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Eureka Springs voters were clear and collaborative in saying No to a 1% tax increase to repair and improve city infrastructure. They voted to not hand more money over to local government to spend as it saw fit, while understanding the need for vital upgrades in the city.

Now what?

Arkansawyers voted to allow medical marijuana become an initiated constitutional amendment. That means medical marijuana will be sold in certain Arkansas cities after being cultivated in the state.

The opportunity to have a medical marijuana dispensary on Spring Street and grow operation in the county would raise lots of tax money, money that would go into city coffers to fend off exploding pipes and sinking parking lots. The Auditorium could shine.

Just a thought.

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We salute you – The American Legion Post #9 held the ceremony in front of the Cathouse after the Veteran's Day Parade on Nov. 11. Local elementary and middle school students sang as part of the program and area restaurateurs provided a buffet for veterans and friends afterwards. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*

Task Force disseminates load of statistics

NICKY BOYETTE

Chair Sandy Martin announced at the Nov. 9 Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development meeting that for some shops and restaurants, October was a banner month. Kent Butler, sales director for the Great Passion Play, said the GPP had its best month in 15 years.

Martin passed around statistics showing the City Advertising and Promotion Commission tax collections for the year through the end of September are up over the same period last year by 7.6 percent. Cabins and cottages showed the largest percentage increase with 24.7 percent improvement over 2016, motels improved by 8.9 percent and restaurants, which generate the largest amount of tax, showed a 6.4 percent increase. Hotels improved only slightly and Bed & Breakfasts declined a small amount.

Martin said in spite of the good news about October revenues, the proposed one percent tax did not pass so it will be even more important for the city to focus on ways to boost the local economy.

President Tammy Thurow of the Chamber of Commerce told the group her staff collected data from visitors who went to the Visitor Center between May 1 and October 31 of this year, and Mark Westmoreland of the Chamber used his skills as a statistician to display compiled information in a series of graphs and charts. Thurow's results represented self-reported responses from 5,535 visitors.

She said they estimated a visitor on average spent \$240 per day in Eureka Springs. The Chamber pie chart revealed 37 percent of a visitor's expenses went toward lodging, 21 percent for food, nine percent on recreation, and the remaining 35 percent split almost evenly between retail and transportation to get here.

A map showing clusters of responses indicates most responses came from areas in which the CAPC places cable television ads –Dallas, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Wichita and St. Louis. There were hot spots in Houston, San Antonio, Chicago and southeastern Minnesota. Overall, 47 states were represented. Martin pointed out visitors from outside the four-hour drive zone might indicate the effectiveness of Internet advertising.

Most tourists in the survey were ages 51-65, but Arkansas and Tennessee had more visitors in the 36-50 group.

CAPC commissioner Damon Henke observed mountain bikers, for example, who come to town probably would not go to the Visitor Center, so the data would not represent all travelers.

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Martin responded the data provides more information than the city had before, so add it to whatever else they have and together it begins to describe who comes here. She said this “quality self-reported data” could have great implications for marketing.

CAPC Executive Director Mike Maloney echoed her sentiments. He said the survey results reinforce marketing strategies the CAPC has been using for a few years. “We’re certainly not overrun with data,” Maloney said, adding statistics help inform effective marketing decisions. “We have to create another reason for people to come to Eureka Springs. We have a lot of work to do for the city.”

Butler said he analyzed data from attendance at the GPP and discovered that percentage attendance by state was statistically identical to 10 years ago, and agreed with Maloney the entire city needs to make use of all data harbored in various places. Butler also suggested Kansas and Nebraska were untapped markets waiting to hear about Eureka Springs.

The group discussed other ways to collect reliable data about tourists, and Maloney said it would be useful to have better numbers on how visitors spent their money while they were here because the business community needs to know what people want to buy. It would also be important to know the principal reason tourists come to Eureka Springs. Maloney mentioned that improvements in digital and cable television ads allow the CAPC to place ads in very specific places, and data from visitors helps to pinpoint where to spend advertising dollars.

Talk continued regarding how to get more facts about who visits and which data to gather, and the group eventually decided to conduct visitor surveys next year from Wednesday to Wednesday on seven-day spans which include Memorial Day weekend, August 19 (lacker tourist time), and October 21 (busy end-of-season time). Members agreed to refine their message, define their strategy and recruit participants.

Butler asserted that merchants would buy into the strategy more easily if they can see something good will happen with results. Martin observed this project would cost nothing and it would be an example of the CAPC, the Chamber, Task Force, and the community collaborating.

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CAPC hawks ‘Made in Eureka Springs’

NICKY BOYETTE

Although his sweatshirt gave away the secret, Executive Director Mike Maloney waited until the end of the Nov. 9 City Advertising and Promotion Commission meeting to unveil the 2017 marketing campaign – Made in Eureka Springs.

Maloney said the state is promoting a Made in Arkansas campaign, but no other area produces as much as Eureka Springs. “Our output far exceeds the residency,” he commented, adding a million people come here annually and take home something from Eureka Springs. He said this campaign has limitless possibilities, and the best part is everyone participates, adding that the CAPC would encourage the public to submit ideas for where the campaign can go, and challenged each commissioner to submit 10 concepts by the December meeting.

Maloney then showed several 15-second ads focused on the theme of Made in Eureka Springs produced by Rightmind Advertising of Ft. Smith, and said he wants to budget funds for making at least two dozen and as many as 40 of these ads to run online. “We can take an inventory of Eureka Springs products and use them in our ads,” he

said, “and there are a phenomenal number of things we have in this town.”

Maloney passed around Made in Eureka Springs buttons and stickers, stating, “We can move forward showcasing what Eureka Springs has to offer.”

Group travel

Sales Director Karen Pryor said she attended the October 21-23 Boomers in Group Conference in Columbus, Ohio, which she said would be her last trade show for the year. She reported she got 24 leads and learned that four groups there had already come to town. Her next show will be in Cleveland in January. She intends to include the small meetings market in her itinerary next year.

Other items

- Maloney said he would begin looking for an events coordinator whom he hoped to have on the job by Feb. 1.

- Finance Director Rick Bright announced he would begin posting business closures on the capc.biz site.

Commissioners voted to move the workshop to Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC office. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m.

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Breakfast on council's table

NICKY BOYETTE

Interim Chair Melissa Greene of the Planning Commission read to council Monday the recommended changes to City Code regarding Bed & Breakfasts. One proposed change involved having a B&B owner or manager register as having the address of the B&B as the primary domicile.

Aldermen found various ways to circumvent this requirement. City Attorney Tim Weaver stated council

would even need to legislate a certain number of nights at the address to make it the primary domicile.

Alderman David Mitchell, however, defended the work done by Planning stating there are violations of the law occurring in town and Planning was only trying to tighten up City Code.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick asked why, from a land use perspective, City Code requires a B&B to provide breakfast. Mitchell replied, "It's a Bed &

Breakfast! You'd better at least throw a donut at them."

Kendrick insisted land use had nothing to do with breakfast, and alderman Terry McClung wondered how the city would police the breakfast requirement or stipulation regarding a manager or owner live on-site. Mayor Butch Berry suggested aldermen would get a cleaned up version of the recommendations from Planning for consideration at the next meeting.

30th Festival of the Arts on the horizon

NICKY BOYETTE

Sandy Martin represented the request by the Arts Council for \$25,000 in City Advertising and Promotion marketing support funds for the 2017 May Festival of the Arts. At the Nov. 9 CAPC meeting Martin said the event would be the 30th anniversary of the month-long festival that kicks off the tourism season, with 172 events in 30 days. She said that next year they are considering focusing on a different type of art each week. Culinary arts, literary arts, performing arts and adventurous arts will each get a week, for example, with visual arts and music integrated throughout the month.

Martin said she is planning for the festivities to spread to new areas including Lake Leatherwood City Park. She intends for some of the support funds to be spent sponsoring a piece of

permanent art to be displayed.

Martin had passed around a preliminary chart showing how the support funds would be allocated, and agreed to present more specific numbers before commissioners approve the 2017 budget.

Commissioner Charles Ragsdell stated the commission needs a specific way to evaluate the impact of the event, even a head count, and a way to gauge value of the investment.

Commissioner Susan Harman suggested enticing all schools within a 90-minute drive to be involved or at least invited so the kids will be introduced to Eureka Springs so they will return.

Maloney said he starts heavily promoting the event in April.

Commissioners supported the idea but wanted more details from Martin. Commissioner Dustin Duling commented, "This is our chance to shine."

CAPC collections up; looks upward for new events

NICKY BOYETTE

Prior to last Wednesday's City Advertising and Promotions meeting, commissioners talked about the budget for an hour. Executive Director Mike Maloney said they are projecting tax collections in 2017 of \$1.45 million, and emphasized it is especially important this year they continue to bring more people to Eureka Springs. Finance Director Rick Bright said collections this year are \$80,000 over expectations, and this total does not include anticipated excellent October collections.

Commissioner Susan Harman proposed they set aside \$60,000 in next year's budget for promoting new events. She suggested getting word out to promoters that the CAPC is looking for new events. Commissioner Charles Ragsdell responded that their mission is to market events, not produce them, but commissioner Dusty Duling countered, "But nothing is going on. People ask and there's nothing."

"But what event should we throw money at?" commissioner Damon Henke asked, which prompted an exchange on

which events deserve more support and which times of the year need an event. Maloney stated the CAPC has been "severely chastised" because nothing was going on in July, but "we've never been approached by anyone to do anything."

Harman again asserted they should communicate with the community better, and that the CAPC can support well-conceived community events. "We've got blanks to fill

in," she said, adding they should not forget events during the week. "If we can't come up with ideas, then we need to find someone to come up with ideas," she remarked. She again urged setting aside as much as \$60,000 for support for new events in town or acts in the Auditorium, and Duling noted most of the recent acts at the Auditorium have been what he termed over-the-hill acts. "Let's try something new," he pleaded.

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Trella Laughlin

November 12, 2016

ES snags normal 'paranormal' artists

BECKY GILLETTE

Virginia Ralph and Bobby Matthews of the mömandpöp Show children's theater performance group are not typical "kindie rock" performers. Yes, their first mömandpöp CD was released recently at a party at the Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library & Learning Center in Little Rock. But this singer-songwriter duo has a lot more up their sleeves in addition to music performances designed for children under ten that in no way fits what some associate with kindie rock.

Ralph has a storied history in narrative theater, derived from literature using original language writing rather than turning it into dialogue. While at the University of Memphis, she was in an adaptation of two of Eudora Welty's short stories, performed in France at the University of Dijon and the Sorbonne.

"The French knew a lot more about Eudora Welty than people in America," Ralph said. "They knew every word of those short stories. It meant a lot to them keeping the language intact. We saved the original rhythms of Welty's writing."

During college, Ralph was also involved in a play based on the Terry Tempest Williams classic *Refuge*. Williams, a famous naturalist author, and her family attended the premier of the play in Memphis in 1996.

After college Ralph worked with the theatre company "Voice of the South" which performed in *Wild Legacies* based on the memoir *Two Into The Far North* by Margaret E. Murie, known as the Grandmother of the Conservation Movement. The play was created for the 50th Anniversary of the Arctic Refuge about the experiences of Murie and her scientist husband, Olaus, and performed all around Alaska.

Ralph and Matthews met in Little Rock in their junior year of high school. Matthews started out majoring in art in college, but ended up doing more and more with music.

"I got disenchanted with the prospect of being a professional artist," Matthews said. "To finish college, I decided I liked reading and got an English degree. Meanwhile, I formed the punk rock band, Trusty, with friends of mine. It was a revelation. I realized, 'I can do this. I can write songs.' A lot of kids wanted something different. Virginia and I moved to Washington D.C., our bass player moved in with us, and we eventually had a group house with the entire band. We rented a place where we could play in the basement and started gigging like crazy, playing all the shows we could get. Eventually we got signed to Dischord Records out of D.C., which is still one of the most famous punk labels internationally. That was a dream come true."

Ralph moved to pursue a theater degree at the University of Memphis, where Matthews joined her and worked as a teacher while playing in a rock band.

After 18 years in Memphis, they decided to change their lives.

"We realized if we stayed, life would look the same as it did then, only we would be older," Ralph said. "We wanted to try living in a totally different way and didn't know what that meant. My husband's family had a cabin in Arkansas in Hardy. We wanted to go somewhere that made us feel like we felt at the cabin. We sold our house, put our stuff in storage and were ready to go anywhere. We lived in an Airstream trying to figure out where to go."

They heard about Northwest Arkansas, particularly the investments being made in the arts. On the way to Bentonville, they decided to visit a mentor from college, Fr. Dennis Campbell,



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pastor at St. James Episcopal in Eureka Springs, who had married the couple in 1992.

"He said to come to Eureka Springs first before we went to Bentonville and Fayetteville because those places pale in comparison to Eureka," Ralph said. "We were completely enamored with Eureka. Within a week I was back looking for a place to live. It was impulsive, but a lot of preparation went into getting ready to make a move."

Their move to Eureka Springs in June 2015 was a leap of faith. Neither had jobs and it was hard to find a place to rent that would accommodate the couple with two daughters and two dogs. But the town embraced the talented family.

"It is working," Ralph said. "It just keeps unfolding. We both got jobs right off at hotels. Bobby is tour guide facilitator for the Spirits of the Basin Tour, and I had a brief stint at Pine Mountain Jamboree as a country music singer. Bobby also writes music for television, so that helps. Those checks are really nice when they come. They got us through this past winter. We both teach private music lessons. I teach theater classes and am on the staff as director of children's ministries at St. James Episcopal. We both teach music at Clear Spring School."

They also have developed the mömandpöp Show. How does someone go from punk rock to kindie rock?

"The way the kids enjoy mömandpöp harkens back to punk rock performances," he said. "You don't have five-year-olds stage diving. At the same time, the way the five-year-old is experiencing music is much more like the teenagers listening to Trusty. They enjoy it. They are into it hook, line and sinker, getting up on the stage and doing silly dances. The kids are going bananas at mömandpöp. It is pure emotion very similar to the early Trusty shows. I do appreciate it."

They are currently developing a show written for Paranormal Weekend at the Crescent Hotel in January, and developing a show specifically geared to tourists coming in on buses.

For more information, visit mömandpöpband.com.

Council overrides food truck objection

NICKY BOYETTE

Proposed Ordinance 2249, "An Ordinance Regulating Food Trucks and Trailers" appeared on the agenda at Monday's city council meeting 18 months since aldermen first discussed a food truck proposition at the June 8, 2015 meeting.

Alderman Mickey Schneider found pitfalls with the proposed ordinance, but her primary objection was in Section 10 which states, "Property permit holders shall insure that the FTT [food truck or trailer] is located at least 100 feet from any restaurant unless permission has been given by the restaurant owner..." Schneider insists that brick and mortar restaurants are not subject to such a restriction so it would be discriminatory to place the restriction on food trucks.

"You're gonna lose your butts on Number 10... it's a foregone conclusion... it will triple our legal fees," Schneider claimed.

She also wondered why the City Advertising and Promotion Commission would be included in a list of regulatory authorities, and said Section 7 did not completely account for possible consequences caused by problems between property owner hosts and the FTT owners.

Nevertheless, alderman David Mitchell had no problem moving to assign the proposed ordinance a number and put it on its first reading, and alderman Kristi Kendrick seconded his motion. The vote on his motion was 4-1, Schneider voting No.

"I'm not going to be responsible for the city getting sued," she protested.

After City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong read the document, Mitchell moved to approve the first reading, and again the vote was 4-1, Schneider voting No.

Schneider asked, "Is anybody going to look into my points or are you going to proceed and get the city sued?"

Mayor Butch Berry asked city attorney Tim Weaver his opinion about Schneider's discrimination claim. Weaver said he had no problem with the ordinance. He said the ordinance added a land use by allowing a food truck, and the city would be giving the property owner hosts and FTT operators something they did not have before.

Resolutions approved

691, a 2016 budgetary adjustment for the Cemetery Commission.

692, called the Third Quarter Budget Review, which resulted in a positive for the city's budget.

#693, temporarily reclaiming an alley from Parks' jurisdiction for the purpose of allowing a ramp to be built to accommodate a senior individual.

#694, removes the requirement of paying for parking meters on Spring and Main Sts., and establishes free two-hour parking in December.

#695, authorizing the application for and acceptance of a grant from

the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District for \$6,200 to fund a cultural resource survey for Eureka Springs. Berry said the survey is required by the state and is related to the Big Dig of the spring of 2015.

Other items

- Aldermen approved seating Doug Breitling to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission and the re-nomination of Dee Bright to her seat on the Historic District Commission.

- Berry mentioned there are vacancies on the Hospital, Parks and Cemetery Commissions.

- Berry stated any prospective Uber driver or other taxi business would have to come before council for approval to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Eureka Springs.

Next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 28, at 6 p.m. There will be a budget workshop beginning at 5:15 p.m. preceding the meeting.

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Hearing the sounds of the seasons – The Holiday Island Country Club ballroom was filled as people listened to a free concert by the Ozarks Chorale on Nov. 13 featuring Sounds of the Season, a tribute to autumn and the holidays. Beth Withey led the Chorale and Ellen Stephenson accompanied on piano. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECEANK*

Life needed at cemetery

NICKY BOYETTE

Peg Adamson reported to council Nov. 14 as superintendent of the Eureka Springs Cemetery, and said her commission has only four commissioners, thus three vacancies. She said they have two part-time groundskeepers at the cemetery, and the commission is sifting through records to identify available plots.

Alderman Bob Thomas spoke as secretary/treasurer of the Cemetery Commission. He said the cemetery gets funding four ways: the city pays for a groundskeeper (which has become two part-time positions); there is income from the sale of plots, which this year projects to be just less than \$8,000; there is interest from a trust account, which this year will amount to \$807; and donations, which through the end of September equaled \$507.

Thomas said because of the paucity of funds, they can afford only grass-cutting and absolute essentials. Maintenance has sat undone over the years, and the catching up on cemetery needs will require money. "I don't support the city growing its budget except for the cemetery," he said, asking for an extra \$4500 in 2017.

Thomas pointed out Public Works is getting a new building at a cost of maybe \$250,000 while the maintenance shed at the cemetery has a dirt floor.

Alderman David Mitchell agreed that council should provide budgetary relief for the cemetery.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick stated residents in Berryville can voluntarily contribute a small millage amount to the cemetery fund on their property tax bill, and Mayor Butch Berry said it was possible the same plan could work in Eureka Springs. Thomas said he would again look into the voluntary tax concept, but in the meantime, he asked council to please consider the cemetery at budget time.

Thomas did announce that Grace Gladden Nance had donated funds necessary to repair the cemetery fountain.



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Trade, swap, vacate – land is changing hands

NICKY BOYETTE

City council held a public hearing Monday to hear comments about the request by Barbara Dicks to trade or vacate or in whatever appropriate manner reassign ownership of land adjacent to her property where Grand Avenue becomes Dairy Hollow Road. Dicks was the only person who spoke.

She said her plans had changed a bit since she began trying to resolve the ownership puzzle near her property. She is negotiating with adjacent landowners regarding the southernmost set of lots being discussed. She is asking for another strangely landlocked 95-ft. section of land in the middle of these lots be deeded to her, but wants to trade this plot plus a 30-ft. plot extending from Grand Avenue south and a 60-ft. plot extending beyond it in exchange for street frontage running from Clear Spring School to the corner of Grand Ave. and Dairy Hollow Rd. This strip of land will be given to the Parks Department as part of a trail eventually connecting Clear Spring School with Harmon Park.

Parks Director Justin Huss told council Dicks was being generous in offering the trade, and the Parks Department heartily endorsed the deal. He said it would be the responsibility of Parks to address drainage

issues associated with the trail route.

Alderman Terry McClung commented, "It's a no-brainer. I move we proceed with the next step."

Alderman Kristi Kendrick was concerned the city might need a survey of properties as well as a legal description of the easement. McClung said council would just need a letter from the current owner that he is selling the property to Dicks. Mayor Butch Berry then said the first thing they need to do is take the property back from the jurisdiction of Parks. McClung refined his motion that such an ordinance be prepared for discussion at the next meeting. Vote to approve his motion was unanimous.

Discussion of land swaps and vacations, however, had just begun. Kendrick had proposed an overhaul of the process of vacating property, and had prepared an ordinance along with suggested amendments to the vacation application. She also provided copies of legislation pertaining to vacations.

One of her emphases besides streamlining the vacation process was for the city to get back expenses incurred in the process, and that the vacation application fee of \$200 be non-refundable.

McClung observed most of the properties involved in vacation requests are not worth much,

and wondered aloud if they were not trying to make too much out of it the situation. He was firm that if a request were denied, the application fee should be refunded.

Schneider agreed. "It's a ton of money the applicant would be paying, and we're not that kind of city," she remarked.

Kendrick pointed out her ordinance gave council the flexibility to waive fees, and Berry noticed sentiment was for fees to be refundable. However, sentiment also pointed to setting up a workshop to sort out issues regarding vacations. Berry said his office would arrange a date and time for a workshop.

Thanksgiving Notice!

We are so thankful that we're going to take Friday, Nov. 25 off. Phones won't be answered, doors will be locked, mail will sit in our inbox until Monday, Nov. 28. It's the right thing to do. Happy, happy Thanksgiving from Jeremiah, Dana, Karen, Perlinda and Mary Pat.



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Hope springs up

Dear Eureka Springs,

On behalf of myself and my campaign staff (me!), I want to thank you, the citizens of Eureka Springs, for electing me to city council. I hope, with your help and input, to represent our little town with dignity and respect.

My goal for the way forward is to be engaged and responsive to all things Eureka!

Thank You!

Peg Adamson

Election reaction

Editor,

As we progressives try to deal with the fact that Donald Trump will be our next president, we ask ourselves and others “what in the world happened?”

There are many factors the pundits say: the Obama Coalition did not hold; African-Americans and Hispanics did not vote in large enough numbers; white, working-class men voted overwhelmingly for Trump; suburban white women also voted for Trump as did folks over 65; too many women doubted that a woman could function as a president; Hillary herself made several errors in campaigning such as using a private server for her emails; and the Trumpites continued the unproven rumors about her dishonesty and corruption endlessly.

I think an important factor in Trump’s victory is racism. The U.S. is gradually changing from a white, male-dominated culture into multiculturalism and this frightens white people.

As I remember, no TV commentator risked calling out racism except a very

few African-American scholars. A board-certified psychiatrist and NASA flight surgeon called this behavior *denial*.

White people who have lost their jobs, lost their homes or been displaced by automation believe that people of color and immigrants are taking away their jobs and getting unfair advantages from the government. These angry workers blame Obama and people of color for their hardships. Their worldview is that the changes Obama made were not good and did not include them.

The psychiatrist says: “Those individuals, groups and nations who live in the world of deep denial are practically untouchable by reality or rational argument... all events will simply be reinterpreted to fit their belief system of their world no matter how ridiculous, how distorted, hysterical or how psychotic that belief system appears to others.”

So, instead of offering worker retraining programs, creating businesses that help develop a clean future, doing away with polluting oil industries, supporting renewable resources, and getting ready for the 21st century, we elect a president who is ignorant, racist, double-dealing and sexist.

Denial is not a river in Egypt. It is a dangerous defense mechanism.

Trella Laughlin

Appreciation for Methodist Church

Editor,

We are once again extending our deepest thanks to the First United Methodist Church of Eureka Springs for

doing such a fine job of serving their community and fellow man. They give back 10% of their budget to local charities. They have really blessed us this year and we are beyond thankful for not only their financial support, but their heart to love those around them. They make a *big*, big difference in this small corner of the earth. “Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” – John Wesley

With thanks,

Barb Weems-Mourgila

**Purple Flower Domestic Violence
Resource and Support Center**

Veterans showered with thanks

Editor,

Once again, for the seventh year in a row, Eureka Springs has honored all our country’s veterans with several events that started with the Marine Birthday Ball/Military Bash on Thursday night, 11/10, & culminated with the 6th annual Bragging Rights hamburger cook-off on Monday. The parade on Friday, 11/11, the Gun Salute at 11:11 and the luncheon/meet & greet following was very well attended by both veterans and loved ones and viewers giving thanks.

This year’s restaurants donating *tons* of food for the luncheon: Rockin’ Pig, Myrtie Mae’s, Sweet ‘n Savory, Pied Piper/Cat House, Bubba’s BBQ, Forest Hill, Sparky’s, Local Flavor, Innconvenience Store, Pizza Hut, DeVito’s & Cravings Bakery (who also donated the Marine

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WEEK’S Top Tweets

@realhamandwry: Mrs. Potato seemed genuinely upset that her husband was missing, but the smell of French fries in her kitchen made the detectives suspicious.

@thetoddwilliams: Trump: “Let’s get that Muslim Band going.” “Band? We thought you said ban.” Trump: “No way, that’s harsh. And how’s that Mexican mall coming?”

@twosapphiresblue: I need you to be spontaneous. Be predictable. I need intimacy. Give me my space. Load the dishwasher. Not like that.

@aparnapkin: What’s it like to be a woman in comedy? I would say it’s 1% jokes & 99% answering this question.

@soverybritish: “Anyway it was lovely to meet you.” Translation: Off you go!

@rejectedjokes: I am being so rude. Apologies. Google, is there anything you want to ask me?

@bobby: You should be able to order mc nuggets in any quantity. Just have a flat price for a single nug, like a quarter. I feel strongly about this.

@xplodingunicorn: I don’t now why everyone is leaving the stock market today. At least 3 states legalized marijuana. I’m investing in Doritos and Taco Bell.

@sannewman: I always keep an exclamation point under my pillow in case someone breaks in and speaks to me in a monotone.

@andyasadjective: Forgot my coffee this morning so I’m gonna drive on the rumble strips along the side of the road all the way to work just to be safe.

84% Fact Free

A big takeaway of the 2016 election is that facts are no longer relevant in American politics.

Thanks to social media, FOX news, talk radio, “reality” television, and the fact that Joseph Goebbels knew what he was talking about – “If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it” – a large portion of Americans either cannot discern truth from fiction or don’t care whether what they’ve been led to believe is actually true.

According to the nonpartisan fact check organization Politifact, only 16% of what Trump claimed in the campaign was true or mostly true. Hillary Clinton at least reached the 50% mark in those categories, with another 25% of statements at least half true. Among fact checkers, she’s in the top tier of honest politicians, yet polls showed Americans by large margins believe her more dishonest and corrupt than Trump.

Back in the 1990s, Clinton claimed she was the target of “a vast right-wing conspiracy.” She was correct. It started when she tried to fix our broken healthcare system and continued through the 2016 election, where it was Trumped up several notches and aided by the FBI, WikiLeaks and, likely, Putin. Yet with all the accusations and hundreds of millions spent on investigations, “Corrupt Hillary” has never been charged with a crime, and most of the accusations turned out to be just made up mud. For 25 years we’ve been told she’s corrupt, she’s a murderess, she’s the Devil, and those lies have become well ingrained in the populace, across the political spectrum.

The election is over, the American people were duped and we’ve no choice but to move on. So let’s get past the lies of the campaign and look at how a few of Trump’s lies will impact us now that he’s won:

Climate change is a hoax – In the scientific world, climate change – the havoc it will wreak, and that human activity is the cause – is accepted fact. Trump vows to tear up the Paris Agreement, which is mankind’s last chance (if not already too little, too late) to extract more coal and oil and kill clean energy initiatives. The effects of reversing course will be catastrophic.

Business is over regulated – Deregulation will only result in more corporate corruption, more pollution, more workplace injuries, and more stealing from the middle class – homes, retirement plans, savings, et al.

“No one respects women more than me. I’m the least racist person.”

– Based on ample evidence, these are blatant lies. How they play out remains to be seen, but Trump choosing notorious white nationalist Steve Bannon as his chief advisor does not bode well for minorities.

“I’m going to bring back the jobs” – The jobs he’s talking about went away because it’s cheaper to manufacture in less developed nations, or because of automation or changing times and culture. Offshore jobs will only come back if Americans are willing to pay a lot more for goods or if American workers are willing to work for a lot less money. Since Trump is against a federal minimum wage, maybe the latter is his plan. That, or a disastrous trade war.

We can cut taxes, build up the

military, pay down the national debt, rebuild our infrastructure and inner cities, take care of our vets, and do ever so much more, without increasing the deficit – Voodoo economics on steroids will not make America great again.

Abortion doctors rip babies from the mother – Lies such as this fire up social conservatives who keep the pressure on for the appointment and confirmation of conservative judges. The rightward swing on the Supreme Court, which Trump has promised will result in Roe v. Wade being overturned, and a return to dangerous back-alley abortions.

There’s more to Goebbels’ infamous quote: “The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the

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The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

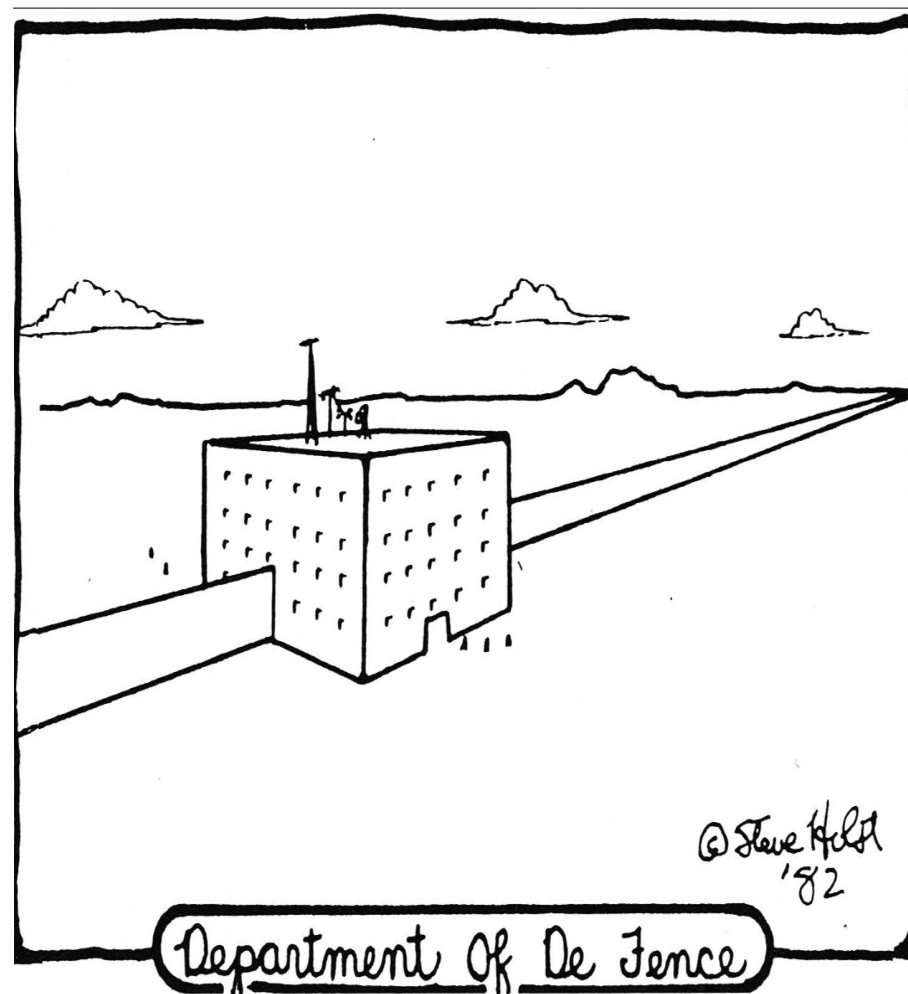
The Republican Party has been screwing poor people and working people every day since 1929. But this year, working folks turned out in significant numbers to vote up and down ballot to support the GOP. They didn’t drain the swamp, they gave the ‘gators second helpings. What’s going on?

Well, let me annoy you again: the Democratic Party has, for nearly 30 years now, passed legislation – from dismantling an effective social welfare system to encouraging corporations to swap employee pension plans for 401K plans – that has left many workers without savings, over-leveraged, and with no clear pathway to economic security. These are only two of its myriad direct policy hits on poor and working class Americans. Bottom line, the deafness of party elites toward progressive policy analysts has cost it the White House and the Supreme Court.

Similarly, Democrats failed to resolve its on-going Tammy Wynette problem with Bill Clinton. Behaving like a pig is either okay or not okay: Democrats, make up your minds. If it’s okay, get off Trump’s back for the same if less nuanced predation of women that Bill more suavely routinized. Evangelical churches will learn that their schizoid morality about Trump has cost them a generation of new members. Democrats should take note.

To Trump voters – yes, you – you now own Trump and the Republican Party and everything that it does. Thanks to you, Republicans control the White House and both houses of Congress. Blaming the black guy in the White House for all your problems won’t cut it anymore. Shouting Benghazi! and E-mails! over and over again won’t change a thing. Stop it. You got what you wanted. You are responsible for what happens next. And oh, please have your guy pay some taxes, okay? It’s all on you now.

Liberals, take Mrs. Obama’s advice and “go high” when they go low. Although it has spoken in Pig Latin, democracy has spoken, and We the People must listen. Have a glass of wine, read a little Annie Proulx, listen to Leonard Cohen, and send money to the Southern Poverty Law Center and Planned Parenthood. Hemingway defined courage as “grace under pressure.” Be graceful, and have courage.



A little help from our friends:

- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 103 West Church St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676. The Purple Flower will also have free and confidential Domestic Violence Empowerment Support Group on every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Berryville Community Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
- **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (479) 363-4529
- **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.
- **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Kathy Remenar (417) 342-8498, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455. Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
- **Grief Share**, A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495. • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org
- **St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store** – First Tuesdays – provide assistance with medical help, utilities, clothing, emergency shelter, shoes, etc. Annual charity Christmas Gift & Food Program. Mon-Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1844 Hwy. 62W Berryville.
- **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 or call (479) 981-1587. First meeting is Nov. 2.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

NOVEMBER 7

8:45 a.m. – Animal Control tried to catch a small dog running loose in a parking lot but could not. He went to the owner’s home and the dog was there already but the owner was not.
10:18 a.m. – The same dog was scampering down Main Street. This time Animal Control captured it and left a message for the owner.
2:12 p.m. – Caller alerted ESPD to a domestic confrontation in progress that involved the caller’s daughter and a male. Constables went to the scene, but both participants had already left together peaceably. Constable called the female who said things were just fine.
6:52 p.m. – ESFD responded to a residential smoke alarm and discovered it was a false alarm.

NOVEMBER 8

1:09 p.m. – A vehicle bumped the side of a building.
8:15 p.m. – Constables responded to a motel where a male was reportedly causing a scene. EMS transported him to ESH.
10:13 p.m. – Constable intervened with a female threatening suicide. He was able to disarm her and she went with him to ESH for an evaluation.

NOVEMBER 9

12:57 a.m. – Girlfriend told ESPD her boyfriend was acting crazy again. Constables arrested him for public intoxication and an open container.

NOVEMBER 11

3:10 a.m. – Constable responded to an alarm at a business and found a back window broken but no signs of entry.
3:44 a.m. – Not far away on US 62, there was another alarm at a business and the constable found a front window broken. Some items had been taken.
2:51 p.m. – Sagging phone line got hung up between the cab and trailer of a truck near the Auditorium. Constable responded, the truck

was cleared and the phone company notified to come fix their line.

NOVEMBER 12

6:53 a.m. – Individual knocked on a door near downtown. The inhabitants did not know him and sent him on his way. A constable encountered him and learned he had broken his phone and wanted to find another one so he could call his friends.
3:59 p.m. – A constable assisted EMS with a fall victim.
6:44 p.m. – Constable took a report of a vehicle theft.
8:38 p.m. – Constables and ESFD responded to a disturbance at a residence just east of downtown.

NOVEMBER 13

1:33 a.m. – Individual staggering down a roadway was arrested for public intoxication.
2:04 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for speeding, DWI, implied consent and driving left of center.
5:18 a.m. – Resident near downtown told ESPD her dog was barking as though there were something near her residence. Constable looked around but found nothing unusual.
10:12 a.m. – Car owner reported his vehicle had been keyed.
9:50 p.m. – Patron at a downtown bar would not cooperate after being asked to leave the premises. Constables found him lying outside and arrested him for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.
10:43 p.m. – Witness downtown claimed a naked male was running up and down the street. Constables found him and EMS transported him to ESH.

NOVEMBER 14

2:25 a.m. – Alarm at a downtown business was triggered but the constable found the building secure.
2:51 a.m. – Same resident and dog as before were alerted by something possibly nearby but the responding constable again found nothing out of the ordinary.

Trotting around on Turkey Day

The Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Lake Leatherwood Park ballfields. Bring the family for a 5K Trail Run or 1 mile walk/run before a special Thanksgiving Day feast and celebration.

The event is sanctioned by USA Track and Field. Register now at TurkeyTrotAR.com or mail name, address, phone, email and age along with t-shirt size to Kay Shriner, 12037 Hwy. 187. Checks should be made out to “Don Gammie Turkey Trot.”

If you have questions contact Kay at (479) 387-5020 or by email at rkschriner@gmail.com. There is a \$20 registration fee, \$15 for children under 12. You will be required to sign a waiver upon sign-in on race day. All proceeds benefit the fire department.

Planning outlines 2017

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Melissa Greene presided over her first meeting as chair of the Planning Commission on Nov. 8, and led commissioners through the process of choosing goals for 2017.

Commissioner Susan Harman mentioned the need to identify streets in town that would present problems of access for emergency vehicles. The issue arose earlier in the year regarding whether fire trucks could turn from Washington onto Point St. if parking spots along Washington were occupied. Commissioner James Morris stated Planning had in the past done a study of streets in town that might be helpful.

Commissioner Ann Sallee commented the Vision Plan needs to be revisited. Also she wanted the commission to look at penalties associated with Code violations and continue to encourage city council to urge consistent enforcement of City Code. She added they need to review their binders to make sure they all have complete and up-to-date copies of City Code.

Greene said she wanted the commission to see what it could do about the declining population in town, and Morris wanted to look again at the possibility of designating a light industrial zone.

Definitions

Commissioners also agreed they have completed work on reviewing and revising definitions in City Code for the following terms: tour homes, RV park, weekly rental/tourist lodging, hostel, boarding house and dwelling unit. Their recommendations will be presented to council for consideration after the minutes of this meeting are approved at the December 13 meeting.

There will be no meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 22, so the next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m.

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

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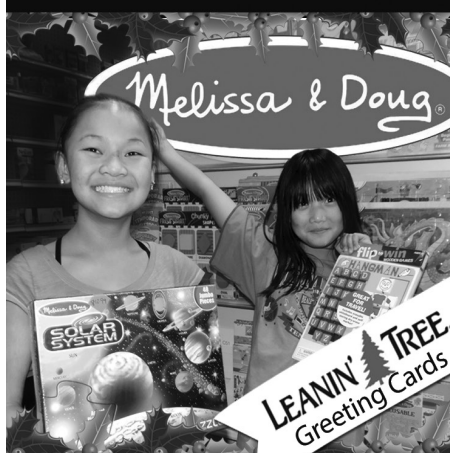
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Five short plays enchant full house

BECKY GILLETTE

Six world premier performances by the newly formed Five & Dime Drama Collective, five plays lasting ten minutes each and a poetry slam, all written by local writers and performed by local actors, drew an enthusiastic audience Sunday at the Main Stage Theater. The plays covered issues ranging from racism/fascism to Alzheimer's disease and the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder toll on veterans deployed to war.

The Noble Animal, written by Charles Templeton, had a police officer played by Jocelyn Morelli confronting a homeless veteran with PTSD played by Edward Bibber. "War is hell, but sometimes even when the war is over, the hell continues," according to the synopsis. A cop and a veteran struggle to understand each others' worlds during a battle that can have no victor, and the play ended up as a cliffhanger after a loud blank gunshot drew gasps from the audience, which was left to guess who might have been injured or killed.

Morelli also was featured as Amy in Tom Gorsuch's play *Fluffy*, a blend of humor and angst that delved into what can happen when a young married couple are growing up, but growing apart. They don't seem to know what to do about it. One yearns for the past and the other can see only the future; perhaps Fluffy (a rhinoceros that only they can see) can bring them together again. Playing the part of Kevin was Tony Stephenson.

Atlanta is Burning, a poem written by Wendy Taylor Carlisle and adapted for



"The Bride's Father," by Ann Hopkins, showcases Dan Bennett, MacKenzie Doss, Bryan Manire and Gem Frederick. A wedding reception reveals a clash of cultures that leads to misunderstanding (imagine!) and reveals the common thread of decency running through us all. PHOTO BY HAWK SLANE

stage, covers a relationship from decades ago, tragically ended, but never forgotten. The girlfriend, the guitar player, and the guitar player's ex-lover reminisce. Dan Bennett played the guitar player, Pearl Brick his girlfriend, and Virginia Ralph as the ex-lover.

The Bride's Father, written by Ann Hopkins, was about a South Louisiana father of the groom, Hank, played by Bryan Manire, meeting his new daughter-in-law's father from Chicago, Robert, played by Dan Bennett. Hank thinks Robert is being an uptight Yankee because he is so wooden and silent. The bride, played by MacKenzie Doss, ends up explaining that

her father has Alzheimer's.

Flags of Honor written by Gorsuch, explored racism and fascism, and also left the audience with an unexpected ending when a Nazi flag was unfurled instead of what the audience had been led to expect, a Confederate flag. Stephenson gave one of the most memorable performances of the day playing the redneck Jeb.

Slam Poetry Showcase, written and performed by Molly Sroges and MacKenzie Doss, was also well received. The women each did a three-minute solo poetry slam followed by a three-minute dual piece where they each took parts in the poem. The themes were timely writing about anxiety,

society, politics, and the cosmos.

Director Larry Horn, who recently retired from a long career in arts and theatre administration, said they were delighted to be able to present these all-new performances by local talent in front of audiences in Eureka Springs. The Five & Dime Drama Collective evolved out of a group of local writers who meet weekly at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow. The performance series was inspired by the national popularity of 10x10 Series, which is a set of 10 ten-minute plays. A 5x10 Series seemed a more realistic goal for a first production.

"We had only two weeks of rehearsals so working with everyone's schedules was a challenge," Horn said. "We saw great work with the writers collaborating with the actors. It was a nice coming together of a creative effort."

He said the goal of the group is to attract more writers and actors, and put on additional performances. In addition to creative talent, the group is looking for people who enjoy working behind the scenes on all the details that make a production come together.

The Five & Dime Drama Collective is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Tax-deductible donations can be made on the website fiveanddimecollective.org. Sponsors of the performances included Basin Park Hotel, Community First Bank (now Equity Bank), Cornerstone Bank, Ermilio's, EurekaZen, iDiva.it, Kendrick Law Office, Main Stage, Salon Seven, and the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow.



Burger off – For a \$5 donation to American Legion Post #9 people were able to get a sample of burgers from four different restaurants and vote for their favorite at the hamburger cook off on Monday at Pine Mountain Village. The Cighthouse, Grub & Pub Club 169, Rowdy Beaver, and Anglers all competed for the palates of eaters. The winner for the 2nd year was Angler's, which served a cheeseburger on a bun with Cole slaw under the burger, pulled pork and rémoulade sauce on top. PHOTOS BY JAY VRECEK

Is there a future for paper ballots in Carroll County?

BECKY GILLETTE

In the Nov. 8 election, about 75 percent of people who early voted opted to use paper ballots. On Election Day, voters had no choice except to use electronic ballots, and in future Carroll County elections there may be no choice but electronic voting despite concerns that electronic voting machines can be tampered with.

Carroll County Election Commission Chairman David L. Hoover said there will not be paper ballots in future elections in the county if money is available to purchase the new electronic voting machines that have been selected by the Arkansas Secretary of State's (SOS) office.

"We're still waiting to see if we have the money to buy those things," Hoover said. "Some counties have them and the majority don't. We are hoping we get the new machines because it will be such a great benefit."

At 9 a.m. on Election Day, Hoover was aware of only one person who complained about not being able to use a paper ballot, that in the Green Forest precinct. Hoover said all-electronic voting was slowing things down at the polls.

"It is a little slower because people walk up to the machine, they have to make a selection, and they haven't studied all the issues," Hoover said. "There are spending a little more time on the machine."

New electronic voting machines recommended by the SOS work a bit differently than those the county currently uses. Hoover said with new machines, people make their selection, then print votes out on a card about 3x7 inches. Voters can check to make sure their votes are correctly recorded. If a voter did not vote that way, notify an election worker, and when the vote is correct, put the card into a tabulating machine for counting.

"It is a lot more expeditious," Hoover said. "At night, all we have to do is go into the six precincts that are set up, pull out the counters, add up the results and we're done."

Hoover said if there is a problem suspected with a ballot box, the cards could be recounted.

ES&S (Elections Systems & Software), the company that manufactures the voting machines approved by the SOS, advertises itself as the world's largest elections-only company. ES&S says it has

provided election equipment, software and services used by U.S. municipalities and counties to help run fair and accurate elections for more than 30 years.

Chris Powell, spokesman for the Arkansas Secretary of State, said electronic machines are secure and not manipulated.

"They are not hooked up to the Internet," Powell said. "There are a lot of rumors about security. Electronic machines are more secure than paper ballots. As far as voting on paper or machines, that's up to the county. There has not been any sort of ruling from the state as far as using paper in the future."

However, some local residents are concerned about what is known as "black box" on machines with closed source or proprietary operations. Local attorney Forrest Jacobi said there is clear evidence that some electronic voting machines can and have been manipulated with outcomes of elections changed as a result.

"I prefer a paper trail because it is auditable," Jacobi said. "There have been issues with this in the past. Black box voting is just not a democratic way to count your votes. In Australia, open source software is used so there is no question about the vote. In this country, voting machines use private proprietary software. Wichita State University math professor Beth Clarkson's analysis has shown a consistent pattern of manipulation of votes with electronic voting machines. This is a proven fact."

Clarkson found statistical anomalies favoring Republicans in counts coming from large precincts in Kansas.

Jacobi said electronic voting machines potentially take away the basic right of Americans to have a vote and have it counted.

"When people from a private company count the votes and give you the answer, you don't have a transparent system," Jacobi said. "We need a transparent system. Any lack of transparency brings your vote into question. If it is private, proprietary software, there is no audit. You don't know if the number was derived fairly. There is a history of election fraud in this country. There is no question election fraud has gone on. That is how Kerry lost in 2004 because votes were flipped in Cleveland, Ohio, to give votes to Bush. This year the Democrats did it with Hillary against Bernie."

Jacobi said countries like Canada take

exit polls, which are extremely accurate. If it is outside of the margin of error, something is wrong. Exit polls showed Hillary would beat Bernie by 52 to 48 in New York.

"She won by 16," Jacobi said. "That is way past the margin of error, which simply means something strange is going on. It is called election fraud. Two years ago in Kentucky, all Democrats running for statewide offices won, but a Republican governor got in. People who vote straight tickets do not usually vote for a different party candidate for governor. That screams election fraud. I don't know how we can call ourselves the greatest democracy on Earth when we are last in Western democracies in voting integrity."

Jacobi said there have been local cases of voter fraud as the case where a candidate voted for himself only to see the results tabulated to give the vote to his opponent.

Jacobi recommended the website www.blackboxvoting.org for more information.



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Did electronic vote rigging give the election to Trump?

BECKY GILLETTE

Prior to the presidential election, pollsters were giving Hillary Clinton 70 to 85 percent odds for winning the presidency. How could the polls have been so wrong?

The polls weren't wrong, said local attorney Forrest Jacobi, who has closely been following discrepancies between the voter exit polls and the results reported by the voting machines.

"Donald Trump said the election was rigged and he was right," said Jacobi, a long-time advocate of election integrity. "It was rigged in favor of Donald Trump. There is a thing called the red shift. It is where every recent election shows more votes for the Republicans than for the Democrats surprising the pollsters because it doesn't align with exit polls.

The red shift is so consistent that there has to be something wrong. When exit polls don't align electronic vote results, and that is outside the margin of error for the polls, it screams election fraud."

Jacobi said exit polls are so accurate that other countries use them to report the results of elections so long as they are within the margin of error. He said four battleground states this year were all outside the margin of error: Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

"If those states went according to the exit polls, Clinton would be our next president," Jacobi said. "The odds of the red shift happening this year at random would have been one in 1,310 – the same odds of flipping a penny 1,300 times and it coming up tails only once."

Jacobi said from a statistical

standpoint, this is not an accident. It has happened for years. There are always more Republican votes outside the margin of error than there are for Democratic votes. He said in addition to affecting the presidency, it also affects the number of senators and congressmen from each party, not to mention governorships or other state elected position.

"Right now we have what is known as black box voting," Jacobi said. "It is called that because it is not transparent. Electronic voting machines are manufactured by private companies using proprietary software that leaves no way to check to make sure that the results reported are correct. If you are going to use electronic voting machines, they have to be open source software. They can't be private proprietary software where some

private entity somewhere tells you the answer. That is ridiculous."

Jacobi said there was also evidence of election fraud in the Democratic primaries.

Who is responsible for the rigged election results?

"If the system is not secure, anyone can hack it including foreign people who want to disrupt our 'fair elections'," Jacobi said.

While mainstream media has provided little coverage of the issue so far, Alternet.org published a story Nov. 11, "Exit Poll Discrepancies and Voter Suppression Are Serious Issues, This is a familiar pattern, indicative of electronic rigging."

"According to the exit polls

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OTHER DAYS at Eureka Springs® – by Nellie Alice Mills, 1949

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

Chapter Four, cont.

Mr. Sutton's Applied Psychology class was also held in the Christian Church; I would not have remembered the hour, but the printed program gave the time as 3:30 to 4:15. I learned then, and have observed all my life since, that really famous people are usually very unpretentious, with no airs of superiority. Just as Miss Eggleston seemed to take the whole class into her confidence, so Mr. Sutton made himself one of us. He once told us that the first time he had applied for a school, the schoolboard told him to learn to write before he tried to teach school. He was from Texas, as I think Miss Halley was, also. Miss Eggleston was from the state of New York.

The third week in July Mrs. Hailmann, a nationally known Kindergarten leader was making addresses every day.

There were two social gatherings, one at the Crescent Hotel, and one at Mr. Christian's home, which was on Spring Street beyond what was then called the Boulevard, but is now marked on the town map as Crescent Drive.

Mr. Barnett had this to say of the Primary Department: "Miss Eggleston is the perfect mistress of the teaching art... We are at once convinced of the wisdom of every principle, every law she enunciates; and yet all is childlike in simplicity... Miss Halley is doing excellent work with her classes in the school... One teacher said, 'Miss Eggleston is a real teacher's inspiration,' another said, 'Miss Halley is a model.' Have

you realized how near these two teachers are getting to the methods of the Great Teacher?"

The Inter-State Summer Normal was ended soon after that. Perhaps as an influence of it a Carroll County Teachers' Association was formed; it must have been the first meeting that was held in Berryville. I know it was my first visit to that town. I don't know just when it was; I have nothing by my memory to guide me. We went over to Berryville in what I should now call a hack. I suppose it was a "stage." There might have been a dozen of us in the one vehicle. We forded the Kings River.

I stayed with Miss Stubblefield and Miss Cornthwaite and one young teacher, it might have been Miss Ollis; we stayed at Mother Hubbard's Boarding House, I suppose on the north side of the Square, for the rest of our party stayed at the Southern Hotel on the opposite side of the Square. The meetings were held in Clark's Academy. I was very much interested in the old red brick building, but I would be more interested in it now. I think Lizzie Martin, who had graduated in the spring of 1891 was at that time teaching in Berryville.

I have a program of the meeting of this Carroll County Organization that was held at Eureka Springs February 11, 12, 13, 1892. On the cover is printed a quotation that I heard first from Prof. Sutton: "Blessed is the man that teaches as long as he lives, but thrice blessed is he who *lives* as long he teaches."

I was on that program. Without conceit, I can say I



was always good at figures. My subject was, Numbers. In the First Primary. In the account in the newspaper Mr. Barnett said some kind things, for one thing that my paper "showed thorough preparation." Mr. Barnett wanted me to succeed. He gave me every encouragement. I have often thought, looking back, that what a young teacher lacks in experience is counterbalanced by enthusiasm. Lizzie Martin was on the program for that same subject, but "in an Ungraded School."

I had forgotten that two of my schoolmates were teaching, but here on my program I find: "How to Make a Country School Interesting, Wylie Johnston, Miss May Willis."

The program mentions some special features: Miss Birdean Fraker will have charge of music. Miss Lillian Holmes' presentation of Physical Culture will be especially interesting. (Miss Holmes later became Mrs. John Chiles). The meeting will be held in the New Building. (Mr. Barnett's dream come true). In fine print on the back cover: "Compliments of the Times-Echo." The program was signed: R.L. Harris, Pres. and Mrs. W.R. Strickland, Sec.



Ginkgo – A golden treasure

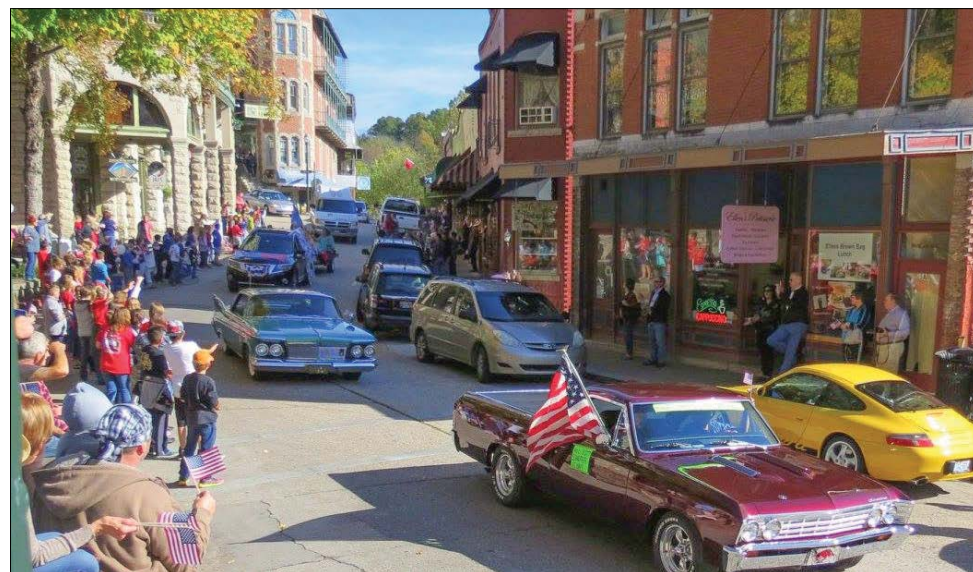
Among the horticultural treasures of Eureka Springs, two trees loom large – the female ginkgos flanking the service entrance at the back of the Post Office. In China, ginkgo trees as fine as these specimens are objects of veneration and reverence. Soon, after the first good hard frost, the unique fan-shaped golden leaves will flitter from the trees in a day's time like a kaleidoscope of butterflies seeking winter rest. Soon after, the shriveling fruits, which look like half-sized wild persimmons, will persist for a few days after the leaves, then fall to the ground.

There is only one surviving species from the ancient and primitive ginkgo family (Ginkgoaceae). Various species of ginkgo were common in the northern hemisphere, evolving nearly 200 million years ago. Most ginkgo species were victims of the mass extinction, along with dinosaurs, about 65 million years ago. A few species in the Ginkgo family known from the fossil record survived until wiped out in Europe and North America (including Greenland and Alaska) during the Quaternary glacial ice sheets around two million years ago. Only one species survived – today's living fossil *Ginkgo biloba*, the oldest tree species on Earth. The only wild population that survived that massive ice age event is in the West Tian Mu Mountains in Zhejiang Province in China.

For thousands of years, once they reached their destination, Chinese monks and travelers planted the tree from walking sticks made from live ginkgo branches. Today venerable and near immortal ginkgos, some thousands of years old, are extant at temples and sacred sites. Hanging from mountain crags, these sentinels of millennia soar to over 150 feet. Ancient ginkgos known to be more than 3000 years old, inspire awe with trunks spreading more than 15 feet in diameter, and a breadth of over 5000 square feet beneath the branches of a single tree.

Ginkgo was first introduced to North America in 1784 in the garden of William Hamilton at Woodlands near Philadelphia. Male trees, free from the foul-smelling fruits, are a favorite street tree in cities. Ginkgos longevity is attributed to its exceptional resistance to pests, resilience to fire, and tolerance of air pollution thriving in the harshest urban environments.

Famously, less than a half mile away from ground zero of the 1945 nuclear blast at Hiroshima, a ginkgo trunk produced new leaves, symbolizing the strength of life. Nearing a century in age, the important specimen trees in Eureka Springs symbolize continuity and resilience in an unpredictable world.



Honoring our Veterans for 97 years – Many Veterans marched or rode down Spring Street for the Veteran's Day Parade Friday morning with spectators lining the route all the way down to Basin Park. Thank you to all veterans for their service. *PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK*

Fall festival

The Heart of Many Ways Fall Festival will be on Nov. 19 with musical offerings from locals, a silent auction with many items supplied by artists and a book sale on the portico where you set the price you pay. A special offering will be in the form of magical mystery boxes by Ayesha. There will be 25 boxes and you're sure to find the perfect gift for someone you love.

Join at 68 Mountain Street between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Justice Becomes Blinded

The month of Scorpio has sped by quickly. Here we are in Scorpio's last days. On **Monday**, Nov. 21, the Sun enters Sagittarius, sign of the archer and the sign of silence. Finally, silence after the raucous cacophony before and after Election Day. Scorpio certainly brought us tests we couldn't have imagined. Those tests will continue as the United States of America struggles with widespread protests and levels of intolerance. It is important to understand and teach children that America was founded upon freedom. Early settlers of America fled intolerance

from the "old country" and came to America to establish freedom. Freedom of speech, of religion, of liberty, of equality, all under the Rule of Law. These were the principles and underpinnings of the first American Revolution.

Pluto (end of an era) was last in Capricorn at the American Revolution (1765-1783) when America was founded. Now as Pluto again moves through Capricorn, the issues of freedom, liberty and the Rule of Law need to be reviewed. Sirius, the blue-white star that helped found and continues to guide America, is called the Star

of Freedom. The present eruption of intolerance we see in America is due to lack of education concerning history, morals, values and citizenship. Sagittarius calls us to silence so we can contemplate these things. Sagittarius also shows us that when we don't have tolerance and don't understand or respect freedom of speech and liberty, that we **blindfold justice** for everyone. Our Declaration of Human Rights. *states: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."*

ARIES: Be prepared for a feeling of being tested, a continual sense of being watched, graded, guided and being prepared for further responsibility, especially in terms of tending to others' finances and resources. Intimacy may be an issue, either you seek or reject it. You need to study the Ancient Mysteries (the foundations being astrology). Your questions are answered there.

TAURUS: You seek more than usual depth in relationship. Or you become silent and secretive, seeking your own counsel, seeking intimacy of spirit, following your own needs without considering the other. It's best though to communicate with loved ones, informing them of your inner thoughts, hopes, wishes so you can work together more efficiently. You think there's no money. It's all around you.

GEMINI: As your mind works overtime, you realize lots of work, at first not obvious, must be accomplished. If you look in corners, closets, under, over and above, in garages, storage units, your car(s), you'll discover what needs eliminated so transformation and regeneration can come about. There's special work to do with relationships, children, small animals and gardens, all needing play, color, communication, new intentions, a re-commitment (from you). No purple or brown, though.

CANCER: You feel worried and anxious about family members, concerned about their choices, abilities, resources, lives. There may be a family member in a state of transition. You worry about someone female, perhaps a daughter, mother, sister. You know at a moment's notice you'll travel anywhere to help. In the meantime, bake sugar cookies, pies, breads, dumplings, stews and casseroles. You need soothing and gardening.

LEO: You need to head over to Cancer's home for food. Then you need respite from the extreme amounts of work you're encountering. Sometimes you don't know why you're doing this work. It seems you need more art, whether it's yours or another's. Relationships are either nebulous or too strict for words. Something usually hidden at home becomes illumined.

VIRGO: With Mercury, your personal messenger, traveling through the sign of justice, your mind is extremely active, focusing first on yourself, your foundation, home and relationships. Then a depth of perceptive occurs. As your words become very serious, almost mysterious, you call forth all parts of yourself to cooperate, ponder upon, ruminate, assess and then become intimate with the real truth.

LIBRA: The Sun calls you to focus upon your values, past, present values. They give you as self-awareness and perhaps also the needs of humanity.

Assess your financial picture – how you use money, how your money supports self, family and those in need, and how money emotionally supports your way of life. For the next month appreciate all that you have, all people and things small and large. Love grows with gratitude.

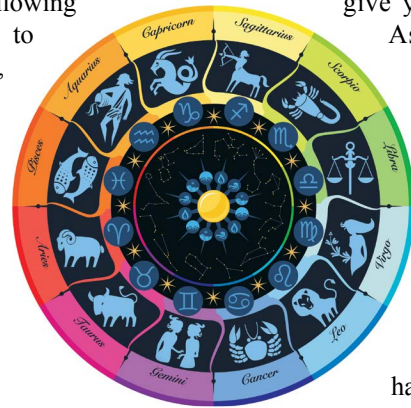
SCORPIO: The veils are dropping between realities so humanity can see more expanded realities. In the meantime, you/we are to be anthropologists, observing people's behaviors. Observing quietly with curiosity allows us to understand the two polarities; what's staged (unreal), entraining the masses and, on the other side, the Forces of Light, building the new reality as the old is destroyed. You have the ability to discern the difference.

SAGITTARIUS: You've must go on a retreat from your usual daily life, plans, agendas and responsibilities. Eat well, take it easy, do personal research, work on private projects, ponder upon needs and values that emerge from quiet and solitude. Also, a distance is to be created allowing you more perspective about how you're living, what pleases you, and what you need. Give yourself a serious talk.

CAPRICORN: Jupiter is calling you into the world. You're preparing for this; assessing goals, hopes, wishes and priorities in terms of what to say and give to others. You want to be perceived in a certain way. Know you are valuable and respected. Often when greatness enters a group, there can be resistance. Why? People cannot absorb the Sun's light streaming through great people. You are that greatness.

AQUARIUS: Your vitality at this time is keeping you out and about in the world. Notice you're completing tasks and displaying special abilities. For the next month ponder upon how and what you want in the future. This is a time of assessing these things. It's a time to consider new plans based upon your feelings and needs. Perhaps you're considering some sort of move. It's possible. New values and resources come forth.

PISCES: Making contact so love and understanding are released is important to you. However, others don't often think like you. Compassion rules the life of Pisces. Everyone is not a Pisces. You might stand alone this month and next. Focus upon study, reading, art, music, ideas becoming ideals within you. Create on paper (color, ink, drawing, painting, sculpture, etc.) your next endeavor. Include gardens, schools, several geodesic domes and the idea of the Commons.



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conducted by Edison Research, Clinton won four key battleground states (NC, PA, WI, and FL) in the 2016 presidential election that she went on to lose in the computerized vote counts," said Theodore de Macedo Soares, who blogs on election integrity issues. "With these states Clinton wins the Electoral College with a count of 302 versus 205 for Trump. Clinton also won the national exit poll by 3.2 percent and holds a narrow lead in the national vote count still in progress. Exit polls were conducted in 28 states. In 23 states the discrepancies between the exit polls and the vote count favored Trump. In 13 of these states the discrepancies

favoring Trump exceeded the margin of error of the state."

The author of the article, Steven Rosenfelt, summarizes this way: "Another presidential election has run its course and Americans who want to participate in a process that's democratic, transparent and accountable are left in the dark."

Alternet.org reports that the vendor who maintains the North Carolina voter files was in all probability the "unnamed" Florida-based company hacked by the Russians to obtain emails from the Democratic National Committee.

"Covertly, there was not just the open question of whether Russia would

hack into election computer systems – voter rolls is one system, vote counting machinery another – but some real evidence that it might have happened in North Carolina," the article said.

Rosenfelt said Americans are told to take it on faith that the election results are accurate, from the highest-stakes presidential elections to lower-turnout state races that keep legislatures in one party's grip.

"That's infuriating, patronizing and unnecessary," Rosenfelt said. "The alternative is simple: voting needs to be transparent, verifiable and accountable from the start of the process to the end. Instead, it's just like the dysfunctional

campaign finance system. Incumbents have mastered it, despite their gripes about its ugliness, and they are not about to give up their path to power."

In a Google group blogsite on election integrity, Soares makes the following recommendation: "All states have open records act, in many ballots are public records accessible to the citizen. We can target specific states to examine the ballots and or get electronic copies of the ballot images generated by many of the scanners and other voting machines. We can review the Democratic primaries as well as the 2016 Presidential election. In my opinion this should be our main priority."

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Bill Hearne Trio play Eureka House Concerts Sunday, Nov. 20 at Unitarian Church on Elk St.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *Live Music TBA*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

BREWS – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 9 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Outlaw Hippies*, Rock, 8 – 11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Earl and Them*, R and B, 9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Pearson Brothers Duo*, Rock, 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

BREWS – *Buffalo Gals with Joe Sundell*, Americana, 6 – 9 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Voxana*, Americana, 8 – 11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Sad Daddy*,

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Americana, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – DJ & Dancing, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – Arkansas Red, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – Paper Jam, Rock, 9 p.m.
LE STICK – Pete Maiella, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.
NEW DELHI – Pete and Dave, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – Pearson Brothers Trio, Rock, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Rodney Jeremiah, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

BREWS – Trivia Night, 6 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – Green Screen Karaoke, 7 p.m.
NEW DELHI – Dewey Rush featuring his Father, Americana, 12 – 4 p.m.
UNITARIAN CHURCH – Eureka House Concerts: Bill Hearne Trio, Americana, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Los Roscoes, Blues, 6 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

BREWS – Melody Pond, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 9 p.m.

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Pipeline psychopaths

This is a common disease, highly contagious. At the end of the day, these people go home and have nothing to worry about. The evil gene blocks compassion for others; makes it easy to be meaner than a junkyard dog.

Pipelines and fortune cookies

Back in 2013, Plains All-America Pipelines (PAA) saw an opportunity connecting the dots: 1. Shale crude from the Permian Basin, Bakken, and mid-continent regions stored in Cushing, Okla. 2. The Natural State where people believe in private property rights and the tooth fairy. 3. Crude oil export revenues. An opportunity to make a fortune.

The Tooth Fairy may be real.

Private property rights are an illusion.

Fortune cookies make sense by adding “in bed.” What you find in the Diamond website makes sense adding “Not!” Example: “Diamond Pipeline LLC is committed to designing, constructing, operating and maintaining the Diamond Pipeline in a safe and reliable manner.” Not! **1. How much did PAA pay for the 100-ft. construction right of way?**

Some people got paid for 35 ft. wide easements, others for 50. No compensation was made for additional land cleared, or for construction roads.

2. Why did PAA take 100 feet to bury a 20-inch pipeline?

Because they can. Easements are the best real estate deals: perpetual,

tax and insurance free, and acquired at fire sale prices.

3. Why did the USACE grant PAA a Nation Wide Permit?

USACE easements along riverbanks are a new source of income. USACE ignored requests to have PAA move the route upstream of the county water intake. Letters from the Arkansas Department of Health, hundreds of Clarksville County citizens and several Arkansas Representatives, were dismissed. USACE gave PAA all they wanted.

4. Why did the APSC grant PAA navigation permits for five Arkansas rivers, including the Mississippi?

APSC staff did not want to deal with intervenors. Clarksville got in the door at the last minute hoping to move the route. PAA gave them some cash to go away. With no intervenors, a conditional permit was granted, leaving the door open for an appeal.

Flash floods worse than terrorism

The U.S. Department of Defense knows the facts. “We have a responsibility to prepare for the future. We don’t have the luxury of burying our heads in the sand. DoD must consider the effects of climate change: sea level rise, shifting climate and more frequent and severe weather events and how these effects could impact national security,” said Capt. Dean VanderLey, who oversees Navy infrastructure. Severe floods across the Arkansas, White, and Red River Basins beginning on Dec. 26, 2015, were the most severe in the last 25 years.

What can you do?

The people at highest risk need to take quick, effective legal action. Other people need to provide information, advice, contacts, or contributions to a legal fund. A team of 5-7 people can get it done. Here is an example: “A group of landowners who live within 350 yards of a pipeline that will transport Canadian tar sands oil through Wisconsin to refineries in Illinois is suing Enbridge to force it to carry spill insurance,” *WSJ*, February 2016. Seven citizens stood up and demanded action.

We demand a professional flood risk assessment for all the route, and a flood fund paid in full by PAA. Construction must be halted pending these issues.

Dr. Luis Contreras

INDEPENDENT Art

John Robert Willer at Main Stage

Works by John Robert Willer will be exhibited during a public reception on Nov. 18 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Main Stage. Willer is known for his oil and watercolor paintings that capture scenes of Eureka Springs.

The Main Stage exhibition will be his largest solo show and will feature

large abstract oil paintings in the main hall and smaller works of various media in the lobby. Willer will be at Main Stage on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. to discuss his work with visitors. The exhibition will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. through Dec. 18.



Artist of the month at Cornerstone

Pat Sweeden will be on exhibit at Holiday Island Cornerstone Banks through Nov. 30.

Thanksgiving feasting, good for everybody

MIKE ELLIS

Meleia Saab’s second graders at Eureka Springs Elementary were all about holiday cooking recently.

Ava’s Green Bean Casserole:

green bean 2 cans
1 can mushroomk soup
1 jar cheese wiz
Instrustions
Drain the green bean, mix the ingrediense. Bake at 350 for 35 min. top with lays potato chip’s and we have it on thanksgiving.
Are family puts up Christmas decorations after dinner. We watsh a Christmas movie, and we wach a parade and we play games. This year we are going to the Cressent hotel and they have a chocolate fountain. And I love it.

Nakoa’s Pumpkin Pie:

Pumpkin pie mix
egg
1. pour it into a bowl
2. mix it
3. poor it in crust
4. put it into the oven
5. take it out
6. get a spoon
7. get a slise
8. put whipped cream on it
9. eat it

Georgia’s pecan pie recipe:

Pecans
flour
sugar
baking soda
eggs
milk
You mix the flour, sugar, baking soda

and eggs together to make the crust. You need pecans and milk to make the filling. Oh, and you have to cook it 15 or 20 minutes.

Austin’s mashed potatoes:

potadas
butter
1. Then put in a pot.
2. Then you mash it up.
3. Then put mor butter.
4. Salt and peper.
5. Then with a cheese stick
6. Then with a glass of milk
7. Eat it up and drink it up

Chasia’s ice cream:

ice
surger
milk
vanilla
and you put it in the frezer. Scoop it out.

Zack’s candy and cheese sticks:

Ingredeints
choclit, sweet shogr, and mix
cheese stics
white cheese, Regelr Duredows, nacho
cheese, chips, and mix.

Eliana’s Thanksgiving cupcakes:

Flour
Sugar
Eggs
Milk
Baking Soda
Mixing bowl
Put in the oven. 40 mins then take out & decorate.

Korbyn’s Turkey:

First I buy a turkey from the store then I

take it home and put it in the singk with hot water for it to unfou. Leave it in the hot water for about half a day then you take it out of the bag and put some seasenengs on it like papreka and some others then put it in a crookpot and turn it on 350 degrees. Leav it over night and when you wake up in the morning it will be ready.

Sam’s apple pie:

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cinumin
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crust
You make the crust and then you put the crust in the Pan and you cook it for 30 min.

Sage’s cake:

Cake
Suger
frosting
flower
bowl
stir, cook, put on the frosting then eat it

Cooper’s pumpkin pie:

eggs
pumpkin
padr
brad
mix all, pot in the oven, let it col, put wip
crem

Yesenia’s cake:

isingin Blue, Pink, Prpol
flowr
sugur
3 ags
sprenkels Blue, Pink, Prpol

first you put the flawr 2 cups. 1 cup sugur, 3 eggs, ising, spenkels
Logan’s rice gravy:
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solt
Put rise in a bol and put grave on top and warm in the meikr. Warm for 2 miniets.

Lilly’s chocolate cake:

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flowr
sugs
eggs
sprenkos’
cholit
milk
ice crem

Kennith’s fudge:

Fuge
Chochlete
suger
Maybe stir it or cook it

Scarlet’s pizza:

pizza
pie pens
sozes
ceeze
piepereno

Bradshaw’s We’re not sure:

1. You grab u glass
2. You put in to glass a green peper and you drink it

Daniel’s Chicken:

1. by chicin
2. cook the chicin
3. ad budr

DEPARTURE

Benita Flores Dec. 24, 1944 – Nov. 11, 2016

Benita Flores of Green Forest, Ark., was born Dec. 24, 1944 in Fort Lupton, Colo., daughter of Benito Abitia and Lusila Chavez. She departed this life Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 in Green Forest, Ark., at age 71.

In 1963 she was united in marriage with Joe Flores who survives her of their home. She is also survived by her children, son, Tim Flores, and wife, Erica, of Alpena, Ark.; son, Joe Flores, Jr., and wife, Josephine, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; daughter, Lusila Galicia, and husband, Julio, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; daughter, Trisha Frykman

of Alpena, Ark.; 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, three sisters, one brother, several nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and loved ones.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Benito Abitia and Lusila Chavez; one daughter, two brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016



Divine singing at Metafizzies

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of Divine Singing and Sound Meditation on Monday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. No vocal experience is necessary. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. All are welcome.



Been a slow week on fishing trips so I went out on my own Sunday afternoon to try my luck on getting some Beaver Lake stripers. I went about five miles south from the dam till I marked bait between Points 6 and 7, which is the Rocky Branch area.

About 4 p.m. the winds laidd down and it was on. I just had five bait rods out when three went down, one after another. I set the hook on one then grabbed the one pulling out the most drag as the 3rd popped loose. Got in the big one, then went for the 2nd one which already took out about 100 yards of line.

By the time I got him in my arms felt like rubber. With two fish in the floor and no time to even get in the live well I brought in the remaining three rods to find all were hit during the excitement. Got the two in the live well just in time to see fish busting the top again off the next flat, so put the troll motor on high and headed that way throwing a big Zara Spook. Hooked up and released two more stripers under 10 pounds, then decided to keep the third which was a little bigger at 14 pounds before losing the sun and heading home with my limit.

Water temp was running 68° and

all bait rods were running 18 ft. behind balloons with no weights. I got about the same amount of meat out of these three fish that you would get from one deer and had a lot more fun.

Here at Holiday Island the cooler water is also putting walleye, crappie and bass in a good feeding mood with all three species being caught from here to Beavertown right off the edge of the flats, from the top to 12 ft. deep.

Minnows, jigs and crankbaits can get them throwing or trolling, along with throwing a top water bait when the water is smooth. I have a trip here at the Island Monday, but other then that my calendar’s pretty open with the afternoons being pretty good after these cool morning days.

If you have a boat, it’s way to soon to winterize it just because deer season is open. You can have a better day fishing now then in the heat of the summer and the fish aren’t running away as fast as a deer.

Well better go for now, good luck hunting whether for fish or game. My freezer is getting full with just a pole.

Robert Johnson, fishofexcellence.com, (479) 253-2258

INDEPENDENT**Crossword**

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Hemlock
- 7 Panama or Suez
- 12 Tear away forcibly
- 13 Parking lot for smaller boats
- 14 Roy Rogers’s dog
- 15 Declare to be true
- 16 Entire group
- 17 Second largest land mammal, for short
- 19 Felix the ____
- 20 Slim, wiry
- 22 Card up a sleeve
- 23 Celebration
- 24 Scoot up a tree or pole
- 26 “Christ is ____!”
- 27 Pool stick
- 28 Namely
- 29 Lace ending
- 32 Back and forth pattern
- 35 “D” or “R”
- 36 Nickname for place of incarceration
- 37 Strike or thrash
- 39 Key often used with

“CTRL” and “DEL”

- 40 Large division of a long poem
- 42 Hurried on foot
- 43 Person who tends elephants
- 45 Remove
- 47 Imagine or conceive
- 48 Chin growth
- 49 Social division in India
- 50 Persons of advanced age

DOWN

- 1 Secret political faction
- 2 Rudimentary seeds
- 3 Dry gully or ravine
- 4 Under the weather
- 5 Laptop operator
- 6 Main constituent of marsh gas
- 7 Institute of Libertarian thinking
- 8 Painting, composing, creative writing, e.g.

- 9 Brothers’ daughters
- 10 Having a handle
- 11 Tin plate
- 13 Head of hair
- 18 Frigid
- 21 More personable
- 23 Like Perrier
- 25 Almond or Brazil
- 26 Semi, slangily
- 28 Specially aged
- 29 Asexual
- 30 Endangered baboon of Ethiopia
- 31 Wood shaper
- 32 ____ and the Art of *Motorcycle Maintenance*
- 33 Prepare lawn for winter
- 34 Kitchen implement
- 36 Top of the head
- 38 Mid-leg joints
- 40 Pleasingly pretty
- 41 Silver coin of ancient Greece
- 44 ____meal cookies
- 46 Counterpart of lass

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cake the night before).
As we’ve done every year, the leftovers were divided and boxed up for further donation to the Police Dept., the Fire Dept. and Flint Street food kitchen.
We just want to say thank you to

everyone who helped in any & all ways, thank you restaurant owners for your contributions, & mostly... thank you veterans for our freedom! Without you, we have nothing!
Mickey Schneider
Veteran’s Committee

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greatest enemy of the State.”

Only time will tell how long until the political, economic or military (or environmental) consequences of Trump’s many lies catch up to us, and to what measures he will go to repress dissent (and free speech and press) to maintain control. He was the “law and order” candidate, after all.

On a more optimistic note, maybe the extreme views expressed in the campaign were just more lies, and once in power he will revert to his more moderate, pre-politician, though always “braggadocious” and egomaniacal, self.

Or, another plausible scenario: the thrill of the contest wears off, he’s won and that’s what matters, and he decides the day-to-day running of a superpower is too hard, and hands it over to Mike Pence. Which would be a whole other catastrophe.

Bill King

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LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
WESTERN DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PATRICK JAMES BRAMMER,
Deceased
NO. 08W-PR -2016-66

Name of decedent: Patrick James
Brammer

Last known address: 6 Kings Highway,
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Date of death: September 9, 2016

On November 14, 2016, an affidavit for
collection of small estate by distributee
was filed with respect to the estate of
Patrick James Brammer, deceased, with
the probate clerk of the circuit court of
Carroll County, Arkansas, under Ark.
Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the
estate must exhibit them, properly
verified, to the distributee or his or her
attorney within three (3) months from
the date of the first publication of this
notice or they shall be forever barred and
precluded from any benefit in the estate.

The name, mailing address, and
telephone number of the distributee or
the distributee's attorney is: Kristine B.
Kendrick, Attorney at Law, 105A W. Van
Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632, (479)
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PERSONALS

Dear parents,

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try to get the last one eaten before
Christmas.

PJP – I'm calling my building project
"The Big Build" after the big dig project
up north. It is way over budget and behind
schedule. Looks like we may have a big
build project down south now. If we build
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Taking a closer look at our community

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What’s next? Intergy has plans for 500 kV line in the county

BECKY GILLETTE
...some obvious that purchase of the County Intergy has plans for the routing of the line through Boone and Carroll counties. The plan that involves building a 500 kV line from Kings River to the Station (SES). The line will be a 500 kV line.

Landowners in Carroll County... that they were kept in the dark about a 500 kV line through Boone and Carroll counties. The plan that involves building a 500 kV line from Kings River to the Station (SES). The line will be a 500 kV line.

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Finding peace with movement
Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk Street at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18. The dances are simple, joyful moving meditations that involve singing sacred phrases with accompanying movements from the world’s many spiritual traditions. Participation is free of charge. Contact Rebecca Babbs at (479) 253-8303 or email babbsrebecca@gmail.com for more information.

Potluck at EUUF
Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street will have an open mic at 11 a.m. on Nov. 20. A Thanksgiving potluck will follow the service so be sure to bring a dish to share. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio’s Restaurant, 26 White Street.

An invitation to read or perform your work at Poetluck
Join at Poetluck on Thursday, Nov. 17 when My Time Fellowship recipient Keija Parssinen will read the first chapter of *Nostalgiaville*, her third novel currently in the works. Local writers and musicians are invited to read from or perform their work for up to five minutes after Keija. Poetluck starts with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring Street.

Opening the gym
The Eureka Springs Community Center Foundations has partnered with area restaurants to “Open the Gym” beginning with La Familia Tex-Mex on Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 5 – 8:30 p.m. Each participating restaurant has agreed to donate a percentage of its proceeds for the evening to help ESCCF provide 2017 programming in the gym. Future dates:
• Nov. 30 – SkyBar Groumet Pizza
• Dec. 7 – Local Flavor
• Dec. 14 – Ermilio’s Restaurant



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