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This week's Independent thinker

At four years old, Mikaila Ulmer was stung by two bees in one week, yet she moved beyond her fear of bees to become a 12-year-old middle school student with a thriving lemonade business.



Mikaila uses her great-grandmother's recipe that sweetens the lemonade with honey, which is healthier. Her business is based in Austin, and she sells her lemonade brand, Me & the Bees, in 55 Whole Foods stores among others. Ulmer donates profits to aid projects that combat colony collapse disorder.

To date, the television show *Shark Tank* has awarded her \$60,000, and ten current or former pro football players have invested more than \$800,000 to her project.

So the lesson would be when life gives you bee stings, make lemonade.

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Cute kids and stuffed animals –

Pictured are Henry and Lydia Watson holding stuffed animals made by Jae Avenoso, July's special guest three-dimensional artist at Eureka Fine Art Gallery. The Gallery is also having a special group show for the month of July including new works by Barbara Robinson, Ernie Kilman, John Rankine, Larry Mansker, Drew Gentle and John Willer. The photos were taken during the Second Saturday Gallery Stroll on July 8, when the gallery quickly filled for the event.

PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO



City Clerk, two aldermen walk out of Monday's council meeting

NICKY BOYETTE

For the second meeting in a row, Eureka Springs city council got wobbly early. Alderman David Mitchell moved to add to the agenda “Code of Conduct as it relates individually to councilperson Mickey Schneider and associated behavior of City Clerk Ann Armstrong.” Vote to add the item was 5-1, Schneider voting No.

Following that was Approval of the Agenda, which is when the wheels began dropping off the wagon altogether.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick had objected at the previous council meeting to how the minutes had been written. Kendrick stated council had voted early in the year to abide by *Robert's Rules of Order*, which states minutes should report what was done, not necessarily what was said. Therefore, she had objected to minutes submitted by Armstrong for the June 12 meeting and had provided minutes she had rewritten according to her reading of *RRO*.

Before council Monday evening was approval of the same minutes for June 12 that City Clerk Ann Armstrong had presented before, and Kendrick pointed out her suggestions were not represented.

Armstrong replied that in one year someone who wants

to be City Clerk/Treasurer can apply to campaign for her job, but until her term is up, she will continue to do the job she was elected to do which includes preparing the minutes of council meetings as she has been doing.

Alderman David Mitchell made the point that a council meeting is the appropriate place to approve or disapprove of the minutes. Kendrick insisted she was only abiding by *RRO*, and her suggestions had improved the minutes and were more descriptive of what had happened.

Alderman Terry McClung said he was not sure what the beef was about, and Mayor Butch Berry suggested Kendrick submit her minutes again so council could vote. Kendrick moved to defer approval of the June 12 minutes until the next meeting.

Alderman Mickey Schneider disparaged Kendrick for not just going to Armstrong about the minutes instead of wasting everyone's time during the meeting.

Vote to defer approving the June 12 minutes until the July 24 meeting was 3-3, Schneider and aldermen Bob Thomas and Peg Adamson voting No. Berry hesitated but voted Yes, so approval of the June 12 minutes was deferred.

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Are we the only ones who answer phones after 3 p.m.?

Then came approval of the minutes of the June 26 meeting. Kendrick took exception to two items but quickly corrected herself about one of them. She insisted, however, the section describing the comments by Kathy Martone be described more completely.

McClung said he understood Kendrick wanting less conversation in the minutes, not more, and Kendrick responded if the minutes are going to include all the conversations, they should be accurate and descriptive.

Schneider again took exception to Kendrick's comments, claiming Kendrick was wasting everyone's time. Looking directly at Kendrick, Schneider asked, "Is there some reason you can't go talk to Ann?" She said that would be proper procedure.

Berry intervened to keep control of the meeting, but Schneider tried to talk over him.

"I object that this is procedure," Kendrick stated. "It might be procedure in Ms. Schneider's mind, but I believe the procedure is to discuss it at this table."

Schneider responded that aldermen get the minutes of meetings a week in advance, so Kendrick should have plenty time to peruse them "so we don't sit here wasting our time. This has been the procedure for eons. I have been on council for the last five

terms." She claimed it had been done as she described "out of courtesy for the people."

As Kendrick rebutted Schneider, Armstrong stood while collecting her things. She voiced she did not like the personal nature of the comments and attacks during the meeting. Berry tried to intervene, but Armstrong would have none of it. Berry stated she was out of order to which she returned, "You're out of order," to Berry, then to Kendrick and Schneider.

"I'm going downstairs and get something productive done," Armstrong stated as she made another call for decorum as she exited the room.

Berry returned to the business at hand. "We have a motion on the table," he said, which was to have a more elaborate description of one section of the previous meeting minutes.

Schneider again challenged Kendrick to explain why she was wasting their time. The vote on Kendrick's motion was 4-2 against, McClung, Thomas, Schneider and Adamson voting No. So, that being done, Schneider again lit into Kendrick, which was when Adamson said, "I'm done," got up and left.

A visibly agitated Schneider stood, pulled her things together and also marched out of the room.

As the dust settled...

Those remaining took inventory,

noting there was a quorum remaining at the table although the minute-taker was gone. McClung pointed out all that had transpired was being memorialized on video, so there certainly would be a record of the proceedings, and he was inclined to continue with the meeting. The others agreed with him, so four aldermen and Berry carried on.

The first thing to do was to vote on the motion already on the floor, which was to defer a decision on the June 26 minutes until one section could be expanded to more accurately reflect what had been said. Vote on the motion was 2-2, McClung and Thomas voting No, so the motion failed.

Thomas then moved to accept the minutes as submitted and he got a second from McClung. Vote to approve his motion was 2-2, Kendrick and Mitchell voting No, so that motion failed as well.

With none of the previous minutes being approved, they were ready to hear Public Comments.

Public Comments

Bob Jasinski pointed out the law is written so that Bed & Breakfast owners can sit on the City Advertising and Promotion Commission only in the at-large seat although they are required to collect the tax. He also insisted something must be done about the sidewalks in town. They are

another example of possible violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and added that Bed & Breakfasts do not have to comply with ADA regulations.

The actual agenda

- Aldermen decided to postpone discussion of the topic "Code of Conduct as it relates individually to councilperson Mickey Schneider and associated behavior of City Clerk Ann Armstrong" until the next meeting when both individuals should be present.

- New information had come to light concerning rezoning 38 and 42 Prospect from R-1 to C-3 Quiet Commercial. Chair Melissa Greene of Planning had learned one resident of 42 Prospect did not want to be rezoned, so aldermen discussed other options and sent the topic back to Planning.

- With a 4-0 vote council passed the third reading of Ordinance 2257, which bans smoking in parks and other city-owned gathering spaces.

One more item

- Berry announced there is a vacancy on the CAPC and two vacancies on the Cemetery Commission. He noted the Cemetery Commission is open to all county residents.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 24, at 6 p.m. There will be a budget workshop at 5:15.

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Backstory on some council friction

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman David Mitchell asked city council on Monday to add a “Code of conduct as it relates individually to councilperson Mickey Schneider and associated behavior of City Clerk Ann Armstrong,” to the July 10 city council agenda. Vote to add the item was 5-1, Schneider voting No.

But before council got to the topic, Armstrong had left the room citing the uncomfortable rancor of the discourse at the meeting. She was followed soon by Schneider and alderman Peg Adamson. In preparation for the conversation that never happened, Mitchell had distributed copies of statements from four people who work in the county clerk’s office describing an incident involving Schneider and her husband.

According to the statement of County Clerk Jamie Correia, “At approximately 9:30 a.m., July 6, 2017, I walked into my office with Michele and Steve Schneider demanding me to shut down my State Voter Registration computer and not allow for any voter information be given out. Michele raised her voice and kept pointing her finger at me telling me I will be sued for giving out Voter Registration Information and I had better do my job by doing so. I explained to her my computers are owned by the State and I have no control on the Secretary of State’s office giving out Voter Registration Information that is public record. Both Michele and Steve had their selves removed from Voter Registration and yelled at my employee that they both wanted to see proof they had been removed. Both used very foul language while present in the County Clerk’s office.”

Correia went on to say she called Mayor Butch Berry to report what had happened, but he was not in so she spoke instead with Armstrong. Correia explained “how she [Schneider] unregistered herself

as a registered voter and how by law you have to be a registered voter in order to be an Elected Official.”

Correia stated Armstrong looked up the reference in the law, and said she would speak with Schneider after she calmed down. Armstrong asked if things would be okay if Schneider re-registered, and Correia said, “Absolutely.”

Correia also stated that just prior to the encounter in her office, the Schneiders had stopped by Judge Sam Barr’s office “and invited him to the party.”

Election Coordinator Sherry Cochran commented in her account of the incident, “Mickey started talking very loudly and rudely to me stating I should have a form already made up to remove her from the voter registration roll. Mickey then went on a rant that she absolutely refused to send her personal information to that f****g Republican president and that I should be ashamed of myself for not standing up for the rights of voters.” Cochran stated this was the second time she had witnessed Schneider’s “obnoxious and bullying performances in a County Clerk’s office.”

There were also corroborating statements from Deputy Clerks Dellie Nolen and Bresica Estelberg. Estelberg reported, “She [Schneider] told us we were breaking the law by sending everybody’s information to the state. Sherry tried to explain that to her, that the computers we use for voter registration are through the state, and Mickey still tried to argue with her. Then Mickey proceeded to tell Sherry we should all go to hell, and basically Sherry should quit her job rather than send out everybody’s personal information. Mickey told Sherry she would be periodically coming into our office and checking to make sure Sherry had not put her back on the voter registration rolls.”

This will be on the agenda for the July

24 meeting.

Schneider told the *Independent* on Tuesday she had not received the copies passed around at the council table. The packet had not been in her box downstairs before the meeting, and she had already left the room when the material was distributed. When asked if she had indeed had an encounter with Correia, Schneider replied, “Oh, hell yes!” She said she went to the County Clerk’s office to cancel her voter registration because she insisted it is illegal to pass along personal data about voters, and did not want her information handed to President Trump.

She said the information collected might include social security numbers, mother’s maiden name and how a voter has voted in the past, so she unregistered herself. Schneider also admitted she “jumped all over Jamie” because her job should be to protect voters, and Correia should have stood up to Secretary of State Mark Martin.

Schneider said she went to the Eureka Springs courthouse the following day,

July 7, and re-registered to vote. Because she has a new registration, no one can know how she has voted in the past. She informed Berry, City Attorney Tim Weaver and other alderman she had re-registered and was still an alderman.

She claimed that because of her 22 years watching over elections in Eureka Springs, she has “more knowledge of voter law than all of them put together.” She said she got several phone calls in support of her actions.

She said her voters are secure they will be taken care of at the polling place, and proclaimed she is a citizen first and an alderman second.

Community Center HAPPENINGS

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HDC takes fam tour of hospital

NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District Commission had only one item of new business on its agenda July 5, but commissioners had already spent two hours on a thorough site visit to Eureka Springs Hospital (ESH) and in a workshop. The Hospital Commission is considering a cooperative plan with Allegiance Health Care to either remodel and upgrade the existing facility, or take it down to rebuild and modernize.

Though it is not a contributing structure, the hospital is within the Historic District, so HDC must decide what alterations – all the way up to razing and starting over – would be allowed. Chair Virgil Fowler pointed out if it were not for the possibility of exterior work, the HDC would not be involved.

Architect Mickey Finefield, representing Morrison Architects, led commissioners around the exterior of the facility and shared research he had done years ago when plans for remodeling ESH began, but fizzled. Finefield combined architectural possibilities for each building and the property in general

with an understanding of the needs of a modern hospital.

The older building was built in 1929, the newer part in 1967.

ESH Community Liaison Catherine Pappas was tour guide inside the hospital, and pointed out that because of cramped space they have turned four of their 15 patient rooms into office space. ESH has 18 beds.

She also showed commissioners up-to-date acquisitions including the CT scanner, and said, "We have excellent equipment and staff here, but people see the outside and get the wrong impression."

Fowler and other commissioners noted the tour had been an important start for their discussion.

Five nods bestowed

In the regular meeting, commissioners

quickly approved the application for replacing a lattice privacy fence at 2 Pine with a 6.5-foot solid cedar wood panel fence. Commissioners also approved the Consent Agenda, which had only one item:

- 155 & 153 W. Van Buren – new paint colors

Fowler presented Administrative Approvals, applications for repair and work involving no changes in materials or color, but which include changes in roofing color:

- 2 Washington – re-roof
- 89 Wall St. – re-paint
- 184 N. Main – re-paint trim

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 19, at 6 p.m., preceded at 5 p.m. by a workshop on property file database and Code enforcement.

HDC fancies digitizing files

NICKY BOYETTE

Historic District commissioners decided at a previous workshop to investigate creating a property file database of properties within the district, and new commissioners Mark Ingram and Wendi Super volunteered to research strategies for compiling a record of probably 2,000 files.

Super suggested at the July 5 meeting they develop a map-based system whereby points on a map of the Historic District become links to a Dropbox file for each address, and each digital file would contain everything in the paper file for each property at the courthouse.

Commissioner Melissa Greene said she was not clear on what they were trying to achieve, to which Super responded the purpose was to get all the information off paper, and added that the mapping system was free.

Ingram commented the current paper system is antiquated, and conjectured that everything about these properties would disappear if the courthouse burned down. Also, commissioners could quickly access information about a property on their agenda. The dilemma is who would scan the contents of 2,000 files.

Ingram volunteered to scan a few files at a time when he could, and Greene stated they would need a commercial scanner if they really intended to make this database.

Commissioner Dee Bright asked City Economic Development Coordinator Glenna Booth if she thought the project was worthwhile, and Booth said she wasn't clear on how much demand there would be as people who talk with her about property issues want paper copies.

Commissioner Steve Holifield said if information were as easily available as their plan intends, people would use it.

Commissioners agreed paper files should be retained for the foreseeable future, but there was still the question of who would do the work. "We'll work on it till it's done," Super said, but Greene wanted a clearer plan and said they cannot expect to depend on volunteers. She said if they made a presentation to city council on the benefits of the database, aldermen might see fit to provide additional financial support.

In the end, commissioners decided to explore the cost of a commercial scanner, and Super volunteered to give a computer demonstration at the next workshop.

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CCMG installs new officers

Carroll County Music Group of Eureka Springs installed officers recently. Sharon Parker, President; Benjamin Winn, Secretary; and Judith Casterline, Historian; and Carol Morrison will continue as CCMG Vice-President

ADA compliance committee formed

NICKY BOYETTE

There have been several speakers at Eureka Springs city council meetings recently claiming city government has been lax or ineffective in attempts to comply with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the problem goes back through previous administrations. As a result, Mayor Butch Berry named Assistant to the Mayor Kim Stryker to be the coordinator for complaints related to ADA matters, and appointed a committee comprised of alderman Bob Thomas, Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie, and Jane Stephens to consider the complaints.

Stryker said criteria for being on the committee included people with familiarity of the disabled, working information on the ADA, or a connection to a person with a disability. The committee met for the first time June 28.

Purpose of the first meeting was to consider Stryker's proposed complaint review process. City

council will eventually consider adopting their final formal complaint procedure into City Code. She suggested once a formal complaint is received, she would call a committee meeting which hopefully would include the complainant, with a quick turnaround from time the complaint is received and the meeting. The committee would compare the facts with what is required by ADA and arrive at a response. If the city needed to make changes to be compliant, it would recommend those steps.

Stryker said she received the first formal complaint before the committee was formed from Joyce Knowles, who had complained it was not clear in contracts regarding events at the Auditorium who, whether the city or the promoter, was responsible for which aspect of compliance at Auditorium events. Stryker said she amended the Auditorium contract to take care of it.

The committee will meet only when there are complaints to consider.

ESCC selects local's logo

The Eureka Springs Community Center Foundation Board, in collaboration with Jacqueline Wolven whose experience in brand imaging was central to the design, recently chose a logo that conveys motion, strength, and forward movement.

ESCC is the former home of Eureka Spring High School, where Highlanders sports teams used red as the predominant color. Other colors represent the Farmers' Market (green), the innovation center and water features (blue), and a nod to the fact that the Community Center is located at the entrance to the



Historic Loop (yellow). A white swoosh through the center represents that the Community Center will be a hub for the city's trail system.

Be social and have ice cream

Holiday Island Presbyterian Church is hosting its annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 16 from 2 – 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome for ice cream, toppings and cookies at the HI Presbyterian Church at the junction of Stateline Drive and Walnut.

July 4th parade winners

Floats:

1. Democratic Party
2. Mr. Firecracker
3. Sue as Statue of Liberty
Laura Sanchez and her crew at Bodylanguage

Bodyart made floats two and three.

Group of Walkers:

1. Crew of Barkus
2. Dancing for Independence
3. Oscars Café

Individual Walker:

1. Margo Prickle
2. Roxie Howard
3. Suzanne McKown

Best Car, Motorcycle, or Pickup:

1. Rick Bright, Smart Car and Remington the Bulldog
2. Future Mr. Firecrackers
3. Peas in a Pod

Best Dressed Parade Dog Winners –

Small Dogs: Sandstone and Tony Wilmuth; Hercules and Crystal Ursin; Harley and Janic Wilmuth

Big Dogs:

Willie and Sandy Mecca
Ollie and McKenzie Shetrone
Stormy and Randy Mayfield

As American as Appie Pie:

1. Mary Gray
2. Emma Sumac
3. Emily Lejia

Ms. Apple Pie:

Chris Rodgers, 4th of July Queen
Julianne Brauning, 1st Runner Up
Faith Cleveland, 2nd Runner Up
Autumn Spencer, 3rd Runner Up

Mr. Firecracker:

Charles Mowery, Mr. Firecracker
Jimmy Judkins, 1st Runner Up

Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest – Ages 6 and Under:

1. Tristan Leija
2. Kaylee Moore
3. Anthony Leatherwood

Ages 7-13:

1. Onjali Brubaker
2. Kiley Moore
3. Thomas Roberts

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Highberry Music Festival draws 2,000

NICKY BOYETTE

The gate opened at 8 a.m., Thursday, June 29, cars already in line, and suddenly about 2000 people from several states gathered at the Farm, 3.3 miles west of Beaver, for the four-day Highberry Music Festival. The Farm is 160 acres owned by Jon Walker on which he's created a camping and events' venue over the past three years.

Walker said he attended a Grateful Dead concert in his teens and has been a music lover since. In 2010, he threw a two-day party he called Highberry, one day at this house and the next at partner Chris Anderson's house, and 150 people or so attended. The event was a big hit, so he threw a similar party in 2011 at his ranch near Rogers, and friends told friends about the first event. The second time, more than 300 showed up.

Walker sees the concerts as an extension of his group of friends. He continued to promote Highberry for two years in Ozark and one year at Mulberry Mountain, but in 2014 he purchased a 160-acre former Arabian horse ranch with the vision of developing a place for staging festivals.



With help from community volunteers, he constructed a 40x70-ft. stage facing north. He built roads through the property, all with Grateful Dead-related names such as Jerry's Way, Shakedown Street and Ramble On Road. He installed a disk golf course which is used a few times each week. There are also biking trails through the woods and a building used as a general store during events.

Walker's brochure states, "The festival may end, but you don't have to leave" because he has developed year-round campsites on the property. In the future, he intends to stage non-music events such as craft fairs, mountain bike races or a disk golf tournament as a way to connect further with nearby communities.

Last year, Walker put on three festivals – Phunkberry, Highberry and Hillberry. This year will be the same with Hillberry coming October 12-15. Next year, there might be only two festivals, and Walker said he is leaning toward more bluegrass. There is fierce competition in the festival business with new ones popping up everywhere, and he noticed some fail. However, he said he's lucky to have a dedicated support team with experience at running his festivals, plus bands seem to like playing at his events.

He promotes nationally, but most attendees come from Tulsa, Dallas, Little Rock, Kansas City – the 3 to 6-hour drive radius – but folks from California to New York attend his festivals. A couple from Israel wanted to attend an American music festival and chose Walker's venue.

Walker commented he wants to make his festivals a vacation. He offers shuttles to area attractions such as Beaver Lake or Table Rock Lake, the zipline in Eureka Springs, and horseback riding ranches. On site during

festivals there are yoga and jewelry-making classes, workshops on painting, drawing and crafts, plus juggling and whatnot. There are also activities for L'il Berries such as face-painting, music, bubbles and tie-dye.

At the event

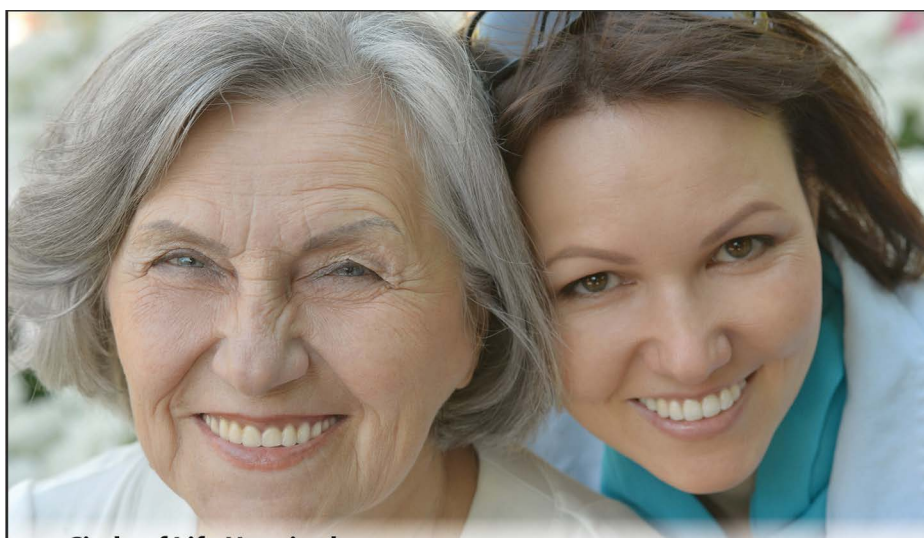
Arriving at the Highberry Festival, a driver first pulls into a security checkpoint. Volunteer attendants answer questions and direct festival goers to their next destination, which often is to get checked in and become adorned with a Highberry wrist band. Then, attendants at crossroads around the property direct folks to their appropriate parking or camping spot.

Tents, canopies and vans were spread across the landscape in well-organized camping areas for acres and acres, and people cooked at their sites while waiting for the next act on the main stage. The camping area is spacious enough that the music was only barely audible in remote areas of the property such as near the Jerry Garcia shrine on a hill overlooking the entire event. Well-maintained showers and toilets are available.

The rural gathering of a population about the size of Eureka Springs was orderly, happy and fun. The L'il Berries tent was active with busy kids, and another tent had artists sketching and painting a model. Vendors lined both sides Shakedown Street leading toward the main stage. Clothing, pottery, plants, bamboo sunglasses, handmade jewelry, beer and a variety of food choices, from Cajun to wood-fired pizza to organic fruit pops, were for sale. A local bread-maker sold cupcakes and bread. Regarding the clothing for sale, there was enough tie-dye to cover two big barns.

Attendees were comprised of couples, millennials, hips, families, and devoted

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veteran festival fans. All ages made good use of the water slide. Some assemblies resembled pregame tailgate gatherings before Razorback games, others more like

festivities before a Phish concert back in the day. Regardless, everyone minded their manners in a peaceful, colorful outdoor adventure.

A music lover wouldn't be able to keep

this a secret.

Patrolling the property as part of the emergency medical team was Justice of the Peace Jack Deaton, former Holiday Island Fire Chief. He said there had been no major medical issues, just a couple of people getting too hot. He said there was a security team working the property 24 hours, and he knew of no problems.

Deaton said mostly he saw people who were glad to be in a peaceful spot away from town enjoying The Floozies, Dark Star Orchestra, The Marcus King Band and other high energy musicians. He noted Walker had put up sound barriers to minimize the impact on neighbors. Deaton said he understood the complaints from a few neighbors about the music being too loud out here in the woods, but the events occur only a handful of nights per year, the events are good for people and the area, and Walker is doing what he can to work with neighbors.

After an event

A couple days after the event, Walker looked out over the festival area to see it already cleaned up and litter-free. He said most of the crowd had arrived early the first day or two, and spread themselves far and wide through the camping areas, but they were tidy and respectful of the property. He also has a dedicated cleanup crew.

His hospitality crew took good care of the bands, who also enjoyed the experience and told him they wanted to play again next year.

So now it's time to plan for Hillberry. "It will be our big one this year," Walker commented, noting the outstanding lineup featuring Railroad Earth, Greensky Bluegrass, Yonder Mountain String Band, Leftover Salmon and many more.

He said he employed noise canceling strategies such as bales of hay behind the speakers on the main stage in respect for the neighbors, and claimed it made a huge difference. "I expect the sound situation will be even better for the next event," he anticipated.

"It was exhilarating putting on this event and sharing our Fourth of July celebration with the town of Eureka Springs," Walker said, looking forward to further connections with the surrounding communities.

"The thing I like the most is sitting out here and watching people with their families having a good time," he remarked. He said the activities and workshops are important in filling out the experience.

"The festival allows you to be who you want to be," he commented. "You come out here to get a release from everyday life. That's what the festival is all about."

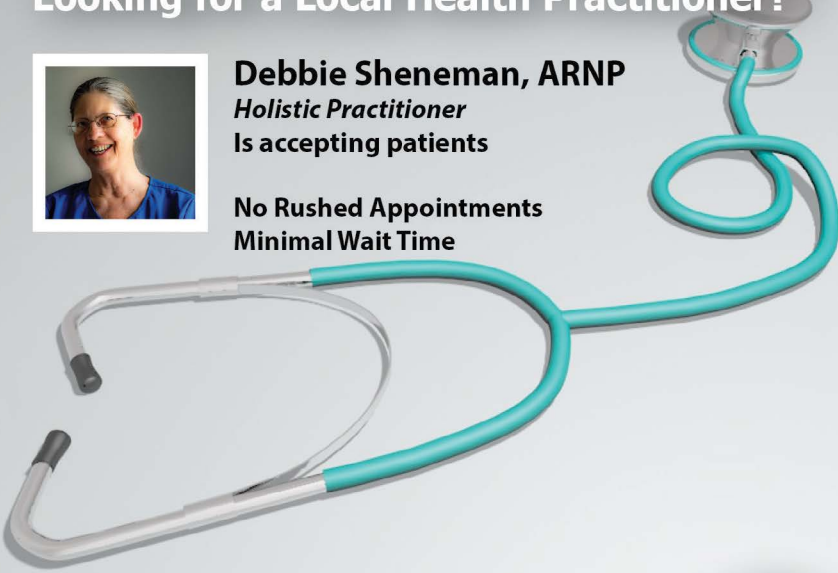


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The Last Supper

Editor,

The Lady of Liberty sits in the middle of the long table surrounded by her most devoted Republican apostles: Paul Ryan, Steve Bannon, Steve Miller, Tom Cotton, Tom Price, Jeff Sessions, Jared Kushner, Chuck Grassley, Lindsey Graham, Mike Pence, Tom Gorsuch, and finally Judas McConnell. Her eyes are deep pools of sadness and worry as she has learned of the hidden agenda behind this otherwise celebratory dinner.

Judas, on the other hand, contemplates his perfect plan to demean and disgrace this Roman Goddess of Freedom who is seen as Mother of all Exiles.

The signature entree is announced as the plates are delivered. Prime heart, served rare, and harvested from the slaughtered bodies of millions of poor and vulnerable American citizens sacrificed on the altar of McConnell's health care bill. Chewing with relish, blood dripping from their smiling lips, the all white male Republicans savor each and every bite of human flesh.

As the meal draws to a close, all raise their chalices filled with the blood of their victims in a toast of victory. All, that is, except for the Mother of those defenseless hearts whose eyes are brimming with tears, running blood red down her cheeks. Soon she is led away to be crucified on the cross of greed and hatred.

Kathy Martone, Ed.D.

Power of the people

Editor,

Although Arkansas Representative Leding said, "The President won fair and square. There's no question about that." Governor Hutchinson, another Republican, said the state would reveal

"only partial information" that the vice-chairman of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity has requested.

This vice-chairman, Kris Kobach, is Secretary of State for Kansas. Trump's ego is trying to prove he did win the popular vote by alleging voter fraud when he really just wants voter suppression.

This is all part of the Republican plan to deny the chicanery of Cheatinoli's team to collude with the Russians in denying Hillary Clinton the presidency. Putin never liked Secretary Clinton who did not kowtow to him or have any financial interest in doing business with the Russians.

There was no voter fraud by the Democrats, but plenty of evidence that the Republicans and this dishonest "President" bought and stole our election. You just watch: the Republicans who swore to uphold the Constitution will never investigate this Russian interference in our "democratic" election. Like this demand by Kobach to get all the information on our voters, they will do everything they can get away with to make sure the unlawfully elected "President" who is corrupt, a bully, a womanizer and a very ignorant, mean person will continue to line his – and their – pockets.

Why does Big Brother want all this information on us? If you trust this lying, corrupt administration, then go ahead and email everything about yourself to them, including your blood type and your favorite sex toy!

The Nazis were able to build their killing machine when good people said nothing. Putin has won and we are in serious trouble, in Arkansas and in our country!

T.A. Laughlin

Little bit of this, little bit of that

Editor,

I can't handle reading the weekly paper anymore with all the whacked out psychos writing letters to the editor, but we like and appreciate your *Fun Guide*.

Eureka certainly has its share of weirdos, that's why I love my town. But they need to take their medication more frequently.

Randy Langhove

Explosively marvelous 4th parade

Editor,

There are other people who deserve more recognition than I for making the 4th of July parade possible.

First of all, the parade committee, Crystal Roberts and Laura Sanchez, and the ladies at Bodylanguage Body, Leah, Shi, and Gina. Our judges for parade entry were Lamont Richie-Roberson, Steve Richie-Roberson, Joyce Knowles and Eric Knowles. Pie: Steve Yip Vorbeck, Rick Delany, Jerry Rude, Sharon Meadors, Pat Crawford, Pam Greenway, Jay Vrecenak. Best Dressed Dog: Kate Wicker, Susan Walker and sister, Deona. These ladies also did an awesome job printing our car signs! Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest: Michelle Rasmussen Foster and Katherine Zeller. Also, And Lucus for being a fantastic watermelon cutter!

Last but certainly not least our sponsors, Arvest Bank, Gaskins Switch Village, Cedric Trucking, and Hart's Family Center. We thank everyone who came out to be in the parade and those who came to watch. It was amazing. See you on 11/11 for the Veterans Parade!

Sue Glave



WEEK'S TopTweets

@arfmeasures: [End of Day 1, building Rome] **Builder:** We've finished, boss. **Boss:** Keep your voice down! We can drag this job out for weeks.

@realhamonwry: In honeycombs, why are babies called larvae and not wannabees?

@onlxn: My daughter asked who the princess of France was. When I told her there wasn't one her eyes widened and she quietly asked if she could do it.

@G_Faylor: I'm old enough to remember when yogurt was hellogurt.

@Michaeltrying: Pot has never been proven harmful to humans, but the way it makes those giant holes in the road has to make you wary.

@blade_turner: [The invention of tennis] "I don't want this ball." "I don't want it either."

@netw3rk: Old people will argue for hours about a thing without googling to see who's right. It's remarkable.

@hipsterocracy: When I start to panic about the Trump presidency I remember that we are on a rock floating around a fireball and I panic about that instead.

@kylemcdowell68: [Me to the second baseman after I slide into 2nd] "Make sure u separate plastics & food waste." [Coach from dugout] NOT THAT KIND OF TRASH TALK

@pstamato: "What if something fell off your glass every time you picked it up? That'd be great." – Inventor of coasters.

Massive methane emissions?

Global warming is overlooked by the Trump administration while the impacts are in plain sight. An iceberg the size of Delaware is expected to break from the Antarctic in a few days, and others may follow.

Is leaving the Paris Accord, falsely accusing Qatar of being a main sponsor of terrorism, selling \$110 billion in weapons to Saudi Arabia, exporting natural gas, and Arctic offshore drilling the America First climate strategy?

The promise of bottomless oil and natural gas (NG) from shale fracking is dishonest. Frackers have created the illusion *we have all we need and plenty to export*. “Energy R US” is a Stephen King horror story. All looks good until things go to hell. Let’s look at the facts.

Poland – 300 years of energy independence

In 2011, the U.S. Energy Information Administration estimated Poland’s shale gas *reserves* at 5.3 trillion cubic meters. ExxonMobil, Marathon, Talisman and others showed up ready to “help.” After four years and drilling over 70 wells, *nothing was found*. Did EIA make a 5.3 trillion cubic meter mistake? No, EIA did not say *shale gas would be found*, EIA made a prediction based on geological data. Trump used EIA predictions on U.S. reserves, and one shipment arriving at the U.K. last month to back up his Warsaw sales pitch, “If you need energy, just give us a call.”

Never a fracker nor cracker be

There are many hidden fracking problems. The number of U.S. rigs drilling for gas has almost doubled since August 2016, but the output continues to fall. The best shale plays look good, but then the wells dry up, and new deeper wells have a short life. Frackers keep drilling just to make up for what they take, a vicious cycle known as depletion or Ponzi drilling.

Qatar and Iraq have massive natural gas *deposits*, billions of dollars, state-of-the-art Liquid Natural Gas facilities, storage, terminals, and tankers. LNG tankers are specially designed double hull carriers.

QatarGas has pioneered the development of two new classes of LNG carriers, referred to as Q-Flex and Q-Max. Each ship has a cargo capacity of between 7.4 and 9.4 million cubic feet, equipped with a re-liquefaction plant. Qatar owns the LNG market. LNG is not liquid propane. Trump owes Qatar an apology, the U.S. is not

in their league.

The U.S. has limited, low-quality shale gas mixed with water and other gases from fracking. *Cheniere* is our sole LNG export facility with a single terminal in Texas. LNG, made from pure methane, requires refrigerated storage and tankers. What if someone calls Trump today?

Burning natural gas is worse than coal

Our survival depends on preventing additional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the next 20 to 30 years. Today, at 410 parts per million CO₂ concentration in the atmosphere, methane emissions from leaks, venting and flaring in the NG supply chain must be stopped. Methane is a GHG 100 times more potent than CO₂ in the short-term. At NG power plants, *incomplete* combustion of methane releases carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and carbon. Carbon monoxide creates ozone, a GHG.

NG sold as a “bridge fuel” has had undesirable results. Due to false

perceptions, fracking boomed and unnecessary NG power plants have been built. NG is not a bridge but a “wall” blocking zero-emission solar and wind power. Why? Trump has not found a way to sell wind or sunlight!

Evening flaring at North Dakota visible from space

NG flaring wastes millions of dollars. Leaks and vents are ignored. Why? The 2016 regulations on methane emissions, the first attempt in more than 30 years, were opposed by Oil and Gas, blocked by the House, and narrowly passed by the Senate in May. Millions of dollars spent on lobbyists shows widespread methane emissions and the low cost of votes in Congress.

Make polluters pay

Cheap energy, *ignoring the total cost to society*, is the main cause of the climate emergency. Dr. James Hansen, a legendary climate expert and climate activist, says Carbon Fee and Dividend is the best strategy for survival.

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Local heroine Marsha Havens shared a photograph of artist Bob Holloway’s hillside painting of Eureka Springs last week, and mused, “I’ve been thinking about Eureka Springs as a self-sustaining community. Any thoughts on this?”

My immediate thought is to define what “self-sustaining” means. The US Department of Defense defines sustainability in terms of food security: if all methods of getting into a town or city are blocked – no planes, trains, or automobiles – how long will the food supply last? Fifty years ago, the city of Kansas City would have lasted about 130 days before the last slice of bread and the last juju bean was gone. Today, KC’s residents can eat for 70 days. The state of Iowa, which is fundamentally one big farm, imports 85% of its food; its food security score is 90 days.

There are other measures of what self-sustaining means, of course, with drinkable water and breathable air high on the list. But, along with sufficient food supplies, these are things we take for granted. Our preoccupations are instead on pink hotels, boutiques, and swinging hotspots seen through the windows of a *Big Yellow Taxi*.

Mr. Holloway’s charming picture doesn’t show any pink hotels, swinging hotspots, or the visiting swarms of Cases of Arrested Development who endlessly lumber up Spring Street astride heavily financed noise machines, greying cockscombs born to be wild. These absent CADs – pardon me, valued customers – are imported in real life, as is most of our food and, if included in Holloway’s picture-perfect town, would sustain everything except its magic, personality, nature, and Self.

The inherent paradox of Self is that it must give up things to be sustainable. That’s difficult. We spend our finite time protesting against politicians rather than educating and registering new voters. We waffle between creating a good place to make a living, and creating a good place to live. And who has time to plant and sustain a garden? Most of us, frankly, would rather get beat up rather than hoe a row of beets. It’s easier to import Mexican *remolachas*.

Don’t it always seem to go that you don’t know what you’ve got ‘til it’s gone?

A little help from our friends:

- **Good Shepherd Humane Society** monthly board meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Humane Society Shelter, 6486 Hwy. 62E. All are welcome
- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center is open Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 109 W. Church Ave. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.
- **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
- **A Cup of Love Ministry** – Feeding the Hungry – Located at 4032 E. Van Buren, Hwy 62. Serving Soup Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday Service – 10:30 a.m. Noon potluck following. Wednesday – Bible Study 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Friday – Food Pantry 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Caring for our community, spirit, soul, and body. (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 Country Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind chapel open Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs by the blue barn only.
- **Recorded Teachings and Meditation Monday** – Recorded Rinpoche teachings at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays followed by meditation at 6 p.m. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 2444-6840.
- **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.
- **Grief Share** – A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2 – 4 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. You may join at anytime.
- **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) 981-1686. • **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.
- **St. James’ Community Suppers** – Held Sunday from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Meals provided by local restaurants and are free to all. St. James’ Episcopal Church is located at 86 Prospect Avenue on the historic loop and meals are served in the undercroft.
- **Support Group** – for those with **Parkinson’s** and their caregivers, first Wednesday of each month, ECHO Community Room at 10 a.m. For questions email Sally at sarahg@arkansas.net or call (479) 9810-1587. Next meeting Dec. 7.
- **Echo Thrift Stores and Clinic** – The Clinic is open 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month for appointments open 1 – 4 p.m. Open every Tuesday/Thursday to assess needs and to make appointments. Free services are offered to those without insurance or if insurance does not cover them. The Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday from 9 – 5 p.m. Clinic number: (479) 253-5547. Thrift Store number: (479) 253-5888.
- **Heart of Many Ways Open Sanctuary** – Wednesdays 1 – 4 p.m. A Sacred Space open for silent prayer, meditation, spiritual reading or simply for soaking in the silence of a quiet place. People of all faiths, spiritual paths, or individual spiritual expressions are welcomed. 68 Mountain St. Enter up the front stairs to the left. Call Amrit at 253-3165 or email oeema@mail.com.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

JULY 3

2 p.m. – Constables tracked down a stolen vehicle and arrested an individual for theft by receiving, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of an instrument of crime and on an ESPD warrant.

3:44 p.m. – Resident near downtown had noticed suspicious activity on her property and asked for a constable to check it out. He found everything secure.

4:39 p.m. – Staff at a business in the eastern part of town were concerned an intoxicated person might try to drive away. Constable responded, and the person got a ride home.

JULY 4

1:18 a.m. – Constables went to the scene of a disturbance.

6:09 a.m. – Person was arrested for domestic battery and possession of drug paraphernalia.

10:58 p.m. – A male against whom there was a protection order went to a property anyway, but left while the constable was en route.

11:02 p.m. – In the western part of town, a few folks were shooting off fireworks. They disappeared before constable got there.

11:32 p.m. – Concerned witness told ESPD there might be a disturbance behind a business on US 62. Constable found there was a group there but no disturbance. The group promised to keep their noise down.

JULY 5

2:40 a.m. – Person not at her home called ESPD because someone was reportedly at her home when no one should have been there. Constable responded to the address but found no one there.

12:07 p.m. – Ex-girlfriend complained her ex-boyfriend keeps showing up at her house. Constable showed up also and advised the ex-boyfriend to keep his distance.

1:14 p.m. – Slabs of granite were taken from a yard near downtown.

2:07 p.m. – Constable responded to a care facility because a resident was threatening to kill himself.

3:30 p.m. – Person called ESPD because she lost her keys, which were eventually turned in at city hall.

7:10 p.m. – Individual whose vehicle had been stolen told ESPD an unknown person returned her car.

JULY 6

12:08 a.m. – Passerby suspected people were trying to break into a change machine. Constable did not find anyone in the vicinity.

9:20 a.m. – A tenant told ESPD she had not been given an eviction notice yet the landlord was in her apartment moving her

things out. Constable and landlord discussed proper eviction protocol.

10:29 a.m. – Unaccompanied puppy roamed a neighborhood in the east part of town. Animal Control will follow up.

11:26 a.m. – Innkeeper reported suspicious damage to the property. Constable documented the damage in a report.

12:51 p.m. – First there was an accident in a parking lot. Then an altercation. Both vehicles left headed east on US 62, and one of them stopped at the station to file a report.

1:14 p.m. – Vehicle had been left in a restaurant parking lot for three days. Constable determined it had not been reported as stolen and advised the property owner the vehicle could be towed away at the vehicle owner’s expense.

10:55 p.m. – Observer at a business at the eastern edge of town reported a suspicious person in the parking lot. Constable did not find the subject, but another witness corroborated the report.

JULY 7

12:46 a.m. – Individual at a bar reported a wanted person was on the premises. The person was not there when the constable arrived.

1:45 a.m. – Witness claimed two people on the balcony at a motel were having sexual relations. Constable responded but did not see what the big whoop was about.

10:48 a.m. – Central dispatch informed ESPD of an open line 911 call with no response on the call back. Constable went to the downtown location of the call but found no source of the call or evidence of a problem.

10:51 a.m. – Concerned citizen reported a suspicious person downtown for a few days. He wore camouflage clothing and at one point jumped from the second story balcony of a business to the sidewalk. Constables were on alert.

11:37 a.m. – Resident just north of downtown said an ill feral cat was on her porch. Animal Control tried to catch it but could not. He will bring a trap next time.

11:46 a.m. – Several calls came in about a truck parked in a lane of traffic at the eastern city limits. Beside the truck, two children watched two grownups yell at each other. The grownups told the constable it had been a verbal spat only. He told them to move right along.

JULY 8

12:03 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and driving

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Equal to 100,000 quarters

– The Eureka Springs Community Center Foundation Board gathered in the parking lot of the community center site Friday morning to accept a \$25,000 grant from AT&T. Pictured is Diane Murphy accepting the check from AT&T Director of External Affairs, Cathy Foraker. Behind them (l-r.) Fatima Vanzant, Kathy Remenar, Jean Elderwind, Jack Moyer, and Bill Featherstone.

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO



Another red ribbon snipped

– Eureka Springs residents gathered in front of Eureka Clothing Company, 31 Spring St. on Tuesday to welcome them to the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce.

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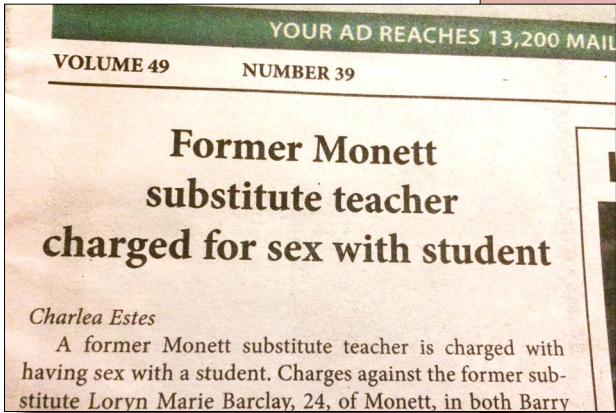
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Somewhere under the rainbow...

yikes! – Last Friday evening’s storm brought much needed rain before the hot temperatures hit. The double rainbow brought a smashing lightning show. The 9-ft. mulleins are as impressive as a sky that can’t make up its mind how to look. Did you know that smoking mullein cleans the lungs?

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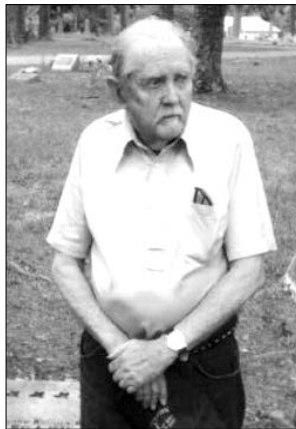


Headline we had to read twice

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DEPARTURE



Samuel Vance Bullock May 15, 1926 – July 5, 2017

Samuel Vance Bullock, of Eureka Springs, Ark., born May 15, 1926 in Pineville, Ark., son of Samuel Henry and Bertha Ellen (Ducker) Bullock. He departed this life Wednesday, July 5, 2017 in Eureka Springs, Ark., at age 91.

Vance worked at Bullock Manufacturing Company in Eureka Springs. He had a great love for his family and Native Americans, its history and preservation. He also loved his dogs and cats dearly.

He is survived by his sister, Ruth Nelle Hughes and husband, Tom, of Sacramento,

Calif.; three nephews, Phil Bullock and wife, Margie, of Eureka Springs, Ark.; Jan Bullock of Pearland, Texas; Sam Hughes of Sacramento, Calif.; four nieces, Suzanne Ryan and husband, Archie, of Eureka Springs, Ark.; Diana Bachman, Elaine Wilson and Mary Gudeman, all of Calif.; several great nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Bertha Bullock; brother, James M. Bullock and sister, Amy Caple.

Funeral service was July 7 at Nelson’s

Chapel of the Springs with Rev. Dale Nichols officiating and a musical tribute by John Two Hawks, a Native American-style flutist.

Committal was at the Spring Creek Cemetery in IZARD County, Ark., with Rev. Wayne Wood officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Purple House, 66 Kingshighway, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2017

Bracken in The Burren



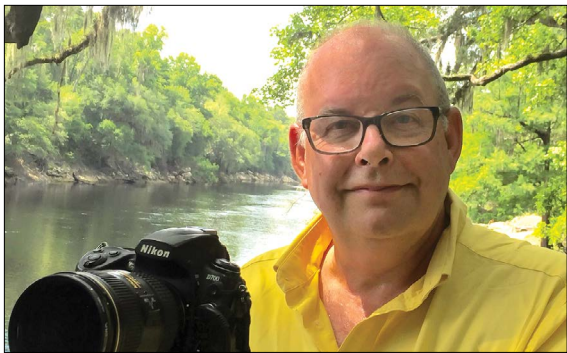
My last report came to you from Maine. My work, such as it is, requires that from time-to-time I'm forced to report from elsewhere, this week from a hotel room in Galway, Ireland. As in my last column from Maine, I am struck by similarities and differences between where I find myself compared with the Ozarks.

Yesterday, I was in The Burren in the West of Ireland which is a geological region of karst limestone mostly in County Clare and the Aran Islands, roughly the size of Carroll County. The word Burren derives from an Irish word meaning great rock or rocky place, and that it is. It is a beautiful, ancient landscape.

One of the plants I see in the nearby Burren, and two weeks ago in Maine, is also common in Carroll County. In fact, I've seen this plant almost everywhere that I've traveled in temperate or subtropical climates.

I've seen it throughout North America from Maine to Florida to California. I've seen it in temperate South America, China, Vietnam, much of Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Japan. It struck me as the most successful dominant weed of old abandoned Soviet tea plantations in the Republic of Georgia.

It's one of the few plants that doesn't rely on accidents of human history to travel wherever it wishes to go on the planet. Its reproductive spores are so tiny and light that they catch a ride aloft



on random winds all over Earth and establish populations wherever they wish. It is the ultimate successful invasive native plant. It's native here. It's native there. It's native everywhere. And it is a weed. It is bracken fern, also known as *Pteridium aquilinum*.

Bracken fern is also controversial, because it is considered desirably edible as a spring-harvested fiddlehead by some, and by others a poisonous plant, the ingestion of which should always be avoided.

Bracken fern contains varying amounts of a carcinogenic compound called ptalquiloside, which is linked to cancer in livestock and humans who eat it fresh. But the toxic compound is water-soluble, and traditional preparation methods in Japan, Korea, and elsewhere may render it safe to eat in moderation.

Surprisingly few wild plants are consumed in Ireland, which may be linked to the Irish cultural concept of "moderation." I've experienced no cultural interest in moderation when it comes to food and beverage in Ireland, so not eating wild bracken fronds may just reflect a cultural bias in which moderation has no place.

Exploring the pages of journals at EUUF on Sunday

Christie Nichols Braswell will share her journey through the creation of journals and what they contain at Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St. on July 16 at 11 a.m. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White St.

Weekly meditation, reading, and discussion

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, July 13 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain. All are welcome.

“May you live in interesting times” is an old Chinese curse and it seems to be ours. This is definitely an interesting time.

The Larsen C Ice Shelf has almost completely calved, or split from the main part of the ice formation in Antarctica, and is ready to drift into the sea, melting fresh water ice with the salt of the sea, increasing the sea level and acidity of the ocean.

In 1967, Rachel Carson wrote *Silent Spring*, and it awakened the consciousness of our nation. Richard Nixon, who was definitely a crook, understood what was really important, politics and money aside. In 1970, he signed legislation called the Clean Water and Air Act and formed the Environmental Protection Agency, or the EPA; Earth Day was born on April 22 that same year.

That was so long ago and far away. Lost in the storm of another war, our home planet was given priority over the madness of men.

Today, Trump's henchmen are busy dismantling every agency. At the EPA, Scott Pruitt has fired all the scientists, stopped all research, and is eliminating regulations as quickly as he can. Before the EPA, the Cuyahoga River in Ohio, among several others, caught on fire and

burned for days on end because of the industrial waste dumped into them. I see us heading back to those bad old days.

This time though, there are other factors involved. We have passed the “tipping point” of carbon in the atmosphere. Wild fires rage throughout the continent and the annual fire season is extended because of area drought. Storms have become super storms and 100-year floods occur frequently. We are losing coastal land worldwide to the rising seas; for example, Northwest Arkansas is the new home to 12,000 Marshall Islands' climate refugees.

Donald Trump chose Scott Pruitt to head the EPA because they only care about their own power and wealth. Trump has made our country a pariah around the world by withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accord. But we have children and grandchildren and our family and friends have children and grandchildren. Let's raise our voices and tell our representatives and senators in both Little Rock and Washington DC “Do Not Destroy Our Planet. Rejoin the Paris Accord.”

Politics and money aside, remember; nature bats last and there are no jobs on a dead planet.



Obedience of the Heart

There is a quote from the **Labors of Hercules** (book) that explains the task given to Hercules (humanity) during the month of Cancer. Hercules represents humanity (the World Disciple), living on Earth, encountering life experiences, given tasks and being (often severely) tested. For the Cancer task, the 4th Labor, Hercules must make a choice. He must develop discernment and wisdom that leads to Right Choice. And then he must demonstrate and follow the “**obedience of the heart.**”

This particular task is important to understand. The

present world situation is demanding that we, too, have discernment and wisdom to make a Right Choice. It determines our future.

From the 4th Labor of Hercules (Cancer), “The Great One, within Shamballa, spoke to the Teacher: “Where is the son of man (Sanskrit for the ‘thinkers,’ all of humanity), who is the Son of God? How fares he, how is he being tested and with what service is he engaged?” The Teacher said, “The third great test (Gemini) provided much teaching. He ponders and reflects upon it.

“The Great One said to the Teacher, ‘Provide him now with a test that evokes his wisest choice. Send him to labor in a field where he must decide which voice, of all the many voices, will arouse the obedience of his heart. Provide a test of great simplicity on the outer plane, yet a test, which awakens, interiorly, the fullness of his wisdom and the rightness of his power to choose. Let him now proceed with the fourth test.’”

Saturday, July 22, as Sun enters Leo, we (Hercules) begin the Fifth Labor (test).

ARIES: Throughout the year, great changes will occur. Your outlook on life will be concerned with freedom, especially how you express and conduct yourself. Breaking from the past will also occur. You will be like Snow White, “awakened” from a deep sleep. The awakening will happen through unexpected and interesting events. Break this gently to people who care about you so, as you change, they are not surprised. Cherish each surprising moment.

TAURUS: Unusual events happen particularly with your health. You might find unexpected difficulties almost every day affecting your wellbeing. How to handle these is to adapt to the realization that all patterns in your life are altering, including health. Perform daily tasks with deep awareness lest a spider or snake bite you. These are symbols for change. Have homeopaths and essential oils nearby.

GEMINI: Your friendships and social life begin to shift. You meet new and unusual people, encounter new ideas, consider group life more seriously. You study uncommon lifestyles and listen to alternative news. The idea of being free and free-spirited is long overdue. Vesta, the asteroid of “self as found object” is in

Gemini. You must make a Vesta box. Find a box; fill it with treasures that represent your true self. You discover you are a lamp unto yourself.

CANCER: Talents and gifts you didn’t know existed within you are emerging and this will be a discovery both exciting and unexpected. You embark upon several new studies, directions and adventures. People consider you as someone who knows a lot about lots of things. You surprise everyone. They think of you as unconventional and studious. This is good. A new life story begins.

LEO: It’s possible you’ll be traveling soon, if you’re not already. Travel will be curious, unexpected, out of the ordinary. The journey will not be what you planned. You will meet unusual people who help you see life in completely different ways. Nothing traditional seems available, even though you long for this. Everything unconventional seems to know your name. Adapt. Your heart is stirred.

VIRGO: Unexpected events or happenings occur with share resources

of finances and money investments, taxes or loans. At first this doesn’t make sense. Then as time goes by it does. Allow yourself to realize that the pleasures you pursue and things you like do cost money. For some reason, you’ll feel you cannot depend anymore on your usual sources. Uncertainty results.

You will find new paths and new resources and new people.

LIBRA: Some things in your relations with others, with close associates and intimates become surprising. Should you feel limitations, loss of freedom or resistance

from others, you will shake it off immediately. It may be difficult to rely on anyone. If this occurs, be the “reliable one” for others. Breaking free from things doesn’t mean you need to be cruel. Be gentle and kind – always, everywhere, with everyone. Isn’t Kindness the Dalai Lama’s religion?

SCORPIO: Create new routines that include all things healthy. Each day you may find yourself disrupted. Everything becomes non-traditional and unconventional. This includes your health and vitality, which you need to pay attention to. Restlessness means a new rhythm is needed. You may work non-stop at times, then work not at all other times. Alternative healing benefits your health. Slow down. Prana breathe.

SAGITTARIUS: Know that more and more you will begin to express yourself in unconventionally creative ways. You will become even more so the “out of the ordinary” friend. Children (especially), non-conformists and oddballs will love you. There will be sudden occurrences in your love life. Previous inhibitions fall away. You become freer, spontaneous, even eccentric (more so). Everything you

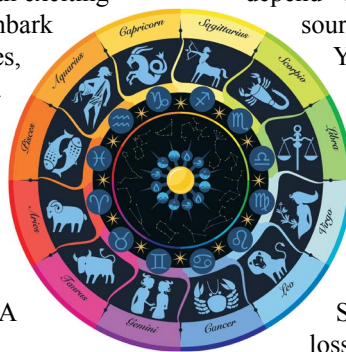
didn’t like falls away. You become light-hearted and playful. You’re happy.

CAPRICORN: Home is in a state of change and fluctuations. Things feel disruptive and erratic. There is movement in, out, here, there. This is good. It means no crystallizations or rigidity can occur. Life is speeding up. Sometimes you feel if you move too fast you’ll make a wrong turn. You feel tested, needing to approach the home situation in new ways. Sometimes you feel free. Sometimes you miss someone far away. Boredom isn’t in your vocabulary.

AQUARIUS: There’s a need for exposure to new worlds, new people, new lands and geographic areas. New opportunities come forth to express yourself and your gifts. You like to be with the people in the marketplace. Here you feel alive, in contact, love is released, people know and rely upon your expertise. You try to make contact with family, siblings, relatives. Your personal appearance changes. Your shell cracks.

PISCES: Over the next weeks and months, notice your values changing. All previous thoughts and desires disappear like cumulus clouds. New values and new endeavors emerge. A surrender to the present reality comes forth. There may be a sense of limitation, or a profound transformation that takes place concerning friends and/or associates. Unusual circumstances will bring about a different use of resources. All resources are to be used to build community. Study herbs and holy oils.

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2. hodgepodge. 3. a medley or potpourri.

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RESTAURANT QUICK REFERENCE

CONSTABLES continued from page 10

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12:33 a.m. - Guest at an inn reported footsteps outside her room. Constable checked the area and found no footsteps.

1:02 a.m. - Staff at a tourist lodging asked for constable standby while a guest was asked to leave. Constable complied, but the guest was gone already.

3:16 a.m. - Disturbance at a downtown hotel prompted a call to ESPD. Constable found the room intact and neither party bruised or battered. Constable told them to cut it out and go to bed.

12:48 p.m. - Tree fell across a road in the northeast part of town. Roadway was closed until morning.

2:11 p.m. - Employer told ESPD he would be bringing an employee who had stolen from him to the station. On the trip over, the employee hastily exited the vehicle. Constable filed a report.

JULY 9

1:24 a.m. - Girlfriend told ESPD she was worried because her boyfriend had not come back to their room at the inn.

2:24 a.m. - Witnesses claimed a male in a pickup in the commercial area on US 62 fired a gun into the air from his vehicle. Constables searched for but did not the vehicle.

4:05 a.m. - Constable went to a downtown hotel to assist in removing a guest from the property. Person was already off the premises, but was warned he would be arrested if he trespassed again.

4:29 a.m. - Constables watched for a particular vehicle belonging to a person who might be in the area.

4:45 p.m. - Observer claimed people with open containers were on the property. Constable did not see them.

7:27 p.m. - Constable watched for but did not encounter a reportedly erratic driver headed to town from the south.

11:04 p.m. - Shopowner and a constable checked out a

downtown business because the alarm had been triggered. They found everything okay.

11:59 p.m. - Constable arrested an individual on a CCSO warrant for failure to appear on a residential burglary charge.

JULY 10

12:19 a.m. - Constable checked a property just east of downtown for a possible trespasser but did not find one.

1:07 a.m. - Constables went to the scene of a suicidal person. They stood by until EMS arrived.

4:32 p.m. - Constable took a report of a package delivered to the wrong address.

4:50 p.m. - Resident filed a report of an incident.

6:20 p.m. - Motorist warned ESPD of a possibly intoxicated driver headed to town on a country road in the east part of town. Suspect left city limits before encountering a constable.

8:50 p.m. - Another erratic driver was headed toward town but constables never saw the vehicle.

Auditorium and Basin Park host diverse lineup for fun summer weekend

Basin Park Music Series presents the Downtown Livewires on Saturday early evening. This will be a high energy, hot energy summer dance show; dress accordingly and stay hydrated.

Sunday The Auditorium showcases the Gift of Music with pianist Joel Sebag and Eddie Mesa, the Elvis Presley of the Philippines playing guitar, singing, and dancing.

Monday, as part of their 67th season, Opera in the Ozarks sponsors a chamber music concert, also at the historic Auditorium. Tickets available for both shows at box office 30 minutes prior to each.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Maureen Alexander*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *It's About Time*, Rock, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

BALCONY RESTAURANT –

Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Jenny Parrott*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Pinetop Renegades*, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Kalo*, Electric Blues, 9:30 p.m.

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

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

NEW DELHI – *Pete and Dave*, Americana, 6 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *2 Dog 2 Karaoke*, 7 p.m.

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

THE STONE HOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Artist's Choices, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Steve Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

BASIN PARK – *Downtown Livewires*, Blues, 5 – 7 p.m.



Downtown Livewires play Basin Park, Saturday, July 15 at 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Route 358*, Americana, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett and Liberty Bell Rhythm Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Opal Fly and KAPOW!*, Boogie, 9:30 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Another Fine Mess*, Rock, 9 p.m.

LE STICK – *Vinny*, Violinist, 6 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Dorrian Cross*, Rock, 12 – 4 p.m., *Pete and Dave*, Americana, 6 p.m.

6 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Terri and the Executives*, Rock, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Frisco Cemetery with the Great Whisky Rendezvous*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

AUDITORIUM – *Gift of Music: Joel Sebag*, Pianist, *Eddie Mesa*, Elvis Presley of the Philippines, 3 p.m.

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

BREWS – *Trivia Night*, 7 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Whiskey Menders*, Americana, 12 p.m.

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

MONDAY, JULY 17

AUDITORIUM – *Opera in the Ozarks*, Chamber Music Concert, 7:30 p.m.

BREWS – *Manouche Jam*, Folk, 7 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Los Roscoes*, Blues, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Karaoke with Stan*, 8 p.m.

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Sign-in for each class is at 8 a.m. and class begins at 8:30 a.m. All materials are included in the class fee of \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. To register for class at Cornerstone call Linda at (479) 253-2265, and to register for class at Mercy Hospital call Deana at (870) 423-5230.

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by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann

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ACROSS

1. For each
4. Diplomacy
8. Arrange, as hair
12. Words indicating permission to do something
13. Century plant
14. In good health
15. Accepting
17. *Tosca* solo
18. Young men
19. Hungarian light cavalryman
21. Dull, commonplace
23. Basic monthly expense
24. Type of review
25. Joint heir
29. Rocks in a glass
30. Counterpart of audio
31. Manning man
32. Having numerous legs
34. Wingtip to wingtip measure
35. City near Normandy beaches
36. Narrow strip of leather
37. Word referring to

- previously mentioned thing
40. Central location of government
41. ____ Cass
42. Inhabitant of a narrow strip of land
46. Liquid stopper
47. Plate covering a horse's hoof
48. Healing mineral spring
49. Herb that repels bad energy
50. Promote vigorously
51. Code for a Tennessee international airport

DOWN

1. Touch gently
2. Career driver
3. Option for an IRA
4. Late
5. "Woe is me!"
6. Hustle or trick
7. Tied to
8. Pure
9. Boat paddles
10. Broad portion of either hipbone
11. Apprehension

16. Command, "At ____."
20. Remarkable, extraordinary
21. Proper's mate
22. Blue, e.g.
23. Inert gas from the decay of radium
25. Seahorse relative
26. Illegal favoring of family members
27. Dash; impetuous ardor
28. Sign of marital commitment
30. 700-mile long river in South Africa
33. Cause of much topography
34. Fake; hoax
36. Giggle
37. Little devils or demons
38. Repeated rhythmic pattern in Indian music
39. Self satisfied
40. Halt; cease
43. Timid
44. Tarzan's pal
45. 1965-1973 experience for many

DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Twelve-year-old Mason Levin caught this 44 inch, 29 lb. striper July 7 while out fishing with Quentin Ellis from right here in Eureka. Mason caught the bait and this fish himself. His bait of choice was a perch.

There's lot of talk about perch bringing in these stripers now. It seems as the water warms and stripers go deeper, so do bigger perch. They're down there in deeper water in big schools, along with the shad and stripers in cooler water below the thermocline, which is running about 28 ft. So put whatever bait you choose down at 30 – 40 ft. and you should get some meat in the boat.

On that note I would like to add what to do when one is hooked. I've had a few people who think big fish need to have the hook set hard then pull back so far that they get that slack in the line and lose the fish. If you're pulling that rod straight, up don't go past 12 o'clock, and if from the side, just set it in like a hard snap and keep it tight is the #1 rule.

We were out Monday and got three in the boat using big shad, but lost five because the hook was not set too soft for fear of what I said. When a striper hits, he pulls down pretty hard. Grab the rod and give a dig in while reeling and just keep it tight.

Enough of that, I've been so busy with the stripers I have not been out much this week here at the Island. With the warmer water going upriver past Beaver when they're generating so they can find cooler water can pay off for all our warm water fish seeking small shad, for they move that way to cool down, too. You will see pods of them on top and the fish won't be far behind.

They don't move the water much on the weekends, so the best time to try this



is on weekdays after 3 p.m.

Well, I have another trip on Beaver Lake tomorrow, so I better go catch some bait. Take a kid fishing or better yet let one take you.

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PERSONALS

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PJP – I relinquish my position as favorite to you. Was trying to keep up with you this weekend and got in trouble. While weedeating by the barn I cut some flowers (still think they were weeds), now AP is mad, MP got mad when I swatted at a wasp with the weedeater and made a pass through the flower bed. DP got mad when I got grass all over the car. So much for buying that round of ice cream. *P.S. May be some party pictures coming.*

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New leaders, same great mission – At its annual installation banquet on Saturday, July 8, the Holiday Island Rotary Club installed officers for the upcoming year. Shown is Linda Grave, outgoing president, installing Nile Carrothers as the new president. Peggy Lodewyks Naas will serve as president-elect and Boyce Williams was presented the Key Award for his dedicated service to the club.

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Support for Nonprofits available

Nonprofits of Carroll County can now apply online for Giving Tree Grants through the Carroll County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Arkansas Community Foundation.

Nonprofits can visit www.arcf.org/givingtree to view grant submission guidelines and begin the application process. Any IRS 501c3 public charity, public school, government agency, or hospital in Carroll County is eligible to apply. A grant making committee made of

Local Carroll County Community Foundation Board members and local community leaders will review applications. Applications must be submitted online by August 15.

Funding for the Giving Tree program comes from hundreds of Carroll County donors who support the Community Foundation. Tax-deductible donations to the Carroll County Community Foundation Giving Tree Endowment may be made online at www.arcf.org/give.

Metafizzies interprets New Testament

The July 17 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature Dr. Stephen Foster continuing his discussion on metaphysical interpretation of the New Testament. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain. All are welcome.





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