

# Vote for Issue 7 anyway

BECKY GILLETTE

Arkansans for Compassionate Care (ACC), sponsors of the 2016 Arkansas Medical Cannabis Act, Issue 7 on the ballot, filed an appeal Monday before the Arkansas Supreme Court of its ruling on Oct. 27 to disqualify Issue 7.

“We definitely feel like it was an unfair decision,” said Gary Fults, statewide volunteer coordinator for ACC. “More than 140,000 people had already voted in Arkansas when they ruled on this. That represents a quarter of the voting public. They have been disenfranchised. This has become a political issue, which is sad.”

Fults said they are asking people who haven’t yet voted to still vote for Issue 7.

The ballot challenge to Issue 7 was funded by backers of a competing ballot issue, Issue 6, the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016. That left a bad taste in people’s mouth, especially those who had carefully considered the two different ballot issues and had decided to support Issue 7 because it is more focused towards affordable patient care, while it appears Issue 6 is designed primarily with corporate profits in mind.

Fults said the appeal is asking the court to consider the constitutionality of state signature-gathering laws that were interpreted by the Supreme Court in an overly onerous fashion. For example, if there was a mistake with one signature on a page of ten signatures – i.e., the person wrote down their birthday for the date the petition was signed – the entire page was thrown out invalidating ten signatures.

Fults said the Secretary of State accepted the signatures, but the court struck 3,500 signatures because of minor technical errors. That put the issue with 2,500 fewer signatures than required. Fults said those types of technical errors

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**First a horde of undead...** Hundreds of zombies paraded down Spring Street Saturday evening for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Zombie Crawl. Following close behind were vehicles equipped for zombie hunters who drove them. Participants in the zombie crawl were asked to bring two or more cans of food to benefit the Flint Street Food Bank. (More pics on p. 15). *PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*

## This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Oh those women over 40, they are a force to contend with any way you look at it – seems they ingest big gulps of daring and endurance.

On Oct. 21, six women from Eureka Springs met at Lake Leatherwood and ran to Withrow State Park near Huntsville, passing through Hobbs State Park, in a 75-mile relay where each woman ran 10 to 15 miles. They started and ended in the dark.

Why? “It’s fun,” runner Jessica Guillory said. “This is our second year and we’re going to do it again!”

More than 84 teams of six to 12 women (that’s more than 1000 we think, without using an abacus) are part of Outback in the Ozarks, a race on scenic rural routes.

It is fun to feel exhausted and exhilarated – just like Eureka Wonder Women Ashley Leahy, Jessica Guillory, Patsy Miller, Juanita Crider, Cindy Kormarek and Kathy Dolan can tell you.



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Time changes Sunday. Another hour of Election Season!



## Annual chili cook-off and cornbread contest Saturday

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.

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were used as an excuse by the Supreme Court to take a political position opposing medical cannabis. But he said this is about more than the cannabis issue.

"We are fighting for our issue, but we are also fighting for the rights of people in Arkansas to have their votes counted," Fults said

In states with legal medical marijuana, deaths of elders from opiate overdoses have declined significantly since medical marijuana was approved. Researchers found that opiate-related deaths decreased by about 33 percent in 13 states in the six years after medical marijuana was legalized.

ACC, despite being torpedoed by backers of Issue 6, is also advocating people vote for Issues 6 and Issue 7.

"We have been telling people to vote their conscience on Issue 6," Fults said. "It is up to you. We have told people to vote for it."

Fults said he and his wife, Melissa Fults, who is statewide campaign director for ACC, personally didn't vote for Issue 6.

"We feel like it is a terrible law, but we also understand there are patients out there who need their medicine now," Fults said. "We have told people to vote yes on Issue 6 because we care more about patients than our issues. ACC as a group has told people to vote for both."

The Supreme Court vote disqualifying the petition was 5-2, with Interim Chief Justice Howard Brill dissenting, saying a retired judge assigned by the court to review the petitions said more than enough valid signatures were submitted. Brill said people should be permitted to vote on the initiative, and their votes counted.

Arkansas Democrat Gazette columnist John Brummett wrote on Oct. 30 that he voted for both and contends that Issue 6 is every bit as worthy as Issue 7, and maybe better because the proposed constitutional amendment is more protected from being

weakened by the conservative Republican legislature than Issue 7. A constitutional amendment cannot be repealed except by a vote of the people.

Eureka Springs alderman James DeVito, who collected more than 500 signatures to put Issue 7 on the ballot, said he feels his vote was taken away from him. He early voted for Issue 7, but would have voted for Issue 6 if he had known Issue 7 was going to be disqualified.

"I lost the most important thing to me which is my vote," DeVito said. "Without a doubt, the needs of patients supersede any of my desires for what I wanted. So I would have voted for Issue 6 if I had known Issue 7 was going to be disqualified?"

DeVito sees direct correlation with what is going on nationally and in Arkansas with regard to interference by governmental agencies with the intention of influencing the outcome of the election. He was referring to FBI Director James Comey, a Republican, opening a vague investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while Secretary of State.

DeVito said coming out with the announcement at the last minute before the presidential elections broke FBI protocol regarding interfering in elections.

DeVito said there should be a time limit, and Arkansas Supreme Court rulings should not take place after voting has begun.

"There was really no reason for the Supreme Court to take that case at all when the signatures had already been validated twice," he said. "There was no need for them to take that case at all. They don't have to take every case that is put before them."

DeVito said locally there is opposition to Issue 6 by backers of Issue 7 who fear Issue 6 could lock in bad regulations. But he said if problems surface with Issue 6, it could be overridden by another constitutional amendment.



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## Lujan resigns from Planning Commission

NICKY BOYETTE

Chair Pat Lujan ended the Oct. 25 Planning Commission meeting with the surprise announcement he was resigning from the commission and had no further plans to participate in city government. His statement was in response to an appearance at the Oct. 24 city council meeting in which he represented work Planning commissioners had spent “countless hours” in workshops and meetings attempting to clarify and update references in City Code regarding Bed & Breakfasts, only to see council table the matter because aldermen had a different version of the material.

“It was a waste of my time,” Lujan stated. “It was not worth the effort for me.” He pointed out he watched while council grappled for an hour with wording in a resolution for the benefit of the Parks Commission only to have his time at the microphone tabled after only a few minutes.

Lujan said he was upset with the fact the format of the material for council had been changed and he had not been notified. “I’m tired of playing the games,” he said, adding that he loves Eureka Springs, but being involved in city politics was skewing his point of view. “I’d like to get

back to loving Eureka Springs,” he said. Lujan said commissioner Melissa Greene would take over as chair to finish out the year.

### Defining ‘family’

During work on upgrading language related to Bed & Breakfasts in City Code, commissioners found an antiquated attempt at defining “family.” Commissioner Tom Buford said he had found an alternative that simply defined family as “a social unit consisting of one or more adults and any children they care for.” Commissioners liked it.

They also agreed the definition of “dwelling” in Code would be okay if the word “weekly” were removed. Commissioner James Morris had further suggestions, and commissioner Susan Harman suggested they retain both versions for the time being as they continue their review of possible changes.

City Economic Development Coordinator Glenna Booth pointed out Code stated it was the Board of Zoning and Adjustment that grants a Conditional Use Permit, but it is actually Planning.

Lujan said they should start a list of suggested amendments and present them to council all at one time.

### Anonymity of complaining

Morris said he had mentioned in previous meetings about a procedure whereby citizens could ask the city to review a possibly improper situation without making a formal complaint. He said it would be “asking for a visitation about something not proper.” He insisted there are situations in town that could affect property values, but they go uncorrected in spite of the Clean City Ordinance and he wants a process for somebody to possibly remain anonymous while asking the city to look at a situation.

Lujan said they should put it on their list for further study.

### Other items

- Commissioners approved the request by new owners for continuing a CUP for a 5-unit B&B at 28 Ridgeway.

- The commission also approved the new construction of a new kitchen area for 28 S. Main.

- Lujan mentioned council had requested all commissions report on what they had done during 2016 and what they plan for 2017. He asked commissioners to come to the Nov. 8 meeting with what they intend to take on next year.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 6 p.m.

## Evidence suppression to be decided in January

NICKY BOYETTE

On Oct. 27, Circuit Court Judge Scott Jackson presided over a suppression hearing in the case regarding Christopher Kevin Butler, accused in the Feb. 19 shooting death of John Catlin Keck just north of Eureka Springs.

Defense attorney Joe Tobler of Little Rock had questioned the timing of when Carroll County authorities delivered Miranda Rights to Butler and whether

investigators had continued questioning Butler after he asked for an attorney.

Tobler and Carroll County Prosecutor Tony Rogers questioned five witnesses, all Carroll County Sheriff’s Office employees who had responded to the scene on the evening of February 19, two who also conducted the subsequent jail interrogation of Butler.

Tobler requested suppression of all

parts of that interrogation.

Rogers cited case law exonerating actions of the officers at the scene and in the interrogation room. Jackson asked him if he had further case law and Rogers said he did. Jackson asked Rogers to produce copies for him and Tobler, and said he would rule on the suppression request at the pre-trial hearing on Monday, Jan. 23, 2017, at 1 p.m.

Trial date is set for March 27-29, 2017.

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## Planning wants more info about noise enforcement

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Ann Tandy-Sallee said at the Oct. 25 Planning meeting that commissioners had heard during public comments at recent meetings complaints apparently resulting from a lack of enforcement of the town's noise ordinance. She wondered if Planning should remind council to request better enforcement.

Commissioner Susan Harman asked what the process was for a noise complaint and what the follow through would be. Chair Pat Lujan said his understanding was that police write down complaints

and there is a formal written complaint form at city hall. Harman observed Planning does not get any of this information and asked if there a reason Planning should even be involved.

Economic Development Coordinator Glenna Booth commented commissioners do not know there is no enforcement, and it becomes a police matter.

Lujan noticed Planning hears only the comments from the public, but Tandy-Sallee again stated it is up to council to back up the public comments. Harman pointed out Planning could be the voice for those who speak up

at meetings, but something is missing in the process if commissioners do not know the rest of the story.

Commissioner Melissa Greene commented, "Noise is not for Planning to decide upon," though commissioner James Morris observed noise issues could influence their decisions. Greene said Planning could add noise considerations to their requirements so that, even though Planning is not enforcement, commissioners have a standing for doing something.

Lujan suggested they add it to their list of future considerations.

## School board steers clear of trail grant

NICKY BOYETTE

At its Oct. 25 meeting, Supt. Bryan Pruitt read a letter from Parks Commission chair Bill Featherstone regarding his intention to apply for a \$35,000 grant from the Arkansas Parks and Tourism Commission for installing an exercise trail around the perimeter of the Community Center property. Featherstone needed to send his application in the following afternoon, but was unable to attend the meeting to answer questions.

A requirement was if the grant were awarded and the trail installed, but went out of use within the first 15 years after receiving the grant funds, the funds would have to be repaid. A circumstance for the trail going out of use would be if the Community Center Foundation defaulted on its lease and the district sold the property. Eureka Springs city council had voted to support Featherstone's application for the grant, but not to ensure repayment of the \$35,000.

Board member Chris McClung said he might support the grant subject to learning more details, but was not prepared to approve Featherstone's request. Board

member Jason Morris agreed he did not want to rush a decision without more information. Gayla Wolfinbarger added she did not want the board to commit any more money to the former high school property.

McClung stated even though the concept was a great idea, there were too many unanswered questions. The board decided not to approve the request.

### Bid approved for demolition

Pruitt told the board Cromwell Architects, advisors on the Community Center project, had recommended the bid of Rockin' W Excavating of Berryville for demolition of B-100. Their bid for the job was \$78,680.

The district had agreed to pay for the demolition as part of its lease arrangement with the Community Center Foundation. Vote to approve the recommendation was unanimous.

### Officers and meeting date

The board voted to reinstate the same slate of officers for the upcoming year. Chris McClung will remain as president; Al Larson, vice-president; and Gayla Wolfinbarger, secretary. The

board, however, voted to change its meeting date to the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings will still begin at 5:30 p.m.

This was also the first regular meeting for newly-elected board members Tina Johnson and Joe Hill.

### Other items

- The board approved the Parent

Involvement Policy and voted to add Wolfinbarger as a check signer.

• After an Executive Session, the board voted to approve the hiring of paraprofessional Cyndy Calbat and accept the resignation of paraprofessional Lexi Pyatt.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 5:30 p.m.

## Heading north

Mark Eastburn will be traveling to the Standing Rock encampment in North Dakota on Nov. 9 to deliver supplies. Cash, gift cards to Lowe's, Menard's or WalMart, big bags of cold cereal and other lightweight supplies are appreciated. Call Mark at (479) 244-5030 for more information.

## 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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## ES schools thriving, per annual report

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs School District presented its annual Report to the Public Oct. 20, where faculty from all three schools and Superintendent Bryan Pruitt participated.

Randy Stainer, 8<sup>th</sup> grade English and Social Studies teacher, and Nancy Stainer, high school math teacher, reported on district test scores, saying the state presented students with three different standardized tests in three years, so results for a particular grade cannot be compared to previous years as a gauge for performance. Instead, he compared test scores with nearby districts, and Eureka Springs consistently ranked among the top five along with Bentonville, Fayetteville, Rogers and Gravette. He said out of 255 districts in the state, Eureka Springs was ranked in the top 25 percent.

On the ACT, Stainer said Eureka Springs juniors ranked in the top 20 percent compared to the rest of the state even though the district tested all juniors, which is not the case for all districts.

Elementary School Principal Clare Lesieur and Chrys McClung, instructional facilitator, gave the elementary school report, noting there are 270 students in kindergarten through fourth grade. "Our goal is to educate the whole child," Lesieur said, and to accomplish that they partner with parents and the community.

Even at the elementary level, there is an emphasis on science and math according to McClung. Digital literacy begins in kindergarten with students using a keyboard as they learn spelling. There are also online games for learning math.

Lesieur commented they emphasize nutritional support and activities promoting a healthy lifestyle. Students also get out of town on field trips to Crystal Bridges and events at the Walton Arts Center. There are interventions for students who need extra help, as well as a program for gifted students.

Middle School Principal Cindy Holt stated there are 177 students in grades 5 – 8, and many of the same activities from elementary carry on through middle school. Emphasis is making sure the students know their work is valued. Her student council conducted a fundraiser for the Leukemia Foundation, and 7<sup>th</sup>

graders will go on an overnight trip to the Ozark Natural Science Center.

For the high school, Principal Kathy Lavender noted she offers Advanced Placement courses in language, literature, calculus, physics and United States history. Students can also take AP courses in biology and statistics through the Arkansas School for Math, Science and the Arts (ASMSA) in Hot Springs.

She also said there are students taking college courses in algebra, speech and composition through Arkansas Tech University. Distance Learning through Virtual Arkansas and ASMSA allow more choices for electives, and she said 90 students are enrolled in 23 different courses through Distance Learning. This year for the first time, a team from the computer programming class will compete in a state-wide coding competition.

Lavender reported that 77 percent of last year's graduating class are in post-secondary education, five percent are in the military and 18 percent are in the workforce.

Pruitt reported that district attendance rate stands at 94 percent. New projects on the horizon include a grant for a greenhouse, air-conditioning for the middle school gym and the trades building, a new sign at Hwy. 23 and Greenwood Hollow Rd., and new security cameras for the campus. He said he is part of a multi-jurisdiction hazard mitigation plan working to procure a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a "safe room" which, during an emergency, could accommodate up to 600 students. It would also be available for the community when school is not in session.

## Meditation, reading, and discussion

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

# CHRISTY DAVIS

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**Oh, deer, now look** – The native plants in the Pagoda Garden downtown have been very popular, especially with the deer. Hence volunteers shown above (l to r) Faith Shah, David Petit, Michael Shah and Christopher Fischer are working to install a deer fence using bamboo, cedar and other natural materials to help the native plants survive the voracious cervidae.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

## CAPC explains spending, considers festivals' future

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Susan Harman pointed out at last Wednesday's City Advertising and Promotion Commission workshop that it appeared there had been overspending on some line items. She asked Finance Director Rick Bright to explain, and he replied that the CAPC has a longstanding contract with the Chamber of Commerce to pay for postage for the mailing of *Visitor Guides*, and the Chamber had initiated a large mailing early in the year to those who requested the guide in the past. Bright said the CAPC was obligated to pay even though the expense put them over budget for that line item. He added, however, the overall budget for the year was looking good.

Harman asked Bright for a list of other expenses the CAPC was committed to for the rest of the year so commissioners could better evaluate

the budget. She also noticed expenses on some of the festivals went over budget in 2016 and the return on investment was not what was expected. Her observation sparked a vigorous brainstorming session about the future of festivals.

Bright pointed out the CAPC needed to have clearer contracts with festival promoters, and Harman proposed they begin in 2017 having explicit agreements with promoters regarding what the CAPC will spend on an event. Regarding festivals the CAPC has been promoting, Bright commented, "We're not the entertaining commission. We're the advertising commission."

Festival improvement and effective spending on them, if they are to continue, as well as an exchange of ideas regarding new festivals will continue.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m.

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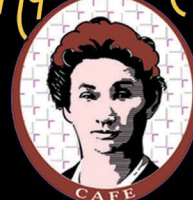
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## CAPC considers app presentation

NICKY BOYETTE

At the Oct. 26 City Advertising and Promotion Commission workshop, Chip Ford again presented his case for enticing the CAPC to partner with him on a Eureka Springs app he is developing. Ford is asking the CAPC for startup support of \$25,000.

Commissioner Dustin Duling asked Ford if Android users could access the app, and Ford answered not at the outset. "Dealbreaker!" Duling responded, and commissioner Susan Harman agreed.

Ford replied the project would cost considerably less starting out supporting only Apple-based devices, but developers could build on the app anytime down the road.

Duling asked what it would take to get the first release to include Android users, and Ford said that waiting a year would save 20 percent of the cost. "We had to make a choice for one or the other," he commented, and said adding Android capabilities would take

only 30-60 days, but it would be less expensive later.

Ford gave commissioners a demonstration of the app on his laptop. "The home page is a map, the hub of the information. It can change at the drop of a hat, and there will be no need for any updates – a big deal," he said.

Ford mentioned he found a way to add a small panel for advertising for local merchants or events for "only \$200 per ad."

Executive Director Mike Maloney asked if Ford planned to include all tax collectors, the retail environment, churches and attractions, and Ford said yes.

Commissioner Damon Henke pointed out the CAPC could expand its own app to include some of the capabilities, and there are already search apps like Yelp for finding specific spots in town. He asked Ford who would collect and maintain all the information, adding he thought the app was "way too pricey."

Ford said search engines like Yelp are great "up to a point." His app will provide historical photos and stories and "deep immersive content."

"You don't have the time to process all the information," Henke insisted.

Ford admitted it will be a large undertaking, but can be done. He was steadfast he could get data from individual businesses.

Commissioner Charles Ragsdell remarked that if Ford intends to create a comprehensive database, the CAPC needs more time to ensure it will work across all platforms. He observed there are already several databases in town, and there need to be fewer. "We need not be triple-entering data points," he said.

Ragsdell said what is needed is one database that can be sorted so that every tax collector has a chance to be listed first at some point, and said he would prefer a really complete website.

"What we really need is not what Chip is presenting," Ragsdell stated.

Ford insisted his app would begin

the consolidation of information.

Ragsdell commented he is Apple-centric but agreed with Duling the app must support Android from the beginning.

Ford stated to launch the app on both platforms at the outset, it would cost an extra \$30,000.

Maloney, checking data from his own laptop, stated the CAPC at that moment had 1,400 Samsung users, and all the rest were iPhone or iPad users. He asked Ford again where he would get his data.

Ford answered his team was compiling it themselves or allowing businesses to provide it.

Henke observed that would mean incomplete data because of the difficulty getting business owners to hand over information.

Ford answered, "On Day One, will I have everything? No, but this app will become the one to pick. We can build on it." He also explained if he were to

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## This City that water built

Editor,

It is getting late in the game to save the Ozarks from ourselves. *We support the sales and use tax that has been proposed by Mayor Butch Berry and the Eureka Springs City Council.*

Their investigation of the chronic underfunding of the City water and wastewater infrastructure and courage in facing the problem are commendable. Ordinance 2244 deserves the support of all who love Eureka Springs. The green image of our city is belied by what lies beneath – the dark reality of a failing underground infrastructure. Public Works needs full support. Our track record of unresolved regulatory actions and endless delays must end. Time and again we have used taxpayer funds to build an image of charm and natural beauty, to the neglect of our aging water and sewer systems.

If not now, when do we stop digging a hole in our future?

*It is time for us to address underground infrastructure repairs and improvements that have been underfunded over the decades.*

Leaking and broken water and sewer mains and pipes, the underfunded sewer plant costs and upgrades, and degrading services are escalating future costs and causing a downward financial and environmental spiral. Our leading citizens and newspapers have provided informed support. And yes, quality of Public Works and public health cost money. If we don't act, the water quality of the springs that built our city, our karst groundwater, Leatherwood Creek, and Table Rock Lake at Holiday Island will continue to worsen. Time is running out, and the consequences of a "No" vote will cast a brown shadow over our beloved Ozark hills and valleys and our tourist economy.

Let us heal "healing waters." Let's build a future where the reality of our historic city matches the image that draws residents and tourists. Let us accept responsibility for the actual costs of living in harmony with Nature in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Think like cool clean water, think about the critters and people living downstream.

**VOTE "YES" FOR A CLEAN GREEN FUTURE!**

**Pat Costner, Steven Foster, Ruth Goodwin-Hager, James Helwig, Patricia Whalen Helwig, Joe Scott, John Tarasuk**

## Don't be fooled

Editor,

Don't be fooled again, vote No on the 1% sales tax increase. It will damage tourism, our largest industry, especially retail. Don't believe those who say business is up. They are quoting CAPC tax totals in which food taxes are up which they are because wholesale food prices have gone up so restaurant prices went up to cover the increase, surpassing the lodging tax collection. Visitors need to eat and stay, but with the retail tax at 10.375%, which is high, they won't buy, thus the city will lose tax money. Visitors pay attention to sales taxes.

Past councils have diverted sewer tax increases to the general fund where money disappeared, and they could do it again. With our current Finance Director, where even city council members have trouble getting full disclosure of city finances, we as citizens don't know how much money the city really has or where it is being spent.

Surprisingly, not long ago the director magically came up with around \$30,000 out of nowhere for Christmas decoration storage, and who knows what else? Was that a priority? Why wasn't that money put toward water and sewer? How much more money is available? We don't know.

The CAPC, by law, is supposed to use some of its money to support a convention center which is the Auditorium. They used \$10,000 of city collected tax money to promote a Blues Festival nine miles outside of the city limits instead of using the Aud. When they sponsored consistent shows at the Aud, i.e., Ray Charles, Emmylou Harris, etc., it brought visitors to town and they were booking their rooms for the next concert before they left. The CAPC made 3% on where they stayed and ate, plus the city got tax money.

The Aud is a draw to bring people here, and the CAPC with how much they benefit from it need to do their job and use it that way.

They have spent untold amounts on websites that don't work. Over time the city, not the CAPC, has paid for maintenance and improvements at the Aud.

We don't need more tax and an auditorium commission, we need the CAPC to put on shows at and use the Aud to bring visitors and money to town.

Until we know how much money the city really has and are sure it is being wisely spent, say No to further increases.

Until the CAPC starts truly supporting and using the **MAIL** continued on page 23



## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@lizhackett:** You're a busy woman. Let the smoke alarm tell you when the chicken's done.

**@jaketapper:** I'm trying to envision something more fitting than this election actually ending in a Biden-Trump fist fight and I cannot.

**@stellacopter:** I drink to forget I accidentally once said, "I love you" when ending a call with a customer service rep.

**@buffymaddingly:** Just realized the laundry detergent has been in the refrigerator for three days in case you're looking for a business manager.

**@4SLars:** Turns out my date had a lot of pizzazz, not pizzas. I've

never been more disappointed.

**@elizasoul80:** If I were Hillary I'd keep Michelle Obama on as first lady.

**@fillthevacuum:** Got out of the car and dropped my keys in the gutter. They landed next to my mind, which I thought I'd lost.

**@ohjuliatweets:** I like Triscuits because sometimes you just want to eat a wicker basket.

**@kirkfox:** I don't care what the FBI says, America's Most Wanted still sounds like an honor.

**@babyitsmb:** I feel like Trump and Hillary are two divorced parents fighting over custody of us but we kinda just want to go live with grandma.



## If we'd done this in 2006 it would be finished now

There is a lot of discussion about the 1% sales tax proposed to rebuild the infrastructure and to repay the \$800K that has been loaned to water and sewer since 2013 for operation and maintenance. I have said it before and I am saying it again – our city did not get into this predicament overnight, it has taken several years to get in this shape.

I met with some citizens last week and they said even if the sales tax passes, we would still need to increase our water and sewer rates to meet the bond obligations. They wanted to know why this hasn't been mentioned.

The bond obligation requiring the city to have 110% water revenue *has been* mentioned numerous times over the years (and during other administrations) and the fact is the city does not meet that obligation. This is not new information. In order to meet *just that obligation*, rates will have to be raised by 22.29%. This is to just meet the bond obligation.

My plan is, if the tax passes, to slowly raise the rates over the next 5 years to meet that obligation. And use the revenue from this new sales tax to pay for fixing the infrastructure and get water and sewer to become self-sufficient.

Someone said that if they had a water problem at their house, they would call an expert. Well, the city did just that, and McClelland Engineers completed a study and estimated the improvements needed for *just* the wastewater system will cost us between \$4 and \$5 million.

Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality will dictate what our main needs will be in the future. We know that any reduction in nutrient levels in our wastewater effluence will require at least a \$1 million investment to improve equalization and filter installation. Most of our 5- to 10-year goals include fixing sewer problems before we come under another consent order. The 5- to 10-year plan was not arrived at just by guessing. That plan is based on the McClelland report.

At this time, the city is in a better position to apply for and receive grants to help repair water and sewer and extend additional service to our area. This is something that we have never been able to accomplish. However, as with most grants, it requires matching funds from the city.

For example, Berryville recently received \$18 million in grants and loans for water lines. Their match could be up to \$1.8 million. There is no way we could even accept a grant like that because we wouldn't

be able to come up with the match.

Some people say, "Well, just raise the water and sewer rates." OK, if this tax does not pass, we will have to raise the rates by more than 50%. Shouldn't we pass along most of the expense to visitors to pay for improvements in a system needed to host over a million people each year?

Raising rates for residents means that if your water and sewer bill is now \$54/month it will become \$82/month. And if you have a small 2-3 unit B&B and your rates are now \$120/month, it will be \$180/month. If you own a larger multi-unit B&B and your rates are now \$425/month, it will be \$640/month.

Raising the water rates on citizens and businesses will mean the burden will be on locals. Waitresses, busboys and our older citizens on fixed incomes would be impacted more. I introduced this sales tax initiative because I felt it would put less of a burden on citizens who already have a hard time making ends meet.

Under the proposed sales tax structure, if your nightly room rate is \$150, you will have to collect and additional \$1.50 night. If your annual gross income is \$40,000 from renting out rooms, the cost that all of your guests will have paid in a year's time will be an extra \$400.

If my wife and I eat out 3 times a week, 52 weeks a year and our average check is \$50, we will pay an additional \$78 a year in extra cost. Or my \$8 burger or BBQ would increase by 8 pennies.

PLEASE REMEMBER, THIS PROPOSED TAX INCREASE HAS A SUNSET CLAUSE, SO AFTER 10

YEARS, IT WILL GO AWAY.

I read recently that this tax will put some folks out of business because we have a high tax rate already. I recently talked to visitors from Kansas, Iowa and North Little Rock about our upcoming referendum. Each one said that an additional 1¢ on a \$1 purchase would not deter them from returning to Eureka Springs.

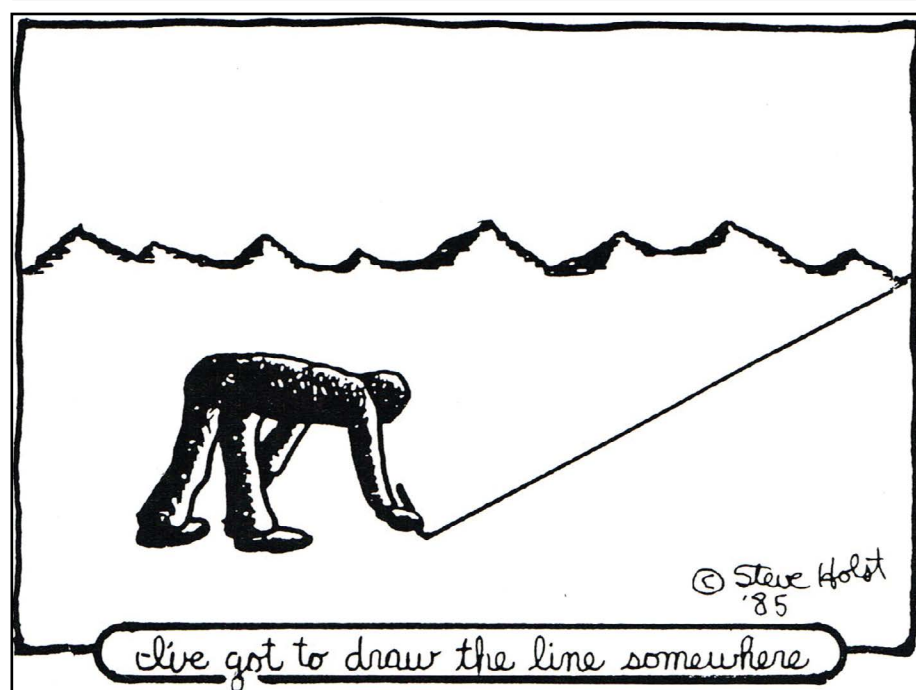
The proposed sales tax accomplishes:

- Repairs and replaces our infrastructure over a 10-year period.
- Places the Auditorium in the hands of a dedicated commission with a funding stream to allow it to once again thrive and remove it from the operating authority of the CAPC.
- Places the burden of the cost of both of these improvements across 1 million visitors and not solely on the 2,073 citizens of our city.

There are future requirements to remain in compliance that the water and sewer plant will need. Now is the time to start working toward that end. We cannot afford to continue operating in the same manner. Let's take a proactive stance and start working on our system now so we won't have to worry about the state mandating us to do something that we cannot afford.

There is no good to come from laying blame on previous administrations for not increasing water and sewer rates. We can't do anything about the past, but we can and should do something to fix the problems now. We will have to pay – one way or the other. I still feel that the best way is for this sales tax to be passed and I am asking for your support when you cast your ballot.

Mayor Butch Berry



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

By any conservative estimate, taxpayers have afforded Republicans \$100,000,000 to investigate Hillary and Bill Clinton. No money has been spent to prosecute them because no criminal evidence has been produced. Now, Republicans vow to continue to investigate Mrs. Clinton's email scandal for at least the next two years. Do you, as a taxpayer, want to spend another \$100,000,000 to "lock her up?" If you're a Republican, is this the main work we can expect your party to do over the next four or eight years? Frankly, I'd rather see some bridges built, or some work done on our loophole ridden tax code.

What's different about this election is that we, and our political representatives, seem to have forgotten that democracy only works when there is a spirit of compromise in the pursuit of legislative goals that are crafted by a shared commitment to the greatest good. We've mistaken campaigning for governing, and our representatives have turned the legislative process into a zero sum game on behalf of any special interest that helps them win a short-term gain.

Special interests are "special" because they invest hard cash for the right to take no responsibility for what happens when they exercise those bought and paid for rights. Examples of "special" are seen on both sides of the aisle. Charles Schumer (D-NY), the probable next Senate Majority Leader, is a long-time advocate for the carried interest loophole – which benefits Wall Street hedge fund executives – and hardly anyone else. And who but the gun lobby ever imagined that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment protects the right of your schizoid neighbor to buy an automatic weapon at a flea market – *and* exempts him from carrying liability insurance on that weapon?

Rights without responsibilities is talking without listening, believing without thinking, or judging without evidence or mercy. Adding \$100,000,000 – or a dime – to any interest, cause, or idea that is absent these logic and morality based partnerships destroys democracy. Today's claimants to rights refuse to understand that discomfort, suffering, and losing are constituent parts of responsibility. If they feel any of these symptoms it must be because the system is rigged and the world is out to get them.



## 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 24

6:51 a.m. – A man running on the historical loop said another man threatened him. Officers did not locate the perpetrator.  
6:39 p.m. – Constable responded to a report of people behind a vacant building and advised two people to vacate the property.  
6:54 p.m. – State police alerted ESPD to an erratic driver headed to town. Constable spoke with the driver in a parking lot and learned the driver was not impaired but unaccustomed to driving the vehicle.  
8:28 p.m. – Resident told ESPD she thought someone was lurking outside her apartment, but constable found no one.  
10:18 p.m. – Individual filed a report because a construction crew had moved his motorcycle and scratched up the pipes.  
10:40 p.m. – Resident in the western part of town reported a suspicious person on the property, but the responding constable did not encounter anyone.

## OCTOBER 25

8:03 a.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a suicidal person. Constables responded and EMS transported the person to ESH.  
12:43 p.m. – School district staff requested a welfare check on a child not enrolled at the school but involved in a custody dispute. Constable spoke with the parties and determined the child was okay.

## OCTOBER 27

11:47 a.m. – Clerk at a nightly rental property reported damage to a wall done by a guest who had already checked out.  
1:26 p.m. – Concerned observer told ESPD an individual had pulled up to a playground and watched children playing, but when a teacher approached him he got into his vehicle and left.  
7:46 p.m. – Restaurant staff reported an individual locked himself in the bathroom for several hours and refused to come out.

Constable responded to the scene, but the person was gone.

## OCTOBER 28

8:19 a.m. – A mother spoke to a constable about suspicious after-school activity her daughter had become involved with.  
8:32 a.m. – Motorist reported a driver weaving a bit and driving very slowly. Constable encountered the driver and learned she was simply having trouble with the early morning glare.  
10:15 a.m. – Two dogs cavorted through a neighborhood south of downtown. Animal Control captured them, put them in the kennel and left messages with their owners.  
10:33 p.m. – Constables arrested two individuals who had been fighting in a restaurant.  
11:40 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

## OCTOBER 29

9:26 a.m. – Motorist drove a vehicle into a building above downtown.  
9:26 a.m. – Resident just east of downtown claimed he walked out to get into his car, but it was not there.  
2:13 p.m. – Constable provided traffic control while a tram driver extricated his rig from a tricky corner.  
10:44 p.m. – Constables responded to a report of two individuals walking around looking suspicious. They told the constables they were lost.  
11:36 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of one driver for violation of the noise ordinance and on a warrant out of Madison County. A second person was arrested for violation of the noise ordinance and driving on a suspended license.

## OCTOBER 30

11:24 a.m. – Animal Control captured an unleashed wandering dog in a parking lot and took it to the kennel.

## Interpreting the New Testament at Metafizzies

The Nov. 7 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature 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 Street. All are welcome.

## Fall series showing new works

Five & Dime Drama Collective will present their fall performance series, *Five Plays and a Slam*, all in *One Hour* on Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. at Main Stage, 67 N. Main St. Eureka authors, director and ensemble cast will present all new work dealing with interpersonal conflicts with

doors opening on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and seating is limited. There is free parking in the adjacent lot courtesy of Basin Park Hotel. For more tickets and more information at [fiveanddimedramacollective.org](http://fiveanddimedramacollective.org).



## Warm October has implications for colors, farming and the future

BECKY GILLETTE

The White Street Farmers' Market usually ends the last Saturday in October. This year it has been extended at least one more week because of unusually warm weather.

Many days in October were 12 to 17 degrees warmer than normal. For example, there was a high of 79° Oct. 29 compared to the average high for that day of 62°. The low was 61° compared to an average low for that date of 46°, and cool fall temperatures bring out the most brilliant fall leaf color.

Abnormally warm weather was great for the Zombie Crawl, Voices from the Silent City cemetery tours and other outdoor activities last weekend. But warm nights also mean a later fall color season than usual in the Ozarks. Some tourists who planned their vacation to coincide with the height of the fall color anticipated in the third week of October were disappointed.

No one has called the City Advertising and Promotion Committee to complain

about the late fall colors, according to Executive Director Mike Maloney.

"People are very agreeable," he said. "They understand weather is what it is. We can't predict the weather. I'm kind of anticipating by this upcoming weekend we should probably see the peak of fall colors. That's what I'm counting on, we're doing photography next weekend. I'm hoping we have some brilliance in the reds and yellows."

*I remember clearly from early years any rainfall event over two or three inches would be very unusual. The past five years, we have had five or six cases of rain six to ten inches.*

— Patrice Gros

"I think we will start to see a real turn in the overall colors of trees, particularly the oaks that haven't turned as quickly as usual. Poplars and other trees have turned colors. Maples look really good. If you're riding on Highway 62, the maples in front of the Best Western are really, really nice right now. Some of the other places around town look good. It depends on where you drive. I drive Highway 62 every day and I see a lot of color between here and Bentonville. Temperatures are holding, which makes for good outdoor activities."

October is the biggest tourism month

of the year for Eureka Springs, and people come not just for fall color, but the Mad Hatter Ball and to a visit a town with a tradition of great Halloweens.

Maloney thinks it is possible there will be still be good fall color when the city kicks off its Christmas shopping campaign in mid-November. "It may look more like fall than it usually does in mid-November," he said. "It won't hurt anything if we still have good fall coloration."

A warm fall could even bring more visitors to town.

"If the weather looks nice, people will make the trek," he said. "They can check on any hotel website or EurekaSprings.org to see what is available lodging wise."

Maloney recalls colder weather in years past. For example, it snowed on Halloween one year.

There may be benefits to a warming climate for some. Patrice Gros, a no-till organic farmer who owns Foundation Farms, has been active in working to combat climate change for about 10 years. During that time, he has seen direct evidence of a changing climate.

One consequence of high carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere from greenhouse gases is that warm air holds more water. Gros said he has seen much heavier rainfall in recent years.

"I've been here twenty-three years, so I have a pretty long, steady personal record," Gros said. "I remember clearly from early years any rainfall event over two or three inches would be very unusual. The past five years, we have had five or six cases of rain six to ten inches."

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### Elk's fundraiser for kids toys

The Holiday Island Elks are working with the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks to raise money for toys to entertain children visiting their Veteran parents in hospitals throughout the year with a dinner at the Holiday Island Elks Lodge, 4 Parkcliff Drive on Friday, Nov. 4 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

There will be a cash bar at 4:30 with a Mexican dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. From 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Joe Giles & the Homewreckers will entertain.

Cost is \$10 per person at the door. To make reservations leave a message at (479) 253-9783.

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## Solar farm sees the sunny side

BECKY GILLETTE

Solar panels to generate electricity have never been more affordable. Blamed in part by overproduction in China, the global glut of solar panels is expected to drive prices even lower in 2017. That comes at the same time that evidence continues to grow about the negative consequences of climate change resulting from emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. According to NASA, 10 of the hottest years in recorded history have been in the past 12 years.

Northwest Arkansas has more residential solar installations than anywhere else in the state, and now is also home to the first utility-scale, member-owned solar generation facility.

While local customers of Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp. have protested the co-op's continued lobbying in favor of producing electricity by burning coal, another co-op in the region, Ozark Electric Cooperative in Fayetteville, has opened a solar farm with 4,080 solar panels that will produce more than two million kilowatt hours of electricity annually, enough to power up to 150-200 homes.

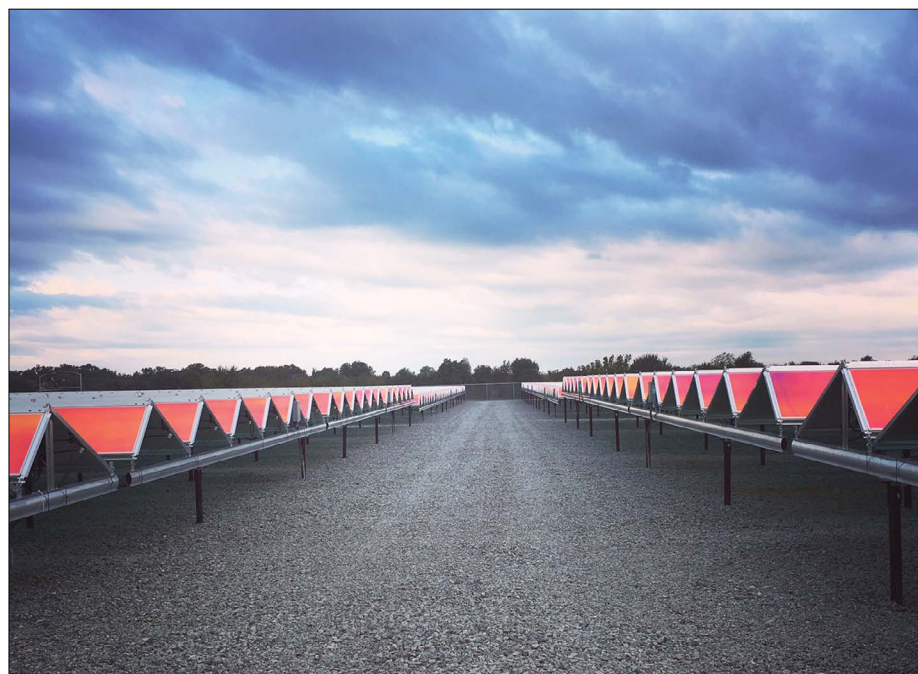
Even on a cloudy day, the facility produces 200 kilowatts of power.

"It is really amazing," Faith Shah said. "It is all ground mounts and is set up in a zig-zag pattern with the panels facing the sun. On the other side of it you have really bright reflectors that help the panels produce even more power."

Shah and her husband, Michael, have installed solar panels at their home in rural Carroll County that produce more power than the couple uses.

"Solar is cheaper in the long run," she said. "We started installing panels three years ago. There is no maintenance other than washing once a year. They pump out the kilowatts, and will pay for themselves in less than 10 years. They will significantly reduce our personal carbon footprint, which is worth more than money to us."

Ozarks Cooperative members who want to support alternative energy, but don't have the right budget or sunlight available to do rooftop solar, can now purchase energy from the new solar farm through Ozarks Natural Energy, a low-cost alternative to rooftop solar installations where members purchase shares of the facility's output. Participating members receive a monthly credit on their electric bill for the energy produced by each purchased share. As electric rates change,



members' credits will change as well.

Ozark Electric touts the project as offering members an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of renewable energy without the cost and difficulty of purchasing, installing and maintaining solar panels.

"The beauty of this offering is that our members can capitalize on the economic efficiencies of a utility-scale project," said Troy Scarbrough, vice president of engineering and operations at Ozarks Electric. "This project will also be a wonderful educational tool for our cooperative."

Ozarks Electric prides itself on being good environmental stewards, Mitchell Johnson, Ozarks Electric President/CEO, said. "This facility is yet another example of our commitment to bringing our members services that make a positive and significant impact on the communities we serve."

"We were the first cooperative in Arkansas to set up a residential solar generation facility," said Penny Storms, manager of media/public relations for Ozark Electric Cooperative. "Shortly after we finished construction, several other electric cooperative in Arkansas started building or looking into building a residential solar generation facility."

Storms said the environmental benefits of the facility are significant. The facility is expected to offset more than 43,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over its lifetime. Annually, the facility will reduce the equivalent of the amount of greenhouse emissions that

319 average cars would produce in a year. It would take more than 1,200 acres of U.S. forest to reduce the same amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in a year.

"There are no moving parts and nothing to spend a lot of time to maintain," Storms said. "Ideally, you set the panels up and let the sun take care of the rest. You do need to check the inverters to make sure they are working properly and clean the panels once a year."

Shah recalls earlier protesting the Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Corp., the parent company of the electric cooperatives, sending out mailers asking members protest the EPA raising rates for electricity. Shah considered that false information, as EPA doesn't set rates. The co-ops were asking members to write EPA opposing stronger emission standards for coal-fired power plants.

"I think they are missing out not only on an environmentally safer way to produce electricity, I think they are also missing out on money makers and job producers," Shah said. "There are more jobs in renewable energy. And once you put up a solar farm, there is negligible maintenance, whereas everything about coal is wasteful and dirty. It destroys the environment where it is mined, it has to be transported long distances, it produces mercury as well as other dangerous pollutants when burned, and then there is water pollution from the storage of coal ash."

Shah said another advantage is that solar facilities can be placed close to where the power is used, which can reduce the need for new power transmission lines. She advocates that SWEPCO use 30 acres purchased on the Kings River for a 345 kV transmission line substation be used for a solar farm now that plans for the transmission line have been abandoned.

## INDEPENDENTArt

### 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 (above) – 2016 – oil on canvas; Untitled Sherry Young (left) – 2016 – mixed media assemblage



## Airport expansion gets thumbs up

**NICKY BOYETTE**

Engineer Dan Clinton of Grimes Engineering told commissioners last week he recommended pursuing a grant from Arkansas Department of Aeronautics for extending the taxiway on the south part of the airport property. There is one existing 60x60-foot hangar that could use the taxiway as soon as completed, but Clinton estimated CCA could put five more 60x60-foot hangars in that area. One person had already expressed an interest in building a hangar there.

Clinton said the grant application would be reviewed in November, and there would be plenty of competition for funding. He pointed out CCA would need to provide a match of \$12,657.

Commissioner Sandy Martin suggested since they have the funds now, they should earmark that amount in the budget and proceed. She admitted a large unknown is what the Quorum County will allocate for CCA in its budget next year, but they must plan for the future.

Commissioner Dane Mulligan asserted that CCA needs to make use of that portion of the property, so he agreed they should use reserves for the taxiway expansion.

Vote was unanimous to authorize Clinton to pursue the grant.

### Hangar hangup

At the August meeting, commissioners approved an offer from a prospective tenant who wanted to refurbish the

existing 60x60-foot hangar. CCA manager Michael Pfeifer has since learned what the commission approved was not what the tenant offered. Pfeifer said the tenant had offered only to pay for the hangar repairs.

Pfeifer also mentioned the tenant had not replied to what commissioners had approved, so the commission does not know his response.

"We need more information," Martin commented. "We need to compare what we approved with his letter." She also noticed that since they have not heard from him regarding what the commission approved, no one knows if there is even a problem.

Commissioner Morris Pate suggested they invite the individual to the November meeting to sort things out.

Pfeifer also mentioned the tenant wanted Tresler to bid for the refurbishing job in the hangar, and asked if it would be a conflict of interest if Tresler were awarded the contract.

Martin said it probably was, but she did not have a problem with it. Mulligan agreed. Tresler said the payments would go to his company Freedom Pipe and Construction.

Commissioner Jason Tennant moved to accept Tresler's bid to do the work on the hangar, and the motion was approved.

### Use airport without going anywhere

Chair Chase Tresler wanted the public to know the airport is available

for groups looking for meeting space. He stated at the Oct. 21 meeting the facility has a kitchen and space for eating, a meeting room, and is only a short distance west of Berryville.

Tresler also repeated that there is flight instruction at the airport. According to airport manager Michael Pfeifer, the instructor is a retired combat F-18 Eagle and F-16 Falcon jet pilot and USAF instructor. His courses include private pilot, which is the basic driver's license for flying an airplane, up to Airline Transport Pilot, which is the rating needed for the biggest commercial jets. Most students at CCA are at the private pilot or instrument rating level.

Anyone interested in meeting space or learning to fly should call CCA at 870 (423-2120) or Tresler at (870) 423-7854.

### Wish list

Pfeifer submitted a list of items and projects he wants commissioners to consider in planning the 2017 budget. The list included upgrading the fuel system wiring, a universal aircraft towbar, and furniture for the lobby.

One item that caught Pate's attention was a portable flight simulator. Pate had wanted a larger version in the 2015 budget, but funds were not available. Pfeifer described this version as "a separate computer station wired into store bought, mock up flight controllers: the yoke, rudder pedals and throttle controls. The keyboard will be used for

other aircraft related functions. It will use Microsoft Flight Sim software that will tie it all together. A simulated view outside the cockpit will be projected on screen, and 5.0 surround sound makes it realistic. The software is accurate in flying several types of aircraft with real world flying characteristics, with a cost less than \$3000.

Tennant stated they should keep it in the budget since there are flight students coming to CCA and they could use it.

### Other items

- Commissioners acknowledged they must have their 2017 budget ready for submission to the Quorum Court no later than the Nov. 18 meeting.

- They agreed to authorize Pfeifer to spend up to \$800 on an awning to protect the fuel system equipment.

- Pate suggested they need to start fundraising again. One idea he had was a movie night at CCA in which they could make money off concessions.

Next meeting will be Friday, Nov. 18, at 12 p.m., at CCA in Berryville.



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## OTHER DAYS at Eureka Springs<sup>©</sup> – by Nellie Alice Mills, 1949

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

### Chapter Three (cont.): Who's Who in School Then

I had known that one heavy burden on our schools was non-resident students who contributed no part of the expenses. I did not know, or had forgotten until I found the record in my scrapbook, that the condition was not corrected until Mr. Barnett's second year. In his notes in the *Times-Echo*, dated January 5, 1891, he says: "Non-resident pupils will please see the Secretary of the Board, Dr. W.W. Johnston this coming week to make arrangements for tuition."

In publishing his report for December, 1890, Mr. Barrett has this to say: "Our Board of Directors ruled at the last meeting that all non-resident students and residents over and under school age, should pay tuition. Notices have been sent to all persons who were considered non-residents. The rates of tuition in our Public Schools are as follows: High School, per month, \$2.00. Grammar School, per month, \$1.50, Intermediate and Primary, \$1.00.

"Tuition fees are charged non-residents in almost every school of which we have any knowledge, and our visiting friends should not feel aggrieved if they are asked for tuition for their children when they know that much of the money for the support of these schools comes from local taxation.

"We are justly proud that our schools have gained favor, notwithstanding our inefficient buildings, justly proud that our own people do not send their sons and daughters away from home to be educated until they have finished our Public School course, and, with not a little pride, do we notice that almost a hundred pupils are in our

schools from a distance.

"We have enrolled 714 children during the months of our school term, and, if we lose none during the months of our school term, and, if we lose none during the present month, it will be necessary to elect a new teacher after Christmas. We now have eleven teachers employed and no school has less than fifty pupils in attendance, except the colored school."

That new teacher was chosen for the remainder of the school year. She was Miss E. Mae Ollis of Kansas City who was given a room for the First Primary, making the third room for primary children.

Pupils "worthy of praise from parents and friends:" Etta Hill, Lee Roberts, Jake Park, Nora Stockton, Ida Gray and Miriam Hyde. Annie Guilford and Myron Jordon gained special honors in civil government. Good grades in various subjects were made by Daisy Lines, Rosa Lines, Pansy Kirkwood, Alice Martin, Sidney Brumfield, Marcia Johnston, Florence Marsh, Katie Bellchamber, Bell McFarlane, Alta Riley, Maud Obenshain, May Obenshain and Virgie Morse.

Letter writing was given much attention one week. The best letters were written by Harry Thomas, Ida Ridenger, Maud Temple, James Brumfield, Pansy Kirkwood, Nellie McIntyre and Eva Morris. Forty-three words misspelled in the letters handed in were given out to the class for a spelling lesson. Larkin Jordan was the only one to make 100 percent.

Some students were leaving Eureka Springs that



winter: Paul and Dow Taylor, "two of our best boys, leave for Fort Worth, Texas, where their father is sick. Clarence Foreman, one of the most earnest young men we have ever had with us, left for his home in Green Forest on account of sickness. Harry Thomas, another bright young man, leaves Monday with Prof. Kent on his tour with the stereopticon. North James, one of our pupils for the last two years, has gone to Kansas City."

Prof. C.W. Kent had given a stereopticon entertainment at the Opera House for the benefit of the Public School Library. He had just received twenty views of Eureka Springs to be used in advertising Eureka Springs on his tour, about sixty views of the Holy Land, and a historical series from the Landing of Columbus to "the present time."

"Daisy and Rosa Lines, two of the brightest and best pupils we have known, leave us this week for Pierce City, Mo. The high school of our sister city will gain while we lose."

A sad happening in the spring of this year was the death of Miss Delia Ivey. "So high was she held in the esteem of pupils, the teachers and the Board of Education that her resignation was never demanded and never sent in until the Great Teacher had opened the doors of that blessed school on high and beckoned her to Him to take a place in the Faculty of Heaven."



# Patriotic persimmons

I like to challenge the limited beliefs of my memory, and where persimmon is concerned, I think of the ripe fruits as one of our best (or at least most abundant) wild foods. I recall the tannin-rich inner bark, like the fruits, as being highly astringent (puckery). As I ponder

information I've collected on persimmons, all roads lead back to the time of George Washington's presidency. In 1792, a physician and chemist, James Woodhouse (1770-1809) completed his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania with publication of *An Inaugural Dissertation,*

*on the Chemical and Medical Properties of the Persimmon Tree, and the Analysis of Astringent Vegetables.*

The persimmon tree, called piakimine, we learn from early explorers, was widely used as food and medicine by native groups who made a paste of the ripe fruits and baked it into flat cakes about the thickness of the finger. Mixed with flour from other food sources, it made an excellent bread. Colonial physicians used the dried ripe fruit, the powder of the unripe fruit, the powdered inner bark, or bark of the root taken in wine for treatment of dysentery. Woodhouse records a treatment for hemorrhoids "as useful as any, in the cure of the disease," a mixture of the juice of unripe persimmons with hogs lard, "sugar of lead" (lead acetate which actually has a sweet taste), and opium.

Potential of the unripe juice of persimmons in tanning leathers excited Thomas Jefferson. Woodhouse suggested that 300 persimmon trees, producing an average of four bushels of fruits, could produce six pounds of gum resin per tree which would be far superior to oak bark for tanning. It would require less labor, less capital and be far cleaner for the environment



than the standard tannery of the day, which relied on oak bark.

For a time, North Carolina cultivated persimmons commercially. In the South, when forests were cleared persimmon trees were preserved, which is perhaps why we have an abundance of persimmon trees around old Ozark farmsteads.

Woodhouse also advocated unripe persimmon fruit juice as a superior black dye and ink compared with anything else traded in late 18<sup>th</sup>-century America, at a time when America's leaders were trying to wean consumption away from foreign imports while advocating for the use of native plant products.

Just Google the title of Woodhouse's dissertation and download a copy for yourself to discover his advice for making distilled persimmon spirits and beer. Imagine the possibilities if we followed the lead of the founding fathers and called the fruits "Virginia date plums."



In the second half of the zombie crawl were zombie hunter vehicles, each equipped with lights, fake weaponry and decorative attachments to combat the pack they followed on Saturday evening. Onlookers couldn't help but be enthralled by the plethora of lights, noise and spectacle the parade provided.

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## Rumbling down Spring Street ...





## Voting in Scorpio – the Test. Which Candidate is the Disciple?

Libra said to us, “*Let choice be made.*” Now in Scorpio we act upon our choice by voting. **I urge everyone to vote.** Everyone’s vote is important. Why? Nov. 8, voting day, the moon will be void-of-course with Mercury in Scorpio. There could be mix-ups concerning ballots, things mysteriously not available. We may need to demand that *all* votes cast are not changed and then counted correctly. Things could mysteriously (Scorpio) be “lost.” Let us be vigilant.

Voting is part of responsible “discipleship” (Scorpio task). Our nation asks us to vote. We are

given two very unusual candidates. This election is a test for humanity in the United States. A test, from Scorpio and Mars (Scorpio’s ruler), to see if we can recognize which candidate is the “Disciple” leading our country into the light, regenerating our land and its people. It’s a very subtle and refined test of choice.

As the Forces of Darkness are very clever, we must remember to, “*Beware of the darkness, it looks like the Light.*” And often what we perceive as dark or inexperienced or any other words of judgment we use – what we perceive as not good enough, often is the Light.

We cannot perceive the Right Choice for our nation with emotions. We must choose with the heart which is not emotional. We must “*hear*” with our *heart*. The heart is shaped like a human ear. It listens deeply. But not if emotions & reactions are polarizing us. Then we are blinded. Then the heart is still.

Libra told us last month, “*To make Right choice, align with the Will-to-Good which becomes Goodwill within us.*” Then Right Choice comes forth.

**Note:** There will be synchronized meditation flash mobs at polling stations across the United States. See you there, everyone. [elevatethevote.com/home](http://elevatethevote.com/home)

**ARIES:** You are being asked to create order and organization in your daily life. To bring to all relationships a greater level of love. To tend to resources held in common with others with greater care. To pursue a course of study that will stabilize you as well as please you. To bring forth a transformation in your work. And to realize that your self-identity is going through another change. Study the art & science of astrology.

**TAURUS:** You work harder than most, and can be more measured than most. This is an observation. It acknowledges your careful methods, deliberate actions so what you create is always of value. You like money and possessions but sometimes take risks with spending. Is your energy equated to self-worth? If you have less energy you are less valuable? This is incorrect thinking. You are steady, constant, reliable, good and pure value.

**GEMINI:** When there is a mental approach in any direction and in connection with the many opposites in manifestation, you have the emergence of the divine Messenger, able to comprehend extremes and relate them divinely to each other. Gemini is pre-eminently the sign of the messenger, and this sign produces many of the messengers of God as they appear down the ages...the revealers of new divine truths.

Are you doing your job as a messenger?

**CANCER:** Great desires and/or aspiration are part of your being. When there isn’t enough of something we learn how to cherish. What in your life do you feel there isn’t enough of? There’s a Mantram we say each morning. You will like it. “*Let reality govern my every thought and truth be the master of my life.*” You understand this Mantram. You allow nothing pretentious in your life. Plant and tend several *Boswellia sacra* (frankincense) trees.

**LEO:** You have become a mother lion, deeply protective of home, family, friends, relationships, life events. Are you living a somewhat solitary existence? Much of what you do, feel and think is both instinctual and intuitive. The two are different aspects of

the s/Self. One is our animal heritage, the other our angelic heritage. We are from the stars...stardust. Your mind seeks to know humanity’s origins.

**VIRGO:** A new energy has come over you. You’re active, more dynamic, responding quickly to situations. At times you can be suddenly creative. You wonder why. It’s Mars affecting your creative self-identity. At times you may feel angry, quick to judge.

Have the intentions to be direct, truthful and spontaneous. Don’t “kill the Buddha on the road.” Pursue creativity instead.

**LIBRA:** Attempt to regard the ideas and opinions of others as valuable. They hold truths that your heart seeks to assimilate. You need someone around who makes you laugh; with a sense of humor you understand. You need to laugh yourself out of the veils surrounding your life. These are natural veils. However, you’re tired of them. Watch the video of Alan Watts in Hollywood teaching the Laughing Meditation. And laugh with him.

**SCORPIO:** Your purpose is to interact with many people in order to know (recognize) yourself. Your other purpose, also important, at this time is to help others, especially in groups (very special groups), learn their identity, as they articulate goals and discover cooperation.

Like Aquarius, you have many acquaintances, some friends, few intimates.

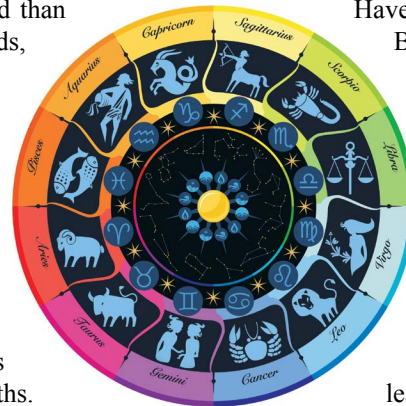
This year you are re-designing yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Things are not easy at times. Perhaps you feel a bit stifled, more tenuous about asserting yourself, at times defeated that all actions are futile. This is temporary. Your energy is hiding away with your courage. Past events and memories flood your mind. Deep down you are strong, able to work independently, and you believe in yourself. We believe in you, too.

**CAPRICORN:** Whatever you are doing, you work hard, climb the ladder, set goals, meet them, create boundaries and move ahead. Is there someone elderly or a parent figure needing your help? Perhaps it’s a memory or a dream. You are very serious and respectful. You are original. And a paradox. Something has occurred in your life that has transformed you. The transformation will continue.

**AQUARIUS:** Always you have needed a challenging and interesting partner, someone steadfast in their love, unafraid of conflict, equally aware politically and with the ability to practice compromise. Actually you might consider a bit more compromise, too. Are you able to understand others’ points of view? Make that important decision on the side of safety. You will want to study something soon.

**PISCES:** Do you seek to create something that is vast and far reaching? A place where people want to live and work and “have their being?” A community that is educational and healing? You work best independently as a leader. One of your rulers as a Pisces is Pluto. You understand power. Power needs love to be effective. You’re very skilled in both. An unusual time is ahead with new and different experiences. Be generous, be kind and love more.



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#### WARM WEATHER continued from page 11

"The second thing is temperatures. We used to have freezes regularly starting on Oct. 15. In the past five to seven years, I have no occurrence of that. Now our first frost date is between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15. That has been a huge shift."

Gros continues to have big concerns about how climate change will impact biological diversity on the Earth with the changing climate leading to mass extinctions of species.

"I'm totally concerned about the change of habitat and how some species like polar bears are being pushed out," he said. "But it is hard for me to very upset about the changes we have seen in

Northwest Arkansas because it has served my purpose. Rain is usually good in my system. The same thing for freezes. My season is extending itself."

Leonardo DiCaprio's 90-minute film about climate change, *Before the Flood*, premiered on the National Geographic Channel Oct. 30. In a video with DiCaprio interviewing President Barack Obama, Obama expresses concern about the millions of people who live near the ocean in the U.S. who could be dislocated by rising sea levels.

Art Hopson, a University of Arkansas Fayetteville professor emeritus, said *Before the Flood* is the best climate-change presentation he has seen: high-

quality film-making, enjoyable, and full of valuable knowledge for everybody.

"DiCaprio has travelled far and wide to make this film, interviewing scientists, world figures, and lay people, and filming in such crucial zones as the Arctic Ocean," Hopson said. "It includes plenty of suggestions for action. Everybody who cares about Earth's future should see it."

Gros, a native of France, said places like Holland and France have ten times greater population density than in the U.S.

"We have enough space to accommodate climate change refugees," Gros said. "There will be intense traumas because people will have to leave their homes behind. I don't think the country is


ready for a big shift in population. And, on the personal family level, it is an issue."

He sees hope for combating climate change in the growing organic food and sustainability movements. More and more people are getting involved with small-scale farming.

"I'm going to seven national conferences this year, speaking to a lot of people interested in no-till organic farming, which is a great way to sequester carbon," he said. "I see thousands of young people wanting to become small farmers. And that might have an impact. I really think small farming is a better way to go for the planet. People are very interested."



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### Diversity Weekend shakes buildings and dance floors, Drumming in the Park Saturday, Benefit Sunday at Caribé

**D**iversity Weekend in Eureka Springs is always a big celebration! Eureka Live! hosts two drag events, Friday and Saturday. Drumming in the Park Saturday will draw a big crowd for seismic rhythms. Kyle Nachtigal, sweet

voiced boy wonder, plays Thursday at Brews and Saturday at StoneHouse. Caribé hosts a benefit auction for Christy Davis Sunday, a chance to show her our appreciation for all the time, talent and money she has given others.



Kyle Nachtigal plays Thursday at Brews and Saturday at Stone House.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

**BREWS** – *Kyle Nachtigal*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.

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

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

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

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.

**BREWS** – *RK Ellis*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 – 11 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Mark Shields*, Rock, 8 – 11 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – *Diversity Band*, Rainbow Rock, 9 p.m.

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

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8-11 P.M.  
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**TUESDAY, NOV. 8 • 5-7 P.M.**  
*Los Roscos*



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

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

**NEW DELHI** – *Paul Price Trio*, Jazz/Funk, 6 – 10 p.m.

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

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 8 p.m.

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

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 6 p.m.

**BASIN PARK** – *Drumming in the Park*, 6 p.m.

**BREWS** – *RK Ellis*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 – 11 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Liberty Bell Rhythm Band*, Rock, 8 – 11 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – *Iris*, Rainbow Rock, 7 p.m.

**EUREKA LIVE!** – *Wigstock Drag Event, DJ, & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

**LEGENDS SALOON** – *JAB the Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

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

**NEW DELHI** – *Jeff Kearney*, Funk, 6 – 10 p.m., *American Breakfast Buffett*, 11 p.m. – 3 a.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER** – *One for the Money*, Rock, 7 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Johai Kafa Duo*, Folk, 12 – 4 p.m., *Mark Shields Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.

**STONE HOUSE** – *Kyle Nachtigal*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

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

**BREWS** – *Trivia Night*, 6 p.m.

**CARIBE** – *Christy Davis Benefit*, 3 – 8 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – *Diversity Band and Iris*, Rock Super – group, 2 p.m.

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

**NEW DELHI** – *Dewey Rush*, Downhome Soul, 12 – 4 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Terri and Brett*, Rock Duo, 12 – 4 p.m.

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

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

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

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

**CHELSEA'S** – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**CHELSEA'S** – *Dance Monkey Dance*, Primate Grooves, 9 p.m.



**Fall festivities in Holiday Island** – Businesses, churches and car owners had games and treats for the kids outside Sun Fest Market on Saturday for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trick or Treat Fall Festival. Arvest bankers cooked burgers and hot dogs on the grill, and Sun Fest provided cupcakes. Guitarist Todd Mealy entertained.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK



**Will the real Rob please stand up...** Monday evening things became a little confusing at The StoneHouse when two Robs appeared.

PHOTO BY AUSTIN CHAPMAN

## 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.

## Music of the season

The Ozarks Chorale will perform *Sounds of the Season* on Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Island Clubhouse. The program is sponsored by the Holiday Island Music Guild.

## The Judges Recognition Award goes to...

Max Elbo of Eureka Springs! The Arkansas Arts Council announced recipients of the 2017 Governor's Arts Awards, recognizing individuals and corporations for outstanding contributions to the arts in Arkansas. Recipients are nominated by the public and selected by an independent panel of arts professionals from around the state.

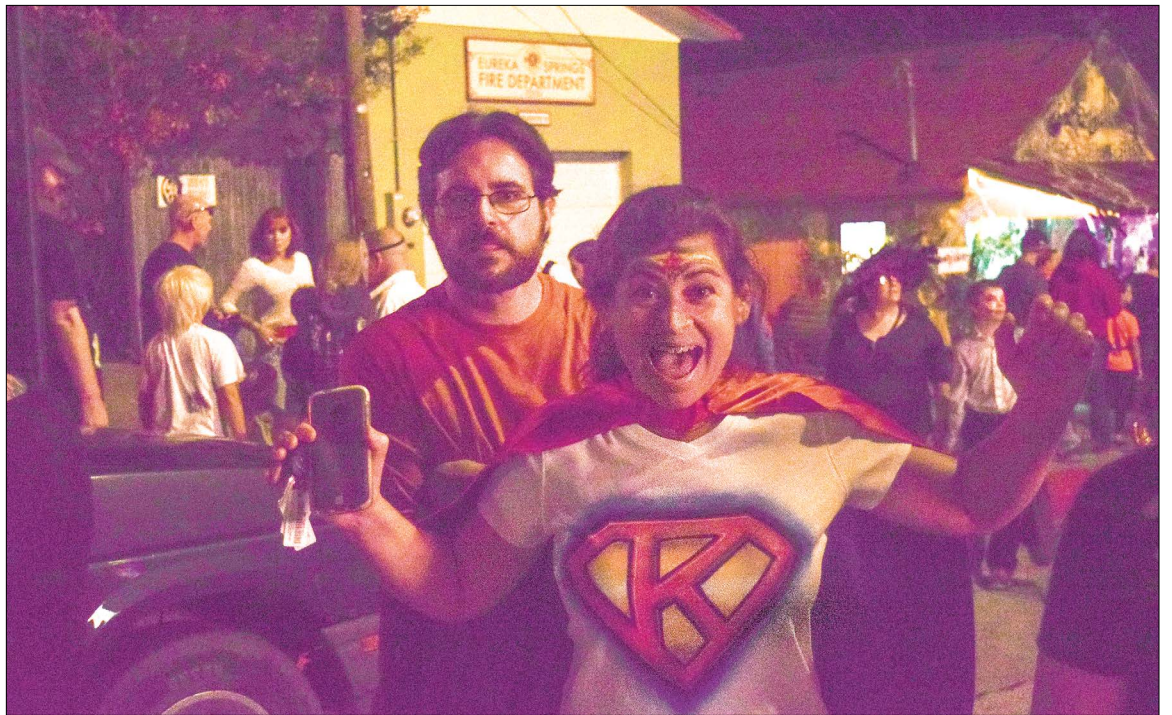


## Sunday at EUUF

David Geneson will present a political musical odyssey as a topical singer/songwriter at Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street on Sunday, Nov. 6. Service is at 11 a.m., followed by refreshments. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant.

## What happens if you get scared to death twice?

Ever been ready for a night drive but want to see something different? Head to Coin, 277 CR 833, which is actually reached by going to Green Forest. Go up the hill to the left from the Coin Church, you'll find it. The most amazing Yard Haunt display you've ever seen, bigger than Christmas. Creator David Anderson, friend and collaborator with Jeff Danos, said it would be up for the next week or two. If you want to stay home and see it on your laptop, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qrg4w5MhYAI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qrg4w5MhYAI)



**Waltzing around town** – Kathy and Chad Manus' children went to gather candy with their friends while the parents were left meandering around the upper historic loop waiting for their kids to find enough sweets to bounce off the walls until morning. PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO

## DEPARTURES



### Alise Shook Wilkinson Memorial Service

In loving memory of Alise Shook Wilkinson, Feb. 2, 1929 – Sept. 17, 2016. Please join us for a memorial service honoring Alise's life on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 209 Spring St., Eureka Springs, Ark.

### Kay Mann Memorial Service

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.

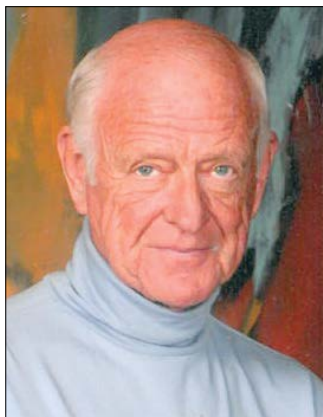
Inurnment will be private to the family. All friends and acquaintances are invited to the Memorial Service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Methodist Church.

### Vernon Belford Greer Oct. 25, 1932 – Oct. 28, 2016

Vernon Belford Greer passed away in Fayetteville, Ark., on October 28, 2016. He was born in Fredonia, Kansas, on October 25, 1932, to Harvey and Elsie Greer.

Raised in Kansas City, Mo., he was a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kan., (now Emporia State University), with a B.S in Math and Physics, and a B.S. in Education. He proudly served in the United States Army in the Korean War.

Employed in aerospace engineering for 12 years in Southern Calif., he worked on several government military projects, including contracts for the development of the Minuteman and Titan missiles. He moved to Eureka Springs in 1971, and obtained his real estate broker's license. Owning and operating Greer Real Estate, Inc., for more than 20 years, he eventually



also became licensed as a real estate appraiser, which he continued to do on a part time basis until 2014.

He is survived by his children, daughter, Gina Rambo and husband, Brian of Eureka Springs; son, Brian Greer and wife, Kristina Heiberger of Bethesda, Md.; four grandchildren, Avery Drennon, Carter Drennon, Isla Greer and Parker Greer; one brother, Harvey J. Greer and wife, Joyce; and nieces and nephews, Jennifer Stewart and husband Paul; Katie Field; and Jim Greer and wife Mandy; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Elsie Greer, and son-in-law, Michael Drennon.

He was an avid photographer, for which he had several showings and prizes, including one from the *Los Angeles Times*; a lover of travel worldwide;

and an athlete who played football, basketball, and track in high school, as well as college football and basketball. His love of track and field led him to volunteer as the project coordinator for construction of the Eureka Springs track. He was active in basketball, tennis, and tai chi, even into his adult years, and continued to work out into his mid-70s. A lover of all animals, he had a special fondness for cats and befriended many over the span of his life.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov., 7, 2016 at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs, Eureka Springs, Arkansas with Pastor Mark Pepple officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Services, Inc.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Good Shepherd Humane Society, 6486 Hwy 62 East, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632 or to the animal shelter in your town. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016





Well. We didn't do so well Monday fishing for the green fish (largemouth and spots) on this end of Beaver but had them feeding all around us Saturday down between Point 6 and in the Rocky Branch area Saturday when Duane and Donna Martin from Inola, Okla., caught three nice stripers. We only got the two smallest in the pic because Johnny cleaned it for us early so he could get the muscle strip to go catch some catfish, which they seem to like.

So the stripers are moving south following the bait along with the bass and the weights are being dropped. We had bait on from 3 – 7 inches long, and the only live bait that were hit was the bigger 6 – 7 in. shad that the stripers chased all the way to the surface.

So the top water bite is on. Water temps are running 68° to 70°. We are still getting to them putting the boat in

the water here at the dam until about Thanksgiving, then it's towing to Rogers as they move closer to the Prairie Creek area for the winter.

Here at Holiday Island, the bass and walleye are both doing good from here to Beaver with no bait problem. We have schools of small shad all over the flats, just find the bait and fish with it using anything from live minnows, jigs, crankbaits or worms, and you should get an easy dinner. The best time on both lakes now for that top water bite is early or late in the day when winds are light and the water is smooth. Fish where you see the fish busting the top, pretty simple, just get that outboard off or it's over for you and whoever was catching before they got spooked and went down.

Good luck and share with a kid. Robert Johnson. fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258.

## Water utilization at Permaculture Group

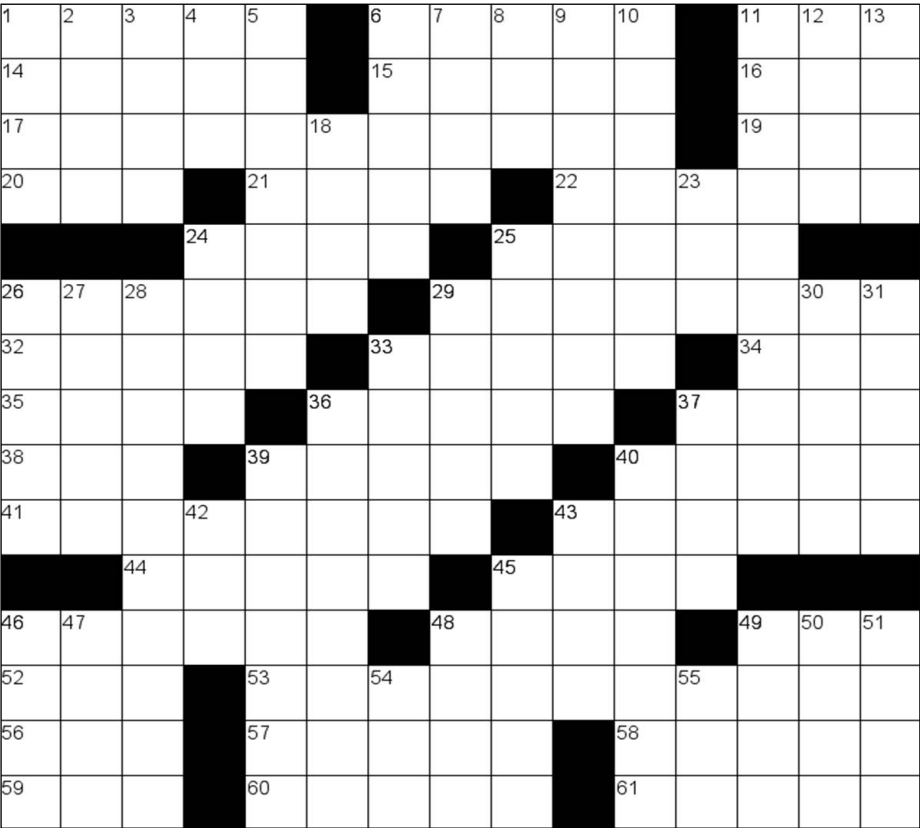
The Northwest Arkansas Permaculture Group will meet Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. - noon at the home of Kimberly and Richard Clark at 900 Pivot Rock Road. The application of permaculture water utilization to heal the earth and maintain the wellness of earths inhabitants will be discussed. For more information call Jerry Landrum at (479) 244-0377.

## Scouts scouting for food bank donations

Starting on Saturday, Nov. 5 local Boy and Cub Scouts will be placing bags on your doorknobs to receive donations of canned goods for our local food bank, Flint St. Fellowship. Have your donated canned goods in the bags on your front porch by 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 so the scouts can collect them.

# INDEPENDENTCrossword

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann Solution on page 23



ACROSS			44	Driveway basketball game	12	Not often encountered
1	Night on the town				13	Double curve
6	“A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a _____”, Kipling	45	Rabbit scut		18	Represent in drawing or painting
		46	Very handsome young man		23	Important consideration with wine
		48	5280 feet		24	Similar to
11	McIlroy, Speith or Watson, for short	49	Opening		25	Songbirds
14	Acid dye resulting in red color	52	Romanian monetary unit		26	Adult male deer
15	Father of Leah and Rachel ( <i>Bib.</i> )	53	Highest peak in Africa		27	Accelerator or brake, e.g.
16	Slang for “to tease,” with on	56	Measures of type size		28	La Scala, e.g.
17	Tempting	57	Greatly please		29	Scottish feudal lord
19	Metal-bearing rock	58	Two person performances		30	Assisted
20	Juvenile newt	59	Calm center of a hurricane		31	Impoverished
21	Religious ceremony	60	Connected or repaired with thread		33	Chief of a clan
22	Chin tuft	61	Secret supply		36	Capable of being easily cut
24	Gifts for the poor				37	Paper money of Cambodia
25	Big				39	Three of these and you’re out
26	Type of word	DOWN				
29	Manager of certain riverboat	1	Festive celebration	40	Quakers	
		2	Just hang out	42	2000 lbs.	
32	Barely warm	3	Does not exist	43	Special entertainment	
33	Spasm	4	Unimportant detail	45	Measured chronologically	
34	Apple or cherry	5	Twisted	46	Sheltered	
35	Gulf south of Yemen	6	Straight, narrow openings	47	Refuse admittance	
36	Band leader’s hat			48	Microscopic parasite	
37	Pestered or teased	7	Puzzle with many dead ends	49	Ancient Greek goddess of earth	
38	Long-nosed fish					
39	Reviews text hurriedly	8	Kimono closer	50	___ and crafts	
40	Terminated	9	Australian national symbol	51	Really fancy	
41	Style of shading with wooden strips	10	Swell greatly	54	Legal rule	
43	Avaricious	11	For the time being ( <i>Lat.</i> )	55	Project out sharply	



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**CAPC WORKSHOP** continued from page 7  
become unavailable, his team has backup plans in place. All the information will be on jump drives so his partner can take over. He also mentioned he would own the database, but for a fee he could create a secondary access for CAPC.

“I am the funnel of all information before it goes to the database,” Ford commented. “It must go through a filter.”  
Ford said he wanted to engage CAPC for the initial startup so the app can be free. Otherwise he would have to charge for downloading it.  
Ragsdell asked commissioner Terry McClung, who frequently visits Kansas City for concerts, if he ever downloaded the Kansas City app. McClung responded in the negative, and Henke asked why anyone would pay to download the app.  
Harman said her concerns were, since the CAPC was being asked to make a considerable investment, who would own the database and advertising, what future costs to CAPC would be and what would be the cost of adding Android capabilities?

**MAIL** continued from page 8  
Auditorium for the good of the city and spending their money wisely, say No to any tax increase. Don’t damage our major industry of tourism. Don’t be fooled again.  
*Karen Lindblad*

## Humanitarianism runs deep

Editor,  
Recent articles by Becky Gillette on locals helping Syrian refugees in Greece, and another on a diplomat working with U.S. AID with people struggling to survive war and natural disasters, are indeed a welcome change. With all the hateful anti-refugee rhetoric at a national level, we appreciate such coverage.  
The news from Syria breaks our hearts every day. So we are grateful for some other locals, Hamsa and Moshe Newmark (along with a volunteer board), who run Bridge of Peace Syria (BOPS), a Fayetteville based U.S. non-profit humanitarian aid group. Nearly 100% of donations go directly to their work (distributed through their local contacts on the ground). You can’t beat this for stretching every penny.  
Only 0.08% of our federal budget goes to foreign assistance, so groups like this are crucial. Postings on their Facebook page (Bridgeofpeacesyria)

Maloney added concerns for the difficulties in obtaining useful, up-to-date information for the calendar. He said, “It gets to the absurd point,” regarding what his staff must do to get current information.  
Ford insisted he has plenty contacts around the area for retrieving information. “I can add it in five minutes,” he said.  
There was discussion of what the CAPC would be expected to do to promote the app if it were to be successful, and Ford said he did not expect assistance other than upfront financial support.  
He stated the project was not as complex as was being presented.  
“Our experience is like pulling teeth,” McClung countered, and Duling added keeping the events calendar accurate and current almost requires a calendar czar.  
There was more discussion about CAPC being a co-owner of the database, and Maloney asked Ford to return to the Nov. 9 CAPC meeting for further discussion. He asked Ragsdell to be the commission liaison with Ford.

are heartwarming – e.g. a new well-constructed last year means clean water for 1,500 refugees. More recently 14 homes and a school were built for refugee families.  
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*Nan Johnson and Dave Spencer*

## Worshipping trees

Editor,  
This past spring I ventured into the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce to voice an idea.  
Going down into town toward the Auditorium, the schedule of events on the side of the building is blocked by two trees in front of the parking lot. This results in one of three things: folks stop to read it, slow down to read it or miss reading it.  
The trees remained so I called the city to vent. No results. There is an old adage, no decision is a decision.  
So all summer and fall the curious flatlanders impeded traffic or missed reading the sign. I know there are nuts that worship every leaf on every tree, but could a few leaders that have not left their brains at college vote to whack a couple of trees?  
*Richard B. Waxenfelter Berryville*



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