



Judge orders new briefs for power line

BECKY GILLETTE

At the end of the week-long Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) hearing on the application by American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) to get a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a proposed 345-kilovolt power line from Shipe Road in Benton County to the Kings River, the AEP/SWEPCO attorney made a request to amend their application.

Members of the main opposition group, Save The Ozarks (STO), saw that as evidence that AEP/SWEPCO knew opponents had exposed major flaws in the application, and wanted a “do-over.” Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin asked AEP/SWEPCO to submit a written motion to amend within 10 days.

Instead of AEP/SWEPCO filing a written motion to amend, on Sept. 11 Griffin asked all parties in the case to file legal briefs that address three issues: 1) the need for the facilities, 2) the sufficiency of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in relation to Arkansas law, and 3) the sufficiency of the analysis of the projected economic or financial impact on the applicant and the local community.

“We made all three of these issues crystal clear through testimony,” said Doug Stowe, a member

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Three hundred, do I hear four? – KJ Zumwalt, epic chef, fundraiser and benefactor, holds up a Read Larson watercolor at Sunday night’s Save the Ozarks gathering at Caribé. The Larson original was donated by Mitchell’s Folly, and auctioneer Beau Satori coaxed hundreds from hundreds all evening long. Story on p. 3.

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This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

Dr. Janis Orlowski. What are the chances that numerous gunshot victims would suddenly be under her urgent care and management? It might have been the hundredth monkey on her see-saw.

Orlowski stood in front of every news outlet still in business yesterday to give a medical update on casualties of a mass shooting. We saw her speak from her heart about the mental health of a violent, aggressive society that kills its own.

She spoke up. She became a thoughtful advocate for the weary and misunderstood, and chided herself for not doing more.

She made us see her perspective. “Put my trauma center out of business...”



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No straight pipes in the office.

Parks to goose geese with balloons, sprinklers and airhorns

NICKY BOYETTE

Parks commissioner Rachel Brix presented her research at the Sept. 16 meeting for dissuading geese from taking up residence at Lake Leatherwood City Park. She pointed out there have been only about two dozen geese living there, but they have fouled water and grassy

areas where they congregate.

She considered that Parks has little extra manpower or money to throw at the problem, so her suggestions are based on simplicity and consistency.

“First of all, erect No Feeding signage where the geese might gather,” Brix said. “There would need to be a city ordinance in place which imposes a fine for any violations.”

She then suggested easily available harassment techniques to be applied assiduously. Geese do not like sudden unexpected movements, so sprinklers already at the site should be set to come on periodically. Noise deterrents like leaf blowers and airhorns could occasionally sound off. Mylar balloons are inexpensive, so firmly anchor them in the goose area so they can shimmer in the sun and sway in the wind to keep the geese from getting too comfortable on the lawn. And move them around once or twice a week.

None of these techniques would take much time away from other duties at LLCP, and Brix figures \$100 for supplies would go a long way toward handling the problem as long as the techniques are applied consistently.

Commissioner Daniel Jackson said

Brix’s suggestions are definitely worth a try, and the commission voted to adopt the management plan as presented. Brix said she would provide updates during the winter and in early spring.

The goal is to have no resident geese in the park by June 1, 2014.

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Doggie park donations get a leg up on fencing

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Rachel Brix told the Parks Commission Eureka Springs was named one of the top five Dog Destinations by *Dog Fancy* magazine, the premier monthly magazine in the country devoted to dog owners.

She said the Dog Park Committee raised another \$1,521 at a recent Eureka Live fundraiser, and now has more than \$5,000 in the bank. She will reapply for a grant toward the purchase of fencing material for the dog park, and commissioner Draxie Rogers said she could procure some fencing for the park.

The next Dog Park Committee meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 6 p.m., at the library annex.

The next fundraiser will be Saturday, Oct. 19, 12–8 p.m., in Basin Park.

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Save The Ozarks fundraiser proves community's resolve

BECKY GILLETTE

Opponents of the American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) proposal to build a 345-kilovolt (kV) power line through the heart of the Ozarks turned out in droves for a Save the Ozarks (STO) fundraiser at Caribé Restaurant y Cantina Sunday. The fundraiser surpassed all expectations in turnout and the amount of money raised – which could be a record for a Eureka Springs benefit.

“We are amazed by our community’s commitment and generosity,” STO Director Pat Costner said. “The Caribe benefit in combination with two anonymous matching fund offers of \$10,000 brought in \$55,000 for STO. With those added funds, we’re within reach of covering all of our costs through to the end of the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) proceedings.”

STO is a non-profit group formed by landowners, business owners and others who oppose AEP/SWEPCO’s proposal that would clear a 150-ft. wide path about 50 miles long for poles 150 ft. tall – three times the height of normal power poles. STO has retained a legal team including two attorneys and two paralegals to represent them before the APSC and hired experts in three areas: The lack of need for the project; the project’s negative impacts on the karst terrain of the Ozarks; and the visual blight that would result.

More than 300 people attended the benefit and even though there is a large parking lot at Caribe, many had to park off site just to get into the benefit that ran from 2:30 – 11 p.m.

Doug Stowe, a member of the STO board of directors, said, “I think they could have taken it as a warning. I wish the SWEPCO attorney had been there to see our community’s resolve. If they saw how strongly this community stands in support of the environmental beauty and sanctity of this place, they would have withdrawn their application.”

Stowe wasn’t surprised that there was a huge crowd because of the ton of donations that poured in for the silent and live auctions. He said the generosity of the arts and business community here is

something every community in America could admire.

“It was staggering,” Stowe said. “I don’t think anybody could have witnessed this event without having been emotionally impressed. It was a benefit unlike any that has ever taken place in Eureka Springs before, and we are a community that has always given a strong showing for benefits. Everything about this was over the top.”

Sandy Martin, a volunteer with STO and Chair of the Eureka Springs Art Council, said the generosity and unity of the Northwest Arkansas community has never shone as brightly as it did at Sunday’s STO fundraiser.

“Remember when we came together for ‘The Community of Peace?’” Martin asked. “Well, we are now forever known as ‘The Community of Action’. Artists and businesses have come through again in staggering numbers to do the right thing. And, typical of Eureka Springs, it’s not just the right thing for our community; it’s the right thing to do for everyone. I’m so proud to be part of this compassionate and brilliant community.”

Volunteers led by Penny Walker, Ilene Powell, KJ Zumwalt, and Teresa DeVito spent seven weeks organizing and collecting more than 300 items – artwork, crafted items and other goods and services – that were donated for the auction.

“The event exceeded all expectations,” said Powell. “I’m humbled and overwhelmed by the support of STO’s efforts from this united community. Together we can take ‘another pole down’ before it is built. Eureka Springs is lucky to have KJ Zumwalt and Penny Walker, who take on so many causes and put on benefits beyond anyone’s imagination. As KJ said, Team Eureka made this happen. Everyone who donated, bid and volunteered should be proud.”

On Sunday morning, a crew of 25 volunteers arrived at 11 a.m. to set up the auction. Starting at 2:30 pm, volunteers opened the doors, collected \$10 cover donations and handed out numbered paddles to the 297 people waiting to bid.

Outside, volunteers sold STO t-shirts and buttons and collected more than

\$5,000 in cash donations. Volunteers for these activities included Sarai Aleshire, Clover, Jean Elderwind, Sara Harrison, Katrina Humphries, Isis, Sandy Martin, Phyllis Moraga, Phyllis Poe, Glenda Satterfield, Greg Schneider, Faith Shah, Michael Shah, Lucy Stowe and Lana Walker.

Maureen Alexander sang in the afternoon, and auctioneers Beau Satori and Carly James worked at drawing higher bids for each item, pointing out

the unique qualities of each item and offering anecdotes about the donors. Julie Kahn Valentine, John Rankine, Sarah Moore and others carried items at bid through the crowd. Satori drew laughs and higher bids by describing bids in terms of “another pole down.”

Items sold during the live auction brought between \$300 and \$600 each. The highest bid for a single item was \$2,600 for an at-home dinner for eight

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Our downtown historic district is a canyon of limestone buildings that bounce noise everywhere, and when too many of the louder pipes come through at one time, the noise can be maddening. Literally. Perhaps you've seen people put fingers to their ears as you go by, or perhaps offer a salute with just one finger. You may also notice several local businesses closed up this weekend while the owners enjoy peace and quiet in some other town.

We hear from many of our regular yearly visitors that they will be staying away from Eureka, citing your noise as a reason not to come anymore. Yet our Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, and CAPC tell us that you spend a lot of money here and that we should accept that money with a smile. However, reports show that most of that money is spent in restaurants and hotels and not so much in our retail establishments and galleries. You must be spending money somewhere because biker-oriented businesses are popping up all over town. In fact, our Mayor is so biker-friendly that he personally went to the edges of town to remove the signs that said "Noise ordinance strictly enforced" because he thought they were too unfriendly, and didn't want you to be offended. Now that's a welcome you can be proud of.

Contrary to popular belief, we don't really even have a noise ordinance here. There are decibel limits for music in bars and sound systems from vehicles, but nothing in law that lets us ticket you for having obnoxiously loud mufflers. Our Police force doesn't even have a way to measure sound, although there are plenty devices available to do so, including Smartphone apps. Perhaps someday a future administration will be concerned enough about the changes happening in our tourism dollars to set a decibel limit of 90 in the downtown area and give citations to anyone (bike or car) that is too inconsiderate to keep that vehicle out of downtown.

Citizens Organized for a Peaceful Eureka is a group of citizens, mostly merchants, who enjoy the diverse nature of our tourists and feel that everyone is welcome as long as their good time does not ruin someone else's fun. We remind you that Eureka Springs is not Sturgis, that the citizens here are not theme park employees, and not all the visitors enjoy hearing your noise. As residents we find it difficult to enjoy our peaceful town when there is a constant roar. As business owners, we can no longer tolerate hearing customers say "I'm NEVER coming back here again."

So please be considerate. If your vehicle measures above 90db, leave it parked at the Planer Hill parking lot and take the trolley into town or walk. Other visitors will thank you, and you will see a whole other side of Eureka you may have missed completely- the natural beauty, wonderful architecture, and friendly people that keep this town operating long after you have roared home.

Enjoy your stay!

Citizens Organized for a Peaceful Eureka



U.S. Marshals train local court security

NICKY BOYETTE

News accounts of shootings and attacks in public places can leave us alarmed and wondering if there is a safe place anywhere. Cpl. Jerry Williams of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) said, "None of us like to go through security checks, but when security breaks down, everyone wants to know why there weren't better safeguards in place."

Williams and Dep. Juan Cribs are courtroom security officers for Carroll County. In response to a courtroom tragedy in the Van Buren Circuit Court in 2011 in which an assailant armed with two handguns and an assault rifle shot the courtroom manager, Carroll County Sheriff Bob Grudek sent Williams and Cribs to advanced court security training conducted by U.S. Marshals.

Williams had been in law enforcement and private security since 2000 and had already attended court security training provided by the State of Arkansas, but said everyone learns more from the marshals. "They are the cream of the crop," Williams stated. "They are in charge of prisoners in the federal court system, and they are the best at what they do." The marshals conduct one class each year and admit only 48 officers on active courtroom security duty to the training.

The specialized training occurred at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. Williams and Cribs were immersed in a wide array of subjects ranging from bombs and explosives, trial preparation, plans and procedures for judicial security, prisoners in court, nonverbal clues, sequestered juries, officer survival and others.

Williams said the immediate benefit of the experience was he and Cribs were able to return to Carroll County and evaluate both courthouses from a new perspective where they could accentuate strengths and consider weaknesses. Without addressing

specifics, Williams simply observed the Berryville court facility was not built as a courthouse so it had to be retrofitted for security. Eureka Springs is a courthouse, but was constructed before modern security measures.

"I want everyone to feel safe, and we do our best to make sure when something happens we neutralize it quickly."

— Cpl. Jerry Williams

He said there is an improved surveillance system in Eureka Springs now, and cameras provide views for the officers from all three floors. "I want everyone to feel safe, and we do our best to make sure when something happens we neutralize it quickly," Williams said.

An important aspect of security, according to the marshals, is preparation. Williams studies upcoming dockets so he knows who will be appearing, their histories, and what to watch for. "I want to know who's coming into my court," he said, describing it as being like a duck on the water — the duck might look like it is placidly gliding on the surface but there is serious paddling going on underwater. "The paddling is the preparation before court."

Another part being prepared is performing a complete sweep of the courtroom each day before and after hearings. Williams and Cribs thoroughly check behind and underneath and inside things and put items where they are supposed to be. They watch for things like stray paperclips or pens left behind which could be used for malevolent purposes.

A key part of the training was learning to watch for nonverbal clues. Combined with knowing who is on the docket, Williams said they could prevent incidents by noticing what is about to happen. "It's a huge part of the job," he commented.

No matter how prepared a court security officer is, situations are always fluid and dynamic, so Williams pointed out if he is not ready for the changes, he might get caught flat-footed. He said he must remain as vigilant in a probate hearing as in a murder trial.

In fact, he said some of the more volatile situations occur during hearings regarding termination of parental rights. When a judge is about to tell a parent he or she no longer has the right to see the child or children, Williams said there might be a primordial reaction that brings high tension to the courtroom.

"It's like when I worked in private security — I'm not paid for what I do, because it appears I'm often just standing around. That's not the whole story. I'm paid for my preparation and what I can do if something happens."

Williams summed up the experience of a court security officer this way: "Every day we show up prepared. We maintain a presence and watch for nonverbal clues so we can make sure big things never happen. We want to do everything we can to make sure the courtroom is secure, and most of what we do the public never knows about."

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INDEPENDENTNews

APSC claims involvement with Southern Power Pool not a conflict of interest

BECKY GILLETTE

Two of the three members of the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), Chairman Colette D. Honorable and Olan Reeves, and APSC Executive Director John Bethel are listed as members of the Southern Power Pool (SPP) on the SPP website. Opponents of the proposed American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) high voltage power line project feel that could represent a conflict of interest, as the APSC has final say on whether the project will receive a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility of Public Need (CECPN) allowing it to be built.

SPP is a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) group mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) "to ensure reliable supplies of power, adequate transmission infrastructure, and competitive wholesale prices of electricity." Members include AEP, SWEPCO, and dozens of other power companies and transmission companies.

AEP/SWEPCO said that SPP gave them a Notice of Construct for the Shipe Road to Kings River 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The line has been strongly opposed in Northwest Arkansas as being unnecessary and potentially devastating to the environment, beauty, tourism and property values.

Luis Contreras, who owns property on one of the proposed routes, said he feels APSC commissioners and Bethel serving on both the APSC and being members of the SPP is a clear conflict of interest. Contreras alleges that APSC often rubber stamps applications.

"In the past ten years, 17 out of 17 applications by AEP/SWEPCO to the APSC have been approved," he said.

"I didn't know why my name appeared on the SPP web page," Bethel said. "But I investigated and learned that anyone who has subscribed to one of their email lists is put in a contact database and their name comes up in a member search. I am not a member of the SPP, nor are any of the three commissioners here."

Bethel said that Commissioner Reeves serves on the SPP Regional

State Committee (RSC), and Chairman Honorable previously served as the APSC representative on the RSC.

"The RSC's authority within the SPP is specifically limited to only transmission project cost allocations process or methodology, and the resulting financial impact on ratepayers," Bethel said. "The RSC does not have authority to direct or approve the construction of any SPP proposed transmission project or transmission upgrade. Under the FERC-approved SPP bylaws and SPP tariff (rate schedule), only SPP's independent board of directors is granted that authority within SPP."

Each of the nine state regulatory commissions in SPP's footprint is entitled to one seat on the RSC.

Bethel said the federal commission approved the SPP regional commission and expressly limited its authority to:

1. Whether and to what extent participant funding would be used for transmission enhancements
2. Whether license plate (a rate that is the same for a specified region) or postage stamp rates (a rate consistent throughout the SPP footprint) will be used for the regional access charge
3. How financial transmission rights are allocated among SPP members and customers
4. The transition mechanisms are to be used to assure that existing firm customers receive FTRs equivalent to the customers' existing firm rights

According to FERC, like any other market participant, the RSC should provide "direction and input" into the SPP process. However, the federal commission will allow the state commission primary responsibility when it directs an action of the SPP.

Bethel said in Reeves' role as designated representative on the RSC, he acts on behalf of the commission and is exclusively addressing the SPP transmission project cost allocation methods, and potential rate impact on Arkansas ratepayers, under the assumption that all SPP-proposed transmission projects are eventually constructed.

"The role of the RSC is to ensure

that the regional transmission system is constructed at a reasonable cost by the SPP Transmission Owners and that the cost of those facilities which are reflected in retail rates of SPP utilities and borne by Arkansas ratepayers are reasonable," Bethel said. "The RSC works to ensure that the cost of the transmission projects do not work to the detriment of ratepayers and ensure that rate impacts of such facilities, if ultimately built and placed into service, are within a reasonable range."

Bethel said neither Commissioner Reeves nor other commissioners are required or committed to approve any transmission project proposed by the SPP to be constructed in Arkansas by an SPP member electric public utility.

Bethel said Reeves doesn't receive compensation for serving on the RSC, and Bethel does not perceive that Reeves' participation in the RSC is a conflict of interest in the AEP/SWEPCO proceeding.

Martha Peine, a power line opponent who raised questions about a perceived APSC bias towards AEP/SWEPCO, said ostensibly APSC having a representative on the RSC should be to the state's benefit.

"SPP is a stakeholder organization and makes decisions by consensus," Peine said. "If our commissioners were not members and were not participating, then SPP would get away with all kinds of stuff even worse than what they're doing now. So it is a good thing they are members."

However, she said in some other Regional Transmission Organizations, RSCs are companion organizations instead of being part of the RTO. "That gives more of an arm's length," she said.

Peine sees another sort of conflict of interest, as public service commissions get operating funds from a tax on the revenue of the utility companies. Hence, the more public service commissions approve in spending for the utilities, the higher the budget for the public service commission.

"If my operating budget is based on your profit, I want you to have higher profit," Peine said. "RTOs are the same way. They are funded on the amount of profits their member utilities make. The more profit, the better. I can't see it any other way."

Roads to nowhere headed for a hearing

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs Parks Commission had another round of discussions at Monday night's meeting regarding the request by Jim McAvoy for a vacation of a portion of McCune and Hartman Sts. and an unnamed alley, all of which surround the end of Amity Street and none of which is discernible as a roadway.

Chair Bill Featherstone said they had walked the property to get their bearings, and there is one controversial area, a portion of Hartman St. at the top of the hill. McAvoy has surveys delineating where Hartman is platted, but KJ Zumwalt, whose property abuts Hartman's, also has surveys which conflict with McAvoy's, and is Zumwalt's reason for opposing McAvoy's request.

Next for the commission is to hold a public hearing. Commissioner Daniel Jackson suggested Parks should declare what it would not vacate and then have a public hearing only if the petitioner wants to continue. Featherstone disagreed, saying the commission needs to consider what the public has to say before deciding anything.

Commissioner Rachel Brix noted they had mentioned using the portion of Hartman at the top of the hill as a part of the urban trail system. "If the city is interested, then the city should survey it," she said, adding that it is due diligence of the city to properly claim its property.

Featherstone responded that from the perspective of Parks, nothing

changes until Parks decides it wants to create a trail there, but now has no need for a survey of the platted spot of land called Hartman Street. He said the Trails Committee has yet to discuss whether they are interested in trying to create a trail through the area.

Commissioners voted to set a public hearing date for Monday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m., the beginning of the October regular meeting.

Another vacation

Jeff and Kay Franco have applied for a vacation of Sweeny Alley, just off Douglas Street. A portion of their 100-year old house might sit on Sweeny Alley, but the Francos think a corner of their deck and stairs definitely is on the platted alley. Levine said a survey did not definitively show an encroachment, but commissioners need to visit the site. They decided to schedule a site visit during their Oct. 1 workshop.

Trees and tree parts need attention

Levine said Parks has already spent what it allotted in this year's budget for tree removal and pruning, but there is more work to be done. He said there are trees from city property that fell onto private property during the May storms and other events, and he thinks Parks should clean up the messes caused by the trees. He suggested hiring someone to remove the trees and tree debris. He also made it clear he was not suggesting the city should pay for any damage to fences or other private property on which the trees might have fallen.

Levine also was interested in taking down selected trees that are already

dead or appear to be a danger to nearby property.

Brix cautioned Levine about setting a precedent that future Parks budgets could not maintain.

Featherstone said he was against taking down any tree unless an arborist convinced him the tree was a danger.

Eventually, the commission voted to take \$3000 out of reserves to take care of tree cleanup and removal.

Power mowing

"We have a mowing problem," Levine said. The Parks mower of the moment was the Cadillac of mowers when it was new, and Levine said Parks got it used 13 years ago. They have put 300-400 hours a year on it, and they don't really know how many hours because the counter does not work.

Levine said Parks was aware the end was near at least two years ago, and this year's budget includes \$3000 in preparation for the inevitable.

His research for a replacement centered around a reliable brand that could be serviced in Carroll County, and he decided on a Bad Boy Outlaw as the best choice.

He expects a new mower to last them many years, and has found \$7500 in the budget to cover the purchase. There are budgeted amounts for lawnmower maintenance, which would not be needed, plus the \$3000 already set aside.

Vote was unanimous to allow Levine to spend up to \$8500 for the purchase of the mower.

Other things

- Levine will be applying for a \$150,000 General Improvement Grant from the state legislature that would be used toward construction of a new bath house at LLC. The new building would sit next to the existing bathhouse, which would then be repurposed.

- Commissioner Fergie Stewart said Parks had been presented with a check for \$2500 toward improving the trails at LLC.

- Commissioner Myrna Thaxton announced she wants to work with shop classes at the high school to get them to build birdhouses and bat boxes for LLC. Rogers also suggested purple martin houses because martins consume lots of mosquitoes.

- Levine acknowledged Teresa Purkepile for her donation of exotic rocks and geodes to be included in the Calif Spring project.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, October 1, 6 p.m., and the next regular meeting will be Monday, October 21, at 6 p.m.

Weekend workshops at Flora Roja

Catch one of these interesting sessions at Flora Roja, 119 Wall St.

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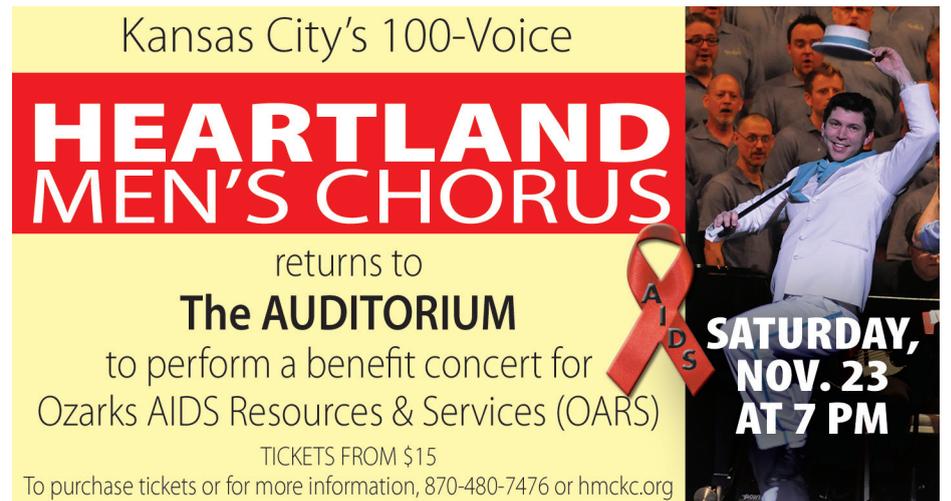


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Lujan's hands getting dirty

BECKY GILLETTE

When Pat Lujan and his partner, Lee Kroll, visited Eureka Springs seven years ago, they fell in love with the town. Lujan, who had been a Master Gardener while they lived in Albuquerque, was particularly enamored with the gardens throughout town.

"Eureka Springs was absolutely breathtaking to me," said Lujan. "What a wonderful place to live with such beautiful gardens all over. A year later, we moved here and opened our pottery studio, Out On Main."

Lujan learned gardening from his grandmother, and has been hooked on plants since he was kid.

"I just love gardening," said Lujan, who as a volunteer spent many hours and his own money to build up the North Main gardens. "Gardening is kind of in my blood. It isn't work. When I moved here I said, 'Wouldn't it be a great thing to be the gardener for Eureka Springs?' Six years later, here I am, the city gardener. It is just a dream come true."

Lujan was recently hired to replace DonE Allen, who was greatly admired for the job he did for 11 years building Eureka Springs gardens into works of art, with not just flowers and shrubs, but artistically designed seasonal artwork in planters decorated with colorfully painted natural objects like twigs and lotus heads.

Parks Director Bruce Levine said hiring Lujan was an easy decision.

"I often saw Pat early in the morning tending gardens on my way to work," Levine said. "He was always working furiously. When he came in to apply for



City gardener, Pat Lujan, busy trimming Sweet Spring shrubs before the lovely fall season.

the job, I thought it would be a pretty natural transition from DonE. Both of them are passionate, hard workers."

"Following in DonE's footsteps is quite a challenge," Lujan said. "One of the things that led me to apply for this position is I was very concerned with the gardens being kept up. DonE did such a fabulous job getting gardens to where there are now. A lot of people don't realize how much work goes into these gardens. I don't think people realized DonE was doing a lot of this on his own time."

The main structure of the gardens is here. It just needs to be maintained. Lujan also wants to bring his own creativity to the gardens, adding some diversity with different types of flowers. His idea is to

have different themes for each garden each year. For example, one might be a sunflower garden and another a dahlia garden. He wants to keep what Allen has done and add a little whimsy and surprise to each garden to go with the character of Eureka Springs.

"I would like to add some more art pieces to the gardens to complement the type of community gardens we have here in Eureka Springs," Lujan said. "Gardens cry out for that kind of thing."

Lujan adopted the garden on North Main Street two years ago, and has had to repair the whole watering system just to get it to the point he can water automatically. All the shrubs are in and now that he has a watering system, he can start putting flowers in.

Many gardens now have to be watered by hand. Lujan spends on average 4.5 hours out of an eight-hour shift watering. His focus this winter will be on putting in new or repairing existing water systems in the gardens to allow deeper watering, leaving more time to spend on dead heading flowers to keep them blooming, thinning and other work.

"The big challenge is getting all the water systems back in place," he said.

Thieves can be a problem as was the case recently when plants were stolen from Grotto Spring. And as anyone in town who gardens knows, deer can wipe out a garden overnight. Lujan said putting lots of bone meal and blood meal in the soil helps keep deer away. And this year he plans to go a little further and add Milorganite, an all-purpose biosolids fertilizer that makes the plants taste bitter.

"There are gardens like Laundry Spring that are so heavily populated with deer, it is almost impossible to keep anything in there without the deer eating it," Lujan said. "But, if you put Milorganite in early in the spring, it absorbs into the plants and by later in the fall, the deer won't eat the plants. It has worked very well for me at my home and some of the gardens on North Main. It is a really nice organic fertilizer that won't burn up your plants. Bear Creek Nursery is starting to carry it now."

Another tradition of Allen's that Lujan plans on following through with is taking time to talk to both visitors and locals.

"We have to take time for our

PARKS - LUJAN continued on page 29

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County water system bandied about by QC committee

NICKY BOYETTE

The Public Water Development Committee for the Carroll County Quorum Court met again Tuesday afternoon to hear from the public about trying to set up a rural water system throughout the county. Five citizens and three media reps were in attendance.

Quickly after Justice of the Peace Ron Flake, chair of the committee, opened the meeting, Eureka Springs resident Deborah Trimble, stated, "I thought the people already said they were against it."

Flake replied, "Yeah, but some were for it, and some think there is a serious need for rural water." He said water tables are dropping, people are having well problems and the county does not have a general rural water system.

JP John Reeve explained a previous quorum court had passed an ordinance bringing a plan for a rural water system to the voters, but the referendum was voted down. Flake said there was inclement weather on voting day and many from the rural areas were not able to vote. Therefore, most of those who voted against the referendum lived in towns where they had easier access to polling places and better access to water. JP John Reeve added there was too much misinformation rambling around leading up to the previous election, and JPs have learned from that experience.

Trimble asked where the water would come from, and Flake replied it would have to come from Carroll-Boone Water District. Discussion followed about whether CBWD could deliver enough water given its planned expansion in Boone County and rumors of a water shortage coming to Beaver Lake.

Talk of water soon turned to stories of tainted wells around the county and how long it will be before all of them are tainted, to which Reeve commented that was a good reason to have a rural water system.

Flake explained that septic systems are primarily responsible for contaminating wells, so Trimble asked, "If septic systems are polluting the wells,

why not fix that?"

Flake responded it is the state's responsibility to enforce health codes and the county has no jurisdiction.

The committee is in the fact-finding phase of developing an ordinance, Flake explained, which would begin the process of extending a water system as far into rural areas of the county as they can as soon as they can. He did not expect a water system to reach his house in his lifetime. "Still I want to see about getting water to those who need it if we can."

"If you're not ever going to send water through the entire county, why would I want to get involved?" asked Merlin Leach, resident of Osage. "You'd have to drill a lot of rock to get to me." He said the committee has not been advertising itself well. He did say he appreciated the transparency in the process so far, but wanted the committee to send a clearer message.

Flake intimated the message at this point would be the committee is still trying to figure out what people want and how to make it work. He said the suggestion for how to implement the concept is to set up a public facilities board that would have an office, a billing system and oversight by the quorum court. Members of the water system would elect the board. Reeve said there is a state regulation defining a public facilities board, and the county has some flexibility for adapting it.

"The initial funding would be government grants and loans. Rates would be set to repay costs," Flake commented.

JP Don McNeely said the United States Department of Agriculture has grant money for starting rural water systems. He added the county shouldn't put off doing this just because it will take a long time to complete. "People who have water just don't understand," Flake responded.

Leach said he was not against a rural water system, but admitted some skepticism remains because of things said and done during the previous election experience. "The need for a

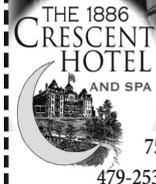
rural water system is well-established and if you are transparent, get the facts straight, you'll probably pass it," he said.

All commissioners said they had received letters, emails and calls with comments both ways on the issue. County Agricultural Extension agent Randy Forst said he had received several letters from people in rural areas who like the idea of a water system out their way.

Citizens can provide input to the committee by sending letters to Randy Forst, County Agriculture Extension Office, 909B Freeman Switch Road, Berryville AR 72616. Committee members are JPs Ron Flake, Don McNeely and John Reeve.

The next meeting for the committee will be Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m., at the County Agricultural Extension office.

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Let the innocent among you...

In 1953, *Invisible Man* won the National Book Award for fiction. Ralph Ellison's invisible man wasn't really invisible, of course, but he felt invisible to others who simply refused to see him. The story is about social and political issues facing African-Americans 100 years ago. It's brutal, rough, stark and a work of art few have paralleled.

In 2010, *Time* magazine named *Invisible Man* one of the top 100 English-language novels of all time. Yesterday the Randolph (NC) County Board of Education voted to remove the book from county schools, saying it was "not innocent."

There are millions of "innocent" books in school libraries, but we're not real sure what that means. Is *To Kill a Mockingbird* innocent? No. It is an account of what happens when people jump to conclusions, then protect themselves by layering their lies into a palatable version of what really didn't happen. It is required reading in many public schools.

What is it that offends us about someone else's outlook, someone else's way of interpreting their experience? If we don't read about it did it never happen? If we deprive young people access to someone's understanding of how the world works, are we robbing them of being part of this whirling vortex of life?

The school board in North Carolina couldn't ban the book from the public library, but in their eyes they are protecting their children from reading and gaining insight into black culture, history, Marxism and stark social injustice.

Which we didn't give a thought to until getting a letter to the editor this week about four women walking down Spring Street, two one color and two another, and having a young man yell, "Niggers gotta die," at them. Insert any hatred here – queers, communists, capitalists, etc.

Now, the boys had a car. The boys had an itch. The boys had an attitude. The boys sped off, likely laughing at their conquest and bravery for insulting blacks, women, tourists, professionals and noted humanitarians all at once.

Shortly after that, the motorcycle rants started. There seem to be only two sides to the motorcycle dilemma in town, either you're a biker or a merchant. One wants to ride, obviously, the other wants to make money. Obviously. Each wants behavior modification from the other.

The two sides can't see the other's side of why they do what they do. The bikers love our roads, our air, our mountains. They come with money in their pockets that merchants want to extract, and both sides understand that. Both sides use it as the fulcrum for their perfectly legal stance. One side says we are a tourist town but prefer those who behave, the other says diss me and I'll not buy from you. Gloves off.

It's like the school board banning a book that isn't "innocent." It's like boys spewing vitriol out a car window. It's what those with a smidgeon of power and an abundance of pique think is best for the whole. Don't deal with it, ban it!

The essence of the lack of decorum on both sides is what really makes us crazy. Blame the cops for not enforcing the noise ordinance. Blame the merchants for being intolerant. Blame those who built a town that tunnels into a creek and has the amplification of 100 ft. subwoofers. Blame the bikers for inflaming our already tender ears. Blame Harley-Davidson. Cuss, throw your arms into the air, mouth dirty words to strangers and throw a fit. Blame people we don't know. Wherever we place blame, make it so angry and righteous that we all suffer indigestion.

Or rope in the anger, award Quiet Rider gift certificates, provide decibel readers like radar trailers so bikers can see their decibel count, skirt the bikes around rather than through town.

And we have no idea what to do about the boys who make sport of skin pigment.

– MPB



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Republicans generally, and State Senator Brian King and Representative Crash Ballinger in particular, are hell bent on derailing ObamaCare and the Arkansas' Health Insurance Marketplace as soon they can. They're banking on voters not visiting the Marketplace to get estimates of what their health insurance will actually cost, and on the plurality of Medicare recipients who say, "I've got mine, screw you." When you total up the uninformed, the grandmas and grandpas, and the mostly uninsured non-voting population, you've got... Arkansas!

As a grandpa poised on the cusp of Medicare, I am not unaware of the irony of the "Gentle people with flowers in their hair" crowd's selective memory, especially when it comes to self-interest. During Viet Nam the anti-war movement folded like a cheap suit as soon as the draft ended. Now, we're nearing 12 years of boots on the ground combat in the Middle East with nary a whimper. Our children haven't been drafted, all the war money has been borrowed, and you can buy a Support Our Troops decal for a buck ninety-nine. We've got ours...

If self-interest is good enough for Baby Boomers – and why not, since it helped us get all the money and all the power – it ought to motivate the uninformed to find out what insurance under ObamaCare will cost them. As self-insured, self-employed, modestly affluent people, my wife and I pay nearly \$14,000 a year for health insurance, plus co-pays and deductibles. When I go on Medicare next spring, the cost of insuring my *much* younger wife will, according to our Farm Bureau agent, drop from about \$500 a month to around \$250 – because of the Affordable Care Act. My cost for the King-Ballinger tea party, if they repeal or derail ObamaCare, will be \$3,000 a year. How much will these public servants cost you?

It is rare when self-interest and doing the right thing come together. Please visit the Health Insurance Marketplace to find out for yourself if that's the case for you. Why would you rely solely on information from the political party that was against Social Security, against Medicare, and against the two-day weekend?

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Two for the price of one

Editor,

Gary and I (and the rest of us) fortunate enough to have played for the Save the Ozarks benefit thank everyone who made that happen. It was especially nice for us as we haven't played together in two years and haven't played "Wolf and Gary's" music in more years than that.

It was humbling to see so many faces from the past and lots of new faces come together for such a great cause. On the drive to town I personally thought that the "protesters" would be millennials – 20 to 30 years old – but found out quickly that those of us of Social Security age still care and still mobilize to fight the good fight.

It was an honor to perform for people of such mettle and devotion.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to join hands and hearts to keep Eureka Springs Eureka Springs. I know this isn't over as most good things take time, but perhaps this event is the beginning of the end of the SWEPCO nightmare.

Once a Eureka, always a Eureka!

Wolf Grulkey

Editor,

Wolf always forgets to include everybody and I can write a song easier than I can write a letter but please thank Pat Griffith for doing the sound and I love you.

Gary C. Albritton

It did happen, right here

Editor,

Last Saturday, four women, two white and two black, walked from downtown Eureka Springs to the

Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, where they were in residence. Just as they entered the dark area on Spring Street near Grotto Spring, a silver Mustang passed them. As it did, the passenger in the front seat yelled at them, "Niggers gotta die." The young black woman who heard him most clearly told me later she had heard about things like this happening but had never been the recipient.

To the other black woman, a prominent civil rights attorney, the experience was more familiar. Nevertheless, it has affected her feeling of safety here. "When I come back to Eureka Springs," and she expects she will, "I will drive more instead of walking. I don't feel safe walking here anymore, especially at night."

The most common reaction of anyone I've talked to about this was that

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@MrAdamBez --- French women give me the crêpes.

@atanya111 --- So Kanye West said he is an intellectual who doesn't read books. Which I get

because I am an athlete that rarely moves.

@Inconsteable --- Did you realize that a woman's "I'll be ready in five minutes" and a man's "I'll be home in five minutes" are exactly the same?

@salmarch79 --- Due to the economic crisis and ever increasing price of food, the 5 second drop rule has now been increased to 10.

@JohnFDaley --- There must've been a good reason Zimmerman pulled a gun on his wife. Like, maybe she was walking down the street, minding her own business.

@notblonde --- You can tell a lot about a woman from her hands, for instance if they are firmly around your throat she is probably slightly upset.

@aparnapkin --- Hear me out: Google Naps

@Zen_Moments --- Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something. ~ Plato

@treviso_electric --- "Everyone give us money in case something happens and when something happens we'll call you a liar." – insurance company

@RevCraigKinsey --- In Eureka Springs watching Big Band jazz live in the park



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Trash or treasure?

NICKY BOYETTE

Wednesday's city council workshop featured a wide-open exchange on a proposed ordinance called the Clean City Nuisance ordinance. The ordinance originated from one previously considered under the name of Demolition by Neglect, but alderman David Mitchell and City Economic Development Director Glenna Booth added other areas of concern to the current draft.

Building inspector Bobby Ray was there to offer advice and suggestions for crafting the ordinance because he will be the one on the front lines enforcing it. After a vigorous and sundry conversation, the group agreed if someone violated the Clean Premises section of the ordinance by allowing "garbage, rubbish, or any other unsanitary or unsightly article" to collect, for example, Ray would issue a warning. At that point he recommended a ten-day response period after which he can write a citation imposing a \$200 fine for a first offence.

A person who has been warned should contact Ray and discuss the situation with him and present a plan. Ray can be flexible if the person works to remove the violations. If he

does not hear from the cited owner within another ten days, he can issue a \$400 fine for a second offense.

Ray said he is aware of maybe five or six houses in town that might be affected by this ordinance. A warning under the proposed ordinance could be issued by certified mail, hand delivery or by hanging it on the door. Ray pointed out he sometimes has had great difficulty actually finding the owners.

There was also a spirited roundabout concerning vehicles either being abandoned, neglected, stored or under long-term rehabilitation in driveways, carports or front yards. Ray elucidated council to some of the legal considerations regarding boats properly registered and vehicles on blocks. When does that hulk beside the driveway morph from being a Ford Fairlane from '55 into a rusty eyesore? And how to decide?

One recurring sentiment was it is just different living in town in a neighborhood instead of on a country road, and there are some restrictions residents should expect.

There will be another workshop, time and date to be announced, to review the revised ordinance and to refine the definitions.

Not into BB&BBQ? Try Shakin' in the Shell Sept. 21

Have some fun out of town during BB&BBQ weekend at the 8th Annual Shakin' in the Shell Festival Saturday, Sept. 21, in Shell Knob. Events begin at 9:45 a.m. with a patriotic program and run until 8 p.m. about 400 yards west of downtown (across from Country Fresh Market) on Needles Eye Road. Golf carts will shuttle from parking to the entrance. Admission is only \$1 for adults and children are free.

The Festival hosts the 24th annual Classic and Custom Car Show, including vintage tractors, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. A Family Fun area opens at 10 a.m. and there's a free treasure hunt in the sand pile at 1 p.m. Laser tag begins at 4 p.m. so get your team together and give it a go! There will also be a climbing wall and dunk tank.

A record number of craft, merchant and food vendors will also be on hand. The VFW will serve breakfast at the VFW Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m. and there will be a Quilt Show at the Shell Knob School. For more info see www.shakinshellfest.com.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

SEPTEMBER 9

9:35 a.m. – Constable on patrol responded to a request to file a report for blackmail. After a discussion, complainant realized this would be a civil matter.

11:29 a.m. – Individual did not get her change from the change machine. Constable fixed the machine.

11:48 a.m. – Visitor told ESPD her girlfriend was missing and she had received odd text messages from her. Later the visitor told the detective her friend was okay and back home in Hot Springs.

11:58 a.m. – Driver parked a vehicle in a loading zone until a constable found the owner and got the vehicle legally re-parked.

SEPTEMBER 10

2:22 a.m. – Constable picked up a highly intoxicated male and took him to his motel room where he was advised to stay for the rest of the night.

2:56 a.m. – Father asked if ESPD had picked up his 17-year old daughter who had walked away after an argument in Basin Park. The constable did not encounter the daughter during his search, and the father said the daughter would return when she was no longer angry.

3:55 a.m. – Motel management reported guests making trouble in one of the rooms, and when the constable arrived, two males and a female ran away into the woods. The constable found them and arrested the female on a felony warrant from the county. Deputy soon arrived to take her into custody. Other occupants of the room were advised to leave and not come back.

7:44 a.m. – There was a verbal altercation at a gas station because the female driver attempted to move her vehicle to another gas pump while a pump handle was still in her vehicle. Witness thought the couple might have been intoxicated, so their information was passed along to all authorities.

12:05 p.m. – Vehicle owner reported damage to his vehicle while it was parked in a parking lot.

2:01 p.m. – The father whose daughter had walked away in anger the previous night told ESPD the daughter was in Basin Park and he needed help picking her up. He wanted to turn

her over to the state because he was having trouble controlling her. He was referred to juvenile probation to get his paperwork in order.

4:54 p.m. – There was a motorcycle accident on US 62. No report necessary.

5:53 p.m. – Constables did not find a large dog reported to be running loose near US 62.

7:12 p.m. – Person at a bar reported bikers were noisily idling their bikes. As a constable was on his way to investigate, the person called back to say the bikers were now yelling at each other. Constable discovered the bikers were trying to jump start one of the motorcycles.

7:50 p.m. – Same caller reported an intoxicated biker had driven away from the bar. Constables did not encounter him.

SEPTEMBER 11

4:06 p.m. – A mother told central dispatch her suicidal daughter had just left saying she was going to go kill herself. Constables searched inside the city limits for her vehicle but did not find it.

SEPTEMBER 12

7:06 a.m. – Convenience store employee told ESPD two persons had just left the store, and one had signed “Help” on his receipt. Caller provided a description of the vehicle but constables did not cross paths with it.

9:16 p.m. – Female reported her ex-husband had been seen walking toward her apartment. She called back to say he was at her apartment and would not leave. Constables arrived and arrested the ex-husband for violating a protection order.

SEPTEMBER 13

9:50 a.m. – Even though there was a strong odor of natural gas downtown, the Fire Department and gas company did not find a leak.

10:17 a.m. – Resident said she and her neighbor were both victims of vehicle break-ins during the night. Nothing was stolen but there was damage to her vehicle.

4:12 p.m. – A constable had to clear up congestion downtown that involved a trolley and a tram.

7:18 p.m. – An intoxicated driver was headed west on US 62, and a constable in the area kept watch for the vehicle.

7:21 p.m. – Someone dumped trash in the dumpster of a business, and the trash included mail. A constable gathered the evidence.

10:55 p.m. – A female was asleep in a vehicle parked in a gas station parking lot. Constables responded.

10:58 p.m. – Staff at a motel reported an apparently intoxicated dune buggy driver had almost run into their snack machine before heading west on US 62. Constable did not encounter the dune buggy.

11:08 p.m. – Person at Lake Leatherwood said the people playing soccer were being too loud for the late hour. Constable arrived at the scene, and the group had finished playing soccer. Constable advised them to keep the noise down for the night.

11:47 p.m. – Bystander reported young males were riding around shooting a pellet/Airsoft gun at people. Two constables responded and made a traffic stop on their vehicle. They arrested three minors for possession and a fourth minor for possession, possession of a controlled substance and possession of instruments of crime.

SEPTEMBER 14

6:53 a.m. – Resident found a pellet/Airsoft gun and a bag of what appeared to be marijuana in his front yard. Constable went to pick up the abandoned property.

2:17 p.m. – Guest at a tourist lodging reported his car had been hit and he had photos. He wanted to file a report, but would be gone until later.

5:04 p.m. – Previous caller was back and filed a report.

5:21 p.m. – Constable performed traffic control for a tour bus downtown.

6:48 p.m. – Frightened driver called from a motel to say a motorcyclist had been following him and had turned into the same parking lot. Constable spoke with the cyclist who said he pulled in at that particular place because he was hungry and wanted to eat.

7:49 p.m. – Individual told ESPD he was hearing suspicious noises, but since he hears voices regularly he wanted someone else to verify the noises. Two constables walked through his property and found everything okay.

8:56 p.m. – An intoxicated patron of

an establishment apparently cursed at a waitress and threw change while in the bar. Constable encountered the individual walking along US 62 and encouraged him to head back to his room for the night.

9:13 p.m. – ESPD got word of a possibly intoxicated girl on Hwy. 23N jumping in front of traffic. Constable did not find her.

9:54 p.m. – There were several calls regarding a barking dog, but the constables did not find the owner of the animal. Animal Control will follow up.

11:01 p.m. – Two vehicles got tangled up in a parking lot. Constable filed a report.

11:56 p.m. – Guest at a tourist lodging reported seeing two females behind a nearby bar possibly smoking marijuana. Constable on patrol did not encounter the subjects.

SEPTEMBER 15

12:51 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and possession of a controlled substance.

1:48 a.m. – Witness thought a fight was about to break out because a group of 8-10 persons was yelling and screaming among themselves. Constables arrived to find everything was under control and there was no fighting.

2:06 a.m. – Witness said an intoxicated motorcyclist had pulled a knife on her boyfriend. Constables scoured the area but no one was around.

2:18 a.m. – There was a patient at ESH who had been stabbed. ESPD learned the incident had occurred outside city limits, so a deputy was called in.

7:03 a.m. – Passerby saw a person sitting in a vehicle behind a bank. Constable went to the scene and there was nobody present, but the vehicle had a flat tire.

11:02 a.m. – Concerned witness saw a woman strike a child in a vehicle which then headed from Berryville toward Eureka Springs on US 62. Constables and deputies checked along the highway but did not encounter the vehicle.

5:28 p.m. – There was a report of a shoplifter downtown. A constable and more than one merchant watched for the suspect.

Land bank ordinance meandering toward council

NICKY BOYETTE

Parks Director Bruce Levine passed around copies of a Land Bank ordinance that had been presented to council in the past but had been dropped at some point. At Monday night's meeting he said the version commissioners were looking at included small changes but is basically what city attorney Tim Weaver had written previously.

He said the idea of a Land Bank came about to deal with small city-owned parcels scattered around town. The properties could have come to the city in different ways, but the intent was to use city properties it did not want or need in order to procure properties it could use. The ordinance would have set up a line item in the city budget to be used for monies

the city received from the sale of properties and spent only on obtaining other properties.

Chair Bill Featherstone said his only trepidation about the ordinance was the five-person Land Bank Committee set up by the ordinance to oversee the fund, which would be appropriate except if people whose interests are contrary to the intent of the ordinance get on the committee.

Commissioner Rachel Brix pointed out inconsistencies she saw in the ordinance's language, and Featherstone and Levine tried to address her concerns, but she maintained her stance. Levine eventually acknowledged her suggestions and amended the ordinance. Vote to approve the amended ordinance and send it on to council was 5-1, Brix voting No.

Council workshop considers tram tour franchises

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs city council held two workshops Wednesday afternoon, one a continuation of a discussion begun by Transit Director Ken Smith at the city council meeting Sept. 9 regarding the tram tour franchise contract ending in December. He offered suggestions for updating it.

Presently, tram tour operators, Joe Gunnels and Jerry Varner, attempt to attract groups to town and provide visitors with tours in trams owned by the city.

The current franchise stipulates the split of proceeds from group tram tours between the city and the tram tour operators will be 60-40. Smith is pushing for 65-35 in the next contract.

"It is purely financially-driven," Smith

said regarding the reason for a change. He also said he did not expect overall finances to get better soon.

Whereas the number of individual riders (not group tours) has increased by 14 percent over last year, the number of group tours has dropped precipitously since the glory years of the early 1990s.

Gunnels said he operated 1,100 motor coach tours in 1993. He did 52 last year, and Varner did fewer than ten. He said after the city passed an ordinance banning tour buses from the Historic Loop, group bus tours spread the message Eureka Springs did not want them.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile wondered if the city should not try to bring them back, and alderman Terry McClung pointed out

the CAPC is actively courting the group tour buses.

At the workshop on Wednesday, Smith reiterated that because of tram tour profits, he does not have to ask council for operating expenses and the trams provide an important service for visitors. He also reminded them that soon enough the trams will need a line in the city budget for rehabilitation and eventually replacement.

More discussion focused on whether the city needs two tram operators. The previous council voted to allow Varner to have the second franchise, and sentiment Wednesday afternoon seemed to be the second franchise was not working out like expected and a change was needed.

The two operators alternate weeks providing the 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. individual tours, and they receive equal remuneration. However, last year, Gunnells brought in five times the number of groups. Discussion circulated regarding whether the city needs two franchises.

Alderman James DeVito stated unequivocally that Varner is not holding his own and the city does not need two franchises.

Gunnels said he would be okay with the 65-35 split if there were only one franchise. Smith pointed out that a 65-35 split would make a difference only if the trams were working. He said he would be fine with 60-40 if council would agree to recondition one of the trams.

Conversation to be continued soon at the council table.

Silver Wings Chapel grand opening

The public is invited to the grand opening of the new Silver Wings Chapel at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Aviation Cadet World on Onyx Cave Road.

There will be music to entertain and enlighten followed by the Guest of Honor who will share truths that may have been beyond comprehension now being made plain in the language of today's world. If crowds require, there will be another showing at 3 p.m.

There will be an admission charge after the Sept. 21, so bring family and friends on Saturday and "Meet the Master."



A little help from our friends:

- **Food pantry, furniture bank and used book store** – Wildflower Chapel Food Pantry is open 10:30 – Noon on Fridays. Thrift Store and Used Furniture Bank open Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (479) 363-6408. Service times: 253-5108.
 - **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S. (479) 363-9495.
 - **First United Methodist Church offers free Sunday suppers** 5:30 – 7 p.m. Hwy. 23S. Night Church at 6 with short message and music. (479) 253-8987
 - **GRIEF SHARE** grief recovery program, Sundays, 2 – 4 p.m., HI Community Church Fellowship Hall library (188 Stateline Drive) until Nov. 10. Join at any time. \$15 workbook fee required. For details phone (479) 253-8925, or e-mail lardellen@gmail.com.
- Meetings at Coffee Pot Club behind Land O' Nod Inn U.S. 62 & Hwy. 23S**
- **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977.
 - **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0070.
 - **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568
 - **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m.
 - **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Group** 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
All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org



I stepped out of my creative comfort zone by adding prose to a continued series of found-object still life photographs. Was I adding the prose

because I didn't think the photographs were strong enough? Did the poetry without the images stand on its own? Did these four or five line stanzas enhance

or distract from the photographs? All questions I intuitively knew the answers to, but needed licensed reassurance.

Fearful with the knowledge this photo/poetry combo had the potential to become a Hallmark Card moment, I bravely contacted Eureka Springs' poet laureate David Zimmermann, who agreed to review, help, and, gulp, critique the new work.

David assured me the poems didn't suck (high praise), he liked the photos and gave me several suggestions, most of which I took, for improving the prose.

Four of the above-mentioned (insert shameless plug here) are featured at The StoneHouse wine bar for the rest of the month. Putting one's "art" on the wall for all to see and judge is what artists do, and viewer reaction is beyond our control. It's easy to settle into our familiar creative habits, producing work we know our patrons will like, and more important,

sell, but sometimes we have to shake it up a bit, go with our passion and pray the result doesn't suck.

"John," David said, "Of course there's someone who thinks you never should have added the poetry, but it's your work and who the #@% really cares?"

Stepping out of their comfort zones are eight established Eureka Springs artists who have started their own gallery on North Main. Denise Ryan, Drew Gentle, John Willer, Ernie Kilman, Barbara Robinson, Charles Pearce and Diana Harvey opened the Eureka Fine Art Gallery Saturday. It's impressive and a welcomed addition to our growing local art scene. The artwork is as diverse and varied as their personalities. Congratulations.

**Hatched into this world
A strange place to call home
Arriving right on time
Bewildered by it all**

– Rankine 2013



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Would you like salsa with that?

Blood & Tacos Men's Adventure Writers' Group will be meeting Sundays, 4 p.m., at the Art Colony, 185 N. Main, on the patio. BYOB, I will grill meat. Bring something to read, or at least a good ear and an opinion. A spaghetti western to follow. For details, email donthepoet@yahoo.com or phone (479) 244-6369.



Guild hosts fine art photographer Sept. 24

Professional photographer, Melanie Myhre, will bring her passionate, dreamlike, fine art "modern Romanticist" vision to the next Holiday Island Photography Guild meeting. Come enjoy her presentation and view some of her work Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 3 p.m. in the Holiday Island Country Club, room A, lower level. Everyone interested in photography is welcome to attend. For more information email hiphotoguild@gmail.com or phone (479) 363-6052.

Book launch and farewell Sept. 25

Robert Blackthorn will have a book launching/farewell party at Flora Roja Acupuncture Center, 119 Wall, from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25. Please come to preview Robert's new

book *Anatomy of Consciousness* and say goodbye as Robert leaves for the next phase of his life. Potluck dishes are welcome. Call Jasmine (479) 253-7729 for more information.

Basket weaving back by popular demand

If you missed this workshop before, here's another chance! Ozark second-generation basket weaver Billy Owens returns to ESSA Sept. 26 and 27 for two fun days of White Oak Basket Weaving.

On Sept. 26, spend the day making a beautiful Williamsburg White Oak basket and return the next day to create a lovely small apple basket. Choose to spend one or both days with Billy in these lively ESSA workshops and take home one or two gorgeous White Oak baskets to last a lifetime!

Register today at www.essa-art.org, email essa.ceo@gmail.com or phone (479) 253 5384.



Singer/songwriter competition deadline Oct. 1

The 66th Annual Original Ozark Folk Festival, Oct. 23–27, is accepting submissions for the Singer/Songwriter contest from amateur and professional musicians until Oct. 1. Final competition will be Saturday, Oct. 26, in the Basin Park Band Shell beginning at 11 a.m.

To sign up for the competition send a CD with three songs and lyric sheet for each, a short bio of the songwriter(s) and your contact information to: CAPC, Attn: Singer / Songwriter, P.O. Box 522, Eureka Springs, 72632. Songs must be wholly original and all co-writers' names must be provided. A \$25 entry fee must accompany submission, with checks or money orders payable to Eureka Springs CAPC.

For complete entry rules, what judges look for and how to make sure you don't get points subtracted, click on "Singer/Songwriter Contest" under the logo at the top of the opening page at www.ozarkfolkfestival.com and read the entire criteria. All entries must be postmarked by Oct. 1 and received by Oct. 8.

Past winners are not eligible to enter.

Songs will be judged by the Special Events Talent Committee upon submission and the top six songwriters/performers will be scheduled to perform in a finals competition in Basin Park Saturday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. All finalists will be judged as they play. Audience response is not considered in judging.

If you are chosen as a finalist you must perform the songs you entered. Each artist will have a limit of 15 minutes or until the end of his or her selections, whichever comes first. Judges reserve the right to request a playoff in case of a tie.

First place winner will receive 50 percent of the total submission fees received, a two-hour recording session at Winterwood Studios and a performance opportunity at next year's Folk Festival. Second place will receive 30 percent of total submission fees received and third place 20 percent. All winners will each receive two tickets for Saturday night's WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour show in The Auditorium.

Flower pickin' not to be missed

Eureka House Concerts opens its 9th season Sept. 29 with fingerpicking roots musician, Mary Flower. Guitarist and lap slide player Flower is renowned for her uniquely personal vision of roots music that blends ragtime, acoustic blues and folk – technically dazzling yet grounded in the down-to-earth simplicity of early 20th century American music.

She has earned rave reviews from critics and audiences for her instrumental skill – a mastery of the Piedmont blues style that takes most players a lifetime to hone, and for which Flower is most celebrated.

Acoustic Guitar Magazine writes, "Flower is deep in the pocket of the country blues and there are few musicians in the genre bringing as much creative spark and low-key mojo to this century-old music. Mary Flower has cemented her status as one of the most dynamic performers on the acoustic blues circuit."

Don't miss this or any of the stellar lineup of artists booked for the Sunday House Concerts at the white church building at 17 Elk Street. Doors open for a Meet and Greet potluck supper at 5 p.m., music at 6. Season tickets and sponsorships are only \$120 for all 7 shows. Tickets \$15

at the door. For musician lineup go to eurekahouseconcerts.com, email npaddock@gmail.com or call (479) 244-0123.



New kids on the walk – The spanking new Eureka Fine Art Gallery opened just in time for the Sept. 14 Gallery Stroll. The artist-owned gallery features the work of Drew Gentle, Diana Harvey, Ernie Kilman, Larry Mansker, Charles Pearce, Barbara Robinson, Denise Ryan and John Robert Willer along with their associate artists Lyla Allison, Scott Carroll, Valerie Damon, Cynthia Kresse, Mary Springer and Richard Quick. Above, artist Barbara Robinson takes a break to talk with Jjerri Stevens.

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Ozarks Chorale welcomes intern

The Ozarks Chorale welcomes Mary Bartell as its new intern for the 2013 season. As Community Outreach Coordinator for the Chorale, Mary will be working with social media, marketing and public relations, community and youth outreach – and with the Chorale's latest initiative, "The Hallelujah Chorus Community Sing" to be launched October 1, 2013. Welcome aboard Mary!

You may be able to catch the musical Mary in action playing in front of the New Orleans Hotel on Sundays.



Grab a spoon and slurp down a taste of cultural cuisine ladled from the gene pool in which we've all been swimming. Maybe you'll be able to pick your name out in the alphabet noodles or maybe you'll just pick out the chunks of meat and attempt to feed the vegetables to the dog. In any case, we'll try to give you something socially relevant to chew on every week.

Walking in the other guy's shoes

Princess Leah caused quite a stew before her owners, Mark and Lavone Lott, recovered her at last on Sept. 14. We posted a picture of her curled up by a bridge in Trigger Gap, not realizing the storm of concern, compassion and complaint it would generate from unexpected places all around the country and Canada. Unknown to us, her owners were frantically searching for her. [See Mark Lott's Letter to the Editor for his story.]

Hundreds of posts on the *Independent* Facebook page revealed the entire gamut of human emotion – from our penchant for compassion to our knee jerk reaction to place blame and become angry. Meanwhile, her owners were going through a gamut of

emotions of their own.

Mark wrote, "This whole experience has been a roller coaster ride of sadness, faith, anxiety, compassion and joy; and has for me shed a little more light on the human condition – an experience that, while not planned or hoped for, has been enlightening and educational.

"My wife Lavone (who suffered a stroke while all this was unfolding) and I wish to sincerely thank you for all you have done to bring this odyssey to its joyful completion. If Diane [Goodwin] had not provided that first photo, and had you not decided to print it we would still be searching for Leah without any clue as to her location. Again, thank you and God bless you."



It's best to be kind. Unless you've walked in them yourself, you never know whose feet are in the other guy's

shoes. Thanks from the *Indie* to all you kind hearts who offered help and support.

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 by Steven Foster

My Middle Eastern caper

There's a plant you will only find as a footnote on a menu or in a hidden jar in a refrigerator. If eating out for lunch, sometimes I order bagels, cream cheese and smoked salmon just so that I can enjoy capers.

It's one of those distinctive flavors that just can't be substituted for something else; a unique piquant experience that you would only consume to enhance the flavor of something else; a true condiment. In my never-ending quest to

discover where plant/human experience originates, I turn my attention to capers.

For botanical interest in Amman, Jordan, I am definitely here at the wrong time of year. The desert landscape is parched in late summer, except for olive trees, Phoenician junipers, cypress and the wispy Aleppo pine. Another late summer survivor dots the landscape, the caper bush.

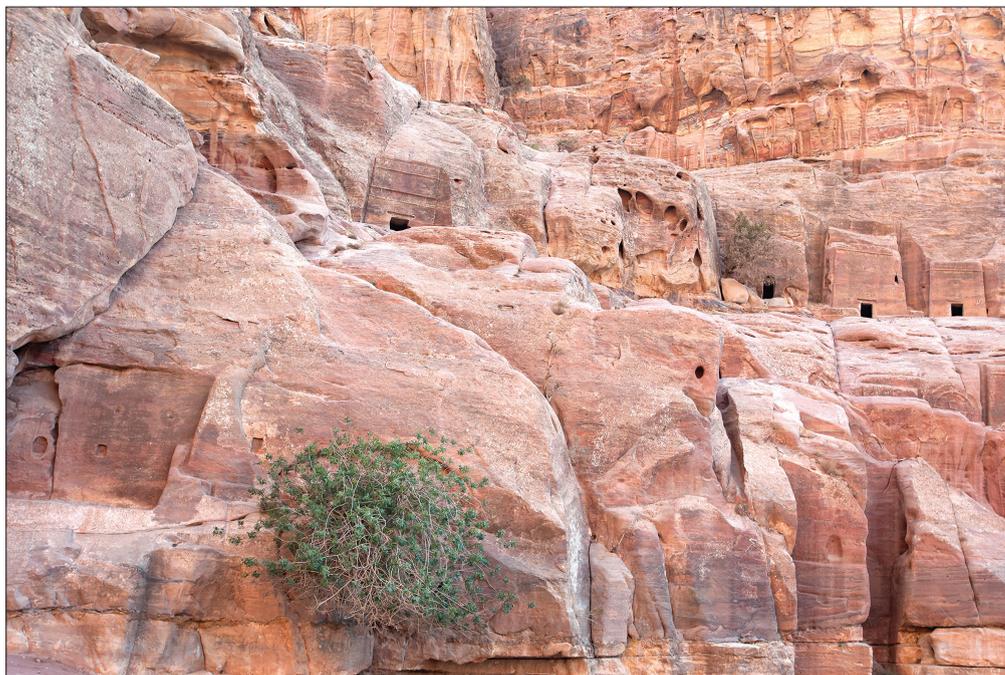
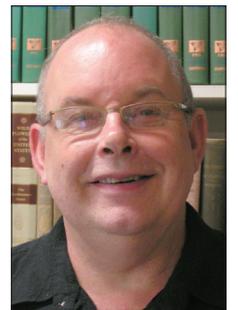
Capparis spinosa with its blue-green, rounded leaves and spreading habit is native to the western Mediterranean region. It is the most widespread of the 23 species and subspecies of *Capparis*; at least 19 are used for food and medicine. They range wide from the eastern Mediterranean, eastward through much of southern Asia, Australia and Pacific Islands.

The familiar caper is the immature flowerbud of the plant preserved in vinegar or salt brine. An ancient food, capers have

been retrieved from Neolithic pottery dating back 11,000 years; not just at one site but scattered through dozens of archeological traces of prehistory and antiquity.

I don't know if what I'm seeing here is actually wild *Capparis spinosa* or other widespread relatives of the region such as *Capparis aegyptica*. Botanists' opinions vary.

While visiting the stone facades of the ancient Nabataean capital of Petra last weekend (one of the "new" seven wonders of the world, dating to at least 300 BCE), I became fascinated by caper bushes surviving in a place where vegetation struggles to find a footing. While most tourists were taking pictures of archeological ruins, I did a photographic study of caper bushes surviving where no plants dare establish a toehold; a reminder of the tenuous nature of life and the innate will of survival.



Fame Came Late © is an **unpublished historical manuscript** written by Lida Wilson Pyles (1906-2000). It is the story as she was told about Eureka Springs bear hunter, John Gaskins. Pyles married into the Gaskins family in 1924.

Grandpa's ability to talk was getting weaker every day. He was also experiencing difficulty in swallowing his food. I recognized that his throat was almost paralyzed. Each morning I asked him, "How are you doing this morning, Grandpa?"

He invariably answered with the same words, "I ain't doin' so good. The ol' woman was here and we quarreled all night." I knew that in his sub-conscious he was still carrying on the feud with Grandma.

After a month's vigil, I went into the room one night where Papa and Mama slept to get an extra blanket for Grandpa's bed. When I entered the room, Mama raised up from her pillow and said, "Lida, I saw my Ma."

"You were asleep, Mama," I told her. "That was me you saw. I came in to get a blanket."

"No, I know you are here but I saw my Ma, too. I think she has come after Pa." In my own muddled way of thinking, I wondered then just why Grandpa would come after Pa in death when she would not bother to come to see him in life. The problem was too much for me to try to solve, especially at this trying time.

The next morning when I woke Grandpa to give him his medicine, I asked the usual question.

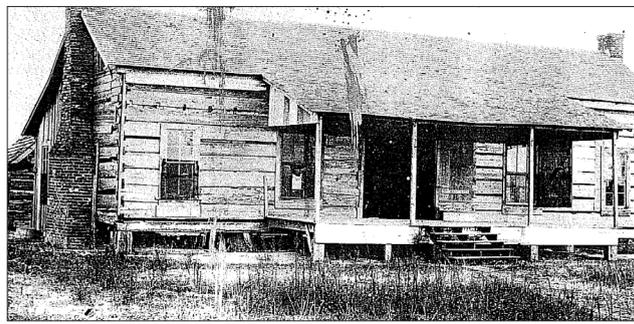
"How are you doing this morning, Grandpa?"

He answered me, but not with the answer I expected.

"I'm feelin' better honey. Th' ol' woman was here all night and we didn't quarrel a bit. When I'm gone will you just put me over there with her?"

I promised. Two days later he was gone without ever speaking again. The two who had spent a lifetime in one continual argument were united in death.

I stayed on in the Pyles' home for the next week to do laundry and some other chores that had been neglected during Grandpa's illness. Golda took Mama down to her house for a few days. Slick Jim stayed to help me with the things that had to be done. He drew water from the well and heated it in a boiler on the top of the kitchen stove. He helped hang clothes on the line. He did most of the cooking, always being sure that he had a good meal ready when Papa and Elba came



home from work.

A week after we had started on the work, we knew we would be finished that evening and that Mama would be home that afternoon.

Slick took the milk bucket out to milk the cows just after breakfast. He had been gone longer than the chore usually took and I looked out the window to see what was keeping him.

The milk bucket was hanging on the yard fence and Slick was gone! We did not see him or hear from him for more than three years. The family was not alarmed or surprised. It always happened that way.

When I tried to fathom his strange manner of arrivals and departures, Mama told me, "Honey, nobody ever knows where Slick is or what he is doing unless they are lookin' straight at him."

Book Two, Chapter 6

Blame it on Grandma

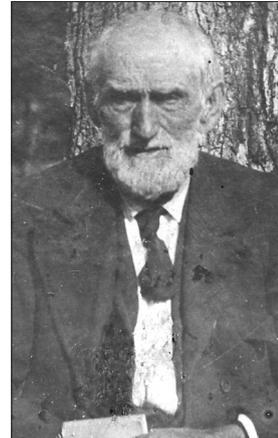
Grandpa's death came in March 1930. The Great Depression was upon us. There was little or no work to be had. Even though Papa

had worked at the factory ever since he had lost his

leg several years before, he was not physically able to get a job at a new place and start all over again. They had the little home, orchard, and their cows. They could get along. Many people did not have that much. With Elba and me, it was different. We had two small children and no job. Since the factory had burned, there was just nothing.

When Harry Amos decided to move what was left of the factory machinery to Cassville, Missouri, and start manufacturing in the new location, we were glad to go along. Elba was sure of work there and maybe he could get something for Emery later. Emery was a sort of a "home-body" and would never get out to look for work anywhere else. So, we took the little ones and moved to Cassville.

Things went along very well for a while. Many of the men did not want to move their families away from Elk Ranch where they owned their homes. They went along to work at the factory anyway and would find a place to board. We had found a house that was big enough to allow me



to board them with it. It made it easier for them and added to our own income. At that time, Elba was working for fifty cents an hour. Unskilled men were being paid ten or fifteen cents per hour and were glad to get that. Work and money were getting more scarce every day.

Then to make matters worse, Elba and Dale both came down with typhoid fever. The siege lasted three months. Emery came up to Cassville and worked at the factory during Elba's absence. Slick Jim showed up at our house again about the time we were all back on our feet. For months the handle company had not been able to pay their men except with "orders," a sort of scrip which certain businessmen in the town would accept with hopes that the company could redeem later.

However, such was not the case. They never were able to get going again and soon closed their doors.

Elba found a man from Harrison, Mr. E.B. Reddick, who was going to start buying stave bolts at several locations in the area. Elba's knowledge of timber got him a job of inspecting and buying the bolts.

We went back to Elk Ranch for a few weeks. I canned fruit and vegetables while we were there which would be a big help during the coming winter.

Elba started several men to cutting stave bolts and hauling them in to either Beaver or Elk Ranch. There he would count and cull them. On each Saturday, sometimes late in the afternoon, Mr. Reddick would come and give him a check for the full amount, along with his own salary.

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The Soul & Spiritual Task of the United States

Sunday is Fall Equinox with Sun entering Libra. Autumn and Winter emphasize the Soul. *Destiny of the Nations* by Alice Bailey (scribe for the Tibetan Teacher Djwhal Khul) refers to the Soul purpose of the United States. I quote from the book in the light of Syrian situation.

“The U.S. is ending its adolescent stage, coming forth in full maturity. The vast land is

ruled by Gemini (rising), which sees two sides of an issue, and Aquarius moon (serving humanity). Washington is Cancer (nurturer of humanity). The U.S., preoccupied with its own house, dashes into hiding at the first signs of trouble. Needing a long-range vision, it’s a country “in the making.” Eventually it becomes adult.

“The U.S., based on freedom and liberation,

is overseen by Sirius, the star where freedom, liberation and love originate. The spiritual task of the U.S. is “Standing in the Light, to Light the Way” for humanity. The U.S. is to manifest Ray 2 of Love/Wisdom. To fulfill that office, the U.S., must nurture and bring forth the Mother aspect for humanity. (continued at www.nightlightnews.com)

ARIES: Your world becomes charming and graceful. You seek signs of beauty and places of refinement. You also seek harmony, which is quite against your usual risk taking nature. You’re kind in relationships allowing others to step forward. You compromise and seek to be fair-minded. This is a transit (a temporary situation). However, you will incorporate and synthesize new diplomatic skills into your life. You become interested in art and aesthetics. You change always.

TAURUS: Always you’re in service to others, dedicated to doing a job well. Often you’re playing your role behind the scenes. However, eventually everyone realizes the significance of your work. It’s important to tend to health carefully. To shine a light on that aspect of your life. Some may begin embracing raw, vegan or vegetarian foods. Purification and rest at this time is most important. You’re preparing for a future spiritual step.

GEMINI: There’s a certain nobility and dignity about you, enhanced self-esteem you carry around with pride. You find yourself being warmer and generous with others, and more dramatic. You may want to be the center of attention, in the spotlight, stepping into positions of authority. You show more affection for others. Be more forthright and study the word integrity. Take up a creative activity and realize how important love is to you.

CANCER: You’re more sensitive than usual. Harsh thoughts or words create terrible pain. You forgive

eventually, but you won’t forget. Cancers remember everything. You’re protective of being hurt. That’s why you carry your shell around. It protects your inner sensitivity allowing you to climb inside with mood swings due to the moon influencing the waters in your body. You’re ruled by the moon, you’re the Mother of the World, sensing all emotional currents. Build a gate. Build a lot of gates.

LEO: You will experience duality, versatility, mutability in all interactions. You will bring forth your intellect to free yourself from anything holding you back. You feel rebellious, have great curiosity, become inventive and imagine how to solve a problem. Your mood swings create a restlessness. Routine does not interest you anymore. You ask if your present work is rewarding mentally and creatively. You need to be free.

VIRGO: You will experience bravery and courage, behaviors of a warrior. Competitiveness may emerge from a sense of being a pioneer. Careful with arrogance, which can creep in with new ideas. Careful also with impatience creating difficulties with others. You may have an idea, go into action, and then lose stamina and energy all quite quickly. Then it’s all forgotten. Blazing new trails requires constancy and control. It’s best not to go into battle.

LIBRA: You may feel other people’s

pain. It may feel like your own. This will lead to a level of compassion new to you and a sensitivity that will help you work more authentically and deeply with others. I discovered the other day when I was very distressed that people turn away from distress. I felt abandoned. I learned from this. To

say to those I see in distress,

“I see you are in distress.

How can I help?” You will begin to use those words, too.

SCORPIO: You are a humanitarian, believing in intellectual and personal freedom for everyone. You’re concerned with social reform, humanity having equal rights. You understand that the phrase “All men (humanity) are created equal,” actually means, “All minds are created equally.” You stand up for the education of all of humanity, that they have knowledge, strength in numbers, supporting each other to bring about social changes. You love humanity.

SAGITTARIUS: You may step into conservative shoes, feeling both young and old at the same time. You begin to see your life as a training ground offering opportunities that accelerate learning, being cooperative, forgiving, being for the world “a keynote of the times.” You do this through traveling, writing, communicating, creativity. You “do your part for the world” when focused upon the needs of others. First, of course you must serve yourself. You are the center of your world.

CAPRICORN: You’re concerned with honesty and truth. Remember some honesty can hurt others. Always we practice “ahimsa” (doing no harm). You aim your arrow to the heavens, seek to broaden your intellectual horizons intellectually and travel. What you encounter may change aspects of your life. Careful with exercise and over impulsivity. Give greater attention to safety and balance. Let your sense of humor be a soothing salve rescuing difficult situations. Bring kindness to your humor.

AQUARIUS: Intensity and passion (Mars/Pluto) influence interactions with others. These planets also provide endurance. Placing our heart and soul into a project, we can become exhausted, entering a place of overwork. Know people see your power. They step back and turn away, sensing your focused purpose and ability to see what others cannot. Try not to be cold or ruthless. Stay away from dark places. Stand in the Light. There’s power all around you.

PISCES: Harmony and beauty, charm, grace and refinement are most important at this time. Don’t hide your personality to please others. However, do remain protected by others’ opinions. You try to be fair-minded. Know there are many who do not understand this. Sometimes you feel invisible. Other times you feel attacked. The sign of Pisces is difficult. It holds all the other eleven signs. Tend to study, and all forms of creativity given to you. These guide you.



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McClung, Spaulding declared winners

Incumbent Chris McClung retained his seat on the Eureka Springs School Board, defeating write-in challenger Jack Muzio in Tuesday's election, 94-31, according to poll spokesman Mickey Schneider.

Candace Spaulding took the other contested seat from former board member Tom Freehling, 79-51.

Debbie Davis and Gayla Wolfenbarger, both unopposed will also be seated at the Oct. 17 meeting.

Emporium hosts grand opening events, shopping spree raffle

Farm to Table FRESH Emporium by Déjà Vu will host a Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting and beverage service on the deck (weather permitting) Thursday, Sept. 19, 5 – 6:30 p.m. There will be baked goods in the Emporium as well as at Déjà vu, 184 N. Main.

Friday, Sept. 20, there will be a *Taste of Fresh* at Emporium by Déjà Vu and at Déjà Vu with home baked breads and bakery goods to kick off the raffle of a \$100 shopping spree at Emporium and Déjà vu.

Saturday, Sept. 21, is the first monthly "Olives" at FRESH featuring a special tapas menu beginning at 8 p.m. with piano music by Dale Bramhall and

special appearances by local musicians. with brunch. Drawing for the shopping Reservations suggested. On Sept. 22, spree winner will be held Monday, Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. enjoy a complimentary adult beverage

CC Music Group Annual Meeting

The public is invited to attend the Carroll County Music Group Annual Meeting Sunday, Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m. at Caribé Restaurant, 309 W. Van Buren (62W).

The meeting will be held in a private room and owner KJ Zumwalt will prepare a special healthy lunch using fresh produce from our local farmers market at the cost of \$11 per meal. The meal is not mandatory. Those desiring a lighter lunch are invited to order from the menu.

There will be a brief business meeting followed by a music program performed by Beth Withey and Diana Brown. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Mary Dolce (479) 235-4939.

Men of Note sing at UMC, GPP

The twenty voices of the Methodist Men of Note from Lees Summit, Mo., will present a short pre-service concert at First United Methodist Church Sunday, Sept. 22 at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome.

The Methodist Men of Note is a fellowship of Christian men spreading God's love through music. From inside walls of the Kansas State Prison to inside a tent at the Missouri State Fair, the men maintain a full schedule throughout the year. Recently, they sang for the dedication of the Korean War Memorial in Kansas City, and at the Starlite Theatre in Branson as part of veteran's celebrations.

On this trip the men will also be singing Friday, Sept. 21, in the Potter's Theater of the Great Passion Play at 5:30 p.m. and again before the play. The Methodist Men of Note have produced four CDs, the last is *Sing Your Way Home*.



City Council Agenda

Monday, September 23, 6 p.m.

Commission, committee, authority reports and expired terms:

Planning – Pos. 4 – Jim Morris – expired 7/1/12. Pos. 5 – Melissa Greene – expired 1/1/13

CAPC – Pos. 2 – vacant – expires 6/30/14. Pos. 4 – vacant – expires 6/30/16

Hospital – Pos. 1 – Anna Ahlman – expired 6/1/13

Parks

HDC

Cemetery – Pos. 4 – vacant – expires 2/15/14

Public comments

Unfinished business

1. Ordinance No. 2189 Increase parking rate for special events – 2nd reading
2. Clarification of authority to close Spring St. – Schneider and Mitchell
3. Ordinance No. 2190 removing 80 Mountain from Religious Use list – 2nd reading

New business

1. Richard Grinnell/5 Ojo vacation request – Mayor Pate
2. Nut St. vacation request – Mayor Pate
3. Ordinance rezoning 80 Mountain to C-3 – Mitchell and Schneider
4. Ordinance for Intimate Theater in C-3 as a conditional use – Purkeypille and DeVito
5. Resolution for support of airport extension – Mayor Pate
6. Discussion of limiting CUPs in R-1 – DeVito and Zeller
7. Discussion of the Land Bank – Schneider and DeVito
8. Licenses for multi-family housing – Mitchell and Schneider
9. Restrictions in C-3 Quiet Commercial – Zeller and Mitchell

Agenda setting

Council comments

Mayor's comments

The rumble of thousands of bikes will fill our town this weekend, but that's not the only sweet sound you will hear. There is live music everywhere this weekend! The Pied Piper Beer Garden opens on Thursday at noon and starts the party off with Brody Buster, about whom B.B. King said, "Despite his age Brody Buster is one of the greatest harmonica players of our time." Buster will also play in The Cathouse Lounge on Friday and Saturday night.

Playing Friday night in the Pied Piper Beer Garden is Low Society – a blues band from Memphis with vocals by Mandy Lemons that will blow you away with raw power and emotion. Do not miss.

Chasers Bar & Grill is opening their beer garden with the Bower Brothers' hard rocking, blues influenced sound known as Sx Rex starting at 2 p.m. on Friday, following with crowd favorite, Left Of Center. Saturday's activities start with a tattoo contest at noon and Jesse & Tessa in

the beer garden at 2 p.m. Ozark Thunder takes the indoor stage at 9 p.m. See info on page 31 to see what else Chasers has to offer bikers.

Other acts of note are: Violetta Lotus Burlesque (with no cover charge) at The Blarney Stone, Matt Smith Guitar Wars at Chelsea's and Demian Band-Delta Blues and raw rock from Barcelona-at Voulez-Vous. As Freddie Mercury implored, "Get on your bikes and ride."

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 20

- **2 WHEELS** *JAB the band*, 3–7 p.m.
- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Hogscalders*, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Dillon's Birthday Bash-Violetta Lotus Burlesque*, 7 p.m., *1 oz. Jig*, 9 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Brody Buster*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *SxRex*, 2 p.m. in the Beer Garden, *Left of Center*, 9 p.m. inside
- **CHELSEA'S** *Strange Derangers*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing

- **EUREKA PARADISE** *SxRex*, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red* Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ @ 3 p.m., *Slam Boxx*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *BlackOut Boys*, 12–5 p.m., *Dusty Pearls*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER BEER GARDEN** *Matt Reeves*, 12–4 p.m., *Mark Shields*, 5–9 p.m., *Low Society*, 9 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Ozark Thunder*, 7:30 p.m.

- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *T Brothers*, 1–5 p.m., *Muddy Rivers*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Black Water-Face Melting Rock*, 9 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Demian Band & Iron Mike Thornton*, 9 p.m.

- **LA FAMILIA** *Slam Boxx*, 2 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ @ 3 p.m., *Moonshine Mafia*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Magic Mule*, 1–5 p.m., *Spare Parts*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER BEER GARDEN** *Keith Nicholson*, 12–3 p.m., *Matt Reeves*, 4–7 p.m., *Left of Center*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Terri & Executives*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Terri & Brett*, 1–5 p.m., *Muddy Rivers*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** Open Mic, 4–7 p.m. – BYOB
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Black Water-Face Melting Rock*, 9 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Demian Band & Iron Mike Thornton*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 21

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *James White*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Vic Vaughn-Blues*, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Brody Buster Band*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Jesse & Tessa*, 2 p.m. Beer Garden, *Ozark Thunder*, 9 p.m. inside
- **CHELSEA'S** *Matt Smith Guitar Wars!*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** *The Ground Rattlers*, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Blind Driver*, 9 p.m.

- **SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 22**
- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee*, 12 p.m. & 5 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** NFL Game Day-We Have Every Game, Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Sweetwater Gypsies*, 7:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** NFL Football with Dylan, 1 p.m.

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Low Society – Hear this amazing band from Memphis at the Pied Piper Beer Garden Friday at 9 p.m.

- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** James White Trio, 1–4 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Terri & Brett, 12–4 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Local Talent Showcase

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 23

- **BLARNEY STONE** Monday Night Football
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Bike Night with Jesse Dean, 7 p.m., Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** SpringBilly, 9 p.m.

- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theater
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** Locals Night

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 24

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Dart Tournament
- **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 25

- **BLARNEY STONE** Open Mic, 7 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong
- **CHELSEA'S** Dog Patch Ramblers, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wheat Wednesday Draft Beer Specials
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Wine Wednesday
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Ladies Night & Pie Social with Sweetwater Gypsies

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 26

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Maureen Alexander, 5 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco & Tequila Night
- **CHELSEA'S** Patrick Sweany, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA PARADISE** Free pool
- **GRAND TAVERNE** Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–



- 9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** Karaoke w/ DJ Goose, 8 p.m. – midnight
 - **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke
 - **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Open

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Wild rubber ducks draw visitors from around the region

C.D. WHITE

People came from several surrounding states for the Eureka Springs West White River Wild Rubber Duck Race Sept. 15. Festivities began at noon with fun and activities up until the “adopted” rubber ducks began to cross the finish line in late afternoon.

Winner of the grand prize package was Debbie Coleman of Eureka Springs, whose rubber duckie arrived first at the finish line. Close behind were the winners of other packages and fabulous prizes: 2nd Ivy Brignoni, Dallas; 3rd Jerry Staradal, Oklahoma City; 4th Nena McGaugh, El Dorado; 5th Shannon Dugger, Eureka Springs; 6th Barbara Wagner, Eureka Springs; 7th Darlene and Jim Simmons, Eureka Springs; 8th Eric Suire – Lafayette, La.; 9th Debbie Paxton, Eureka Springs and 10th Joan Tomanek, Springfield, Mo.

The biggest prize of the day was a complete wedding package for up to 35 people for the first “bride and groom” duck to finish. According to Carma Lewis, manager at Blue Spring Heritage Center, an unsuspecting Aleka Heilmann of Eureka Springs came in to book her wedding at Blue Spring and was told by Lewis, “Why not wait a week and see if you win the rubber duck race?” Heilmann took the suggestion, adopted five ducks – and won! (Now that’s something to quack about.)

Organizers are excited about the response to this first race and are looking forward to even bigger and more extravagant prizes next year – so get your ducks in a row now!



Don't quack up – In one of several side contests, someone had to repeat “ESW White River Wild Rubber Duck Race” 10 times without stumbling in order to win a night’s lodging at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge’s luxurious Safari accommodations. From left, announcer Gordon Wellman officiates as contestant Wendi LaFey reaches number seven while Carla Short keeps count. Wendi won!

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

McKinley Weems missed school March 21, 1932 because of a broken nose, the same day the Thach Hotel burned down, but he saw the fire. He watched from the comfort of his tree house in a big oak on Magnetic Mountain as strong winds spread the flames. From his high vantage point, he could see sparks shooting into the sky and rolling smoke so thick it was impossible to know which direction the fire would go.

The fire is thought to have originated in the hotel attic, possibly due to faulty wiring. With 100 rooms, the rambling Thach Hotel was the largest in town and was known for its home-style food. Otto Ernest Rayburn said it was popular with

Texans.

Fire Chief Sam Riley, an expert carpenter when not fighting fire, arrived on the scene and quickly called for help from neighboring towns. Located on the ridge top at the corner of Ridgeway and Prospect Avenues, the Thach Hotel was unsheltered from the driving wind. In later years, after the rubble had been removed, some considered it the best spot in town to fly a kite.

At the old Red Brick School senior class boys stood on the roof knocking off burning debris, while younger children watched the fire until they were sent home carrying all their books in case the school burned down.

Fire trucks arrived first from Berryville, and then Fayetteville and Harrison. The fire was brought under control but not until the fire had spread enough to burn down the First Christian Church, an apartment building, and damage or destroy several houses.

At the time, there was a baseball field located on what would now be Passion Play Road. It was a popular place, especially on Sundays, with crowds of people walking up from Mill Hollow or up Magnetic Road. The day before the fire, McKinley Weems, a fifth grader, had played baseball with the grownups and was hit square in the nose by a ball.

He doesn’t remember the name of his



teacher that year, but he remembers she paddled the backs of your calves if you misbehaved. And the Thach Hotel fire is the type of thing a fifth grade boy with a broken nose remembers, too.

DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson

Forty-one pound Beaver Lake striped bass caught Sept. 17 by local angler Martin Mikesell trolling big baits on downriggers. This is one for the wall. They ended up with five big fish in the boat.

As for me, I took some time off since September is a slow month. Had a couple buddies do well too on this end of the lake. One hit a big school with seven rods going down at the same time.

These fish are feeding up for winter. Water temp has dropped to 81° and will be in the 70s by the end of the month, then comes the top water bite. As of now they are still down between 30 and 40 ft. deep. Trolling deep or live baiting shad, bluegill or big brood shiners might just get

you one or two in the boat.

Here at Holiday Island our water temp has cooled to about 80° with crappie still doing well in the mouths of the creeks 8 to 12 ft. deep in sunken brush. Bass are still shallow early, then deeper later in the day. Walleye are still holding in the trees and off the flats near the island.

If you don’t have a boat and want to enjoy some shoreline fishing up river, go up between the dam and Parker bottoms with some worms and power bait for some nice trout. It can be nice and cool this time of year.

Well, that’s it for this week. Get out and enjoy some of this great water we have here and take a kid with you if you can.



Must be Fall. Not an observation; more a fervent wish.

If you have any passing interest at all in Jazz – or brilliant, virtuoso musicianship for that matter – and were not at the Aud last Saturday night, I'll pause here a moment and allow you some self-remonstrations time.

[Banal hold music]

You missed an absolutely stunning performance. Spyro Gyra brought it. Five talented friends who merged effortlessly and seamlessly as an ensemble, each willing and able to step forward as a soloist. One bass solo in particular was worth the price of admission. All while throwing in a few poly-rhythmic riffs that would've made Brubeck stumble.

And, not to pat our own backs too much, through the efforts of Ron Sumner and Robert Ginsburg working in conjunction with the CAPC, we had a very successful Jazz Eureka Weekend



that filled the park Friday night through Sunday afternoon and put a large appreciative crowd in the Aud Saturday night. Although numbers aren't quite final, it also looks like it all came in about \$8K under budget, too.

This weekend brings Bikes, Blues, & BBQ. Oh. You hadn't heard? Don't worry, you will. Love 'em or hate 'em, they're coming. And they do bring their wallets. Which is kinda the point of being a tourist-

based economy. Try to smile for our visitors. I'm sure it will be nice and quiet in January. If you're lucky, you will have collected some winter acorns from the saddlebags-full coming to town.

This year, instead of being an unofficial side trip from the main events centered in Fayetteville, Eureka Springs is on the official map as the host of the Eureka Springs Motorcycle Art Show being held in the GEM on Friday and Saturday. Open to the public and free for all, the show will run 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday.

The weekend weather can't make up its mind at this point so whether you're ducking out of a thunderstorm or need to get out of the hot sun, come on down to the GEM and have a look.



Busy day – Police and EMS responders were kept busy with several calls Sept. 18. Above, a Volkswagen driven by Tracie Hall of Eureka Springs made a special delivery into this FedEx truck due to reported equipment failure while pulling out of Gaskins Switch on US 62. No visible injuries, no citations issued. At right, Cassie Smith of Iowa was treated and released at the scene on 62E after his motorcycle was hit by a Buick driven by Rhonda McLemore of Fort Smith. McLemore was cited for following too close.

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O negative blood needed

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) has issued a Code Yellow for O negative blood type. There is less than a two-day supply on hospital shelves and your donation is needed to help replenish it. It takes over 275 donations every day to meet the needs of the thirty-eight area hospitals using CBCO products.

The CBCO drive will be at Eureka Springs High School Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. A single blood donation can

save the lives of up to three people. Each donation will be awarded 1,000 LifePoints, CBCO's new donor rewards program offering great gifts to donors as a way to say thank you. More information may be found online at www.cbco.org.

Eligibility requirements include weighing at least 110 pounds, being in general good health and having a valid ID. For more information about this blood drive, see www.cbco.org or call (800) 280-5337.

Giving Tree Grants announced

Carroll County Community Foundation, a local affiliate office of the Arkansas Community Foundation, announced \$19,050 in Giving Tree Grant awards for nonprofit programs in Carroll County.

Eighteen area organizations will receive grant awards at the annual Grant Awards Ceremony Thursday, Sept. 26, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at Brashears Furniture in Berryville. Donors, endowment holders, and past board members will be honored guests. All interested persons are cordially invited to this event.

Walk the Trail of Tears Sept. 28

A program commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Trail of Tears is set for Saturday, Sept. 28, 1 p.m., at Pea Ridge Battlefield National Military Park in Garfield. The program will take place at Elkhorn Tavern, near a section of the original Military/Telegraph Road traveled by Cherokees during their forced removal from their ancestral eastern homelands to Indian Territory in 1838 and 1839.

The event includes remarks by Bethany Henry, a descendant of Cherokees who were forced to relocate during the Trail of Tears. Following Henry's talk, the Cherokee National

Youth Choir will perform. Those who would like may take a short walk north on the Military/Telegraph Road running through Pea Ridge National Military Park, one of the longest intact sections of the Trail of Tears in existence according to John McLarty, president of the Arkansas Chapter Trail of Tears Association.

The event is free. Those attending the dedication will need to check in at the park visitor center before proceeding to Elkhorn Tavern. For more information, contact Susan Young at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History (479) 750-8165 or shiloh@springdalear.gov.

New CulinArts Center classes open Oct. 4

The CulinArts Center of Eureka Springs at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow welcomes its first teacher, Margie Roelands, on Oct. 4 and 5. Margie, owner of Raimondo Winery and Simply Sicilian, will teach cooking with a flair, using various flavor-infused olive oils, balsamic vinegars and wines in dishes prepared from locally grown and organic food from Sycamore Bend Farms.

Ongoing classes won't just be about cooking, however. The weekend workshops are a total immersion in the culture and traditions of the food and region being featured and will include presentations and/or trips to the Farmer's Market, tips on kitchenology, and artistic instruction on plating and presentation by nationally known chefs and popular Arkansas culinary experts.

Plans are to also offer shorter, half-day or one-day workshops on cooking and kitchen arts including subjects like knife skills, gluten-free baking and vegan

cooking for complete beginners.

The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow is the only writers' colony in the world that recognizes culinary writing as a genre. The facility has a commercial kitchen as well as a dedicated professional culinary suite designed especially for cookbook authors and food writers by *Renovation Style* magazine and equipped with KitchenAid appliances and cookware. The Colony has and continues to present other food-related events such as sips and samplings, themed tastings and participation in Food & Wine Weekend in November.

To sign up for the Oct. 4 – 5 cooking workshop with

Margie Roelands, phone (479) 253-7444 or email director@writerscolony.org. The workshop is held at the Colony, 515 Spring St. For more information on the CulinArts Center and upcoming courses, keep an eye on www.writerscolony.org, or on Facebook pages, "Writers Colony" and "Writers Colony at Dairy Hollow."



MARGIE ROELANDS

Successful launch – The launch of the new Eureka Springs Gay Business Guild drew nearly a packed house Sept. 16 at Voulez-Vous Lounge. Representatives from the CAPC, city council and 40 to 50 businesses showed up to hear details and lend support. More than 30 joined and others took membership applications with them.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL WALSH

Are you good at getting the word out?

Then you might enjoy an adventure in advertising. Please consider lending a hand to help the Good Shepherd Shelter folks prepare for the annual Doggie Style Show. An advertising committee chairperson is still needed. No experience is necessary and training will be provided.

Duties include making sure all ads are in on time and taking advantage of every avenue possible to get the word out beforehand – free announcements in papers and on radio, flyers posted all over Carroll County, etc. (You don't have to write the announcements or create the flyers. We already have someone for that.)

You will also need to attend fundraiser meetings and be on hand to help as needed the day of set up and the night of the show.

We need you! The animals need you. If you can help, please do. A large part of the revenue to run the shelter comes from this event. The Doggie Style show will be held Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. To volunteer, call Tracellen Kelly (479) 981-2886.



Young supporters – Isis Harrison and Clover Danos do their part at Caribé Sept. 15 to help raise funds for Save the Ozarks' legal expenses. The incursion of unwanted power lines would affect the lives and livelihoods of all ages.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE



Enjoy spaghetti and help Meals On Wheels and CASA

Holiday Island Presbyterian Church will serve its annual spaghetti dinner in the Holiday Island Clubhouse ballroom Monday, Sept. 23, from 4:30 – 7 p.m. The chefs will serve up their delicious secret-recipe spaghetti meat sauce (vegetarian available) along with salad, garlic bread and beverages. For dessert, check out the biggest variety of homemade cakes imaginable.

Tickets are available from any HI Presbyterian Church member and at the door for \$9. Children under six eat free. Take out available. Proceeds will be divided between Meals on Wheels and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers serving Carroll County residents.

Local GED classes begin Sept. 23

North Arkansas College Adult Education and the Eureka Springs Public Library have partnered to offer free daytime GED preparation sessions at the Carnegie Library Annex, 192B Spring St., beginning Sept. 23.

This is a great opportunity to prepare for the GED exam without having to drive to Berryville. Classes run through Dec. 11 every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 – 11:30 am. Adults 18 years or older who want to get a GED are encouraged to attend the tutoring to prepare for the test. Open enrollment and open classes allow students to come and go as work and personal schedules allow.

After an initial assessment, students will

work individually on subjects in which they need improvement, with help and direction from the instructor. This fall is the best time to complete your GED for several reasons. In January 2014, the test is changing from a pencil and paper version to a computer-based one. Also, the GED test is currently free in Arkansas, but in 2014 there will be a fee to take the new test. Since the current GED test expires in December, all incomplete test scores from this version will also expire, requiring those who have passed certain portions to retake the entire exam.

For more information, call GED instructor, Nancy Wood (479) 981-0482, the library (479) 253-8754 or email info@eurekalibrary.org.

PASSAGES

David Fletcher Putnam, July 23, 1953 – Sept. 12, 2013

David Fletcher Putnam, of Berryville was born July 23, 1953 in Lawrence, Kan., a son of Noah and Evelyn (Taylor) Putman. He passed away in his sleep Thursday, Sept. 12 in his home in Berryville, at age 60.

David was retired from Tyson Foods after working there ten years.

On February 14, 2002, David was united in marriage with Margie Jane (Ullrich) Putman who survives him of the home. He is also survived by one brother, Chuck Putman, of Carson City, Nev.; two aunts, Mavis Boorem of Harrison,

and Robbie Wisdom of Eudora, Kan.; many cousins and friends.

David was preceded in death by his parents; half-brother, Lester; and stepmother, Aileen Putman.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial fund has been set up at the Arvest Bank in Berryville for David and Margie Putman to help with funeral expenses. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Ray Woods

A memorial service for Ray Woods will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 19, in the garden at St. James' Church beginning at 5:30 p.m. Ray died recently while on a camping trip in Colorado. He has no family in the Eureka Springs area but left many friends, especially those at the Flint Street Fellowship. Ray lived in his camper van and enjoyed visiting places and being in the outdoors.

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of the STO board of directors. "Their statement of need is to 'increase reliability' for a stable population and stagnant energy demand by building a power line that carries more electricity than we're ever going to need because the Southern Power Pool (SPP, a regional transmission organization) is making them do it."

Stowe wonders how AEP/SWEPCO can claim their EIS is sufficient when the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Parks Service have pointed out that it is deeply flawed.

"How can AEP/SWEPCO claim they've done an 'analysis' of economic impact to local communities when they simply cut and pasted that section from their EIS for a different transmission line in a different place?" Stowe asked.

AEP/SWEPCO and STO are directed to file legal briefs by Oct. 1, and briefs in reply are due by Oct. 16. All other parties for and against the proposal may file initial or reply briefs if they deem it appropriate. All parties shall file Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by Oct. 1.

One disappointment for STO was that their needs experts were not cross-examined during the hearing, which

meant there was no oral discussion of their arguments. STO's expert witnesses have written testimony in the record, but STO would have preferred a chance to have experts be questioned about the issues.

STO needs expert and electrical engineer, Hyde Merrill, said in pre-filed written testimony that APSC should deny the project because the supposed need for the line was to solve a problem that no longer exists. Hyde also said that neither the SPP nor AEP/SWEPCO has presented any evidence of having considered in a meaningful way any alternative to this project. He said it is not logical to conclude a solution is best if no other solution is considered. That is particularly true when the problem, as it is perceived in 2013, is so very different from the problem for which the project was approved by SPP in 2008.

Project opponent Martha Peine, who owns a home that would be 100 to 200 ft. away from one of the proposed routes, said the failure of AEP/SWEPCO attorney Dave Matthews and APSC Attorney Dawn Guthrie to cross-examine witnesses minimized the impact of STO expert witness testimony. Peine said she was also

disappointed Judge Griffin didn't question the STO expert witnesses.

Peine also has questioned how much impact public comments have on the hearing process. She said in the hearing before Judge Griffin, attorneys for proponents of the proposed project objected to the public comment of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, dated August 20, 2013, on the grounds that it was *only* a public comment and not sworn testimony.

"The big utility attorneys would very much like to minimize the impact of public comments, even if the comment is from a federal agency," Peine said. "Wow. And all along the APSC has been telling us that our public comments *are* taken into consideration. Which is it? Do they matter? Do they not matter? If the proponents' attorneys think they have a chance of getting the Administrative Law Judge to discount a comment filed by the United States Department of Interior, what are the rest of us to think about our heart-felt factually supported comments?"

"This is not a game where if one side can hide important pieces, the other side will lose. This is our environment

and our lives. The wrong decision based on adversarial gamesmanship will irrevocably harm us all."

Peine has also raised concerns that APSC staff might be influenced by the hopes of a higher paying job with the utility industry. Peine said there is a lucrative employment pipeline from the APSC to the energy sector that it regulates. Peine's examples are:

- Former APSC Chairman Sandra Byrd is now a vice president with Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp.

- Michael Henderson, previous employee of APSC, is now a vice president and chief financial officer with Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp.

- Former APSC Chairman Paul Suskie is a senior vice president with SPP, which also until recently employed Mike Ross, a leading candidate for governor. If elected, Ross will appoint members to the APSC.

- Former APSC Commissioner Daryl Bassett is now with the non-profit EmPower Consumers Inc., a group that lobbies for putting the brakes on "green" energy solutions on the grounds it would be too expensive for the poor and elderly.

Recycling Coalition presents school workshop

The Arkansas Recycling Coalition (ARC) Conference is being held at the Inn of the Ozarks Conference Center Sept. 23 – 25, with speakers and breakout sessions covering everything from community outreach recycling programs to where to donate organic scraps. Recycling in America, Being Green in the Darkest Days, The Plastics Myth and Hot Topics are only a few of the issues to be addressed.

As part of the conference, there will be an ARC School Workshop Monday, Sept. 23, from 1 – 4 p.m. Scholarships are available to educators and students to defray the \$30 registration fee. Teams of teachers and students are invited to come learn about how to start, improve or re-energize school recycling programs.

Brenda Pulley of *Keep America Beautiful* will speak on school recycling initiatives, there will be a tour of Carroll County Solid Waste's Recycling Educational Trailer and a panel of school recyclers will share insights into their recycling efforts. And, adding a little fun to the program, will be a recycling bin decoration contest.

To register online at recycleark.org, click on "23rd Annual Conference & Trade

Show," and scroll down to the registration forms.

Teachers and students (high school/college level) interested in attending the entire conference can apply to ARC for a scholarship to cover registration fees. Email Cherie O'Mary at mail@recycleark.org or phone (866) 290-1429.

If your school has a successful recycling program and would like share information about it on the panel discussion, please send a brief description to mail@recyclark.org.

How to clean up in Eureka ...

Just join the Eureka Springs Annual Citywide Clean Up on Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Get a team together, meet at New Delhi Café and do good work! It may get you one of these fun prizes: Biggest Team: Arvest Bank-sponsored hot dog cook out, Most Trash: Kucklehead Pizzas and Most Cigarette Butts: \$25 Visa Gift Card from Community First Bank.

First 50 volunteers get T-shirts. Make plans to come all day or an hour. All hands needed!

Please don't feed the zombies

Given zombies' taste for brains, this town can't afford to lose any more gray matter than it has already. So watch out Friday, Sept. 27 as the Eureka Springs Zombie Invasion in association with Eureka Springs Downtown Network and Northwest Arkansas Hauntours prowls the streets in a night of freaky family fun.

Bring the whole family for a night of games, ghouls, costume contests and creeps. As part of ESDN's 4th Friday Fun After Five series, Center Street will be closed to traffic and Basin Park will be overrun with zombies from 5 p.m. until after a special screening of *The Last Man on Earth*.

Check your ragbag now and come up with a costume for the Walking Dead Look-A-Like Contest as your favorite zombie (or zombie killer) from the popular television series for a chance to win a special prize pack including a Hauntours attraction pass.

Other events include kids' activities and games sponsored by Eureka High School FBLA, NWA Hauntours Scare Booth, Zombie Face Painting (be proud of looking like death warmed over), Brett Houser signing copies of the first book in his

excellent *Creeper Rise* zombie fiction series and doing a short reading, Crescent Hotel Ghost Tours, Zombie Defense Training with Groves Karate Studio, Zombie Apocalypse Paintball Shooting Range on Center St., Zombie Art Contest and a chance to win a special prize, Green Zombie Pasta and two creepy new cocktails (the VoodooTini and Modern Zombie) at DeVito's, Undead Dancing to a one-of-a-kind monster mashup soundtrack with DJ Testube (feel free to shake your bones!) and plenty of zombie vendors and macabre merchandise including custom Halloween props, decor, jewelry and more.

End the night with a screaming – er, make that *screening*, of the classic zombie thriller *Last Man on Earth* starring Vincent Price. ESDN is still wrapping up details on this event, so there may be even more to do and see. Admission is free although a reasonable fee may be charged for some activities.

After all this, Zombies in the Park is still only a "taste" of what to expect during the Zombie Crawl coming Nov. 2. Check for updates and more info at eurekazombies.com, nwahauntours.com and eurekaspringsdowntown.com.

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the person who yelled wasn't from here. Others said it was an isolated incident that doesn't reflect the spirit of Eureka Springs. I don't know if the person was from here, and I believe it's true that it doesn't reflect the way most people here feel. But it did happen.

I grew up in Northwest Arkansas and even though I don't live here anymore, I consider it my home. It's not my intention to judge Eureka Springs. I'm sharing the incident because I love this city and hope that in hearing about this incident it might start a conversation so no one ever has to be afraid to walk here again.

Annette Marquis
Richmond, Va.

Doggone no more

Editor,

Your photo of the Pit Bull lying on the road's edge on Hwy. 221 at the Kings River bridge broke my wife's and my heart when we became aware of it from a friend. We immediately

recognized our lost family member, Princess Leah, who had been missing almost three weeks when that photo came out. We had contacted the Good Shepherd Humane Society, the Berryville Vet Clinic, Tradeo, and the County Animal Cruelty Investigator to assist in locating Leah. All our friends and many residents along Greenwood Hollow Rd. (where she was found the last time she did this) were notified and asked to assist in locating her.

It wasn't until we saw that photo of her that we had any real idea where she might be. From that moment until today, Sept. 14, I spent several hours each morning and evening at that bridge waiting to just catch a glimpse of her and bring her home. I brought food and water for her each day and placed one of my shirts on the ground next to her bowls hoping she would recognize my scent.

On Sept. 13 at approximately 10:15 p.m. "Smoke," the owner of the canoe rental shop telephoned me and could hear her barking behind his place. I left

the house taking another bowl of food and water as well as field camera in hopes of getting a photo of her. I was unable to even catch a glimpse of her and decided to return on the 14th during daylight and try again.

I arrived at the bridge at 7:30 a.m. and spotted her immediately. During the next two and a half hours I saw her several times and managed to get closer to her each time until I was able to reach out to her and allow her to smell my hand. She realized who I was and did her "Odie dog" impersonation, jumping, bouncing and wagging her tail. I attached her leash to her collar, picked her up in my arms and thanked God for her safe return.

Thank you Diane, Maxzine, Linda, Mike and "Smoke," for being the persons you are. God Bless each of you. We also wish to thank the *Eureka Springs Independent*, Good Shepherd Humane Society and KTHS Radio as well as all those wonderful people who responded to the news article.

Lavone and Mark Lott

Good time to adopt a friend

Editor,

The Good Shepherd Humane Society shelter and staff thank all who stepped forward recently and offered to foster cats. Thanks to a number of compassionate neighbors, we have been able to save the cats in immediate jeopardy.

The need for good adoptive homes for cats and dogs in Carroll County continues. The number of abandoned, homeless or unwanted animals continues to grow unabated. If you've been considering adopting a cat, kitten, dog or puppy, this is an excellent time to find your "forever" friends.

Janice Durbin

Coulda shoulda?

Editor,

John Kerry. This is the guy we could have had for our President. Instead we got that other guy. Just a thought.

Enid B. Swartz

Hey Ma,

Did you hear? The Pope has indicated there just might be room for atheists in Catholic heaven, providing they live moral lives and follow their consciences. I think I fit the bill, Ma, but I'm not sure I want to spend eternity listening to harp tunes. Think this atheist would opt for Rock 'n' Roll Heaven. How 'bout you, Ma?

Elvis is King

Dear Elvis,

Ma attends the Church of Be Here Now, listens to Ma's conscience, and follows Iris Dement's wise advice about letting the mystery be. No one knows what happens after our mortal lives expire – Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, coming back as ghosts, dolphins or cockroaches, or simply feeding the worms – who knows and who cares? Be a humane human, follow the golden rule, and Ma thinks you have nothing to worry about.

Regarding the new Pope Francis: Ma thinks he's the best thing to come out of The Church since virgin worship. Live simply, be humble and don't judge. Great concepts; wonder where he got them?

Now if he would only explain where all the souls of centuries of unbaptized babies and righteous non-Catholics went now that The Church

decided Limbo no longer exists. Can they get into Catholic heaven now, too?

Ma

Dear Ma,

I'm freaking out. Everything is so out of control and corrupt. The planet and its inhabitants are being exploited to enrich greedy, corrupt fat cats. They are killing the planet and threatening human existence. Don't you think, Ma, that it's time to start eating the rich?

Hungry for Change

Dear Hungry,

Ma is vegetarian, so you'll have to ask someone less biased on the dietary question. Though Ma does feel your pain.

Capitalism has become a monstrous system, and one that is unsustainable on so many levels. The one percent should be ashamed and embarrassed, but the trappings of wealth are powerful assuagers of guilt.

The sad truth is: Everything that's exploitable is exploited, and pretty much everything is exploitable.

Sorry to have such a bleak response to your freak-out, but Ma believes it best to accept reality and try to find whatever bliss you can within your own macro world. In other words, don't worry, be happy. And repeat the Serenity Prayer regularly.

Ma

donated food sales and tips.

Dancing and music completed the evening with entertainment by Wolf Grulkey and Gary C. Albritton, Leroy Gorrell, Ron Sumner and Steve Bush. The music continued until doors closed at 11 p.m.

gardening is it is a very people-oriented type of job."

Lujan wants the people of Eureka Springs to know he has every intention of keeping the gardens just as beautiful as they are. Some gardens will go through transition. The Crescent Gazebo is currently being refinished, and the gardens around it will be redone when that renovation is complete.

"It is the oldest garden in town and the one that needs the most care and work to get it up to the way it needs to be," he said.

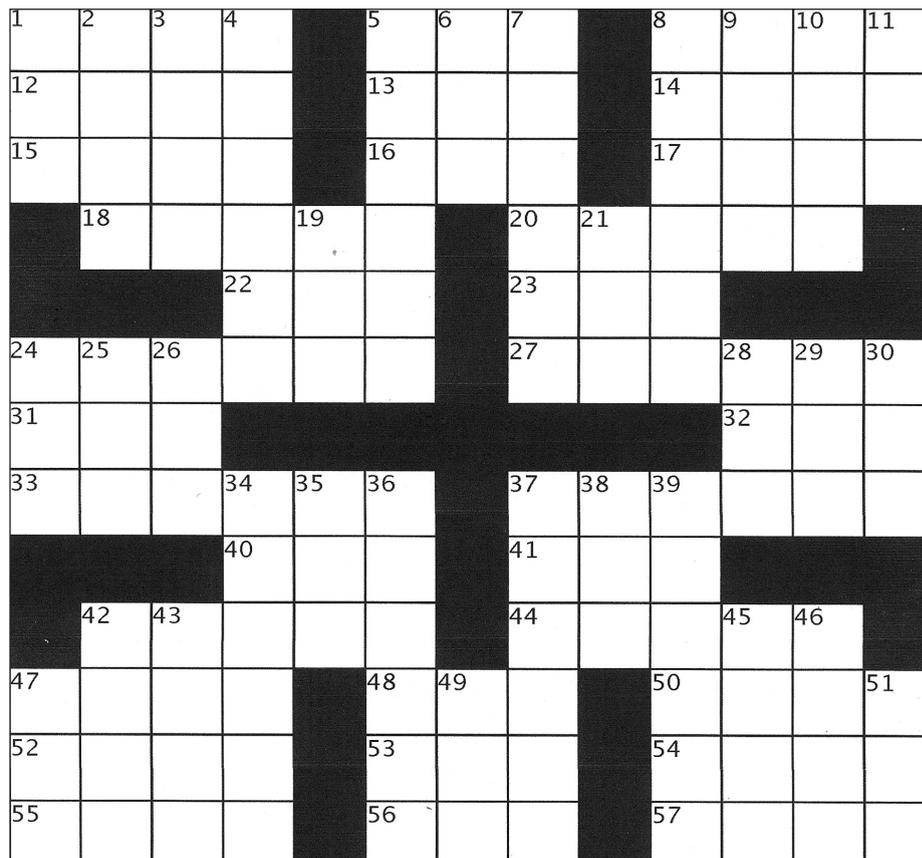


INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 31

Wayne Levering has established the Milton Levering Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Rogers Development Foundation, Rogers Public Schools, 500 W. Walnut St., Rogers, AR 72756. Wayne will take his dad's place as the Crossword Guy starting next week.



ACROSS

1. "___ the Night Before Christmas"
5. Eccentric curved wheel
8. Drug
12. The villain in *Othello*
13. First primary number
14. Banned apple spray
15. Proper
16. Goddess of the night
17. Cleopatra's river
18. Smell
20. Regional speech
22. Ballerina's support
23. Pool tool
24. Chosen pursuit
27. The study of eggs
31. Samuel's teacher
32. Black cuckoo
33. Salt's companion
37. A reserve or substitute
40. What you should never ask a woman
41. Sometimes it

overinflates

42. Norwegian for Norway
44. A Yes man
47. Hawkeye state
48. American pub
50. Indian tenant farmer
52. Take one at a time
53. Andean tuber
54. Food thickener
55. Blend
56. Important component
57. Cheese from Holland

DOWN

1. Good advice, maybe
2. Armed conflicts
3. Not fer
4. An orange segment
5. Bestow upon
6. Your choice
7. Central American country
8. He entered the lion's den
9. A hodgepodge
10. Nipa is one
11. Poetic contraction
19. Enemy
21. A pair
24. Brown-capped mushroom
25. Some is pale
26. Rend
28. Mature acorn
29. Large African antelope
30. Coyote talk
34. Signature flourish
35. Hen fruit
36. South African antelope
37. Be disloyal to
38. In the past
39. Rough in texture
42. Memo
43. Is in debt to
45. A group of two
46. Spiritual system
47. Distinctive doctrine
49. King beater
51. Male cat

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personally catered by Case Dighero, director of Culinary Services for Crystal Bridges Museum, and Dacre Whitaker, also with Crystal Bridges. Caribé and Team Caribé contributed an additional \$1,200 from their

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visitors," Lujan said. "One of the things they like most is the gardens. People will ask the names of the plants, and I want to make sure I know the history of the springs. Most of the gardens are in the springs, so when we have people coming in to visit, if I'm in the garden, they can get answers. I also want to start labeling some of the plants. I'm pretty much a people person. That is part of being a gardener, sharing ideas about plants. People want to share information about gardening. The wonderful thing about

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Got your 'Palooza gear ready?

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This year there will be two stages to handle all the live music from rock to bayou reggae and bluegrass to red dirt. The line-up includes Sarah & The Meanies, National Park Radio, Stiff Necked Fools, Dime Trip, SX Rex, Iron Swine, Monastery Dogs and Signs of Warning.

New this year is the EPLZ<21 (EurekaPalooza Under 21) Showcase. Outstanding performers were selected for EPLZ<21 after a lively public audition in Basin Park on August 23. Signs of Warning, a popular teen rock band from Oklahoma with lots of radio airplay, will kick off the Showcase.

The Kid Zone will be bouncy fun with all sorts of games, slides, activities and art opportunities. Admission is a suggested donation of \$1, and will benefit Clear Spring School, an independent Eureka Springs school that provides hands-on education for pre-primary through 12th grade students in Northwest Arkansas.

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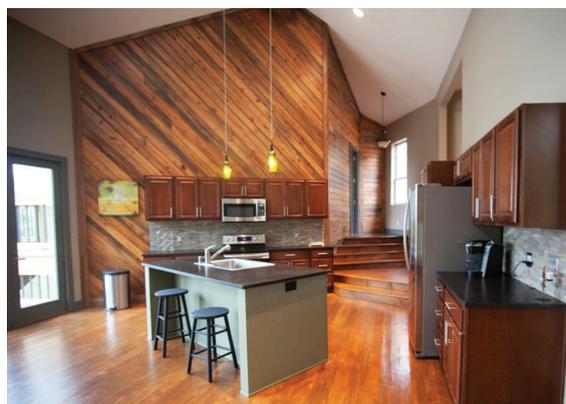
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