 or 800 hours of vacation time to accumulate. That is a logical solution."

The current city handbook says: "Employees will use their vacation time each year. Vacation days may not be accumulated and transferred to subsequent years without approval of the department head. An employee may work their vacation time and be compensated for it only in very unusual circumstances when the department head

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# Candy Bank enhances White Street Halloween

BECKY GILLETTE

The “secret” is out. Halloween on White Street is a blast with many homes and businesses are going all out with spooky decorations and serving up candy to hordes of trick or treaters. This isn’t just a street party for kids, as many adults also enjoy dressing up and walking White Street dressed up in an amazing diversity of costumes.

“Halloween on White Street is officially a big deal now,” said Mark Hughes, owner of Regalia Handmade Clothing on White Street. “Halloween on White Street has been popular for the long time, but in the past five or six years, it has gotten really big. It is the easiest-to-navigate neighborhood in Eureka and people from other towns are bringing their kids here, as well. The city sees it as a fun, wholesome event to bring people to town.”

Hughes particularly appreciates the “non-stop fashion parade” as many of the families go all out to be creative with their costumes.

“Even some adults with no kids will dress up because there is somewhere to walk around wearing a costume to amuse people,” Hughes said. “This past year one family dressed up four Johnny Depp characters. Those were incredible.”

Hughes said people in the neighborhood want to retain

the great fun of Halloween, but, unlike the White Street Walk street festival in May, no businesses on White Street are selling anything on Halloween. And the big crowds have put a major dent into some people’s budgets.

*“We are happy to do it and want to do it, but don’t want it to turn into a burden.”*

– Mark Hughes

Hughes said he and Steve Beacham bought \$200 of candy to give away on Halloween in 2015. They only gave two pieces of candy per treater, but still ran out. Others in the neighborhood had similar experiences. So this year the idea surfaced of doing a “candy bank.”

“The idea was basically because it is private citizens buying the candy to give away, it is a way to help Halloween continue to be something fun,” Hughes said. “We are happy to do it and want to do it, but don’t want it to turn into a burden. It is such a fun event and we get a kick out of the families and kids who come out. But the candy giveaway has started to cost a lot of money as Halloween has grown to dynamic proportions in the past five years, and some people just don’t have \$200 to spend on candy. But they still want to be welcoming to all the people who come to White Street to enjoy Halloween.”

There is a Facebook page for the White Street Halloween Candy Bank. Hughes said they have already have several donations amounting to a washtub full of candy. People who live in neighborhoods not frequented

by trick or treaters can drop off candy this year at Oscar’s Cafe, Ermilio’s Italian Home Cooking or Regalia. On Oct. 31, the candy will be combined and people can come by Regalia to get candy to give out.

Some have suggested that to avoid giving out sugary treats on a night when those are in excess, White Street residents should give out toys, apples or pencils. But Hughes said the problem is those are even more expensive than candy.

“But we are happy to distribute anything that you want to drop off for us,” Hughes said. “We need a little help with it because it is really getting unaffordable with people coming from Green Forest, Berryville, and all over.”

Halloween on White Street has gotten so popular that there have been safety concerns voiced in past years about the traffic coinciding with so many children dressed in black, including some wearing masks that can obscure their vision. The City of Eureka Springs has announced that to have a safe and Happy Halloween in Eureka Springs, there will be extra staff all along the Upper Loop to help ensure safety of pedestrians.

Vehicle traffic access will be limited to local residents and/or those with a lodging or dining destination on the Historic Upper Loop. Officers will be posted at both ends of the Upper Loop, as well as officers, reserves, and volunteers all along the Loop from 5 – 9 p.m.

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# One pipeline ready; Kings River tunnel arduous

NICKY BOYETTE

The Carroll-Boone Water District Board of Commissioners learned at the Oct. 20 meeting that the first section of the parallel transmission line project is almost ready for service. The 36-in. pipe extending from the Freeman-Raney Water Treatment Plant overlooking Beaver Lake to Hwy. 23 south of Eureka Springs is in place ahead of schedule by several months.

However, another section of the project has not fared as well. Engineer Chris Hall of McGoodwin, Williams and Yates told the board the attempt to bore a tunnel under the Kings River met difficulties at every step. Negotiations with a property owner stalled the project at the start. Then the borings found rock, then gravel, then rock, then gravel. Hall said they were looking for solid rock because gravel sinks into the boring. At one point the drillers hit "a river under the river," and Hall described it. After more borings, the team realized they might have to go much deeper than expected which would mean starting the tunnel much farther back.

Hall commented they were beginning to wonder if deeper borings might cause too

much damage. They might even drill into a void and alter the river. Eventually the team decided, since the water level was at its lowest, another option would be an open cut which would put the pipe three to five feet below the river bed. Hall said the open cut would take three to five days.

Brad Hammond, also an engineer for MWY, said the unforeseen problems cost the project approximately \$415,000, but expected they might be able to save money on the next phase of the project.

The parallel transmission line will eventually reach all the way to Harrison.

## Manager's report

Plant Manager Barry Connell brought the board up to date on projects accomplished recently as well as alerting them to identified needs he will address in the next year. Connell said there have been upgrades to the coagulant pumps and more safety equipment has been installed around the plant. He said it has been a good year for load shedding, but did not yet have figures on how much the plant had saved on its utility bills. He also mentioned he intends to get rid of some equipment the plant does not need any longer such as an old dump

truck, but commented it is hard to find a buyer for old telemetry equipment.

One concern he has is preparing for the retirement for some employees in the next few years. Office Manager Cathy Klein reported that half of the work force has the potential to retire within 10 years. Connell said it takes two or three years to get a person certified as an operator, so he wants to hire as many as four part-time employees. Chair Jim

Yates told Connell to come up with a plan and present it to the board.

Connell brought up automating some tasks, and Hammond stated the Clarksville water plant has installed automation technology and sophisticated cyber-security. All employees go home during the night, but the plant is in town so someone could get there quickly if needed. Connell said the

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## Hold on to your hats

Editor,

In Nicky Boyette's October 19 article on the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development, Jacqueline Wolven was quoted as asking why Eureka Springs is not attracting brew pub investors.

The larger question is why our town is not attracting any investment in development. The reasons for that are complex but understandable.

No serious developer can bring development money into town under the current circumstances where the city has multiple unfollowed development plans, a regulatory environment that is inconsistent at best, local real estate and banking customs that are more about getting money than about what is good for everyone, and a lack of understanding of the current ways of doing business in the development sector.

The risk to investors is just too high. Lower the risk, modernize the system, hold on to a well-crafted inclusive development plan and hold on to your hats.

*Nancy Brooks*

## 'Bigly' – yes, a word

Editor,

But to end on a light and polite note, and to give credit where due, our Donald was right for once, even though wrong as usual. Bigly is not some weird variant of his favorite "huge," but it is a word from the early 1500s whose first meaning is "with force or violence," and whose second meaning is "Loudly, boastfully, pompously." All of which breathes new life into the old adage, "even a blind pig gets some nuts."

*David Zimmermann*

## Apes are peaceful

Editor,

As a proud member of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the letter last week from Jayanthi that mentions Bill Maher's comments that Donald Trump's mother was an orange haired orangutan needs to be corrected. PETA cannot correct the error. Orangutans do not deserve to be compared to Donald Trump.

Donald Trump is a liar, a racist, a sexual predator, a bully, and definitely *not* a champion of working peoples' rights. Members of the ape family are peaceful creatures and no self-respecting female orangutan would ever mate with the likes of Mr. Trump.

*T.A. Laughlin*



## WEEK'S TopTweets

**@reeldialog2:** Bowtie pasta is the most handsome of all the pastas.

**@danmentos:** 18 year-old me, naïve and unrefined, "I just ate a block of cheese."

42 year-old me, worldly and sophisticated, "I just ate a wheel of cheese."

**@simoncholland:** I assert dominance over millennials by responding to their texts with phone calls.

**@ashmenssch:** "I'm gonna make you so happy, baby. And then I'm going to make you real sad." – Gas station nachos.

**@donni:** Strawberry is a terrible name. "Oh, a berry with all the flavor of a straw," you'd think. But you'd be wrong.

## Arkansas Constitution provides the right to publish

Editor,

§ 6. Liberty of the press and of speech – Libel. The liberty of the press shall forever remain inviolate. The free communication of thoughts and opinions, is one of the invaluable rights of man; and all persons may freely write and publish their sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right. In all criminal prosecutions for libel, the truth may be given in evidence to the jury; and, if it shall appear to the jury that the matter charged as libelous is true, and was published with good motives and for justifiable ends, the party charged shall be acquitted.

The publication of broadsheets has a long history and I do not find that the city can prohibit such publications. Furthermore, the People can assemble in any public space and voluntarily listen to and videograph public statements; Our citizens have a wealth of information, including Becky Gillette and Doc Contreras on fluoride and environmental issues that can than be posted on Youtube and other social media.

Advert revenue if agreed upon by presenters, would revert to those who post the speeches. Newspapers and news organizations cannot interfere with our presentations by editorial de-selection. Join "The Voices of the People" presentations and help reclaim direct democracy.

*Laura L. Coker*

## Improvements happening, more needed

Editor,

On Sunday, Kei and I visited Good Shepherd Humane Society to meet with a few folks about implementing a native plant focus there. After all, birds, bees, and butterflies are animals too! Already the few plants that Jolena and I installed during the summer were flourishing. Thanks to Karen Welch and other volunteers who helped with this effort.

Our hearts were warmed on Sunday when we encountered two happy lads counting dimes, pennies and dollars to come up with \$70 for a puppy they call Humfrey. The boys worked odd jobs to scrape up the funds. It was heart-warming to witness this transaction!

If there is anyone or any group that would like to help plant and develop another small native bed at the Good Shepherd,

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## Proposed 1 percent tax

We will be voting for a proposed 1% ten-year temporary tax to support infrastructure and operating demands for water/sewer and the Auditorium. Without the tax, our water and sewer rates will increase by 35% and many of the much-needed improvements will continue to be an ongoing problem for the city. If we were to try and raise the capital for the improvements by our water and sewer rates alone, the rates would have to increase by 80%. If the tax does pass, we would avoid any increase in our water/sewer rates. Remember, an increase to our water and sewer rates will be reflected on your water bill every month, permanently. The proposed 1% tax will last only ten years with 85% of the tax being paid for by our visitors.

Almost 40% of our water usage is unaccounted for. Last year, city council dipped into reserves to purchase new water meters for the entire city. We are currently installing the new meters and are nearing completion of this project. It will be a few months before we can determine how effective the new water meters are at accounting for water usage.

With the new tax, the Water Department would be able to construct much needed storage facilities to store chemicals used to treat the water. This one step would allow us to buy chemicals in bulk, thereby, saving as much as 75% of the cost. We would be able to buy leak detectors to find the leaks we now have. We would be able to buy cameras to snake through the pipes to see where any future breaks might occur. We would be able to buy a jetter to clear sewer lines, versus renting one. We could set up our own lab to test the water, thereby, saving the city \$60,000 a year.

The purchase of an electrical generator would allow the sewer plant to generate its own electricity during peak demand times when the cost of electricity is high, saving the city money in the long run. Together these changes will save us almost \$150,000 a year. There are many city needs that could be met by this tax increase. Without it, everyone's sewer rates would go up by 35% and our infrastructure issues will continue.

The other component of the 1% tax is that one-quarter of that will go to the operation and repair of the Auditorium. There are a number of repairs that should soon be made to the exterior to preserve integrity of the building. The one-quarter

would provide more than \$250,000 annually to the Auditorium. The CAPC would receive none of the monies the tax generates for the Aud.

The tax will allow formation of an Auditorium Committee composed of qualified citizens from the city who will administer the revenue. The commission will have the ability to hire a director to oversee day-to-day operation of the Aud, and search out new productions to bring to town. The \$110,000 the CAPC now spends on the Aud would be converted to an account to pay for new productions for the Aud. The CAPC would also continue to promote the Aud through budgeted line items.

By year three of the new tax, the CAPC would reduce its contribution from \$110,000 to \$55,000. This reduction in commitment to the Aud would allow the CAPC to begin the process of bringing a much needed parking facility to property

the city already owns on Main Street, less than one block from the Aud.

This facility would also provide much needed parking downtown and allow the city to grow. Revenue from a parking facility would become an excellent source of income for the city. A new parking structure could provide restrooms and an elevator to access the pedestrian bridge over Main Street. We have been discussing parking downtown since 1972, now is time to do something about it.

Our choice is clear. Vote for the tax and allow the city to address the issues that have been unattainable for the last few decades. The alternative is to have our rates for water and sewer go up by 35% while we continue to have infrastructure issues for decades to come. Please support a temporary ten-year tax to once and for all deal with some of our most pressing issues.

**James DeVito**

## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

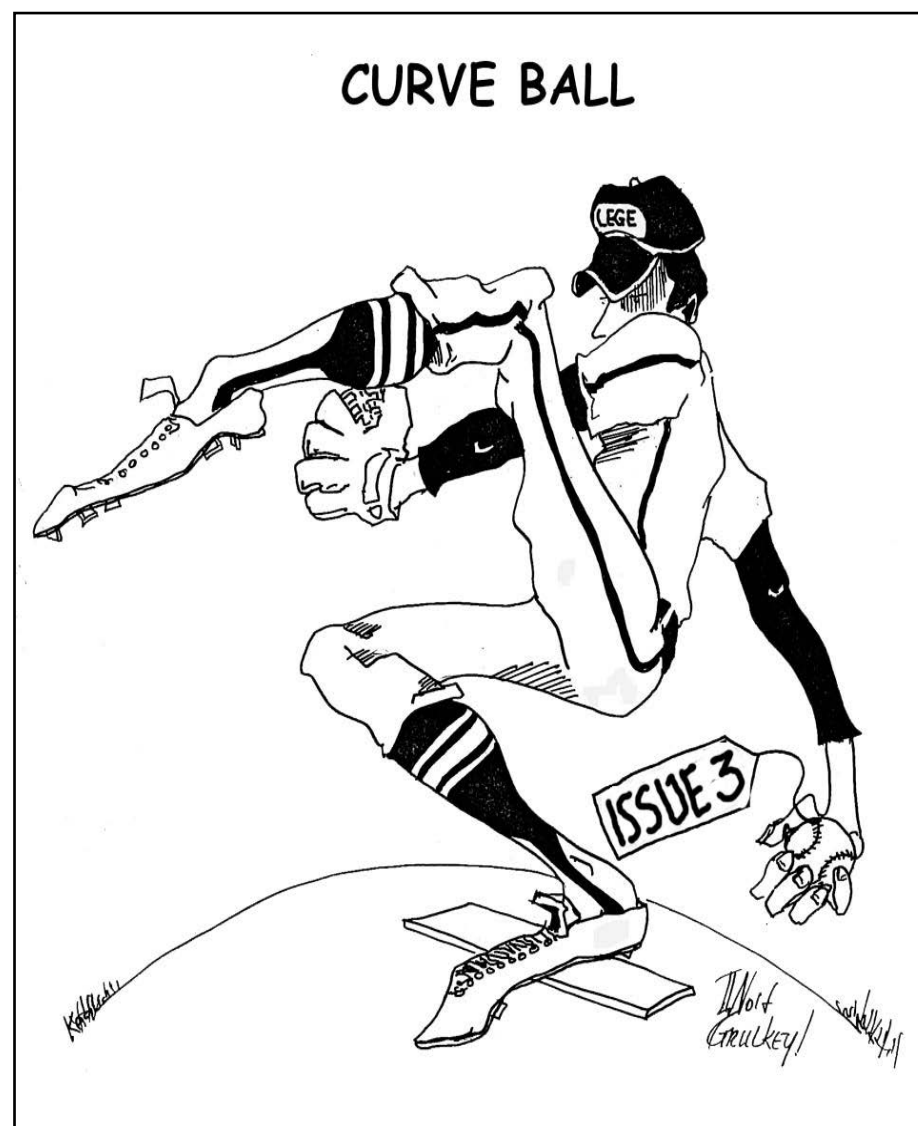
I am writing the third volume of the biography of the bookseller John Heartbreak. The title of this book is *John Heartbreak's Coffee is Cold*. "Cold" is a metaphor for... well, you get it.

The first volume, *Coffee with John Heartbreak: A Mostly True Story of Berryville, Arkansas*, focused on the East German Communist inspired architecture of the Berryville Town Square, and the chances of a serial killer finding true love therein. I am glad to say that the Berryville Town Square is undergoing significant revitalization as we speak, and pleased to think that *Coffee with John* inspired that renaissance.

The second volume, *Semi-Faithful: More Coffee with John Heartbreak*, converged on John's and Stephen Hawking's theories about memory as a form of time travel, and on John's adventures with the scholar and Warrior Queen Dr. Sharon Sloan. John and Sloan travel to Withered Plum, Missouri, to fandango a crooked televangelist for the purpose of saving Normal Christianity. *Semi-Faithful's* robust sales and its enthusiastic critical response (thank you, mom and Ed) compels a 3<sup>rd</sup> and final volume.

*John Heartbreak's Coffee is Cold* is that final volume. In it I will summarize Heartbreak's experiences as a bad Catholic living in the Protestant Wonderland of the South, and describe his encounters with the wizards, mimes, magicians, and occasional saints who operate and exist within that dumbfounding space. And we'll discover how a dour and phlegmatic Minnesotan learned to love and cope (cope cope cope) with the ebulliently self-impressed and infallible natives of Northwest Arkansas.

To make *John Heartbreak's Coffee is Cold* as accurate and reflective of John Heartbreak's life as possible, please contact me if you know John Heartbreak, know of a story that involves him, or possess images or materials such as photographs or letters. I am authorized by the Heartbreak family to use these materials and will be grateful to receive them. I will also include your experiences with John in the book itself because your story is important – and more important, because people whose name appears in a book are reliable buyers of the book. You may contact me in any way that is mutually convenient.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

• **Support Group** for those with **Parkinson’s** and their caregivers the first Wednesday of each month at ECHO Community Room at 10 a.m. For questions email Sally: [sarahg@arkansas.net](mailto:sarahg@arkansas.net) or call (479) 981-1587. First meeting is Nov. 2.

# INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

## OCTOBER 17

2:25 p.m. – Daughter told ESPD her mother did not answer the door for her nutrition specialists and her phone went straight to voice mail, so the daughter requested a welfare check. Constable on patrol went to the mother’s address and spoke with her. She was fine.

3:24 p.m. – Individual asked for a welfare check on his friend. The constable did not find the friend but learned he was gone to see a doctor.

3:38 p.m. – Staff at a motel reported an apparently abandoned vehicle. Constable made contact with the owner who promised to have the vehicle towed.

8:50 p.m. – A mother received a text message from her daughter asking for help. Constable responded to the daughter’s residence, and the daughter told him she sent the text accidentally.

## OCTOBER 18

9:28 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license. A passenger was arrested on a warrant for failure to pay a fine.

9:45 a.m. – Owner of a tourist lodging claimed someone broke into a cottage and stole things.

4:26 p.m. – Individual rescued a loose and unattended dog on Hwy. 23 South and brought it to her house. The dog bit a boy, so Animal Control picked up the animal and put in quarantine.

## OCTOBER 19

11:23 a.m. – Animal Control picked up another dog roaming near US 62 and brought it to the kennel.

12:10 p.m. – Woman reported she noticed damage to her vehicle after she returned home from a visit to Eureka Springs. Constable filed a report.

2:20 p.m. – Two concerned witnesses called regarding a male suspiciously looking into vehicles in a parking lot. Constable went to the scene but did not encounter the subject.

11:06 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

## OCTOBER 20

4:11 p.m. – Individual told ESPD his friend who had recently been in the hospital was not responding to calls or answering his door. Constable went to the address and discovered the friend had been dining with neighbors.

8:29 p.m. – Worried caller claimed two men who were near the garage of a neighbor across the street had triggered the motion lights, and the neighbor was supposedly not home. Constable responded and learned the neighbor was home and deer had set off the motion lights.

10:40 p.m. – Resident said she returned home to find the channel on her television had been changed.

## OCTOBER 21

11:46 a.m. – Constable filed a stolen vehicle report. 4:37 p.m. – Clerk at a motel reported suspicious activity involving a guest. Constable went to the

motel and the guest left in a taxi.

5:15 p.m. – ESPD was advised of two shoplifters headed toward town on US 62. Constables watched for the vehicle and assisted the other agency with arrest of the two individuals.

8:36 p.m. – Another call for assistance with a high speed chase on US 62 from the east. The chase eventually turned onto Hwy. 23. South where a neighboring agency made the arrest.

10:20 p.m. – A trespassing suspect was arrested on a Berryville warrant for Class C felony forgery.

10:52 p.m. – Constables checked out a burglary alarm at a business and found the building secure.

## OCTOBER 22

2:44 a.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for DWI, driving left of center, speeding and no proof of insurance.

3:59 a.m. – There was a noise complaint at a tourist lodging.

5:51 a.m. – Someone noticed a suspicious vehicle near a business at the early hour.

11:43 a.m. – Erratic driver crossed the centerline more than once, and the constable on patrol issued a warning to the driver.

11:51 p.m. – There was a hit and run accident in the parking lot of a bar.

## OCTOBER 23

12:34 a.m. – Individual had not been seen for a couple hours. She was later found at a nearby motel.

2:11 a.m. – Constables responded to the report of a disturbance and arrested one person on an ESPD warrant for violating the hot check law.

8:20 a.m. – Two individuals at an inn were verbally altercation. Constable arrived. Altercating ceased.

1:30 p.m. – Theft occurred at a hotel.

2:40 p.m. – Theft occurred at a downtown shop.

8 p.m. – A resident complained about a neighbor blowing leaves into his yard. Constable informed the resident it was a civil matter.

10:48 p.m. – Constable searched for a reportedly injured deer in a neighborhood but did not find it.

11:43 p.m. – Individual who appeared to be intoxicated was knocking on the doors of a Bed & Breakfast north of downtown. Constables found him sitting on a nearby front porch and arrested him on an ESPD warrant for failure to pay.

## OCTOBER 24

6:51 a.m. – Jogger claimed someone made threatening comments toward him. Constables searched for but did not find the threatener.

## Getting out the vote

The Eureka Springs for Hillary group is providing transportation to the Eureka Springs and Berryville polls starting with early voting on October 24 each day through Election Day Nov. 8. For rides to early voting call (479) 244-5030, for Election Day assistance call (479) 253-6104.



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## HDC removes final hurdle to demolition at Community Center

NICKY BOYETTE

It took three tries, but the Eureka Springs Community Center Foundation got approval from the Historic District Commission for the redesigned plan for razing building B-100 on the Community Center property as long as at least 1500 of the glass blocks from the building will be repurposed into a wall of the proposed bandshell on the property.

Al Larson, a member of the Eureka Springs School Board and the Community Center Foundation board, represented the application. Larson first appeared at the Sept. 7 HDC meeting informing the commission that engineers had told the Foundation it would be very expensive to keep the glass block corner of the original building since it would not stand on its own without the other walls and roof to support it, and any buttresses would be off the Community Center property. Larson said engineers proposed disassembling the glass block wall and repurposing the blocks in a wall for the bandshell in a location more central to that edge of the property. Commissioners asked for more details.

At the Oct. 5 meeting, Larson presented new artist's renderings of the stage toward the center of the property instead of in the corner. Commissioners, still not satisfied, asked Larson to return with a more specific artist's rendering of the how the blocks would be used in the bandshell, and at this meeting Larson complied, displaying several renderings of what the bandshell might look like with the blocks in place.

Chair Dee Bright asked Larson if the commission could come to see the disassembled glass blocks after they are taken down. Commissioner Melissa Greene asked if 2000 blocks could be saved. Larson replied the specs that bids are based on call for 1500 blocks to be saved, cleaned up and palletized for storage until bandshell construction. He said he could ask for more than 1500 to be saved, but bids have already been submitted.

Greene told Larson she appreciated what CCF is doing to respect the property, but the building, flawed as it was, was a historic icon for the town, "and it hurts to lose it."

Commissioner Doug Breitling commented the specs for demolition have

been bid, so it might difficult to save more than 1500 blocks. He moved to approve the revised demolition plan with the glass blocks being reused as part of the planned bandshell with the proviso commissioners would be able to see the blocks as they are being stored.

Commissioners approved Breitling's motion.

Commissioners approved these two items on the consent Agenda:

- 4 Summit – new storm windows, screen doors, fencing
- 36 Elk – new paint color

Consent Agenda items are Level I

applications that the City Preservation Officer believes to be in accordance with the Design Guidelines.

Bright presented these Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair and work involving no changes in materials or color but which include changes in roofing color.

- 78 Wall – re-roof
- 11 Howell – extend COA for painting
- 263 Spring – repaint

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m.



### Rotarians select dazzling student

– Justin Ermert, a senior at Eureka Springs High School, has been named Eureka Springs Rotary Student of the month for September. Justin is an Eagle Scout and has attended Arkansas Boys State and National Youth Leadership Training.

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remote location of the Freeman-Raney Plant was a concern because staff now manually monitor parts of the operation, so they would need safeguards in place for monitoring the mixing of chemicals, for example.

He also intends to either refurbish or upgrade pumps in the next year, and consider the benefits of a pH adjustment.

#### Filter issue

Attorney Dan Bowers informed the board there have been problems with early deterioration of the coating on walls of the filters. After many meetings to determine who would be responsible for the considerable cost of recoating filter walls, they tested an area and Bowers stated they might be close to an answer. However, there is a statute of limitations deadline looming, so he arranged for a preemptive lawsuit to be filed, and now the parties are not speaking. He said once they have the accurate figures, they could negotiate

with the other attorneys to find something mutually agreeable. He will report back to the board.

#### Financial planning

Hammond told the board he had worked with Connell and Office Manager Cathy Klein to prepare a financial outlook for the plant for the next few years. His figures indicated catching up on deferred maintenance might cost \$4.8 million and they could plan to spread the cost over five or ten years, but it should be accounted for. He said, "You've been doing well keeping costs and rates low. Next you must figure out how to use your money going forward."

Yates replied that he wants to implement a systematic, planned maintenance program to repair equipment every year. "We need to get our equipment into good shape within five years," he commented.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 19, at 10 a.m., at the Freeman-Raney Water Treatment Plant.

# Reece and Barr vie for Carroll County Judge

BECKY GILLETTE

This Carroll County election has many municipal, county and even state elected officials running unopposed. But the race for the top administrator in the county, county judge, has drawn two candidates. Current Carroll County Judge Sam Barr, who has held the position since 2009, is being opposed by Charlie Reece, current mayor of Green Forest.

Reece is running as a Republican, Barr a Democrat. But Barr said, "I don't think you can accuse me of being either one, a Democrat or Republican. I feel honored and blessed to have been able to work for Carroll County. In 2009 when I first took office, we had an ice storm. I manned a chainsaw myself for six hours so people could get out and get groceries."

Barr said the county responded well to the largest natural disaster in the state's history, the 2009 ice storm.

"We didn't hire an outside contractor," Barr said. "We worked out a little more than \$3 million in restoration work."

Barr said FEMA paid about 75 percent of the recovery costs, the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management 12.5 percent, and the remaining 12.5 percent was paid for by the county.

Barr said his primary responsibility is taking care of county properties and roads. "The Quorum Court has final say on how much money we get, how many people we can use and what we pay them," he said.

In the past there has been some resentment in Eureka Springs that the part of the county west of the Kings Rivers pays the most property taxes, but doesn't receive a proportionate return in services. Barr said he tries to be fair with everybody.

"If they search my records, they will see I've tried to distribute the work and the



BARR



REECE

money as fair as I could on both sides of the county," Barr, who oversees 27 county employees, said. "I just try to help anybody I can. If I have the money and they need it done, I try to get it done no matter who it is."

"I get up and go to the road department every morning to visit with the boys before they go to work, and then I come to the office about 8 a.m.," Barr said. "I feel like our people have done more roads than have ever been done before."

## The other man who wants the job

Charlie Reece has been mayor of Green Forest for seven years, and says extensive business management experience will serve him well as county judge.

"We need good management," Reece said. "That is pure and simple. I can do a lot to improve managing of people and tasks. I was a regional director of operations for Red Lobster, and at times managed up to 4,000 employees and \$100 million in sales. I was later President/CEO of Mama's Café in San Antonio. It was on the brink of bankruptcy and I brought them back to solvency in one year. Then I was asked to come back to work for Red Lobster."

Reece was elected mayor in 2009 and had no opposition in the most recent election. He said when he was first elected, things were chaotic in the city, such as council micromanaging administrative tasks that

should have been left to the mayor.

"The council was doing things they weren't supposed to and not paying attention to what they should do allocating money and approving contracts," Reece said. "The city was on the verge of not meeting payroll and now we have \$3.5 million in reserves. I made a deal with the voters in Green Forest to get rid of 3.5 mills of property tax if they would vote for a sales tax. They voted it in, and with those sales taxes allocated to police and fire, we have purchased body cams and a new fleet of vehicles for the police, new fire trucks and turnouts [fireproof clothing] for our volunteer firefighters. We have been really successful with that sale tax increase."

As county judge, Reece said he would work to improve management by updating software in the county "to bring us into the 21st century." He would institute personnel reviews on a regular basis that could be used to help improve performance. He also pledged to have regular meetings with citizens throughout the county.

"I will always listen to people," he said.

"That is one of my skills. It is essential to talk with citizens if you are a public servant."

Reece said voters have been asking him about his position on the county joining the federal Flood Insurance Program that provides coverage in flood zones. This has been opposed by the Carroll County Quorum Court in the past because of concerns about being told by the federal government where and how to build on private land.

"But 65 of the 75 counties in Arkansas already have it, so I would like to know if there is a good reason why Carroll County shouldn't have it," Reece said. "I want to talk to counties that have taken it and see how it has worked for them. We need to do something. It should be up to the voters."

Barr said he doesn't have a say in the issue.

"That is up to the Quorum Court," Barr said. "The Quorum Court are the lawmakers of the county and I don't have a vote. I just preside over the meetings. From what I understand, I'm not supposed to say anything at the meetings unless I'm asked a direct question."

## Listen to the voices from a silent city

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

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## Spending freeze covers lower revenue

NICKY BOYETTE

Prior to Monday evening's regular meeting, Eureka Springs City Council held a budget workshop where Mayor Butch Berry said even though tax revenue is not what had been expected, the city is above water because of the spending freeze imposed in the spring.

Alderman David Mitchell asked if there had been progress regarding uncompensated care by the Fire Department. He said there was "a lot of money we did not collect on."

Berry said some of the debt was four or five years old and has been written off.

Mitchell responded the city needs a better collection agency. "Here we are now a long ways away, and nothing

has happened."

Finance Director Lonnie Clark said the process of finding billing and collection agencies is in process.

"It is revenue for the city," Mitchell observed, "and I can't say anything nice about what has happened, so I won't say anything."

Alderman Terry McClung asked about the status of the ESFD Ambulance Service contract with the Western Carroll County Ambulance District. Berry reported the contract would go out for bids, and at least two other services are interested. ESFD is looking into options for what to do if they lose the contract.

Berry mentioned that some cities, Berryville for one, put their city attorney on salary. Eureka Springs pays City

Attorney Tim Weaver \$150 per meeting plus for time he spends on ESPD and other city issues.

Alderman James DeVito mentioned there had been times when past councils saved money by not having the city attorney at meetings, but response around the table was the cost was worth it because of the problems council encountered without an attorney in attendance.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick noticed it was worth exploring alternative ways of paying the city attorney.

Clark said he asked all department heads for a "flat or less" 2017 budget, and has received all but two department budgets in preparation for the city's 2017 budget. Berry advised council there would not be much change from this year's budget.

## COMMENTARY

### Arkansas ballot issues: Some guidance

BECKY GILLETTE

On Nov. 8, in addition to choosing candidates for national, state and local elections, there are seven state ballot issues to consider.

To carefully consider each ballot issue, Google Arkansas ballot issues 2016 to find a non-partisan, 52-page guide to the ballot issues prepared by the Cooperative Extension Service. If you don't have time for that, the following are recommendations on the ballot issues: Vote "For" on Issues 1, 2, 6 and 7. Vote "Against" Issue 3. Action by the Arkansas Supreme Court nullifies votes for Issues 4 and 5, so they won't be counted.

Ballot issues with the most interest locally appear to be Issue 6, the Medicinal Marijuana Amendment, and Issue 7, the Medicinal Cannabis Act. Vote for both of them. If supporters of medical marijuana/cannabis are split between the two ballot issues, neither will pass. Medical marijuana/cannabis failed in Arkansas by a very narrow margin in 2012, and in 2016, with medicinal cannabis legal in half the states in the country, the issue would have had a much greater chance of being approved if there weren't been two competing ballot issues.

One problem is that some voters might not be familiar with the word "cannabis." Those could vote for medicinal marijuana and against medicinal cannabis.

If both issues pass, the issue with the most votes will prevail.

Most local residents in favor of Natural Medicine for the Natural State prefer Issue 7, which has non-profit provisions and allows patients to grow their own under certain circumstances, over Issue 6, which seems to favor profiteering from medical marijuana more than making sure the medicine is affordable.

"To those inclined to pick and choose on 6 and 7, I understand," *Arkansas Times* Editor Max Brantley wrote in a recent blog. "But I don't want to let the perfect be the enemy of the good. The anti-pot crowd conquers by dividing those who favor access to cannabis for medical use."

The headline for Brantley's blog is, "Political establishment continues fight against pain relief."

"The well-orchestrated free media campaign to defeat getting medical marijuana in the hands of people who could benefit from it continues today," Brantley wrote. "The Arkansas Pharmacists Association has announced its opposition. The measure provides pain relief they wouldn't dispense."

"Also, today a group of state legislators will announce their opposition to Issues 6 and 7. They'll parrot, undoubtedly, the unsupported claim about state expense and the usual hoo-hah about gateway drugs and the like."

Brantley said Gov. Asa Hutchinson, a long-time supporter of the Drug War Industrial Complex, is doing everything he can to stop it.

"Remember, too, that the establishment that opposes pain relief for people is also pushing to give away your tax money to wealthy businesses and corporate lobbyists who are fighting Issues 6 and 7," Brantley said. "So, while voting FOR Issues 6 and 7, VOTE NO on ISSUE 3."

Issue 3 would remove the limits on how much debt the State of Arkansas can take on to fund corporate welfare. We've already seen the state plow \$125 million into the Big River Steel, which some are referring to as the Big Steal, plant allowing a company to use taxpayer handouts to compete with an

existing industry in the area.

No blank checks for "economic development." Vote "Against" Issue 3.

Vote "For" Issue 1 to extend the terms of county elected officials from two to four years beginning with 2018 elections. That would put Arkansas in line with the terms common in most other states and give elected officials more time to do their job instead of having to campaign every two years. Offices affected would include the county judge, sheriff, assessor, treasurer, coroner, county surveyor, tax collector, circuit clerk and county clerk.

Issue 2: Vote "For." This would allow the Arkansas governor to retain powers and duties when out of state. With today's instant communication possible, it is no longer necessary for the governor to relinquish powers when leaving the state.

There is also one ballot issue for Carroll County on establishing an ambulance district for the eastern part of the county. We already have one in the western part of the county, and see no reason not to support this for people east of Kings River. Only voters east of the river will have this on their ballots.

Early voting started Monday and continues through Nov. 7.

To see a sample ballot, go [voterview.org](http://voterview.org), click on registration information on the lower left, fill in your name and birth date, and then click on the search button. Then click on the sample ballot for your ward. Voters here in Carroll County might be surprised to find Hillary Clinton listed as the eighth candidate out of eight candidates for presidents. According to the Secretary of State's office, the ballot order in each county is determined with a drawing.



**Elks select excellent students, too** – Congratulations to Heidi Kirk and JM Gregg, pictured with Dr. Brown of the Elk's Lodge, being named the Elk's Lodge Students of the quarter. The students were nominated by staff based on dedication to academics, athletics, volunteerism in their community and overall character. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

## Cemetery needs to liven up budget

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Bob Thomas, who has sat on the Cemetery Commission for the past six months, gave a brief history of the Eureka Springs cemetery at the Oct. 25 city council meeting. He pointed out when the Auditorium opened in 1929, the cemetery was already 50 years old, and more than 4000 people are buried there.

Thomas said the cemetery has operated on a shoestring budget for years. He said he had regularly walked through the cemetery and has seen past commissioners and family members on the grounds mowing the grass and cleaning up.

The commission now employs two part-time employees during the warmer months to mow and maintain things, with only one during the winter.

The cemetery is one of the city's most historical and most overlooked sites, Thomas said, suggesting that if the one percent tax passes, the city will be saving the \$50,000 per year it now spends on upkeep of the Auditorium. He proposed the city dedicate \$10,000 a year for the next ten years to the Cemetery Commission for capital improvements.

Berry said there would be more to discuss on this topic after the Nov. 8 election.

## Council odds and ends

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Bob Thomas suggested at Monday's meeting that council have its own travel and training budget. He pointed out that historically, aldermen have depended on the mayor's budget for attending Municipal League conferences, for example. Thomas said he paid his own way in the past because he does not think the mayor gets to decide if an alderman can go to training. Aldermen agreed they could address this issue during upcoming budget discussions.

### B&Bs more than just a bed

Chair Pat Lujan of the Planning Commission addressed aldermen on recommended changes to City Code regarding Bed & Breakfasts. Council quickly realized they did not have the document Lujan referenced, so they agreed to table discussion until the next meeting so that everyone would be reading from the same page.

However, during Public Comments, Barbara Gavron commented she is hearing that the R-1 zone will become totally residential, and that is not what it was built for. She maintained there is plenty housing in town, but B&Bs are disappearing, and

without B&Bs, restaurants will disappear as well. She said the town already has enough regulations for B&Bs.

Sandra Smith said B&B owners take dilapidated properties and fix them up, and B&Bs are an asset to the community. She contended B&Bs bring the "upper end guests" to town and without them restaurants are bound to suffer.

### Paying for the judge

Aldermen passed Resolution 692, which authorizes the mayor to execute a proportionate share agreement for paying for the district court judge. The city will be paying \$8,378 annually, which is less than it had been paying.

Next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m.

## 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 there will be 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.

## Good Shepherd board meeting

The next board meeting for the Good Shepherd Humane Society will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 1 p.m. at LeStick Restaurant, 63 Spring Street. All are welcome.

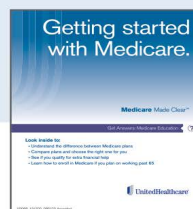
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As the Sun enters Scorpio we all of a sudden enter the autumn festivals, especially Halloween (the day after Scorpio new moon), All Souls and All Saints Days. Halloween, or Dia de los Muertos, initiates the three-day festival of ghosts, goblins and spirits, good and bad, allowed to pierce the veils separating worlds. We greet the spirits, especially relatives and little ones (angels) with altars of food, marigolds, candles, flowers, copal (incense) and prayers of greeting. Skeletons glide by, appear as candies and sweet treats, while in dark places things go “bump in the night.” The festivals (of

light) for the “dark half of the year” have begun.

Both Sun and Mercury are in Scorpio. Hermes (Mercury), the messenger, sends information to humanity via the Sun. It’s a message, concerning Scorpio’s Nine Tests of the personality, given each year at this time, preparing us for discipleship (Scorpio & Sag), service (Capricorn & Aquarius) and saving the world (Pisces). Mars provides the tests as Pluto transforms us. With Mercury in Scorpio, communication (ours/others) can be unconsciously unkind, merciless, cruel and heartless leading us to study Non-violent Communication or

Compassionate Communication techniques. So that we may know and learn about the virtues of kind speech.

In this festival time of dark and light, death and life, I want to acknowledge a death in our family – Joy Takahashi – an adopted daughter in our family who died Oct. 16 due to illness, homelessness, poverty, joblessness and malnutrition. Joy’s death points out a grave social illness in our country in terms of the homeless, many of which are families with children. Joy was a joyful being. Ohm Mani Padme Hum. Goodbye, Joy.

**ARIES:** Finances and resources, personal and with others, are highlighted. Careful attention is needed along with concentration, efficiency, economy and strength. Apply these virtues daily with a slow consistent rhythm. You may uncover more resources. So many things are hidden during Scorpio. Remember others who have much less. Share and tithe. Tithing creates great abundance.

**TAURUS:** You want to move consistently into the future with new ideas and plans but there are so few who understand, few with your illumined vision, and even fewer with your force of will and stamina. Always you strive for poise during transition times while sending prayerful requests for able, intelligent and financial assistance to manifest. Your research illumines our minds. Your prayers prepare the field.

**GEMINI:** Deep feelings, emerging from early life at home are playing out in your daily life. Be careful of thoughts, actions and communication. Careful that you don’t become project onto others your pain. Don’t hide your vulnerability because everyone will become vulnerable, too. Sharing any sadness eases barriers obstructing heart-felt communication and contact. You want love. Love comes from contact. We are all learning this.

**CANCER:** You may experience stress and over responsibility in your daily life as more and more tasks seem to be appearing. Along with a sense to prepare for something and to bring balance into daily life. These changes reflect the pulse of the humanity. It’s good to remain within the safety of home. Make changes in small ways. When viewing the big picture offer compassion and dispassion. Children bring both hard work and blessings.

**LEO:** Two things are happening to you. A sense of great creativity and then a pulling back. You may feel separated from others as if certain resources are hiding from you. You very intuitive, so observe your thoughts. Is your daily life feeling like a transformation is about to occur? Are financial needs being served? A sudden revelation occurs which expands you into other worlds. Take us with you.

**VIRGO:** Small changes occur in your personal life. Money may feel abundant and then there’s a desire to run away from something restricting you at home. It feels like the seeds of the future, life-changing, are breaking through. You’re restless for emotional and financial independence. Moving forward comes slowly. Allow inner spiritual intentions to hold you. Transformation arrives for a long visit.

**LIBRA:** You’re called to a past situation and then to a present-future one. Something unusual has occurred that blends the two. The past remains for a while so you can liberate it. Always be kind, in all circumstances.

Libra holds a scale. One side may contain judgment, the other love. One keeps you spiritually lonely. The other shifts you into a loving community. Can you identify the two sides and where you’re positioned? Forgiveness is alchemical. The past needs it from you.

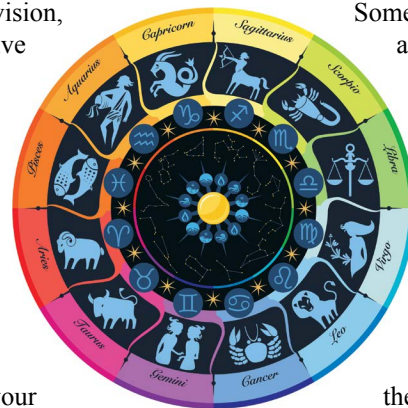
**SCORPIO:** For about a year, you will participate in a deep internal expansion, producing changes, all creating your upcoming future. It comes with a revelatory impact. As this occurs, be aware of a need to serve others. Be aware of growing compassion and becoming, if you choose to be, a model for others. As Scorpio is the warrior of the zodiac, you’re prepared for the coming times where the death of the old finally occurs. Strength will be called upon.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You’re restless, yet duty-bound, responsible yet rebellious, seeking security yet craving freedom, pleased yet dissatisfied and stimulated by conflicts. You’re a paradox. Contradictions create tensions, revelations, new psychologically insights. Don’t push them aside. They reveal the Harmony Through Conflict process that Sag works through to bring new consciousness forth. It’s best to work in groups now.

**CAPRICORN:** Do you feel pulled between self needs and needs of others? Are recent events upsetting home, family and relationships? Capricorns have Pluto and Mars influencing them. Very potent experiences may occur. You are on the “cross” of change. It’s imperative to share with trusted others so you do not feel alone. Consider (you and family) studying Compassionate Communication techniques (non-violent communication). It brings forth the language of love.

**AQUARIUS:** Some Aquarians are experiencing great work success. Some will be traveling seeking community. Both are experiencing recognition, expanded social and work reputations, financial responsibilities, while developing new business or life plans. Aquarians are climbing the ladder of success in their own unusual ways, doing more than they thought capable. And succeeding. Keep going.

**PISCES:** You need flexibility in great amounts as interruptions and unexpected events are occurring in daily life, family life, geographically and in terms of self-identity. You cannot prepare for what will happen. You can only soothe the waters with knowledge that what occurs is redesigning your life in ways you could never have designed yourself. You’re capable, sensitive, sensible and smart. And being looked after. Go to church.



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**COUNCIL - FOOD TRUCKS** continued from page 3

vendors who would work two nights a week downtown.

Sentiment, except for Schneider, was to reduce the possible number of permits to five.

"The whole reason was to have them downtown," Schneider protested. "You're wasting time if you pass this because you'll be sued." She insisted visitors would not

know if a food truck were somewhere down Main Street, and they would not drive there anyway and risk losing a parking spot. "The point was visitors," she said.

"What you want, you're not going to get," Thomas said to Schneider.

"Our responsibility is to the people," she replied. "It will fail, and you're responsible," she tossed back.

Aldermen and Smith strategized how,

after the five property owners are chosen by lottery, it would be possible for him to negotiate to operate at more than one location. It would be up to the property owners to make arrangements with the mobile vendors. Alderman Terry McClung pointed out if there are not enough vendors, some of the spots will be eliminated naturally.

More discussion led to other points in

the document being fine-tuned.

"I won't vote for anything that will get the city's ass sued off, and there are half a dozen lawsuits here," Schneider contended.

"We have over-argued this," Kendrick stated. "It [the ordinance] is ready to go," to which Schneider pointed to a perceived vagueness in Section 2.

Berry said the revised ordinance would be ready for the next council meeting.

**COUNCIL - TRAIL GRANT** continued from page 4

Alderman James DeVito wondered if things would not be simpler if the Foundation just got a performance bond. He figured the school board

would feel better about things as well. "Put a performance bond in here and be done with it," he commented.

Other comments percolated regarding the performance bond idea,

the lateness of the request and an unwillingness to put the city at risk. Mayor Butch Berry eventually suggested they simply say in the resolution that council supports the application. Aldermen liked

the idea, so City Attorney Tim Weaver took a moment to amend the resolution to say the city supports the director of the Parks Department to apply for the grant. Council approved it unanimously.

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American fingerstyle guitar virtuoso Richard Gilewitz on Sunday on Elk Street, and Club E at the old Center Stage between Center and Spring opens this weekend with events Saturday through Monday. Chelsea's switches things up with DJ Jeronimo on Halloween night.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

**BREWS** – Rocky Tallent, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 9 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – Rant, Rock, 9 p.m.

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

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

**LEGENDS SALOON** – Another Turn, Rock, 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

**2 WHEELS ON PIGTRAIL** – Slamboxx, Metal, 7 p.m.

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

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

**BREWS** – Buffalo Gals, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – Rant Unplugged, Rock, 8 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – Jeff Fox and Jed Clampit, Arkansas Jams, 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 Stan, 8 p.m.

**NEW DELHI** – Acoustic Refugee, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER** – Karaoke with Brock Entertainment, 8 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – Tightrope, Rock, 8 p.m.

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

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – James White, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.

**BREWS** – Eureka Music Revival, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – Dan Redmond and Joey, Americana, 8 p.m.

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### 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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## Eureka Springs' popular attraction commemorates golden year

A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Statue at the Great Passion Play Saturday, October 29 at 5 p.m. All are invited.

## Learning how to save on Medicare

Join others for a get-together on Nov. 1 at 1:30 p.m. at the Best Western Inn to learn more about Medicare and cost-saving programs. The free program is sponsored by UnitedHealthcare.

## Annual chili cook-off and cornbread contest

Inspiration Point Fire Department Auxiliary will host their 4<sup>th</sup> annual chili cook-off and cornbread contest on Saturday, Nov. 5 with judging beginning at 5 p.m. and serving at 6. The cook-off will be held at IPFD Station 1 on US 62 West and for \$8 you have your choice of chili, cornbread, iced tea, and dessert.

Entries are open only to Inspiration Point District residents. If you live in the district and are interested in entering contact Kathy Cottrell at cottrellsk@yahoo.com. Only the first 15 pots of chili and corn breads will be accepted for judging. A silent auction with donations and gift certificates from local merchants as well as district residents will be available for bids.

## Foot traffic receives precedence Halloween night

Vehicular traffic will be limited to local residents and those with lodging or dining destination on the Upper Historic Loop on Halloween evening. Officers will be posted at both ends of the Upper Historic Loop as well as reserves and volunteers along the Loop from 5 – 9 p.m.

## Ham it up

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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**CHELSEA'S** – *The Silver Shakers*, Americana, 9 p.m.  
**CLUB E** – *Wonderland Dance Party*, 9 p.m.  
**EUREKA LIVE!** – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.  
**GRAND TAVERNE** – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 6:30 p.m.  
**LEGENDS SALOON** – *Ponder the Albatross*, Rock, 9 p.m., *Halloween Costume Contest*, 11 p.m.  
**LE STICK** – *Pete Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.  
**NEW DELHI** – *Pete and Dave*, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER** – *Karaoke with Brock Entertainment*, 8 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Tightrope*, Rock, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

**ANGLER'S** – *Steve Pruitt*, Open Jam, 7 p.m.  
**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.  
**BREWS** – *Trivia*, 7 p.m.  
**CLUB E** – *Andy Frasco and the UN*, Party Rock, 8 p.m.  
**CRESCENT HOTEL SKY BAR** – *Voxana*, Americana, 5 p.m.  
**EUREKA HOUSE CONCERT** – *Richard Gilewitz*, American Fingerstyle, 6 p.m.  
**EUREKA LIVE!** – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 7 p.m.  
**NEW DELHI** – *Paul Price*, Harp Guitar, 12 – 4 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Dorrian Cross*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – *Steve Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.  
**CHELSEA'S** – *DJ Jeronimo*, 9 p.m.  
**CLUB E** – *Surprise DJ Halloween Dance Party*, 8 p.m.  
**CRESCENT HOTEL SKY BAR** – *Halloween Party with DJ Testube*, 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**BEREAN COFFEE HOUSE** – *Zach Winters*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.  
**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Los Roscoes*, Blues, 6 p.m.  
**CHELSEA'S** – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.



RANT play Chelsea's Thursday and Cathouse Friday.

## Local properties on airs

AETN will air a segment on the Beaver Store and Harris's Art Garden and Gallery on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. If you can't get AETN because you are on DISH or DirecTV, the show can be seen Nov. 3 at AETN.org or youtube.com.

## Sunday at EUUF

Reverend Jan K. Nielsen, minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Little Rock will conduct service on Oct. 30 at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,

17 Elk Street. Join at 11 a.m. for a program followed by refreshments. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Emilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

## 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. 27 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

## Kilman and Young at Eureka Fine Art

Eureka Fine Art Gallery member Ernie Kilman is the featured artist for the month of November. Guest three-dimensional artist Sherry Young joins him with an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 12 during the Second Saturday Gallery Stroll from 6 – 9 p.m.

Kilman will be debuting three new, never before seen paintings of the Ozark landscape and Young will show her new series of assemblages titled "Rhinestones and Rust."



Old Home Place Ernie Kilman – 2016 – oil on canvas



Untitled Sherry Young – 2016 – mixed media assemblage

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please contact Karen Welch, me or the shelter.

Already there is an area suffocated with black plastic. It's now ready to come to life with pollinator plants. The goal is to plant drought-tolerant native plants that don't require mowing, blowing, use of chemicals, fertilizers or fossil fuel use. Once they are established, they pretty much take care

of themselves and benefit butterflies, like Monarchs.

For more information on the benefits of native plants and how they too benefit against flooding, erosion and add biodiversity, please visit [www.grownative.org](http://www.grownative.org). Also consider renting from the library, *Bringing Nature Home*, by Doug Tallamy.

**Susan Pang Garfield**



**Living history** – The first performances of the Voices from Eureka’s Silent City brought crowds of people to learn about some of the many characters who now rest in the Eureka Springs cemetery. One of the first stops for the tours was to meet Ora Obenshain. *PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*



**Coops leave the coop** – MINI Coopers rolled down Spring Street after being summoned to Eureka Springs for the annual MINI in the Ozarks event. Bystanders got to enjoy a load of candy being tossed with great aim and finesse.

*PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*



**Down and dirty** – Carroll County Master Gardeners Linda Rogers, Karen Welch, Donna Sartoris, Brenda Webb and Mariellen Griffith (not pictured) worked in the gardens of Little Lake Eureka and the Heritage Garden of the Historical Museum in Eureka Springs on Oct. 17.

*PHOTO SUBMITTED*

## Metafizzies explore Buddhist reality

The Oct. 31 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature author and meditation teacher Leigh Brasington speaking on reality from a Buddhist perspective. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

## DEPARTURES

### Gary Burleson Dec. 3, 1945 – Oct. 23, 2016

Gary Burleson of Eagle Rock, Mo., was born Dec. 3, 1945 in Los Angeles, Calif., son of J. Conrad and Ida Lee (Cytron) Burleson. He departed this life Sunday, October 23, 2016, in Berryville, Ark., at age 70.

Gary proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Era. He was a member

of the American Legion and VFW. He really enjoyed NASCAR and was a fan of the Raiders.

On June 17, 1972 he was united in marriage with Mary Ellen (Eagerton) Burleson, who survives him. He is also survived by three sons, Willard Moore, Joseph Moore and Christopher Moore; several grandchildren and close friends, Rusty and Sharon See.

He is preceded in death by his parents J. Conrad and Ida Lee (Cytron) Burleson.

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](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

### Memorial services for Kay Mann

Memorial services for Kay Mann, a resident of Carroll County for 40 years, will be held at the United Methodist Church in Eureka Springs on Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. Kay’s family, son Rick and wife, Connie; granddaughter Emily and grandson Adam and his wife, Brittany, all from Elkhart, Ind., will be present.

Kay died July 14 and the family chose to wait until Adam was on leave from the military.

Pastor Blake Lasater will officiate at the service and Rev. Clare Kelley of the Holiday Island Presbyterian Church, will assist. Rev. Bob Huston, retired and a very close friend of Kay’s will

participate. A brief fellowship and refreshment time will follow the service.

Inurnment will be private to the family. All friends and acquaintances are invited to the Memorial Service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Methodist Church.

## A man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a blue shirt, a tan jacket, and a blue baseball cap with a yellow logo, is holding a large striped bass. He is wearing sunglasses and has a goatee. The fish is large, with prominent dark stripes along its side and a white belly. The background shows a body of water, a shoreline with trees, and a clear blue sky. The man is standing on a boat, and the fish is being held horizontally in front of him.

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## PERSONALS

*Dear parents,*  
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**HKP** – Magic bullet? Casing? Big adventures on your end. Nothing so exciting here. The cat escaped the house twice in a week, the home heating unit stopped working, three drain lines leak under the house and while I was under the house with spider webs, a mouse ran by. Yikes!

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is unable to schedule vacation leave for the employee. Advance planning should prevent this need. Compensation under this form shall require approval of the Mayor's office upon a written request from the employee and the department head.”

There is no record of a written request from the employees involved. Clark said there are no letters, just memos approving vacation carryover signed by Pate on the anniversary dates of employment for Hyatt and Williams.

“When they retired, the payments were for vacation and sick leave combined,” Clark said. “In Rhys's case, his pay was computed according to the handbook and applicable state law. The amount was coded to the applicable expense in the financials and the budget was adjusted at year's end according to normal procedures and the final year end budget was approved by council. In Chief Hyatt's case, his pay was computed according to the handbook and applicable state law and was budgeted, since we knew in advance, and the budget was approved by council.”

The payouts came prior to belt tightening at the city. Earlier this year Berry instituted a hiring and spending freeze on all nonoperational essential expenditures due to cash flow problems.

“We have been running tight on our budget for several years,” Berry said. “This [vacation pay] was just taking more out of the general fund.”

Berry said clarification of vacation policies would be included in the new Personnel Policy Handbook.

“We are asking all the departments to review their policies and come back and make changes,” Berry said. “Approval of the new Personnel Policy Handbook has to be taken up by city council.”

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Clark said the number of days of vacation received depend on how long the employee has worked for the city. In the case of Williams and Hyatt, they received 240 hours (six weeks) of vacation time annually. Clark said the amount of vacation time is set by state law.

“It is not just us giving them this cushy deal,” Clark said. “The state mandates it, so we have to comply.”

Police and fire department employees who have been employed one to four years receive 120 hours of vacation pay annually, and from five to nine years, 160 hours. For ten or more years, they get 200 hours of vacation time annually. Police and fire chiefs get an additional 40 hours annually.

Clark said police and fire employees' vacation time starts to accrue when they go to work, and can be taken when it is approved by the police or fire chief. Other personnel start to accrue vacation when they start to work, but can't take it until they have worked a year.

Non-uniformed, non-commissioned, full-time employees receive 80 hours of vacation time for one to four years of employment; five to nine years, 120 hours; and ten or more years, 160 hours. Exempt non-uniformed public employees with one to four years continuous service receive 120 hours of vacation; five to nine years, 160 hours; and ten or more years, 200 hours.

According to state code, law enforcement officers accumulate 20 days of sick leave per year beginning one year after the date of employment. “If unused, sick leave shall accumulate to a maximum of 60 days unless the city or town, by ordinance, authorizes the accumulation of a greater amount, in no event to exceed a maximum accumulation of 90 days, except for the purpose of computing years of service for retirement purposes.”

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